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## Fireworks Displays in Brevard

If you're a big fireworks fan or want to celebrate Independence Day in a big way, there are lots of options for the holiday and they're spread over several days. Go have fun and celebrate!

On Tuesday, July 3, grab your lawnchairs and blankets and head out to Port Canaveral at 8 PM for Smoke on the Water - Fireworks over the Harbor. For the best view, check out The Cove at Port Canaveral where you can dine at one of the waterfront dining spots. The Exploration Tower is another great option. Fireworks are expected to go off around 9:30/10 PM.

On July 4th, The whole family will have a blast celebrating the Fourth of July at the Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village! At 5 PM, Smoke on the Water will begin. Enjoy family fun, food and a live performance from the Brevard Symphony Orchestra. Fireworks will be displayed over the Indian River Lagoon around 8:45/9 PM. Join the BSO for this FREE outdoor concert at the Cocoa Riverfront Park! Guests will experience an evening of fabulous patriotic and pop classics while viewing the awesome fireworks display presented



by the City of Cocoa and City of Rockledge – City Hall. Bring blankets, chairs and picnics. Activities and food concessions start at 5. Admission is FREE. No ticket required for entry in general admission. Visit [www.brevardsymphony.com/event/july4th2018](http://www.brevardsymphony.com/event/july4th2018) for more information.

At 6:30 PM celebrate the 4th of July with family and friends at the USSSA Space Coast Complex in Viera for their Great American Celebration. Come out and watch the USSSA Pride team play (pre-game 6:30 PM, first pitch 6:35 PM). Gates open at 5:30 PM. After the game... look to the east of the stadium to view fireworks at 9 PM (weather permitting) sponsored by the

Viera Community Institute.

On July 4th, Melbourne puts on their great annual celebration. In addition to the Firecracker 5K and the Honor America 4th of July Parade, fireworks will be happening at Front Street Park sometime around 9 PM. The best place to park is the Melbourne Auditorium. Free shuttles will be taking people the rest of the way to the park from 7 PM until 9 PM, starting again at 10:30 PM once the fireworks display is finished.

Red, White, and Boom Over North Brevard will kick off at 7 PM, featuring live music, vendors, family activities and a fireworks show around 9:15 PM, depending on weather. The event will be held at Sandpoint Park. Admission is FREE. Fireworks will be launched from Marina Park. Please call 567-3775 or 267-3036 for more information.

On July 5th check out the ocean fireworks after dark at Sidney Fischer Park, 2426 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, from 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM. Come hang at the beach with your family and friends to watch this AMAZING fireworks display! Fireworks will begin at dark. Visit [www.cityofcocoa.com](http://www.cityofcocoa.com) for more information.

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## PMC Laboratory Kudos!

The PMC Laboratory once again received confirmation of its reaccreditation by the College of American Pathologists – the “gold standard” of laboratory accreditation.

The lab was surveyed in March during an unannounced inspection. No extra preparation or cleaning was done for the inspection, so the laboratory was surveyed in its normal daily routine and status. Accreditation is valid for two years and is maintained through continuous compliance with the terms of accreditation.

## Space Coast High School Alumni Gathering

It's long overdue. All Space Coast High School Alumni are invited to meet at Jabbers Restaurant on July 11th at 6 PM.

Meet old friends. Make new friends. Come see what is in store for the future of the school.

Wonder who might be there? Like “Space Coast High School Alumni Association” on Facebook.

For more information, contact Becky Ohlinger at [spacecoastalumni@gmail.com](mailto:spacecoastalumni@gmail.com).

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## Creepy Crawly Day

On Saturday, July 28, 10 AM – 2 PM come meet, greet and even EAT some creepy crawly critters at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary! Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun-filled day discovering some of nature's most unique, spine-tingling and sometimes misunderstood critters.

Discover the importance of bats, unearth the world of reptiles and amphibians, learn and play in our Creepy Crawly Carnival and even try edible insects on this very special day dedicated to the creepy crawly critters of Central Florida!

The day will also feature a venomous snake presentation, buggy crafts, insect hikes, live animals and hands-on activity stations! There is plenty to do and enjoy.

For more information, please visit [eelbrevard.com](http://eelbrevard.com) and don't forget to check us out on Facebook!

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is located at 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville and is part of the Environmentally Endangered Lands program.



## Project Graduation

Calling all 2019 seniors and parents! If you have not signed up via Facebook, there is still time to do so at SCHS 2019 Project Graduation. If you aren't informed about all that's happening with Project Grad 2019, here is a breakdown:

- Publix bucket drop on 7/15.
- Bahama Cruise raffle tickets-\$10.
- We are still collecting shoes used shoes.
- Papa John's card to be sold for \$5 and many more upcoming fundraisers.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 9th, 6 PM at the Parrish Healthcare Center conference room on Port St. John Pkwy. off Grissom Blvd.

Let's work together to make Project Graduation 2019 a gigantic success.

## Calling All Christian Authors!

Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities. (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa library.)

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# PSJ Community Center Schedule - July, 2018

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

## Mondays – Fridays

Summer Day Camp, May 24 thru August 9,  
7 AM-6 PM

Seniors at Lunch, 10 AM - 1 PM

## Mondays

Outside Basketball, 10 AM-8 PM

Youth Zone, 6-8 PM

Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

Teen Billiards, 6-8 PM

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 PM

## Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 AM-8 PM

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 PM

Youth Zone, 6-8 PM

Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

Teen Billiards, 6-8 PM

## Wednesdays

**Closed July 4th for Independence Day Holiday**

Outside Basketball, 10 AM-8 PM

Youth Zone, 6-8 PM

Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

Teen Billiards, 6-8 PM

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 PM

## Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 AM-8 PM

Youth Zone, 6-8 PM

Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

Teen Billiards, 6-8 PM

## Fridays

Outside Basketball, 10 AM- 6 PM

## Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 AM - 2 PM

Game Room/Computer, 10 AM - 2 PM

**Art In The Park** - Certified art instructor offering beginner and intermediate acrylic paint activities \$25 per project, includes all supplies. Classes are held bi-weekly. For more information contact Donna at (561)262-4573 or the Port St. John Community Center at (321)633-1904.

## Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp begins May 24 thru August 9, 7 AM-6 PM, Monday thru Friday, \$90/week or \$30 daily. For more information, contact the Port St. John Community Center, 321-633-1904.

**Zumba Classes** - Zumba incorporates rhythms of Latin and International music to high energy aerobic/fitness dance movements. Zumba tones the body by integrating basic principles of movement and resistance training.

Dancers and long-time exercisers thoroughly enjoy the change in pace - exercising in a healthy, fun, party-like environment. For ages 12 years to adults. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 6-7 PM \$5 per class.

For more information, contact the PSJ Community Center, 633-1904.

**Tai Chi** - When learned correctly and performed regularly, tai chi can be a positive part of an overall approach to improving your health. Classes are to be held on Thursdays 6-7 PM, \$6 per class (1st class free). Be sure to wear comfortable clothing. For more information contact Tom Abbott at (321)208-7148 or The Port St. John Community Center at (321)633-1904.

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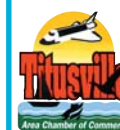
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## Good Day! by Maureen Rupe County Lift Station at Fay/U.S 1 CVS

I guess you all noticed the work being done just east of the CVS parking lot. Last Saturday, there were two large septic pump-out trucks pumping out human waste. I approached and asked why the project was taking so long. It is a Brevard County project to replace the old sewer pipes at the lift station. I asked where they were taking the human waste in the trucks. The workers stated it was being taken to the Merritt Island Wastewater treatment plant. I called and spoke to an employee who said it was being used for reclaimed water.

We have a fertilizer ban between June 1st through September 30th. What is being done with this reclaimed water that still contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus? Brevard County bans the application of these two substances during this time period. This period is considered the rainy season and this ordinance was passed to protect our waterways, especially our Indian River Lagoon.

### Port Authority Election

After all the political intrigue around the Port

Authority with its District 5 candidates, former Cocoa Beach Mayor Dave Netterstrom has dropped out. Now there's three Republicans and one Democrat competing for the seat held by Tom Weinberg, who is leaving at the end of his term.

Reference: <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2018/06/01/ex-cocoa-beach-mayor-dave-netterstrom-drops-out-port-authority-race/663553002/>

### Port St. John Dependent Special District Rezoning Proposal

I'm on the PSJ Dependent Special District Rezoning Board, so I will be reporting any rezoning issues that come before this board.

PSJ Meeting: 06/13/18; Brevard County Commission: 07/10/18

Item 1. 18PZ00021; The owner is requesting a change in zoning from BU-1-A to IN(L) retaining an existing Binding Development Plan.

The parcel ID: 23-35-23-JM-81-12; Location: south side of Fay Blvd, approximately 170 feet east of Adam's Place on 1.6 acres.

The applicant is seeking a change of zoning classification from Restrict Neighborhood Retail Commercial (BU-1-A) to Institutional Use

(IN(L)) for the purpose of adding a private school to an existing church site. The subject property is currently developed with a 2,889 square foot structure and has legal access from both Fay Blvd. and Adams Place. On both of those corridors, there is a BU zoned property. There are school zones dedicated by both pavement markings and signage in existence today.

The property has been rezoned three times since 2004, and there is a BU-1-A property to the west (Family Dollar), a BU-1-A property to the south, a day care center, and just across Balfern Street is Challenger 7 Elementary School. West of Adams Place is a gas station and shopping center.

The current zoning has a Binding Development Plan (BDP) prohibiting adult entertainment, package liquor stores, gaming rooms or adult arcades. The BDP also required the southwest Adams Place driveway to be closed permanently, and a new driveway constructed on Adams Place aligned with the Gas Station/Convenient Store driveway.

The primary issue I can see is traffic. The application does not state what type or size of

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school is proposed, but zoning potential is 84,767 square feet, which can house a school with a high number of students. Other private schools on Curtis Blvd. and north Grissom have caused a number of traffic issues, and one located so prominently on Fay Blvd. could disrupt traffic without considerable planning.

The rezoning request passed. The applicant stated it was for a Christian school and the traffic concerns were explained as minimal as they were expecting the school to have less than 100 students. The Binding Development Plan was retained for the property.

Reference: PSJ Special District minutes  
**Amendment 1: Conservationists win!**

On June 15th the Florida Legislature was dealt a blow when Leon County Circuit Judge Charles Dodson sided with the environmental groups on the Amendment 1 lawsuit. The Count Circuit Court Judge determined Florida lawmakers had "defied" the 2014 Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative by wrongly diverting funds to pay expenses such as department's staffing salaries.

A group from the conservation community

(the Florida Wildlife Federation, the St. Johns Riverkeeper, the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, the Sierra Club and Florida Wildlife Federation) has been fighting the Florida Legislature since 2015. They contend the Florida Legislature has repeatedly misused the amendment funding, which was intended by voters to acquire and restore conservation lands. The 2014 Amendment 1 was approved by 75 percent of voters, and gives 33 percent of revenues from a tax on real-estate documentary stamps to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

A Tampa Bay article titled, "Judge sides with environmentalists, says lawmakers failed to comply with Amendment 1," by The News Service of Florida, stated, "Fred Piccolo, a spokesman for House Speaker Richard Corcoran, called the ruling a 'clear abuse of judicial authority.' "We are confident it will be overturned on appeal," Piccolo added.

Senate President Joe Negron's spokeswoman, Katie Betta, said she did not have a comment. In a June 8, 2018 article by TCPalm.com, titled, "Defending Legislature in Amendment 1 lawsuit cost taxpayers \$183,000 to date," by Isadora Rangel,

it stated. "Negron has said operating expenses don't fall under Amendment 1's intent... More people voted for Amendment 1 than voted for me, so I think that's part of our constitution and we are obligated to fully fund it. I'm hoping we can do an even better job about making sure that Amendment 1 goes to the specific provisions that are in the amendment for us to fund."

The TCPalm story spent most of the article talking about costing taxpayers \$183,000 to defend the legislature abusing what 75% of the residents told them they wanted. It's pretty disgusting when it seems the Senate President is agreeing they messed up.

Reference: <https://www.fcvoters.org/2018/06/15/today-we-won/>

<https://www.tcpalm.com/story/news/local/indian-river-lagoon/politics/2017/06/08/defending-legislature-amendment-1-lawsuit-cost-taxpayers-183-000-date/375415001/>

[www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/06/15/judge-sides-environmentalists-says-lawmakers-failed-to-comply-with-amendment-1/](http://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/06/15/judge-sides-environmentalists-says-lawmakers-failed-to-comply-with-amendment-1/)

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## Good Day!, cont. Free Speech/Civility

I have been reading from Bob Gabordi to Bill Mick about many thoughts on Free Speech. One thing has always confused me; Why, when some people have expressed their thoughts, is there such anger that propels the opposing writer to use profanity and discrimination?

Case in point: I expressed my thoughts on a Facebook page, someone answered with a return post, all consisting of profanity and ending with calling me Trailer Trash.

Amusing, to say the least. This man had nothing else to say but Trailer Trash? He had no input to the debate, but to discriminate against people who live in trailers. Was this free speech? I think so, but what did it tell me about the man? It is obvious that name calling, or smearing people without adding an additional thought to a subject does nothing but show ignorance or a lack of education on the subject.

I see this every day. It is one thing to call out politicians, etc., but quite another when someone who does not have an answer has to behave in this way. It is uncivil, childish and serves no purpose.

I wondered if Churchill had anything to say about this, already knowing he used his wit to answer any criticism. It was there:

“Some people’s idea of [free speech] is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage.” Winston Churchill, 08/23/1954.

Reference: Churchill in “Quotes,” Ammonite Press, 2012 (twice), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

### Royal Wedding

I’m back from England. Not quite the vacation I had hoped for as I spent the last week in the hospital. I am glad to be home.

The Royal Wedding was the best I have ever seen. It turned out to be a big favor, not allowing them to be married in Westminster Abbey as Meghan is not Royal Blood. Windsor was a big success and the perfect place. Westminster Abbey is a large, dark, cold medieval place with acoustics where you can hear a pin drop. It’s very formal, whereas Windsor Chapel, though still medieval, is a much smaller, light and bright place. The wedding that Harry and Meghan had envisioned could not have happened at Westminster.

The wedding was untraditional by British history and standards for a grandson of the monarch. It was a beautiful service that allowed Harry and Meghan the chance to show their love for each other. An American preacher would not have been at Westminster as it would have been the Archbishop, nor could it have included a choir that sang “Stand By Me” with the couple sitting and listening and looking at each other. There were many more instances that wouldn’t be allowed in the traditional Westminster. They came from the Chapel in sunlight and more local folk than the crowds in London.

Tradition has its place in all countries in different ways and serves a country well to remember. Prince Harry and Meghan showed love and attachment to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth, which still has 53 countries. I think they will prove to be a great asset to the Royal Family, Britain and the Commonwealth.

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

rupe32927@earthlink.net



Space Coast Jr/Sr HS Principal Mrs. Mijuskovic and Tracey Higginbotham of Higginbotham Companies.

## Space Coast High School Gets New Mascot Uniform

Space Coast Jr/Sr High School will have a new uniform for the school mascot beginning next year courtesy of a generous donation from long-time Port St. John resident Tracey Higginbotham of Higginbotham Companies.

His donation has allowed the school to purchase a new Viper mascot costume. This will bring Viper Spirit to all sports at Space Coast this coming school year. The school mascot has been wearing the original home made mascot uniform.

Space Coast Jr/Sr High School would like to thank Mr. Higginbotham for being a SCHS Community Business Partner and making this partnership great!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the first home game on 8/31!

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## Hello SCHS Viper Cheer Fans,

We are on our way to a fantastic 2018/2019 cheer season. The girls have been practicing their cheers for our football/basketball games. Varsity and JV will be attending cheer camp in Daytona Beach at the end of July.

We appreciate all your support and want to share with you our upcoming fundraisers. Also, we want to send out a huge THANK YOU to all our sponsors!

### Jabbers Spirit/Cheer Night:

Come join us and eat at Jabbers on Grissom Pkwy. on July 11th and Jabbers will donate a percentage of the night's earnings thanks to Brittney and Michael!

### Bowl-A-Thon:

Bowl-a-Thon will be held on July 14th at River Lanes in Titusville, 5:30 PM. We will bowl for 2 ½ hours and your ticket includes shoes. Please contact the Cheer Booster Club for your tickets.

### Jr. Viper Camp:

We are looking for Jr. Vipers ages 4 – 12 years old to sign up for camp and cheer with our Varsity Cheerleaders during the first half of the game on Friday, September 7th.

The girls will have practice on September 4th and 6th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the cafeteria at

SCHS. Each Jr. Viper will receive a t-shirt and bow. The girls have so much fun being with the older girls. The cost is \$30.00 per child.

### Calling all SCHS Varsity Alumni Cheerleaders:

We're calling you to cheer with our Varsity girls for the first half of the homecoming game that will be held on September 21st. Please contact our coaches or Cheer Booster Club if you'd like to join us and cheer OUR school.

We look forward to seeing everyone out in the community, games and fundraisers.

Have a safe and happy July 4th!

Cheer Booster President: Hyacinth Price - hprice13@gmail.com- (321) 863-6121

Varsity Coach: Dana Tripp – Flawless.finish@yahoo.com – (321) 458-0739



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Make your medication plan now. This plan should include speaking with a health insurance representative, pharmacist or your physician about options to acquire extra medications, one of which may include paying cash for your 30-day supply.

If you are on dialysis, call your dialysis center to make a plan of action for your care. Don't count on them being open. Power outages may happen. Do not miss a treatment prior to bad weather and make sure to follow your doctor-ordered diet very closely. Read the patient care information provided to you by your doctor. It includes medical information to assist you and phone numbers to the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network. Only your doctor can recommend if it is medically safe for you to miss treatments and can advise you on whether or not you should be admitted to a hospital during a hurricane. Special needs shelters do not offer dialysis and some centers may be closed during a hurricane. When the storm passes, contact your dialysis center for further instructions or go to your hospital for short-term care if your center is closed.



The hospital is not a county shelter. County shelters are designated throughout the county, mostly in elementary schools. The hospital is not a designated shelter and does not take evacuees. In North Brevard, the designated shelters are located at Mims, Apollo, and Imperial Estates elementary schools.

Make shelter arrangements if you are oxygen dependent.

You may be eligible for care at a special needs shelter, based on your medical needs and availability. If you are an oxygen-dependent person, be sure to get your oxygen tanks filled.

You should try to have two days worth of oxygen on hand. Also make shelter arrangements now.

If you do not plan to evacuate, contact the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management at 321-637-6670 for more information on how to register for special needs shelter. If you wait

until a hurricane hits to make shelter arrangements, it will be too late.

## NASA - Present and Future

On July 25th, 6:30-7:30 PM, Friends of the Port St. John Library will host "NASA - Present and Future," presented by NASA Ambassador speaker, Tyler Hines. The presentation will take place in the PSJ Library, 6500 Carole Avenue in PSJ.

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## Junior Ranger Days

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge is hosting their Junior Ranger Days FREE this summer. Looking for a fun, free way to spend Saturday mornings with your kids during the summer? Come out to Junior Ranger Days at the Refuge! Families are welcome to join in on as many or as few programs as you'd like, but if you attend at least three you'll receive your Junior Ranger Badge! Call 321-861-0668 to reserve your spot!

Children ages 7-12 can learn more about the refuge and the world around them. Each program will feature nature-based activities, crafts, and games! At the end of the summer, children will be awarded their badges and prizes for three out of six programs. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and registration is required. To register, please call (321) 861-0668.

Here are the July classes:

### July 7 at 9:00 AM — Land, Sea, You and Me

Conservation means helping continue future use so that your grandchildren can have the same experience your grandparents did on this land. Come learn about the history of our agency, hunting and fishing safety, challenges that face certain species, and more!

### July 14 at 9:00 AM — A Burning Question

Generally people think of fire as a bad thing—we will explore the question: why is fire necessary? Come explore the animals and habitats who rely on fire, and the safety equipment used to protect people performing prescribed burns.

### July 21 at 10:00 AM — A Bug's Life

Learn about the important role butterflies and other pollinators play in the health of our refuge and beyond around the world!

The Visitor Center is located on SR 402, 5 miles east of U.S. 1 in Titusville. For Refuge information please contact Visitors Services Manager Kimberly King-Wrenn at 321-861-0668 or by email at: kimberly\_king-wrenn@fws.gov.

## FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

July 6th, 2018, 6 PM. All are welcome.

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Coffee & cake social to follow.



## Sweet Land of Liberty

I took the "liberty" to use this excerpt from a beloved patriotic song, "America," as a reminder that while songs like this may be fading from classrooms, the message should resonate far beyond our years.

"Land of the Free" - While some pay the price, there are others who would gladly take it with no remorse. Lock it up or lose it!

"Home of the Brave" - There are those brave soldiers who fight for our freedom, and there are "sold yours" who stole someone else's property and sold it CHEAP.

"Let Freedom Ring" - Freedom has limits. We are free to choose and to live as we please, but we must be diligent in our efforts to BE KIND and protect our freedom.

Gun control and public safety are major topics that need serious review. We, as patriots, need to understand that diligence begins with us and at home. We MUST secure our weapons AND learn to use them adequately. Sure there will be illegal gun sales, but with better control, we can "combat" the problem.

One simple rule as Americans: we must simply use our freedoms wisely, not loosely. We need better discipline to better serve our community and selves. Sure, we might REALLY like to light off fireworks to celebrate (or to outdo our neighbors), but we need to assess the needs of others and consider the consequence of our actions. There are Veterans, even the furry kind, in our area that have PTSD from fighting for our freedom. Please be considerate and attend a local celebration instead.

If you want to be proactive, join neighborhood watch and support PortStJohnFlorida.org, a non-governmental organization that supports our community through charitable causes, and our Port St. John website hosted by community leaders, businesses, and organizations. Sponsors are needed to help support this wonderful cause!

Many thanks to our military, law enforcement, and public servants and their families for their sacrifices to ensure our freedom and safety! Wishing everyone a SAFE, serene, and blessed Independence Day!

~ Neighbor Nell

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## Out On The Town Luna Blu Pizza

I found out through a coworker that we have a new pizza place in town called Luna Blu Pizza Co., located on Curtis Blvd. If I'm not mistaken it's in the same location where Stone Creek Pizza resided before they went out of business.

We occasionally get pizza on Fridays after work and we decided to give Luna Blu a try. I went online to look at their menu but couldn't find a web site or a Facebook page. I realize they just opened, so I figured that's probably in the works. So, I drove over to see what they offer and to get a menu.

After we all decided what we wanted to order, I called them up to place my to-go order. It took several tries to get through on the phone. I kept getting a busy signal. I finally got through, placed my order of a 14" cheese pizza, a 10" white cheese pizza with spinach and a 6 piece serving of garlic knots. I was told it would be about an hour before my order was ready.

When I arrived to pick up my order, I could see why it took so long. They were extremely busy. They seemed to be well staffed, but it appeared the orders were coming in non-stop. As I was leaving I thought, they're either busy, because they are new or maybe this is just really good pizza.

Right after my first bite of these pizzas, I realized this is really good

pizza. This is not your average franchised fast food pizza. This pizza has a homemade flair. The crust is thin (the way I like my pizza) and has that good yeast flavor, ya' know, the kind that makes you want to even eat the edges. The sauce is obviously made in house and has a very good tomato flavor with just the right amount of spices.

The white pizza uses ricotta and mozzarella cheese and has a rich garlic flavor. We ordered our white pizza with spinach. The amount of spinach was sparse and I thought more spinach would've been nice. The garlic knots came with a side of marinara sauce and were cooked perfectly. Some Italian restaurants cook their garlic knots too fast and they come out with a doughy center. Luna Blu's garlic knots were perfect and they give you plenty of tasty marinara sauce.

We'll be going back. Next time I'm going to try a calzone. They also have subs, salads, Strombolis and Luna rolls. The pizzas come in 10", 14", 18" or what they call the big Luna at 28" across. I think Luna Blu will do well, good pizza is hard to find. Give them a call at 321-349-2186

- Ken Carson

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## Legacy of Love

*Many residents have come to know Louie and the positive impact he had on our lives and in comforting the hurting.*

*It is with great sadness we have to announce the passing of our family dog, office greeter and lead comfort dog Louie.*

*Many of those we have served in their time of grief and loss were comforted by the gentle warmth of this compassionate and loving member of our team.*

*We held a brief family funeral and burial at our home in Canaveral Groves to honor Louie and the 14 years of love he gave us.*

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## Monthly Tax Update

So, you're afraid of getting audited and rightfully so. A majority of us file annual tax returns and we try to make sure everything is correct. However, sometimes there are circumstances in our tax year which may raise red flags and trigger an inquiry or an actual audit. Here's a few for you to consider.

1) The more you make, the more chance of audit. 2016 statistics reflect taxpayers with over \$200,000 annually had a higher audit rate of 1.7% more or 1 out of every 59 returns, and over \$1 million income annually, it increased to 1 out of every 17.

2) You fail to report all your taxable income. Filing a return without including all income information from an employer or providing services as a subcontractor will surely initiate verification correspondence.

3) Higher than average deductions may be reported as an itemized deduction or business expense. High cash or non-cash contributions to charity, excessive vehicle business mileage, substantial meals and entertainment expenses, and many others.

4) Taking a loss on an activity identified as a potential hobby. This may include operating a fishing charter, racing boats or cars, raising animals, art and craft businesses, etc.

5) Running a business where cash payments are a substantial part of the income. This includes barber shops, hair salons, bars, car washes, lawn care, bars, gaming, etc.

6) Failing to include gambling winnings or claiming big gambling losses.

7) Claiming an Office at Home deduction by filing the Form 8829 with your self-employment Schedule C activity.

8) Failing to respond to correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service Center.

This is only a short list and it's up to you to be diligent to file your return accurately and on time.

Next, the standard mileage rate remains the same for the remainder of 2018. Business mileage is 54.5¢, medical mileage is 18¢, and charitable mileage is 14¢.

Now I want to re-address another important change affecting many taxpayers. This is the Un-reimbursed Job Expenses and Miscellaneous Deductions subject to the 2% floor being repealed.

This includes un-reimbursed employee expenses where business use of your personal vehicle, tools, uniforms, tax preparation, investment fees and a few others were deductible. All these are not deductible anymore. This will have a direct impact to your bottom total tax line. On a slightly good note, your maximum 50% contribution level has been increased to 60%, but still may not come into play since the married filing joint standard deduction is now \$24,000, instead of \$12,700, and for single filers, the standard deduction is now \$12,000, instead of \$6,350.

I'm also still finding clients calling and asking questions about claiming their children, grandchildren or other family members. The new tax law repealed personal and dependent exemptions. Therefore, it doesn't matter how much one makes, if they're in school full time or part time, under the age of 24, you provided funding for more than 50% of the house they live in, or anything else you can think of. You don't get to claim them as a dependent anymore or do you reflect you or your spouse, if married, on your return. The only gimme you get is a standard deduction according to your filing status and that's it.

All this information is important to your tax return and warrants a review by yourself or your tax advisor. This is a very brief overview. Addi-

tional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article may be attained by contacting your tax advisor or our office.

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



Come one come all families to the new First Friday Family Movie Night! It's at First United Methodist Church, 1165 Fay Blvd, Port St. John on Friday, July 6 at 6 PM. Then it will happen again on the 1st Friday of every month at 6 PM.

The movie for July is "Coco," a fantastic PIXAR movie about a young boy and music.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets in PSJ on **Saturdays** at 9:30 AM 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).

**7-3 Compassionate Friends Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

### 7-4 Independence Day

**7-4 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.

**7-4 PSJ Startups & Founders Club,** a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs, meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Port St. John Library. We'll begin our program at 5:30 PM, and wrap up before 7 PM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at

[www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/).

**7-8 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

**7-8 Word Weavers Space Coast,** a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email [angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com](mailto:angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com) for info.

**7-8 Calling all Christian authors!** Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at [1royaldy@gmail.com](mailto:1royaldy@gmail.com) for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

**7-12 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.

**7-13 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).

**7-16 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.

**7-18 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.

**7-20 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.

### 7-22 Parents' Day

**7-24 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 show and tell or a guest speaker. Call 321-720-6232 or 321-720-1584 for more info.

### Congratulations to:

**Emma Grenet** turns **2** on the 1st! Love, Gramma.

**Allan Woerner** turns **25** on the 2nd.

**Rick Harmon** turns cooler on the 3rd.

**Talan Turner** turns **11** on the 3rd.

**Tyler VanSiclen** turns **21** on the 4th.

**Lori Ebbensgard** parties all night on the 4th!

**Chris Fogarty** turns mo' better on the 6th.

**Jim Smith** turns **56** on the 6th.

**Kim Brown** turns hotter on the 7th.

**Denise Brown** is the Party Girl on the 8th.

**Jill Hill** turns cuter on the 8th

**James Bowen** turns wilder on the 8th.

**Brittani Davis** turns **23** on the 9th.

**Kelly Messer** turns prettier on the 9th.

**Nancy Taylor** turns more lovely on the 10th.

**Nick Brown** rocks the house on the 10th.

**Michael Turner** turns **12** on the 10th.

**Jonathan Benoff** turns wiser on the 10th.

**Brittany Harmon** turns **27** on the 11th.

**Charlotte Divine** turns **1** on the 17th.

**Connor Smith** turns **15** on the 19th.

**Isabella "Bella" Orvis** turns **5** on the 20th!

**Eamon Wright** has a party day on the 23rd.

**J.D. Carnell** turns **23** on the 24th.

**Savannah Bowen** is **20** on the 24th.

**Sarah Hannen** turns **24** on the 26th.

**Sydney McGann** turns **14** on the 26th.

**Conor Henderson** turns **14** on the 26th.

**Greg Messer** turns cooler on the 26th.

**Brett Benoff** turns buffer on the 27th.

**Madi McGann** turns **Sweet 16** on the 28th.

Wishing my wonderful husband **Roger Brunet** a Happy "**50th**" Birthday on July 29th!! Love, Jennifer, Brittanie, Brooke and Emma.

**Happy Anniversary to Kari & Marty Grinstead on the 1st.**

**David & Doreen Erickson** celebrate their **25th** on the 2nd.

**Donny Roberts and Linda Carlton** celebrate their **7th** on the 20th.

**Lori & Rich Ebbensgard** celebrate their **7th** anniversary on the 23rd.

**Tim and Karrson Unrue** celebrate their **2nd** wedding anniversary on the 24th.

Email your inputs to [happenings1@att.net](mailto:happenings1@att.net).

### Important Phone Numbers

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Emergency Operations Center	637-6670
Waste Management -	636-6894
Port St. John Library	633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	633-3434
Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
Campus Charter School -	633-8234
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750

## Collectible Car Show

The Moore's Inaugural Collectible Car Show will be hosted on Saturday, July 7th. In celebration of Mr. Harry T. Moore's passion for his own vehicle, a classic Ford Model A, the staff at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park & Museum has organized a collectible car showcase with special guest DJ Fast Eddie. The showcase will be a new way to share the Legacy of the Moores and will highlight a side of Mr. and Mrs. Moore that can often go overlooked: their pride in owning and maintaining a family automobile.



The event features a wide range of vehicles, from beautifully maintained classics to modern, souped-up racers. The program was created to bring together generations of car lovers. It is a chance for veteran collectors and young enthusiasts to share their passion, expand their knowledge, and grow their community. Come enjoy a great afternoon filled with music from the 1940's

and 50's, share a meal with friends, and catch a glimpse of some gorgeous collectible cars at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park & Museum.

The event will be held from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the afternoon of Saturday July 7th, 2018 at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park & Museum, located at 2180 Freedom Avenue in Mims, Florida.

Please contact staff at 321-264-6595 to forward any questions or to learn more information about the event.



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Daniela Rusovici, MD,  
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*It's estimated that more than 100 million Americans live with chronic pain, a persistent and often debilitating condition linked to back pain, joint pain, neck pain, severe headaches and migraines. While not every case is curable, the orthopedic specialists at Parrish Medical Group are helping to treat and heal people with chronic pain every day.*



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"Many times, chronic pain and injuries can be treated with nonsurgical procedures such as osteopathic manipulative treatment, injection therapy, bracing or physical therapy," explains

Anthony Allotta, DO, who specializes in sports medicine. During the football season, Dr. Allotta is on the sidelines as team physician for Space Coast High School.

Whether helping a high school athlete with a torn ACL, a seasoned laborer with chronic back pain or a retiree with debilitating osteoarthritis, Parrish Medical Group specialists use a team approach to meet individual needs. This effective approach is part of why Parrish Medical Group has been confirmed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

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**JONATHAN LUBITZ, DPM**, a board-certified podiatrist trained in foot surgery

**E. WAYNE MOSLEY, MD**, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon

**WILLIAM NEAR, MD**, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon

**DANIELA E. RUSOVICI, MD**, who is board-certified in neurology and fellowship trained in clinical neurophysiology

The addition of Dr. Mosley to the PMG team is a boon for local patients and the physicians who refer their patients to specialists.

A decorated military veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and received the CFLCC Surgeon Award for Excellence, the Order of Military Medical Merit and a Bronze Star, Dr. Mosley brings new expertise to Brevard County.



*"Our focus is on providing the best comprehensive care for our patients from pre-op to recovery."*

— **E. Wayne Mosley, MD**  
Orthopedic Surgeon



Anthony Allotta, DO, works with a patient at Parrish Healthcare Center

This means the community has more options to stay close to home before, during and after treatment.

These treatments include anterior hip replacement, reverse shoulder surgery, pediatric orthopedic services and geriatric fracture repair.

Anterior hip replacement, for example, is a minimally invasive procedure using smaller incisions to create less trauma to the surrounding muscle tissue. This can result in less pain, faster recovery and improved mobility. Parrish is Brevard County's only member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. That means PMG physicians can observe, consult and train with Mayo specialists on procedures that offer better healing experiences.

"While more surgical procedures today are performed on an outpatient basis, most still require post-surgical care such as physical rehabilitation," says Dr. Mosley. "Whether we're performing a total joint replacement or a less invasive arthroscopic procedure, our focus is on providing comprehensive care for our patients from pre-op to recovery."

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are affected by arthritis and related conditions.

**4.5**  
MILLION

are affected by arthritis and related conditions. musculoskeletal sports injuries require medical attention each year.

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BILLION

Annual cost for treatment and lost wages.

**50%** of all women & **25%** of all men  
over age 50

will have an osteoporosis-related fracture, with a 20 percent mortality rate within a year of a hip fracture.

## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

I have a feeling Mr.'s Adams, Franklin and friends would probably be close to total mental breakdowns if they were to try to assimilate the vast differences and changes to that first ragged resolution and what has become of the country they worked so hard to form. Politics notwithstanding, our homeland is definitely the best place to live on the face of this beautiful planet, and with very few exceptions, home to the best people in the world.

Thanks to the foresight of those brave men and their followers we are under no one's thumb and have the freedom to make choices those guys in short pants could not have even imagined.

Having button-bursting pride of my more than a few family members in almost all branches of the military, I nevertheless sometimes wonder if we, as a people, utilize the freedoms they are sworn to uphold to the best usage possible.

Any human whose toes are touching the golden shores of our good old U.S. of A. has the freedom to choose to do so in the tiniest Speedo possible, but you have to wonder if they are

shaped like dear old Mr. Franklin – should they?

Without burdensome class rules we Americans can choose any career path that calls us, however, in my humble opinion, if said American has no patience for the public at large and is not deeply interested in helping their fellow humans, they should not work in airports.

Thanks to those Pennsylvania dwelling gentlemen, citizens have the ability to make their home in any area of our country they so choose. Having grown up in the Sunshine State, I am so proud of our piece of paradise that when others choose to walk among us complaining non-stop about the heat-bugs-rain-traffic-etc., I choose to wish I could not-so-gently remind them that I-95 traffic flows both directions.

I'm sure the outdated (thank goodness) adage that children should be seen, not heard was in full force as pen went to paper those long ago days. I'm also sure the esteemed gentlemen would have included birth control had it been a thing back then. I just wish it would be chosen by some I have known who make parenthood almost a dirty word.

I admit I had a minor problem with the old

guys when I was spending hours a day either picking up or stepping over all manner of damp, stinky, oddly colored articles of clothing and my young offspring tried to sway my clean-it-up-or-else proclamation by citing the Constitution's guarantee of absolute freedom to live wherever you choose also means you can choose to live in any dwelling you wish, in any condition you wish.

It took my further proclamation dissolving the separation of state (of the rooms) and receiving allowance, thereby uniting those two items together, to bring a reluctant halt to the proceedings against cleaning.

My heart swells with pride and relief that some of us have finally demanded the right to freely love and marry whoever they love. I do wish, however, they could do it with less letters... My gray matter has more crows feet than my eyes. I have a real problem including all those letters in correct order. How about changing it to NUN-YA! I can only imagine what those fathers would have thought about this turn of events, but I really don't think they would have had a real problem with it... remember all those

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powdered wigs?

The Fathers had no possible way of envisioning automobiles, roads or drivers but if they had, I'm sure they would have included freedom to reach into a window, rip the keys out of the ignition, throw them at least 20 meters into the nearest alligator infested ditch, then cover the face of the smart phone the driver is still tap-tapping to politely request he actually pay attention to the road he is on. (I tend to get a tad perturbed when I watch a car in my rear view come at me with no sign of slowing until I lay on my horn.)

Please join me in thanking every military person you come across in your travels. Get outside to watch a parade if you can find one. Spend the time to teach the young members of your group why we are honoring the marchers and enjoy one of our wonderful parks or beaches for the fireworks... And thank God and guys in short pants.

***You know that thing inside your head that keeps you from saying things you probably shouldn't?  
Yeah, mine's broken.***

## Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, July 14th and 28th.

Doors open at 6:30 PM and dancing begins at 7:00 PM, ends at 10:00 PM Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members. Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances.

Martin Anderson Senior Center is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.



## Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, July 12th, 2018, at 5:00 PM The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is

invited to attend.

The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

For questions, call Jeff Davis at (321) 264-5105.

## 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, July 29th, 2:00-5:00 PM 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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# Indialantic Craft Festival

The lazy days of summer are in full swing and that means it is time for the return of the 17th Annual Indialantic Craft Festival on July 7 - 8 at James H. Nance Park, 201 N. Miramar Avenue, Indialantic. This annual tradition includes summer green market wares, thousands of hand-made-in-the-U.S.A. artisan-created pottery, jewelry, paintings, and more – all without the high-season crowds. Featuring more than 75 craft artisans from around the country, this two-day free event takes place from 10 AM to 4 PM Saturday and Sunday.

The popular, outdoor craft festival offers a chance for residents to peruse and shop for practical and whimsical works of quality, handmade art and household items. Pets on leashes are always welcome to join their human companions as they stroll through the festival, which includes a full green-market of live plants, handmade soaps, delicious edibles and more. Adding to the pleasure of the outing, patrons can meet the craft artisans behind the works and discover the techniques and inspirations behind each creation. The event includes:

- Juried outdoor craft showcase
- Original crafts - Handmade in America
- Unique and affordable gift items
- Prices ranging from as little as \$5 to \$2,000



- Crafters hand-selected from hundreds of applicants
- Vast array of artistic media: including folk art, pottery, personalized gifts, handmade clothing, basket weaving, beaded utensils, candles, cork assemblage, fabric design, fiber quilts, fused wax & glass, hair accessories, handbags & accessories, handmade cards, leather, mosaic, wood, painted wood, plaster craft, stained glass
- Green Market - exotic live plants, handmade soaps, savory dips, and gourmet sauces.

For additional information on the Craft Festival and other American Craft Endeavors craft shows, visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com) or call 561-746-6615.

## Monthly Business Roundtable

The Port St. John (PSJ) Startups & Founders Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Business owners and entrepreneurs are welcome to attend. The group shares information on new business opportunities and ways to improve on existing businesses.

There is no fee to attend. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1st, 8:00 AM at Port St. Java in Fay Plaza, 4795 Fay Blvd. See you there!

## Epic Theatre Opens

The new Epic Theatres at Titusville with Epic XL is officially open. They are located in Titus Landing if you're driving down US 1, but they're in the back. The official address is 2505 South Hopkins Avenue, Titusville.

You can check their movie schedule on the Epic website, <https://www.epictheatres.com/location/titusville>. Seating may seem expensive, but all theatres have stadium seating and reclining chairs with cup holders. It's impressive and comfortable.



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## Port St. John Public Library July 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

**The library will be closed July 4.**

**Yarning for a Cause:** Mondays, 10 AM-12 PM.

**Senior Games:** Tuesdays, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Join other seniors for a variety of card games, Rummikub, Dominoes, etc. Bring your favorite game and lunch or a snack.

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

**Story Time:** Fridays, 10:30 AM. 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:

July 5, 10:30-11 AM PPD/PPA Support Group

July 5, 3:30 PM Balloon Twisting. 8 and up. Space limited - MUST preregister.

July 12, 3:30 PM Moon Rocks and Craters with Linda Scauzillo. 1st grade and up

July 14, 10 AM-Noon Port St. John Pokémon Club

July 14, 12:30-1:45 Rock Swap

July 18, 1-3:00 PM Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group

July 18, 6-7:45 PM Sunrise Village

July 19, 3:30 PM Kaye Byrnes Rocks-A-Story. 1st grade and up

July 20, 11:45 AM Titusville Chamber of Commerce

July 23, 2-4:00 PM Financial Literacy Workshop

July 25, 6:00 PM Friends of the Library Membership Meeting

July 25, 6:30-7:30 "NASA - Present and Future" presented by NASA Ambassador speaker, Tyler Hines.

July 28, 10 AM-Noon Port St. John Pokémon Club

***A mind is a terrible thing to waste!***

## Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Brevard Library

308 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa, FL

**Adult Programs, July, 2018**

**(321) 633-1792**

Enjoy an atmosphere of relaxation and creativity at Adult Coloring on Mondays from 10 AM 'til noon. Supplies are provided. FREE.

Participate in the Watercolor Techniques class with Pearl Ollie; all skill levels are welcome. Tuesdays from 10 AM 'til noon. Cost is \$10, supplies included.

Take part in Hatha-style yoga with Emily on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Relax in this gentle, mindful class and improve your flexibility, strength and concentration. Bring yoga mat/towel. Cost is \$5 per session.

Join Lorraine for Vinyasa Yoga which helps align the spine and increases flexibility, on Mondays (except July 9) at 9 AM. Bring yoga mat/towel. Cost is \$5.

Join us for Popcorn and a Movie, showing an American sci-fi action film classic starring Will Smith. Thursday, July 5 at 2 PM. PG-13. FREE. Take part in a free creative writing workshop with the Word Weavers as they show you the keys to writing fiction and non-fiction on Sunday, July 8 at 2 PM.

Learn the basics of using Apple mobile devices on Wednesday, July 11 at 10 AM. Please bring your device. Cost is \$5, pre-register.

Discover the health benefits and soothing effects of essential oils on Thursday, July 12 at 10 AM. FREE.

Come out for Popcorn and a Movie on Thursday, July 12, 2 PM, showing the recent Clint Eastwood-directed thriller. Rated PG-13, FREE.

**The next Friends of the Library meeting will be on July 25th, 6 PM at the library. Refreshments will be served.**

All members and prospective members are welcome at these meetings, especially our new members! Future events will be discussed and we need your input.

***We gave away a boy's and a girl's bicycle to two happy, excited kids at the Bicycle Rodeo in May. It was great fun for the kids!***

A big "Thank you!" to The Space Coast Transportation Office and all the volunteers.

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Representatives from MedFast will give a brief lecture on maintaining good health, and offer free blood pressure checks on Friday, July 13 at 10 AM.

Hear guitarist Austin Church play upbeat, inspirational tunes with a country-blues flair on Sunday, July 15 at 3 PM. FREE.

Join Angela as she shows you how to create a beautiful tree of life pendant at her jewelry class on Monday, July 16 at 1 PM. Cost is \$13. Pre-register.

Join the monthly Mystery Book Club where everyone reads a different book on a common theme. July's theme is Western Europe. The discussion will be on Thursday, July 19 from 12:30 PM-3 PM. Contact the Reference Desk for more information.

Come out for Popcorn and a Movie, showing the British-American jukebox musical romantic film starring Evan Rachel Wood on Thursday, July 19 at 2 PM, Rated PG-13, FREE.

Drivers 50+ can take part in an AARP Smart Driver Safety refresher course on Friday, July 20 at 9 AM. Call Tom at 321-412-1889 for more information and to register.

Witness a large-scale model train demo at the annual Trains, Trains, Trains! event on Saturday, July 21. There will be a demonstration operation from 10 AM until noon; kids will be paired with an operator to run the trains from 1 PM until 3:30 PM; and there will be a lecture on train memorabilia from 12 PM to 1 PM. The public is welcome to bring train memorabilia for evaluation throughout the event. This is a free event for all ages.

Discover the vast possibilities of solar energy with speaker Mark Swift of Tesla, Inc., on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 PM. FREE.

Those new to computers are invited to attend the Intro to the Internet class on Wednesday, July 25 at 10 AM. Cost is \$5, pre-registration required.

Attend Jewelry Class with Normandie on Thursday, July 26 from 1-3 PM. July's craft is a charm bracelet. Cost is \$15, supplies included. Call 321-225-1394 or email: thebeadladiesarehere@gmail.com for more information, or to register.

Come out for Popcorn and a Movie on Thursday, July 26 at 2 PM. The featured movie is the recent Lara Croft action/fantasy film starring Alicia Vikander. PG-13. FREE.

## Proper Recycling Items

Plastic bags, tarps and oddball debris that don't belong in recycling bins are snarling equipment inside Brevard's recycling plant, forcing hours of shutdowns and costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. After every shift, workers wielding red-handled pliers have to clamber across machinery at Waste Management Recycling Brevard in Cocoa, cutting and yanking out jammed plastics, tangled ropes and other objects. Worse, the recycling operation was recently forced to close for six hours Thursday after large pieces of scrap metal got lodged inside a glass breaker.

And Monday, workers even rescued a kitten from a conveyor belt before it tumbled into spinning heavy machinery.

During May, the Townsend Road plant sorted and separated 7,888 tons of recyclable metal, plastic, cardboard, glass and paper from residential and commercial customers in Brevard and Seminole counties. However, workers were also forced to remove 3,144 tons of garbage — or 40 percent of that total — from the plant's conveyor belts and machinery during May. This trash cost \$75,000 to dispose of at the Central Disposal Facility in Cocoa. Plus, Waste Management had to spend another \$24,000 to truck that junk from the plant to the landfill.

The Waste Management Recycling Brevard

plant in Cocoa is constantly dealing with tons of the wrong materials being placed in recycling bins and cans, which results in costly measures, including having to shut down operations while crews have to clear out plastic bags, ropes, metal parts, and much more.

Nationwide, recycling companies are reacting to China's apparent bid to eliminate imports of post-consumer recyclables by 2021, which has decreased commodity prices. Waste Management reported that China banned imports of mixed paper and mixed plastics earlier this year, and the country's new standards are cracking down on garbage contamination.

Waste Management recently notified commercial and roll-off customers of possible charges for excess trash contamination found in their recycling containers. Space Coast households are not affected yet because the county and various cities and towns have multi-year contracts with Waste Management.

Too many households are "wish-cycling," rather than recycling, by tossing all sorts of incorrect items into their single-stream wheeled carts and thinking they'll magically get processed.

"Please recycle the basics: (plastic) bottles, jugs and tubs; aluminum and tin cans; newspaper; and cardboard," Community Affairs representative Amy Boyson said. "And please make sure

that your cardboard and paper is dry. We cannot sell that type of material once it's wet," she said, referring to the rainy season. Materials from curbside containers enter Waste Management Recycling Brevard on an incline conveyor. Then, six sharp-eyed workers wearing protective elbow-length gloves busily weed out plastic sacks and other undesirable items as the materials whiz by on a conveyor belt toward heavy machinery. One of the crew has to clear items out of the sorting machinery after the end of the shift.

Residents should recycle flimsy plastic sacks at grocery stores or other retailers that accept them, Boyson said.

### Put these items in your recycling cart:

Plastic bottles and containers. Recycle plastic objects shaped like a bottle, jug or tub (such as water bottles, food containers, dish soap, laundry detergent and shampoo). Lightly rinse. Leave caps and pumps on.

Cardboard. Milk and juice cartons, paper towel and toilet tissue rolls, food boxes and flattened cardboard boxes. By the way, those pizza boxes that we have been throwing in the recycle bin usually have oil in the bottom if you have any meat on your pizza. Put it in the regular trash instead.

Aluminum, steel and tin cans. Includes clean aluminum foil and food pans.

Glass bottles and jars.

Paper. Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, office paper, junk mail, envelopes, telephone books and paper bags.

### Do not recycle these items:

Plastic bags, straws, thin plastic "clamshells" such as strawberry containers, scrap metal, greasy pizza boxes, oven cookware, drinking glasses, ceramics, rope, clothing, hangers, Christmas lights, paper towels, prescription bottles.

Also, do not bag recyclables: Plant workers are instructed to grab and discard bags as they scoot by on the conveyor belt.

You may think that the amount of money saved by recycling isn't important enough for you to recycle. Perhaps it's not on a few boxes or plastic bottles. But the cost of a new landfill is several million dollars and would need to be paid by all taxpayers. The space saved is even more important than the recycling dollars. Do your part.

Sources: Brevard County Solid Waste Management, Waste Management

Brevard County Solid Waste Management article in Florida Today by Rick Neale.

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# Walter Butler Community Center - July, 2018

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

The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM and Saturday 10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. Call 321-433-4448 for latest information.

### **Mondays - Fridays**

**Summer Day Camp May 24, thru August 9,  
7 AM-6 PM**

Open Gym, 6-8 PM

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

### **Tuesdays**

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

Open Gym, 6-8 PM

### **Wednesdays**

**Closed July 4th Independence Day Holiday**

Home School P.E. 9:30 AM - 11 AM

Pickleball, 11 AM- 2 PM

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 PM

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

### **Thursdays**

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 PM

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 PM

### **Fridays**

Pickleball, 1 - 3 PM

### **Saturdays**

Open Gym, 10 AM - 2 PM

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

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

**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 PM For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center, 433-4448.

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## **Solving the Problems**

If we could just find out what type of vehicle is involved in all the DUI accidents, we could ban those vehicles and that would put an end to DUI accidents and death, right?

That does seem to be how Congressional candidates and TV media are presenting the solution to shootings. Ban assault style rifles and it will end.

Hmmm... How about if we stop glorifying the shooters with endless hours of TV and social media coverage as if they're folk heroes or victims themselves? Maybe we could even have networks NOT show videos of what the shooters did and how they did it to educate others who are dealing with mental health issues but don't know how to act out so violently. "Hey, ya'll, here's how to acquire your weapons, hide them, make a plan and what to write so you get maximum TV exposure and possibly sell movie rights after you apologize (don't worry, you don't have to mean it!) to the wounded and the families of the dead." The easy way to be a star.

Anyone else out there have children? Do you spend your life cooking or teach your children to respect fire and hot pans? I bet you don't glorify accidents that burn siblings or friends. Just sayin'.

No, it's too easy to blame the Camaros and Mustangs for the DUI's. At least the DUI killers aren't selling movie rights or all of our streets would be dangerous. Oh, snap! Tiger Woods, Kanye, ... Be careful out there. - RR

## **Experimental Aircraft Meeting**

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their next meeting on May 13th in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at 7:30 PM.

If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation, you are welcome. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.

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

For more information, contact President Don White at don@eaa724.org or 321-266-7410, or visit their website at [www.eaa724.org](http://www.eaa724.org).

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## **National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)**

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month at Kay's BBQ Restaurant, SR 520 in Cocoa. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

No reservations required. Our website address is [www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137](http://www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137).

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***I think you should always write, "An ambulance."***

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# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Tick Season Is Here

Tick, Tock – Get Ready for Summer. It's that time of year when everyone loves to get outside and enjoy the warm weather, including ticks.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), tick-borne illnesses have doubled since 2004. Beginning in the spring, billions of ticks emerge causing hundreds of thousands of infections and diseases per year. There are several types of tick-borne illnesses; most notable and recognized is Lyme disease, with the CDC citing more than 30,000 cases per year in the U.S.

In the summer months, people tend to spend much more time outdoors, but it is important to be aware of your surroundings and take necessary precautions to protect yourself and family from these pesky critters. When outdoors, try to limit

the amount of exposed skin; layer up wearing long pants or thin, long sleeve shirts. Ticks often latch on to the extremities and climb up the body. Wearing long pants tucked into boots or shoes and spraying ankles can help prevent ticks from getting under clothing.

Following outdoor activities, place clothes in the dryer on high heat to kill any ticks that may have latched onto clothing.

After being outdoors, it is important to check yourself and loved ones for ticks. Often ticks work their way toward dark places like armpits, hair, behind the ears, etc.

It is also critical to check pets for ticks, as many dogs and pets carry ticks into the home. Using tick repellent is extremely beneficial. Owners can purchase tick repellent collars, soaps and medications to drive off the disease vectors.

Most tick-borne illnesses tend to have similar symptoms. Often, in the case of Lyme disease, a "bullseye" rash will appear. These rashes have a dot in the center, with a ring surrounding it. The rash is not typically itchy but may be warm to the touch.

Patients may exhibit flu-like symptoms with tick-borne illnesses, such as malaise, swollen lymph nodes, headache, muscle aches, fever, and chills. If you have been bitten by a tick, or have been in an area where ticks are common and experience symptoms, it is important to consult a physician immediately. Lyme disease can affect the heart and nervous system.

Always take necessary precautions and be highly aware of ticks, as tick-borne illnesses are constantly on the rise. Thank to Dr. Elizabeth Pepe of Steward Medical Group.



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## AM, PM, a.m., p.m.: What Is the Correct Time?

- From Business Writing Syntax Training by  
Lynn Gaertner-Johnston

It started with a debate between the younger and the older employees in an office. The question was this:

4PM or 4:00PM?

The answer: Neither!

You need to insert a space before the abbreviation, like this:

4 PM or 4:00 PM

In email, many people seem to be dropping both the periods and the space, but don't follow the crowd. The prominent style guides do not support that choice. Here is a sampling of recommendations:

The Associated Press Stylebook: 4 PM

Microsoft Manual of Style: 4 PM (However, Microsoft prefers 24-hour time notations, in which 4 PM is 16:00.)

The Chicago Manual of Style: 4 PM (recommended). Also 4 PM or 4 PM (with PM in small capitals).

Garner's Modern English Usage: 4 PM or 4 PM (with PM in small capitals).

The Gregg Reference Manual: 4 PM or 4 PM (with PM in small capitals).

Sooooo... No definitive answer to whether to use capitals or small case letters, or whether to use periods to separate P(or A) and M, or whether to include the :00 minute designation if the time is on the hour, but definitely the space following the time needs to stay.

Glad I could clear all that up. :-)

The various inputs I receive here at Happenings include all of the above, frequently including the incorrect versions with no space. I think as long as you get your message across so readers can get to the ball game, fair, fireworks or whatever fun event you're telling people about so they can share in the fun, you've accomplished the most important part, so keep writing.

Whatever style you choose, be consistent.

Now, back to fussing with the proofreader, hopefully over wings and wine at Jabbers. Or pizza at Kelsey's.

Or... never mind. It's another problem that really isn't a problem. - Randy

## How The Work Rules Work For You

By Blanca Taylor  
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Retirement doesn't have the same meaning for everyone. Some people plan to retire and never work again. Some people plan for second careers in occupations that wouldn't have adequately supported their families, but they do the work for pure enjoyment. Some people, whether by design or desire, choose to work part-time or seasonally to supplement their retirement income.

Retirees (or survivors) who choose to receive Social Security benefits before they reach full retirement age (FRA) and continue to work have an earnings limit. In 2017, the annual earnings limit was \$16,920 for those under FRA the entire calendar year. In 2018, it is \$17,040. If you earn over the limit, we deduct \$1 from your Social Security monthly benefit payment for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit.

In the calendar year you reach FRA, which you can check out at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html), you have a higher earnings limit. Additionally, we will only count earnings for the months prior to FRA. In 2017, the limit was \$44,880. In 2018, it is \$45,360. In the year of FRA attainment, Social Security deducts \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above the limit.

There is a special rule that usually only applies in your first year of receiving retirement benefits. If you earn more than the annual earnings limit, you may still receive a full Social Security payment for each month you earn less than a monthly limit. In 2018, the monthly limit is \$1,420 for those who are below FRA the entire calendar year. The 2018 monthly limit increases to \$3,780 in the year of FRA attainment.

Once you reach FRA, you no longer have an earnings limit, and we may recalculate your benefit to credit you for any months we withheld your benefits due to excess earnings. This is because your monthly benefit amount is calculated based on a reduction for each month you receive it before your FRA. So, if you originally filed for benefits 12 months before your FRA, but earned over the limit and had two months of Social

Security benefits withheld, we will adjust your ongoing monthly benefit amount to reflect that you received 10 months of benefits before your FRA, and not 12.

Most people understand that if they work while receiving benefits before FRA, their benefit may be reduced. What most people do not consider in their retirement planning is that we recalculate your Social Security monthly benefit at FRA to credit you for Social Security benefit payments withheld due to earnings over the limit. Explaining the earnings limit is another way that Social Security helps secure your today and tomorrow. Understanding both the earnings limit and the possible recalculation of your ongoing Social Security benefits will provide an additional perspective on retirement for you to consider.

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### A Parting Shot...

If you know me, you know I put over 10,000 miles on my motorcycle almost every year for the past 3 decades. I was performing at Americade in upstate New York last month, so of course this joke tickles me:

A motorcycle rider pulls into a diner in upstate N.Y., seats himself and asks the waitress for 2 headlights and 2 wheels. The waitress, who had just worked all night, wasn't in a good mood said, "What are you talking about?"

The rider, already tired but happy to relax at the diner said, "Just tell the cook. He'll know what I mean."

By this time the waitress is annoyed and yells back at the old cook, "I got this weird one out here who thinks you'll know what he wants if he orders 2 headlights and 2 wheels."

"Yeah, I know what he wants," yells the cook, "He wants 2 eggs sunny side up and 2 pancakes. No problem."

Well this just aggravates the waitress even more than before. So, just before the breakfast is served to the rider, she walks up with a big plate of chili beans and slams them down on the table. "Here," she yells for all to hear, "Here's you chili!"

But the rider who didn't order the chili answers back, "What is this for?"

The waitress is ready for this and yells back "I thought you would want to gas up before you took off." - Randy

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