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Red Tide Reaches Brevard

Beachgoers in Brevard County are advised to take precautions following confirmation of red tide conditions that have tested at a high level in Satellite Beach and been detected at medium to lower levels along other beaches in the county, according to tests results released by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC).

The Florida Department of Health issued advisories to warn beachgoers of potential health impacts of red tide. More information can be found at this link: <http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2018/10/red-tide-2018-10-17.html>.

Red tide is commonly used to describe a higher-than-normal concentration of microscopic algae in the water that can kill fish and can also cause a variety of health-related conditions, ranging from eye, nose and throat irritation to more serious issues for people with chronic respiratory conditions. The current red tide began on the state's west coast and gradually worked its way south. More recently, the red tide has moved up the east coast of the state and into Brevard

County. Sporadic sightings of dead fish were reported along with some air quality complaints from beachgoers.

Brevard County Government's Natural Resources Management Department, in coordination with FWC, collected water samples to detect for the presence of red tide in October along Brevard County beaches. Testing locations included Juan Ponce de Leon Park in south Melbourne Beach, Nance Park in Indialantic, Pelican Park in Satellite Beach and Murkshe Park in Cocoa Beach.

Test results indicated medium levels of red tide off the shoreline in Indialantic (600,450 *Karenia brevis* cells per liter) and Melbourne Beach (312,000 at Spessard Holland South and 126,000 at Juan Ponce de Leon) and at a high level (1.35 million) in Pelican Beach Park in Satellite Beach. Some test results are still pending in other areas along the beach in Brevard County.

Brevard County Government's Natural Resources Department, along with the Tourist Development Council (TDC), Florida Depart-

ment of Health, FWC and the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute have been monitoring conditions and working on a response plan, depending on the severity of red tide conditions. Beaches will remain open, though signage warning of red tide conditions will be posted. Beachgoers who sense respiratory issues should leave the beach. Everyone should check the status before going to the beach. This might have changed between press time and delivery.

The TDC is working with hoteliers and attractions and other council members to redirect visitors to other beach areas or the numerous other attractions in the area that can be enjoyed without exposure to the impacts of red tide.

The Florida Department of Health has posted answers to frequently asked questions about red tide and its health risks at this link: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/aquatic-toxins/red-tide.html>.

Information can also be found at this FWC link: <http://www.myfwc.com/research/redtide/contact/>.

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - November, 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

Seniors at Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. All senior residents of PSJ and the Groves are welcome.

Mondays

12th - Center closed for Veterans Day Holiday
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6
 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.
 Billiards, 3-8 p.m.
 Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6
 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.
 Billiards, 3-8 p.m.
 Girl Scout Troop 1902, 4-5 p.m.
 Girl Scout Troop 276, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Dream Weavers, 1-4 p.m.
 Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6
 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.
 Billiards, 3-8 p.m.
 Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays

22nd - Center Closed for Thanksgiving Day
 Holiday
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6
 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.
 Billiards, 1:30-8 p.m.
 Tai Chi, 6-7 p.m.
 Cub Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

Fridays

23rd - Center Closed for Thanksgiving Day
 Holiday
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6
 Billiards, 1:30-6 p.m.

Saturdays

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

Community Cares – After School Program

Port St. John Community Center staff will pick up children from Challenger 7 Elementary every school day and transport children back to the community center. This program will include homework time, snack and outdoor activities. The cost of this program is \$45 per week per child. Children in grades kindergarten through 6th grade are eligible to participate. Space is limited in this program to a maximum enrollment of 13 children. Register your child by contacting the community center today at 321-633-1904!

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe

Another Dollar General for Port St John

As I wrote starting in September, a rezoning request came before the Port St. John Planning & Zoning Board on August 8th. The request was for a 1.78 acre to be rezoned from Industrial – Low Intensity/Residential 4 to BU-1 on property between Fay Blvd and Balfern Street. There is an intended Dollar General store to be on the property, which means two within a short distance of each other. The rezone was unanimously denied by the PSJ P&Z board.

Ann Bard, a neighbor to the proposed site of a Dollar Store, had collected 1,222 signatures against the rezoning that she presented to the County Commission, giving the reasons why people had not supported the rezone from Residential 4 to Community Commercial: 1) Proximity to Challenger and the kids walking to and from school; 2) The increased traffic the store would generate on Fay Blvd.; 3) the 18-wheelers delivering goods every week; and 4) the other deliveries like bread trucks, etc.

I attended and reminded the Commission that in 1994 the Homeowner's Association in Port St.

John requested the County Commission to allow a local Community Advisory Board to look at the inconsistent zoning in Port St. John. When General Development went bankrupt in the 80's, they left Fay Blvd. spot zoned, which meant they had zoned residential next to commercial. This was before the Brevard County Comprehensive Plan was written, and before Fay Blvd. was four-laned. The PSJ Homeowner's Association spent many hours fighting these zonings to protect our residents.

The developer, "Concept Development, Inc." prepared a Binding Site Agreement. The Binding Site Agreement was approved. It is not signed yet, but the county expects it to be soon. The developer tried to ensure the issues that were brought up at the PSJ Advisory Board Meeting were covered. The Agreement:

1. Limits development to 9,300 square foot commercial Retail Store.
2. Limits ingress and egress to and from Fay Blvd. to the north on shared access between the property and the west.
3. Shall install opaque fencing along the south boundary to provide a visual buffer for the school

to the south.

4. Shall preserve as many trees as possible within the property along Balfern Street.

The developer was asked about the 18-wheeler trucks that service the Dollar General and he stated they would generally be once per week and would be after hours. Dollar General hours are 8 am to 10 pm, so after hours could be 6 in the morning or even midnight! These trucks are not quiet.

Commissioner Isnardi was for the change and said a Dr. Office could be as bad as a Dollar General Store and parents must be responsible for their children. Commissioner Pritchard asked for a small area study. Commissioner Barfield said he couldn't see any incapability based on the shopping center to the east of the property, and also seemed to be in favor of a small area plan. Commissioner Barfield also brought up that you have to have sufficient legal reason to deny. The rezoning and change to the small area plan were both passed, 5 for and 0 against. For the Port St. John Small Area Plan, thanks to Commissioner Pritchard for requesting a Small Area Study for Port St. John. This is something we should have

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had a long time ago due to some zoning changes. The community would be an advisory and participate as a board to the County Commission. Commissioner Tobia voted no, as he thought it would cost too much. The others were all in favor as it should give current data that would help in any future land use changes.

Commissioner Barfield's comments on legal reasons required to deny was about the Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act of 1995 which states developers can sue when denied. A lot of developments have been permitted due to threats of a lawsuit. Sierra Club researched and received from the Brevard County Attorney's Office a list of Bert Harris claims dating back to 2001. This reality check identifies 7 claims, 5 of which were dismissed or denied, one which was amicably resolved, and one which settled for \$160,000. One of these 7 claims may resurface in the future but is dormant now. So in fact, Brevard County lost only \$160,000 to plaintiffs during the past 17 years because of Bert Harris – that is all! While this past history cannot be extrapolated to predict the future, it certainly informs an assessment of legal vulnerability.

Reference: http://brevardcountyfl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1532

Drainage Problems

Is there a new house being built next to your home? Pay attention to how much higher the new house is being built. This is due to a state law that says if your home is on septic, any home must be 5 feet above the crown of the road. Now this would be fine, if it was a new subdivision, but if a new home is built next to your older home, it could be a flooding nightmare for your property and your road.

Ask the builder if anything is being done to avoid the flooding, such as French Drains. Brevard County has an ordinance that says you cannot flood your neighbor from water coming off your property. They also say you must take legal action against them if you are flooded.

So why the ordinance?

Bio-Solids

According to the Treasure Coast News, TCPalm.com story on July 13, Florida ordered the Pressley Ranch to stop spreading bio-solids until it could assess whether the bio-solids being spread cause the rising phosphorus levels during

the rainy season adjacent to Blue Cypress Lake, which had turned a toxic Blue Green algae bloom back in July. I don't think it has improved that much at this time.

This was caused by a 2009 state ban, where they stopped Class B biosolids being spread in the Lake Okeechobee watershed, as Lake Okeechobee's water quality was becoming severely degraded. South Florida started transporting their Class B biosolids to Central Florida for land spreading to any farm allowing it, including around Blue Cypress Lake. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) states there are more than 70,000 tons, on average, of biosolids being dumped within the St. Johns River Upper Basin. FDEP also states Deseret Ranch was permitted in 2017 to spread 40,000 tons of biosolids on 30,000 acres of their farmland.

FDEP recently formed the Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) to further evaluate this bio-solid issues. This committee has had its first meeting and are meeting monthly in Orlando.

There are many Florida counties and cities, including Brevard County and its cities, that

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STEVEN ALLENDER

Good Day!, cont.

are encouraging moving from septic tanks to sewer, and then spreading their bio-solids and re-claimed water, which might remove the fecal toxins, but still leaves the Nitrogen and Phosphorus to contaminate our Lakes' and Lagoons' watersheds. Rockledge is talking about adding a Class B Biosolids Treatment System to their city's wastewater reclamation facility (WRF). This has got to stop. If we don't, Florida can truly say, "Water, Water, Everywhere, and not a drop to drink." We can do so much better if we put our minds to it.

<https://www.tcpalm.com/story/news/local/indian-river-lagoon/health/2018/07/13/ranch-blue-cypress-lake-suspend-biosolid-spreading-pastures/783940002/>

Truth in Campaigns

This is a pure Non-Partisan thought on my part. In an election, it should be illegal in Election Law to put out falsehoods about an opponent. If lies are published and proved to be lies, then whoever was responsible would be stricken off the elected race. Any organization supporting either candidate would have to make a public

apology, give up all campaign funds in the treasury, and be stricken from any campaigning in the future. Hopefully, there would be less liars left in government.

Drivers

Has anyone noticed how little drivers on the road are concentrating; not on the road, but talking on the phone and texting. I was behind a young lady and I was watching her drive down U.S. 1 and going all over the road. She seemed to be either singing to the radio or practicing conducting an orchestra, as she didn't have either hand on the steering wheel. She must be tired of living. Problem is, she may cause someone else to be early in the hereafter, too.

Cheerio,
Maureen Rupe
rupe32927@earthlink.net

Craft Bazaar And Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women of Indian River City Methodist Church are holding their annual craft bazaar and bake sale on November 9th from 9 AM until 7 PM. All items are handmade and the money goes for missions.

A spaghetti dinner will be served from 5 to 7 PM by the ladies of MOPS. Tickets for this can be purchased at the church office.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

UMCIRC is located at 1355 Cheney Highway in Titusville and the bazaar/sale is in Wesley Hall located in the rear of the property. For further information, contact D.J. Olson at 321-636-0568.

Community Thanksgiving Service



Come out to Frontenac Baptist Church, 5500 US-1, Port St. John on Tuesday, November 20th, 6:30 pm, to enjoy a Community Thanksgiving. Everyone is Welcome!

Immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall, there will be FREE snacks & drinks! So, come out & gather together for a joyful service of thanksgiving as we celebrate God's goodness & grace.

If you have questions, call the church office at 321-636-1369.

Holiday Shopping Spree

Plantation Manor at The Great Outdoors in Titusville invites the Brevard community to a "Holiday Shopping Spree" on Saturday, November 10th, from 9 am to 2 pm. With Christmas right around the corner, this is a perfect day to begin your holiday shopping. Over 40 vendors will feature home & beauty gifts, jewelry, sweet treats, holiday decor and more, with plenty of holiday spirit to go around.

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Project Graduation will be holding a 5k run/walk on January 26th, 2019 at the high school. What a great start to New Year's goals! You may register online. Find us on Facebook and follow the link or contact Kathy Camick at kcamick17@gmail.com for information on signing up or sponsorships.

Bricks: Project Graduation is offering a unique opportunity to leave a lasting symbol of support to Space Coast High School. Purchase a brick paver now through December to commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one. Bricks are \$50 and will be placed in the brick garden around the flag pole near the football stadium.

Golf Tournament: The Project Graduation golf tournament will be held on March 9th, 2019. Please contact a board member for information

about sponsorship or to sign up your team.

Yard Signs: Purchase a yard sign to support your favorite Viper or show your Viper Pride. This may include name and extra-curricular activities.

Dominos: Every Monday from open to close order your Viper Special. This a medium 1 topping for \$6. Carryout Only. Be sure to ask for the "Viper Special."

Papa John's: Be sure to get your \$5.00 Papa John's discount card.

Village Inn Pie Card: Purchase a card for \$15 (2 for \$25) that is good for one pie of your choice from Village Inn.

Shoes: Please keep saving those shoes. Shoes can be dropped off at Brian's Barber Shop or call us to come pick them up. They will be refurbished and sent to third world countries.

Thank you to these businesses that have agreed to host bucket drops and/or donate part of sales

for the designated times. These additional events to show support and help raise money include:

El Leoncito, October 24th, 11am – 10pm

Troy's Pizzeria, October 29th, 5pm – 9 pm

Panda Express, November 10th, 11am – 8pm

Buffalo Wild Wings, December 1st, 12pm

The next monthly meeting will be November 5th, 2018, 6:00 pm at Space Coast High School.

In order for Project Graduation to be successful, we need all senior parents to be involved in the planning and helping to volunteer at fundraising events. If you have a senior this year, please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

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Hyacinth Price, Project Grad President at 321-863-6121, or

Amie Randall, Project Grad Vice President at 321-289-7179.



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Holi-daze Madness

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the largest, biggest, MOST fantastic display in the neighborhood" contest has begun! No holds barred, folks are out to overpower the power company and create a spectacle for their neighbors and spectators from afar.

With that said, please be aware of the overload on your power boxes and prepare to blow a fuse, so better get extras! While you're at it, you may as well upgrade your security system for the protection for your yard and home. Better chain those displays, too, while you're at it, as every year SOMEBODY steals SOMEBODY'S beloved decoration.

In the midst of all this hoopla and madness, there's someone in our neighborhood who requires assistance with the basics to sustain their life's comforts and needs. You may or may not know their story or why they are less than fortunate. There are many homeless Veterans.

I'm sending a BIG SHOUT OUT to our Veterans for their sacrifice and service. They don't get as much as they give, and are losing more important benefits they were promised. I hope you'll consider donating to a shelter of any kind, or church. Please support your local pantries.

Let's not forget the reason for the season of giving and remember to always give thanks. I hope you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving, and many thanks for supporting Neighborhood Watch!

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Parrish Medical Group (PMG) primary care physicians located in the Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing in Titusville are now accepting new patients, with next-day appointments available. PMG is North Brevard's largest network of primary care physicians and specialists.

PMG's primary care practice is certified by the National Commission on Quality Assurance and is a member of the Parrish Healthcare integrated system of care, which includes access to the Mayo Clinic Care Network.

The MCCN extends Mayo Clinic's knowledge to physicians and providers interested in working together in the best interest of their patients. Using digital technology, Parrish Medical Group physicians are able to collaborate with Mayo Clinic on patient care, community health and innovative healthcare delivery.

In addition to primary care, the Parrish Healthcare Center in Titusville offers specialty care physicians board-certified in internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology and neurology.

Outpatient services at the center include a full-service dialysis center, women's health services and diagnostic imaging services, including X-ray, CT, MRI, ultrasound, mammography and lab.

To schedule a next-day appointment with a primary care physician, please call, 321-268-6PMG (6764).

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, November 10th. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.

MASC will also host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, November 24th. Music will be provided by Steve.

For both dances, 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. 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.

Rose's Room

"If you can read this, thank a teacher – If you can read this in English, thank a veteran."

I freely admit to being button-busting proud of some of my family members choosing to spend most of their days in the company of young people, taking up the almost insurmountable task of turning their young gray matter from their little rectangular lifelines to readin', writin' and 'rithmetic, and just as much pride spread over multiple active military and veterans sharing my DNA. Also perhaps having the day of thanks and the day to honor our veterans, Veterans Day, celebrated so close to each other is a good thing...

I found what I consider to be a very good source of information about the true meaning of Veterans Day. It takes only a few moments and I'm sure will be the subject of some very interesting discussions. Especially when we find how very little young people know and honor their history.

The Meaning of Veterans Day; How We Honor America's Bravest, compiled by Leon R. Kass and Amy Kass. This piece touches on why we celebrate Veterans Day on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, celebrating to begin at the eleventh hour, the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and what happened when the powers that be tried to combine Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day together so we (they?) could have three day weekends. It includes President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Address on Armistice Day which makes this Vintage (newest word for old) heart swell.

I'm going to print the whole thing out on actual paper and challenge a few of my younger

offspring's offsprings to actually sit in a chair and read from actual paper, (almost like a 'book,' evidently a Vintage word), then actually sit in a chair across from me and speak complete sentences about what they just read.

My grands and great grands are some of the smartest people I know. I'm proud to say they are all well rounded and pretty well informed about the world around them, so this promises to be 'interesting' to say the least. But then, every time chocolate milkshakes mysteriously appear before dinner is 'interesting.' (Not saying I have an underhanded method to my madness...but I can go home and not deal with trying to get a sugar-charged nine-year-old into bed)

Most of my kinfolk are accustomed to my blurting out, 'Did you know's' and will usually politely nod their heads and mutter hummm, then ask a sibling if she is sure Mom's not on any medication... but I seem to come in handy when a report is due the next day.

I once had the distinct pleasure of going over the whole Independence Day and Tea Party to one of my favorite people. I overlooked the reason he was doing so, (his father told him to ask me to help him understand the whole concept because I may have helped organize it.)

After assuring the child that while I would have been proud to have done so, if I were that old I would not be capable of babysitting so said father could go to a movie in peace, (and making a mental note to remind said father of that fact and a few others). I attempted to reduce the whole independence thing to a story that an 8-year-old mind and attention span could comprehend.

He was mildly interested in the landing at Plymouth Rock and the first Thanksgiving.

The Boston Tea Party did not impress him. His comment was, "Throwing away something they really liked (tea) because they had to do something they didn't like (pay taxes) and didn't get anything for it (representation) would be like me throwing away something I really like (ice cream) because I have to do something I don't like (clean my room) and don't get anything for it (new Game Boy).

I was unsuccessful at disputing that logic, but moving on to a day especially for honoring the guys and gals (another Vintage word) who stood up for themselves and for all of us through the

years, I reminded him that his dear old Dad, an uncle, cousin and Grampa were veterans and didn't we want others to remember what they went through and feel proud?

The 8-year-old is now serving in the US Navy and still favors chocolate milkshakes.

While wielding a carving knife at a very large bird this year I will be saying a special prayer to all those mothers' sons and daughters who proudly served and invite all of you to join me.

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Out On The Town Florida Road House

Normally I do reviews of restaurants in Port St. John or ones nearby. I decided to do a review this month on Florida Road House since we had such a great meal there. Occasionally my wife and I like to go out for a steak dinner, and since it was my birthday, she asked me where I wanted to go for a steak. Some of my co-workers were boasting about how good the steaks were at the Florida Road House.

The Florida Road House is a fairly new place, opening in 2017, located in Edgewater, just north of Oak Hill on the west side of US 1. They're open daily at 11am.

We arrived early, just before 3 pm on a Sunday. We were greeted at the door and seated promptly, given our menus and asked what we wanted to drink. As soon as you walk in, you can't help but notice the décor, I'll call it Texas rustic, but done in very good taste with a lot of imagination.

As we looked over the menu, we noticed the largest steak on the menu was a 12 oz. ribeye,

and then realized we were given the lunch menu since it was before 4 pm. We had an appetite for a much larger steak, so the waitress brought us the dinner menu. She said we couldn't get a baked potato until after 4, but could get fries or other sides.

We both ordered a 16oz. Ribeye, medium rare. I got fries and a Caesar salad and my wife ordered a garden salad with mac-n-cheese. The salads were a good size, not too small or too big, and the lettuce was crisp and fresh. The fries were okay. The mac-n-cheese tasted like homemade!

Now for the steaks. Both our steaks were cooked perfectly. They had just the right amount of seasoning; not too much, but just enough to add a little flavor and still be able to savor the taste of the meat. They were also extremely tender and juicy. I'll say we had what I'd describe as the perfect steak.

As we were leaving, we both said we will definitely come back here for another steak dinner. It might be a few miles from Port St. John, but it's worth the drive. Next time we'll come after 4 pm so we can get a baked potato.

- Ken Carson

Monthly Tax Update

Wow, November already. Tax filing is just around the corner and it's time to determine if there are any tax strategy options for you. So, call your tax advisor and discuss your situation.

Now, I have a question. Did you know the Brevard County Property Appraiser can look back ten years and conduct an audit to verify your homestead exemption is filed and approved properly? Let me tell you a story. The Brevard County Property Appraisers' office has an audit division. Their task is to determine if you are rightfully entitled to the homestead exemption "they" approved and permitted as a deduction from your real estate taxes for years. Well, we have quite a few people who have moved down from up north and still own a home in the state they moved from. The problem is, when they move and keep their house, they fail to notify the property appraiser of their move and request their homestead exemption be terminated. In addition, once they settle here in their new home, they apply for their homestead exemption here in Brevard County. They receive their homestead exemption and are under a false pretense



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everything is in good order, but it isn't. This would result in having two approved (dual) homestead exemptions and this isn't allowed.

Okay, a couple of years go by and the out of state property appraiser figures out the homestead exemption should be removed. They notify the owners, make the adjustment and everything is completed without any further concern. Wrong. Florida statute reflects when a dual exemption has occurred, it voids the original Florida county homestead exemption application, even though it was approved year after year. It further reflects, you are required to file another homestead exemption application after the out of state homestead exemption has been terminated to properly receive a new approval for the Florida county homestead exemption.

Here's the catch. If the reapplication isn't submitted, you don't have an exemption, even though your tax bill reflects you do. Wow! So, the audit division looks back, recalculates the years where the homestead exemption was voided, assesses the taxes and additional penalties. This equates to a substantial sum of tax being due and there's nothing you can do about it that I have found to date. My advice is to review your circumstances to determine if you fall into the story I've presented. Take the appropriate action to file a new homestead exemption application. At least from here on out you'll be in good order. I have had two clients just recently with tax liens being issued, one in the amount of almost \$20,000 and another of a little more than \$13,000. This is serious stuff. Wow!

Okay, let's change gears to business depreciation. This year a change in depreciation rules for business owners permit you to deduct most depreciable business assets. The deduction is based on the 100-percent depreciation rule and generally applies to assets with a depreciation life of 20 years or less. It covers machinery, equipment, computers, appliances and furniture. There is also an expansion of the what some call the Section 179 expensing rule. The definition, in Section 179, of qualified real property now includes improvement to nonresidential real property placed in service after the date the original property was placed in service. This includes roofs, heating, ventilation, air condition units, fire protection and security systems. These improvements used to require depreciating them over 15 to 39 years. Both of these tax changes very well may have a positive result to lower your tax liability since you will be able to take a full depreciation deduction.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for reading my articles over the past year. 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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Last spring, Parrish Medical Center Housekeeping Supervisor Glenda Johnson started feeling pain in her knee. She couldn't even walk around because of the pain. She went to her doctor, who advised her to see an orthopedist.

After hearing great things about Parrish Medical Group Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. E. Wayne Mosely, she decided to see him. X-rays showed she needed a total knee replacement. From beginning to end, she describes her time with Parrish as healing.

Prior to Glenda's surgery appointment, she attended a total knee replacement course at Parrish Medical Center.

"Because of the training, I felt very comfortable knowing how the process was going to happen. Everything happened as I was informed it would, which led to a much smoother process and it not being as scary as I thought it would be," she said.

"After my surgery, everyone was very receptive, especially the CNAs on the third floor. Kathleen Green was an angel. I needed help taking a bath and while feeling very vulnerable, Kathleen made me feel so comfortable.

I thought I would feel more uneasy, but she was so caring. She made sure I had everything I needed and more.

"Aracelis Moore was also pleasant. She took the time to really listen to me and be present. Aracelis' compassion shined when she asked if she could pray for me and this was exactly what I needed. Harriet Treider from Housekeeping was awesome as well and made sure everything was extra clean along with checking on me every day to see if I ever needed anything else."

Glenda then headed to rehab at our health-care center in Port St. John. "During rehab, (Physical Therapy Assistant) Kevin Cauble was really encouraging. Some of the exercises were harder than I expected but he encouraged me to push through the pain and as time went on it became easier," Glenda said.

"From my appointment to rehab, my experience was not only physically healing, but emotionally healing. I am now back at work and have great support. I am so proud to be a part of the Parrish family!" she added.

KNEE REPLACEMENT RECOVERY BASICS

AS YOU REGAIN STRENGTH AFTER KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY, REMEMBER THESE SAFETY TIPS.

► **Have a seat**

Sit in a chair or at the edge of your bed when getting dressed. Consider using a shower chair when bathing.

► **Use care on stairs**

Step up with your good leg and down with the leg that's recovering.

► **Take it easy**

Don't lift anything weighing more than 20 pounds. Take small steps, being careful not to twist your knee.

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Schedule your consultation appointment by calling 321-268-6PMG (6764).

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 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.

11-6 Election Day

11-6 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.

11-7 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 Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

11-7 PSJ Startups & Founders Club, a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs, meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at

the Port Java in Fay Plaza. We'll begin our program at 8 AM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/.

11-8 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.

11-9 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.

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

11-11 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 for info.

11-11 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 for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

11-11 Veterans Day

11-14 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.

11-16 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.

11-19 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.

11-22 Thanksgiving

11-27 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:

Trey Darville turns **10** on the 1st.

Heather Burris turns **25** on the 5th.

Steve Sweeney turns buffer on the 5th.

Nicole Crouse turns hotter on the 7th.

Joey Hilde turns **27** on the 9th.

Doreen Erickson is the Queen on the 12th.

Kayla Erff turns **26** on the 12th.

Mary Prentiss turns **28** on the 12th!

Chelsea Balparda turns **27** on the 13th.

Tyler Thomas turns **21** on the 13th.

James Maxwell turns wilder on the 13th.

Rita Stanton turns mo' better on the 14th.

Dawn Niehoff turns prettier on the 15th.

Anthony Wagner turns **13TEEN** on the 15th!

David Erickson turns crazier on the 16th.

Jennifer DiCandio gets spanked on the 18th.

Tyler Mangiacapra turns **25** on the 19th.

Fred Bradshaw turns cooler on the 19th.

Cassie Fogarty turns **21** on the 20th.

Cathryn Santoso turns **29** on the 21st.

Amy Arnone turns **39** on the 22nd.

Kristin Svandrlík turns **20** on the 22nd!

Holly Turner turns more lovely on the 23rd.

Aurora Mayfield turns cuter on the 23rd.

Christopher Allison turns **16** on the 25th.

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

Roger and Jennifer Brunet celebrate their 13th anniversary on the 6th!

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

Kurt and Linda Bird celebrate 47 years on the 12th.

Jeff & Betty Couch celebrate their 38th anniversary on the 15th.

David and Laura Keefe celebrate 24 years on the 15th.

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

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

For everyone's safety, **CANDY MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM THE FLOATS AND VEHICLES.** Thrown candy ricochets and small children chase it into the street where they might be hit by the next vehicle. If you want to hand out

2018 PSJ Christmas Parade

candy, please be sure to have walkers accompany your float.

There is a \$30 charge for any float or vehicle which advertises a business. The fee does not go up if there are multiple businesses on the same float. Nonprofit community support groups and public schools are \$15, unless they display banners and logos for a business on their float or vehicle(s).

Call us to find out how to get your name on

the parade shirts! Your business name will be added to all the Parade T-shirts, staff and public, for a minimum donation of \$50.

If there are noise considerations for your entry, please let us know immediately. We will try to spread out the bands and musical participants.

Any questions, suggestions, problems or needs should be directed to Randy Rodriguez at Happenings, 321-633-7499.

Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

NAME OF GROUP: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

Are you having music? Y N Type of music: Band Caroling Other _____

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

Do you have animals? Y N Type & number: _____

Approx. number of marchers in group (include moms, coaches, etc.): _____

of vehicles (include follow vehicles): _____ Type: _____

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More Holiday Parades



If you're going to build a float or parade entry for the Port St. John parade, (entry form in this issue and on www.happenings.net), Brevard County Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for the Merritt Island and Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parades. The parade theme for this year will be Candy Factory Holiday.

Mindy from "Mike and Mindy in the Morning" on Lite Rock 99.3, an iHeartMedia station, will be emceeing the parades.

And if you just like watching parades, the Merritt Island Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, with step-off at 10 a.m. The parade will travel from Grove Blvd. at Merritt Island High School, south on Courtenay Pkwy. to Edgewood Jr/Sr High School on Merritt Ave.

The Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, with step-off at 3 p.m. The parade will travel North on Florida Ave. at Rockledge HS to Brevard Ave. and conclude at Lee Wenner Park.

For additional information about the parades,

please call 321-633-1874. Applications for the parades are available by calling 321-633-1874, or by emailing Jesi.Ray@brevardparks.com.



Port St. John Community Carolers seek Songbirds for the Season

PSJ Community Carolers are gearing up for the season again this year!

There are rarely rehearsals and it's not only fun, but when their audience wants to donate money and other goods, they accept them and take them to a local food bank and ministry in PSJ. Last year's donations recipient was First Baptist of Port St. John.

The group is in their umpteenth year spreading good tidings and cheer! Anyone interested in joining can contact Jackie Jordan at Brevard Arts Academy, 321-403-4904.

And if you know a person or family who could use a little cheer, let Jackie know. - ed.

**DOUBLE
FEATURE**



Come One Come All Families

to Family Movie Night at First United Methodist Church, 1165 Fay Blvd. Port St. John on Friday, November 2nd, 6 PM.

Movie: "A Winnie the Pooh Thanksgiving," a 1998 made-for-TV special about Pooh & his friends learning the true meaning of Thanksgiving. And:

"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving," a 1973 special about Peppermint Patty inviting herself & friends over to Charlie Brown's for Thanksgiving; who attempts, with the help of Linus, Snoopy & Woodstock, to throw together a Thanksgiving dinner.

All are welcome. It's FREE to watch. FREE Snacks! If you have questions, call the church office at 321-631-0183

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Parrish Medical Center Offers Free Community Support Groups

Parrish Medical Center is offering free support groups for community members struggling with or recovering from various health issues. See the upcoming November support groups below:

- Awake Sleep Disorders Support group is Monday, Nov. 12, from 6–8 p.m., located at Parrish Healthcare Center, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John.
- Caregiver Support Group is Thursday, Nov. 1 and 15 from 9:30–11:30 a.m., located at Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Care Giver Academy is Thursday, Nov. 8 from 10–11 a.m., located at Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Diabetes Support Group is Thursday, Nov. 8 from 3:30–5 p.m., located at Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- MAK Gathering (Moms and Kidz) Support Group is every Monday and Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 from 10–11:30 a.m., located at The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Parkinson's Support Group of North Brevard is Friday, Nov. 16 from 2–4 p.m., located at Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group is Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 3–5 p.m., located at Grace United Methodist Church in Merritt Island.
- Stroke-Heart Survivors Group is Tuesday, Nov. 20 from 2–4 p.m., located at 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Parrish Partners Cancer Support Group is Monday, Nov. 19 from 4–5:30 p.m., located at Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.

The support groups are free, but space is limited. For more information, and to pre-register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

Harvest Festival

Celebrate autumn at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary during our third annual Harvest Festival on November 3, 2018, 10am - 3pm. During this FREE event, guests are invited to enjoy guided hikes, hay rides, special presentations, meet live bats and reptiles, explore environmental exhibitors and educational activities, and much more!

Harvest Festival will feature many children's activities including face painting, hands-on activities, exploring forest animals and autumn, and nature crafts!

Live music will be provided by The Freightliners Bluegrass Band.

Local vendors include Organic Elephant: Organic Produce, Kona Ice, Jersey Girl Super Foods, and Chicken Waffle Grill.

For more events or information on the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary and the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, visit www.eelbrevard.com or call (321) 264-5185.

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is located at 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville.

Also find them on Twitter and Facebook!

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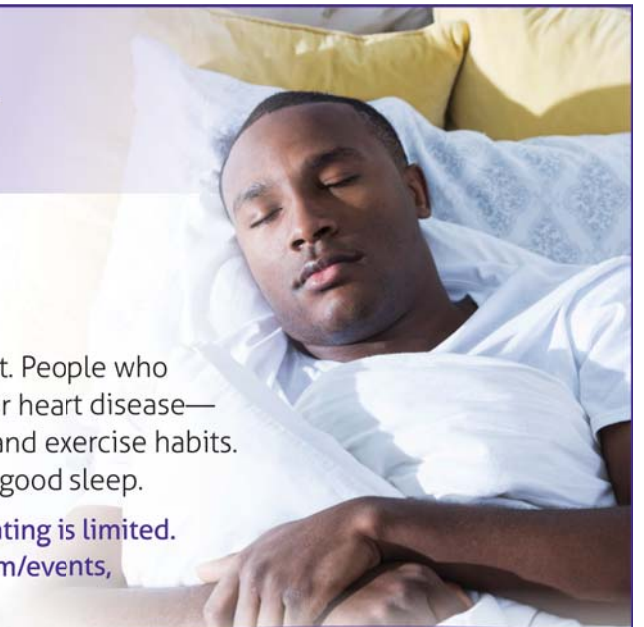
EVENT | SLEEP AND YOUR HEART

WHEN | Thursday, November 15 | 5-7 pm

WHERE | Indian River Preserve
3950 Walkabout Way, Mims

ABOUT | Sleep is essential for a healthy heart. People who don't sleep well are at higher risk for heart disease—regardless of age, weight, smoking and exercise habits. Join us to learn more about getting good sleep.

Dinner will be served at this free event, but seating is limited. To reserve your seat, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events, or call 321-268-6110.



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Tree Lighting Events Honoring Loved Ones

Hospice of St. Francis is extending a community-wide invitation to Lights of Love, two seasonal ceremonies (held simultaneously), designed to

honor loved ones in a unique, uplifting and beautiful way. The ceremonies will be held concurrently at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 15 in Titusville on the Hospice of St. Francis Campus at 1250-B Grumman Place and in Rockledge at 123 Barton Boulevard, on the grounds of the Resource Center at 6:30 p.m.

“We hope everyone who wishes to honor their loved ones will join us as we light majestic oak trees adorned with hundreds of twinkling lights dedicated to those we love. A small donation in honor or memory of your loved one will bring tribute to their life through a light on the tree. This donation will also help support those who are grieving in our community through our grief support programs that are available to anyone in the Brevard county community,” said Cami Leech Florio, Chief Operations Officer at Hospice of St. Francis. “Donations made in memory of loved ones will support programs in your own community provided by Hospice of St. Francis through our Bereavement Outreach services. Hospice of St. Francis offers free grief support through support groups and events including the NorthStar Program for Grieving Children program which helps children and teens cope with the heartache caused by the death of someone they care about. The NorthStar program is open to all children in the community who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, it is not

restricted to those who are relatives of our patients. Additionally, Hospice of St. Francis holds ongoing grief support groups and sessions for all ages as well as special programs for caregivers.”

Those wishing to participate can visit the Lights of Love Web site: www.LightsofLoveBrevard.com.

Hospice of St. Francis is Brevard County’s longest-serving and only independent not-for-profit hospice. Founded in 1977, the organization serves all of Brevard County and in 2018 was one of two hospice organizations in Florida and one of only sixty-five nationwide to be named as Hospice Honors Elite in a prestigious program that recognizes hospices providing the highest level of quality. Elite award recipients are identified by scoring above the HEALTHCAREfirst National Performance Score on every one of the 24 quality indicators measured. This landmark compilation of quality measures included results from over 1800 hospices throughout the United States.

For more information, please contact Julie R. Grantham, jgrantham@HospiceofStFrancis.com or 321-412-2408.



Never heard of Operation Christmas Child? This is a ministry started by Franklin Graham and Samaritan’s Purse. Go to their website:

<http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. They also have a Facebook page.

You can use and fill any shoebox you have or we will have a limited supply of shoeboxes available at the church. National Collection Week will be November 12-19.

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

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Port St. John Public Library November 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 Nov. 12, 22 & 23.

Yarning for a Cause: Mondays, 10 am-12 pm.

Master Gardener: Mondays, 2-4 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.

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

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

Yarn Club: Fridays, 2-4:00 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. 6, 6:00 pm PSJ Special District
Advisory Board Meeting
- Nov. 8, 10-1:00 pm North Brevard Home
School Co-op
- Nov. 10, 10 am-Noon Port St. John Pokémon
Club
- Nov. 14, 6:30-7:30 Bookworms Adult Book
Discussion Group
- Nov. 15, 10-1:00 pm North Brevard Home
School Co-op
- Nov. 16, 11:45 am Titusville Chamber of
Commerce
- Nov. 17, 10-Noon Friends of the Library
Shred Event. Bring your papers
to the back parking lot.
- Nov. 19, 5:30 pm Port St. John Public
Library Advisory Board Meeting
- Nov. 21, 6-7:45 pm Sunrise Village
- Nov. 24, 10 am-Noon Port St. John Pokémon
Club
- Nov. 28, 5:30 pm Friends of the Library
Membership Meeting
- Dec. 1, 10 am Cookies & Milk with Mrs. Claus**



Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be walking around dropping off information in areas all around PSJ for their annual food drive for the needy, BSA Scouting for Food.

The scheduled Information Drop Off Date is November 3rd, 8 am-2 pm. The pickup date for donation items is November 10th, 8 am-11 am. Please have donations out by the road in a plastic bag or box with a tag taped to the donation container so it can be recognized.

This notice is just to have readers alerted for safety and knowledge. Hopefully you'll be able to donate. It's also a good time to leave a notice if your life situation makes you a candidate to receive a food donation. BSA is about helping.

Buffet Breakfast

Blessed Sacrament Church, 5135 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, will be hosting a Buffet Breakfast with Omelet & Waffle Stations by Chef Marcio on Sundays from 9 am - 12 pm.

The cost will be \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children 5-12 and free for children under 5. Everyone is invited to have a great breakfast with your family!

Also, the new Food Pantry is now open Fridays, 11 am - 1 pm.



The Space Coast State Fair is happening now - November 11 at 6091 Stadium Parkway in Viera.

For directions, information on attractions, ticket and VIP pass prices, and a schedule of events at the fair, visit www.spacecoaststatefair.com

Shred Your Confidential Papers

event put on by "Vital Records."

November 17th, 10am til 12 noon at the back parking lot of the library.

**Cookies and Milk with Mrs. Claus
December 1st at 10 am 'til 12 noon.**

Santa will be at the party hearing present requests and taking letters to Santa back to the North Pole. Every child will get a book and candy. There will be crafts, tree decorating, story readings, refreshments and fun!

Sponsored by Friends of the Port St. John Library

007 Casino Night

The SPCA of Brevard is gearing up to host its first ever 007 Casino Night on Saturday, November 10th. In true James Bond style, this exclusive fundraiser will be the first nonprofit event hosted by U.S. Aviation Training Solutions, Inc. in one of the hangars at the Space Coast Executive Airport in Titusville.

Guests will have the opportunity to play craps, roulette, blackjack and more throughout the evening with play money in a "secret casino" surrounded by glitzy airplanes and helicopters. Live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and raffles are just part of the evening's plans. In addition, a live auction for a one hour ride for up to 3 passengers, sight-seeing tour in a Diamond DA42 Twin Star with departure from the Space Coast Executive Airport, will be up for grabs!

"We are thrilled to be able to host our first event outside of our company and are excited to partner with the SPCA with hopes to have an incredibly successful fundraiser for the homeless pets in our community," said Chad Copeland of U.S. Aviation Training Solutions.

Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased online at www.spcabrevard.com. For more information, contact Susan Naylor at 321-567-3615, ext. 248.

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What do parents need to do when choosing an early childhood education or VPK program for their child?

1. Do your research.

A. Go online to The Florida Department of Children and Families. You can look up the providers in your area and all relevant information pertaining to a child care provider: name, address, license number, provider type, capacity, days and hours of operation and services offered.

You will also find some very important information you must know before you can make a well informed decision about what early childhood program to place your child in. Take the time to look at their inspection reports.

- <http://cares.myflfamilies.com/PublicSearch>

B. The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate website provides information about Florida's Education Program to parents, VPK providers and other interested parties. The website enables you to review all VPK Providers Kindergarten Readiness Rates. The "Readiness Rate" Measures how well a VPK provider prepares a four-year-old to be ready for kindergarten based upon the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards.

Look up the VPK Program Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate at vpk.fldoe.org/home.

Florida Office of Early Learning
250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, FL, 32399
866-447-1159

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) also helps by offering financial assistance to low-income families for early education.

You can read or print out a very well written booklet called "A Parent's Guide to Child Care." This is a family guide for helping families select quality early learning programs. You will also find another printable booklet called "Quality Checklist for Evaluation Early Learning Programs" at www.floridaearlylearning.com/.

2. Do your interviews.

One of the most important things to look for is effective differentiation; in other words, effective attention to the learning needs of each student and that requires a learning environment in which:

- The teacher is attuned and responsive to the affective, cognitive and physical need of her students.
- The students feel safe, both physically and affectively.
- The teacher respects and supports the possibilities inherent in each student.
- The students are learning to respect and support one another as learners.
- The teacher and students share in the decision-making process about daily routines and classroom operation.

- Tomlinson C. (2010) Leading and Managing A Differentiated Classroom. P.20

As a teacher and director for over 40 years, the

One thing I advise people to do when observing an early learning environment is ask yourself these questions.

What do I see?

What do I smell?

What do I feel?

What do I hear?

While you are observing the early childhood program, pay attention to whether or not all children are provided settings that are safe, healthy and nurturing. Are the teachers quick to respond to each child's individual needs? The teachers should also be committed to establishing and maintaining programs that support children's individual needs. Look to see if the teacher promotes respect for individual differences and helps children learn to succeed, participate and work cooperatively. Look to see if there is a place in the classroom for a child to play alone. See if there are more than one of the same toys. This is important to stop fighting in the early learning environment.

Ask the early childhood program how they promote communication, cooperation, and teamwork between the home and the program.

If your child has a special need, ask the early childhood teacher if they have support services and if so, ask what they are and how they might help your child's development.

I hope this article has helped you make a well informed decision regarding choosing a great early childhood program for your family.

- Janet Locker

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Walter Butler Community Center - November, 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

12th - Center closed Veterans Day Holiday

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

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Basketball Fundamentals, 3-4 p.m.

Kids Yoga, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Open Gym, 5-8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays

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

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Basketball Fundamentals, 3-4 p.m.

4-H Garden Club, 3-4 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Open Gym, 5-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

Home School Yoga, 10:15-11 a.m.

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

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

LEGO BRICK Club, K-2nd, 3-4 p.m.

Robotic Club, 4-5 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Thursdays

22nd - Center Closed for Thanksgiving Day
Holiday

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

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m. -2 & 6-8 p.m.

Home School, 10 a.m. -12 a.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Kids Yoga, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LEGO BRICK Club, 3rd-6th, 4-5 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Fridays

23rd - Center Closed for Thanksgiving Day
Holiday

Open Gym, 9-11 a.m.

Home School, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

4-H Garden Club, 3-4 p.m.

Saturdays

Open Gym, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Basketball Fundamentals - Program designed for boys and girls ages 8 to 12. 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 held Monday and Tuesday 3-4 p.m. For more information, contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center at (321)433-4448.

Cosmic Kids Yoga - Kids (ages 5+) can practice yoga with a certified cosmic Kids Yoga instructor. Yoga is a great way to increase flexibility, lower stress and improve energy. The goal is to teach kids yoga in a fun, exciting, story-fashion while focusing on three principle ideas; think good things, say good things, do good things. This class meets twice a month. For more information contact the Walter Butler Community Center at (321) 433-4448.

Robotics Club & Lego Brick Club - In each class we will learn how to build and program a particular robot using the LEGO WeDo 2.0 System. This system strengthens students' understanding of the eight science and engineering practices. For more information, contact Walter Butler Community Center at (321) 433-4448.

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

Kids in Motion - An after school program that focuses 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. For more information contact WBCC at (321)433-4448.

4-H Junior Master Gardener Program - The Junior Master Gardner Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays 3-4 p.m. For more information contact Jan Jordan at the Walter Butler Community Center (321) 433-4448.

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held at Walter Butler Community Center 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.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, November 8th, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend.

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

For questions, call Jeff Davis at 264-5105.

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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Won't you come join us? We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at Discovery Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 PM. www.CanaveralGrovesHOA.com





Fruit From The Groves

Summary of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Meeting.

A Deputy from Brevard County Sheriff's Office West Precinct, which patrols the Groves, was there. He updated the group on what was going on in the Groves. He also advised us to keep calling in when we're see something because we are their eyes and ears in this large area.

Brevard County Code Enforcement was also there. Three representatives talked, answered questions and were very informative. They also stated they were a reactive agency, not a proactive one on complaints. In other words, they respond to complaints, but do not go looking for them. They receive thousands of complaints per year. Most times the complaints can be handled by just talking to those involved.

Booklets were given out to all who attended the meeting, telling them the types of complaints that they handle. Again, they answered all questions that were put to them. They were given a round of applause when done.

Summer Breeze Plantation at the south end of Alan Shepard Ave. was brought up. There will be 31 homes built there. This group of homes is not in the Groves or unincorporated Brevard County. It is in the city of Cocoa. This happened when the City of Cocoa annexed land a few years back. The only way in and out of Summer Breeze will be through Alan Shepard Ave. to Canaveral Groves Blvd. This, when completed, will raise the traffic on these streets. The construction workers and vehicles will also be using the streets to build it. There are no plans at this time to make any other entrances or exits for this complex. Brevard County Fire will respond to the area under the Auto Aid agreement until Cocoa Fire gets there.

There will be an area wide yard sale on November 3rd starting at 8 a.m. All homes, this is the time to sell those items that you no longer need.

Beware the next few days and weeks to come. There will be people and organizations calling and sending out letters asking for donations to help the hurricane victims. Some of them will sound and look real. Only send money to organizations that you know and make sure it is really them.

Have a Happy Holiday!

Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners
Association, Inc.

Water Service on Satellite Blvd.

The water line project on Satellite Blvd. in West, by Gosh, Canaveral Groves is completed. Water service will be brought to the property line for all properties. The cost of connection from there to the house could be free. That decision is based on income eligibility. HUD eligibility guidelines will be used to determine whether the county will pay or the owner will pay for connection to the house.

Water service is only available to property that fronts Satellite Blvd. If you're down a side road, water service isn't available at this time.

To apply for connection, prospective customers should contact Jessie Hart at Brevard County Housing and Human Services, 321-633-2076, to get the requirements and cost of connecting to the water main. Jessie is very informative and pleasant.

Once a resident's home is connected, you can apply for water service to the City of Cocoa by mail, over the telephone or internet, or in person with proper identification. By applying for service, the customer agrees to abide by all current and future provisions of the Utilities Handbook. Call 321-433-8400 or email customerservice@cocoaf.org. You can look at or download a copy of the Utilities Handbook at <https://www.cocoaf.org/DocumentCenter/View/4836/Utilities-Handbook?bidId=>.

Our District 1 County Commissioner, Rita Pritchett, has two exemplary Legislative Aides; Marcia Newell and Amy Craddock. These two ladies have diligently followed the progress of the installation of the waterline on Satellite Boulevard in West Canaveral Groves. This project has been in the works for approximately twenty years, many times near extinction, only to be revived by the diligent work of members of the West Canaveral Groves Home Owners Assn.

Over the years, the slowly increasing number of residents received Postal, UPS & FED EX delivery services, sheriff patrols, school bus service, telephone & TV. Electricity has been in the area for years. Finally the money was made available through CDBG, a Community Development Block Grant, to bring clean, healthy city water services into the Satellite Blvd. area.

The county contracted DP Development to do the work. They were delayed by our recent hurricanes, but the job was completed this summer. The county will be in touch with residents already residing there regarding individual connections.

Thank you Commissioner Pritchett and your thoughtful helpers.

- I. Centi Thompson

Holiday Photos with Santa

Bring your pet and children, too, and join Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida for Holiday Photos With Santa! The event will take place on Saturday, November 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pet Supermarket, 4100 Wickham Road (Post & Wickham), Melbourne.

For a \$10.00 donation, receive a framed 4x6 color photo and a goody bag. Purchase chances to win a fabulous prize. Your gift will help pay the medical expenses of the dogs that Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida, Inc. rescues.

All pets must be on a leash, or in appropriate carriers, and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends.

No appointment necessary.



General Information

Please monitor our website for any future news and announcements on upcoming events and registration events.

Registration: Come out and register for our competition cheerleading. Registration will begin 11/1 and stop on 1/7. Take advantage of our early registration prices, and monitor our website for further news. Registration can be completed from home on our website, spacecoastpanthers.org.

Early registration for the following fall season will begin 12/1 and will be open on our website.

Community Events: The Board for Space Coast Panthers is comprised of all volunteers who are dedicated to growing and making the league a success. We have nominations and elections every year in December to make sure the league can be set up as best as possible for the next calendar year. This year we will be having the nominations meeting on 12/4 and elections will be held on 12/11. The nominations and elections are held at the Space Coast Communities

Sports Complex. If you have any further questions regarding this process, please feel free to reach out to any board member. The current list of board members can be found on our website. This league cannot run without this board and we are always looking for volunteers and help.

Volunteers Needed: The Space Coast Panthers have been a huge success and it could not have been done without the help from the coaches. All our coaches are volunteers and give their personal time up to train and help the boys and girls of our league. We are always in need of more volunteers for coaches. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Spring and Fall season. Please speak with a board member or contact us through our website. This is a great way to give back to your community and help make a difference.

Thank You –

We would like to make sure our parents, board members, all volunteers and our sponsors know how much we appreciate all they have done. Without you we would not be such a success. We would like to thank you all for being a huge part of our league and helping make the 2018 year

great. Support from the community is what keeps our league going year after year. A very special thank you goes out to our sponsors:

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Honor a loved one by placing a light on the holiday tree.

The event is free and everyone is invited to enjoy:

- ★ *Free Hot Chocolate and Baked Goods*
- ★ *Face Painting*
- ★ *Games and Prizes*
- ★ *Spectacular Fireworks Display*
- ★ *Photos with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Santa's reindeer (bring your camera)*
- ★ *And many more surprises!*

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