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*** PSJ Christmas Parade Results! ***

The 29th annual Port St. John Christmas Parade took off under overcast skies, but the weather was cool and felt like winter time (in Florida, anyway). Last year's parade champion, PSJ Veterinary Clinic, did not return to defend their title and Best Overall was won by Cub Scout Pack 704 with a dazzling float and lots of imagination and hard work to build it.

The Space Coast Vipers Marching Band, always a favorite of the crowd, rocked the whole mile but were beat out for top Marching Musical honors by Brevard Arts Academy, another annual category winner. It was a clash of champions that the spectators won!

Space Coast HS ROTC unit put on a great show and as always, looked extraordinarily sharp doing it. The cheerleaders from both the Middle School and the High School danced and performed to the music. The floats were fantastic and more amazing considering the recent weather while they were built!

Our Grand Marshall this year was District 1 County Commissioner Rita Pritchett riding in a beautiful '71 Barracuda. (Could you hear the



jealousy in my voice?)

As always a VERY BIG THANK YOU goes out to Parrish Medical Center and Happenings, who create the parade, and our other great sponsors: Higginbotham Companies, FP&L, Community Credit Union, Sweeney's Auto Repair, Shirt Shack, Maureen Rupe, Dogs 'R Us, All Air & Heat, Inc., Port St. John Auto Repair, Domino's, Freedom AC, Shipping Depot, PSJ Blackbelt Academy, Allstate Insurance, Port Java, Friends of the Library and Rolling Thunder. Please remember these businesses and people who give

back to make our community a wonderful place to live.

And of course, a BIG THANK YOU to the Christmas Parade Committee and our newest volunteers, many of whom miss the parade every year working at Challenger 7 Elementary staging the entries to create the parade. YOU ARE AWESOME!

Lots more photos are inside!
~ Randy Rodriguez

Christmas Parade Winners:

Best Overall

- 1st Place Creativity
- 2nd Place Creativity
- 1st Place Spirit
- 2nd Place Spirit
- 1st Place Theme
- 2nd Place Theme
- 1st Place Musical:
- 2nd Place Musical
- 1st Place Marching Non-Musical:
- 2nd Place Marching Non-Musical:

Cub Scout Pack 704

- SCHS Softball/Baseball
- Old Florida Grill
- Brevard County Sheriff
- Coastal Septic
- 1st Baptist Church of PSJ
- Allstate Insurance
- Brevard Arts Academy
- SCHS Viper Band
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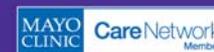
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The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays – Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mondays

21st Center Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr.
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

1st - Center Closed for New Year's 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.

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

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.

10th & 24th - Cub Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

Fridays

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!

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. Ages 12 years to adults. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 6-7 PM \$5 per class. Call 321-633-1904.

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 PSJ Community Center.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Port St. John Events, Current and Past

Port St. John owes a debt of gratitude to Randy Rodriguez and his volunteers for their dedicated service to the community in bringing a Port St. John Christmas Parade, and unless you are involved, you will never know the work that goes into the parade.

Background: The Parade made its appearance in 1990, and made its way down Curtis Blvd. In 1991 it moved to Fay Blvd. where it has been every year forward. This year, 2018, is the 29th year we have had a parade in Port St. John, bringing all our residents out and bringing our community together for this annual event.

The fireworks started in 1993 as a community effort under the name Community Blast. It was originally sponsored by the Kiwanis, Jaycees, PSJ Home Owners Assn. and American Legion. In 1995 the Community Blast became 'Thunder over the Indian River' until the volunteers started to wane and the fireworks event had to end. These were two great community events which were enjoyed by residents with never a thought to the many hours that volunteers have worked to make the events possible. The truth is, we cannot go

forward planning for next year's Port St. John Parade, or reviving the July 4th fireworks without help. The more helpers, the less work for all the volunteers, and the rewards are immense; seeing the children smile and glimmer in everyone's eyes as the Christmas parade goes by. The July 4th fireworks was also a great celebration and a great night of fireworks. So please step forward with that same spirit that other folk have done for you and all of Port St. John.

Some of the original volunteers are still part of the parade team. A big thanks to these super troopers: Holly Turner, Donna Nero, Mark Walker, Wayne Weathers, Steve Sweeney (who brought his wife, Lisa, when they married). The former President of the Jaycees, Tracey Higginbotham, has been a sponsor all these years.

Ode to Volunteers

Many will be shocked to find when the day of judgement nears that there's a special place in heaven set aside for volunteers; furnished with big recliners, satin couches and footstools; where there's no committee chairman, no group leaders or car pools; no eager team that needs a couch, no bazaar and no bake sale; There will be nothing to staple, not one thing to fold or mail;

telephone lists will be outlawed, but... A finger-snap will bring cool drinks and gourmet dinners and rare treats fit for a king or queen. You ask, who'll serve those privileged few and work for all they're worth? Why, all those who reaped the benefits and not once volunteered on earth.

'Author Unknown'

Brightline Update

A friend of mine is a member of the Turtle Coast Sierra Club based in Brevard and a regular volunteer at the Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area. He met with the Tosohatchee WMA manager on the morning of 12/13/2018. From what he heard, the construction of Brightline from Orlando to Cocoa is heating up. The Tosohatchee WMA Manager was contacted by a Brightline contractor about the possibility of placing a temporary construction office at the Lake Charley recreation site. Lake Charlie is a short distance down Fish Hole Road from the SR 528 bridge over Fish Hole Road. The contractor was told that no such facility could be in the Tosohatchee WMA, but staff suggested the contractor contact property owners along Yates Rd. at the south Tosohatchee WMA boundary.

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as it is within the SR 528 right of way. Brightline will be given temporary construction vehicle access on a Tosohatchee WMA service road that parallels the boundary fence. In return for this access, Brightline will install culverts on this service road at Mud - Lake Canal. An old wooden bridge at this location was condemned and demolished over 25 years ago. Installing the culverts will again allow staff and public vehicle access to the eastern most lake that is south of SR 528. Brightline will construct a wildlife underpass at a new location. This underpass will not be functional until SR528 is widened and the underpass extended across the entire SR528 right of way.

Reference: <http://www.myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/wmas/lead/tosohatchee>

Trouble in Paradise

1000 Friends of Florida is a statewide nonprofit organization founded in 1986 to better the future of Florida by increasing our residents' quality of life through building a vibrant environment, creating sustainable communities and protecting our vanishing natural resources. The group's website is <http://www.1000friendsofflorida.org>. The Natural Resource Committee met in Novem-

ber and the topic was 1000 Friends of Florida's Special Reports.

Nathan Pryor Reed, who recently died, spearheaded the 1000 Friends of Florida Special Report, 'Trouble in Paradise.' "The first sentence of the introduction states Florida's environment provides both the foundation for this state's quality of life and the cornerstone of its economy.

"As noted in the introduction, Trouble in Paradise '...is the work product of deeply concerned members of the Florida environmental community who wish to help elected officials and candidates for office better understand six major statewide environmental issues impacting Florida's natural resources and our residents' quality of life.'" The six-major statewide environmental issues:

1. Conserving natural lands: Florida was a national leader for land conservation programs. With the Environmentally Endangered Lands program in 1972, the Conservation and Recreational Lands (CARL) program in 1979, in 1990 the Preservation 2000 Act was passed, and in 1999, the Florida Forever Act was passed. The legislature suspended funding in 2008, and in

2014 voters approved the Water and Land Conservation Amendment to the Florida Constitution. Unfortunately, the legislature has been trying to avoid its proper implementation. Fortunately, Florida residents understand the importance of land conservation as it protects our clean drinking water, allows for flood control, protects wildlife habitat, allows for recreation opportunities and protects our state's economic health.

2. Safeguarding water supply: The 1972 Florida Water Resources Act created five Regional Water Management Districts. The core mission areas of the Water Districts are to address regional water supply, water quality, flood protection/floodplain management and natural resource systems. Unfortunately, funding has been cut to the Water Districts significantly and the board (appointed by the Governor) has been influenced by politics instead of being based on protection of the water supplies. The report stresses that since clean water is such a finite resource, Florida's waters must be much better managed to ensure there is a fair balance between the needs of people, maintaining the environment and protecting agriculture needs.

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Good Day!, cont.

3. Promoting water conservation: A 2016 Study named "Florida 2070/Water 2070," shows Florida will have 15 million new residents by 2017, more than doubling our water needs. We must reduce our water usage by such ways as less water irrigation, and reduce other household usage such as bathing, laundry and dishwashing. Floridians waste a lot of water, and as stated before, this is a finite resource.

4. Protecting and restoring water quality: Floridians expect safe, clean water to drink, swim, fish and for our environment. At least 2,100 Florida water bodies are deemed impaired and there are even more that are contaminated. Nutrients from fertilizer, manure, septic tanks, and landscaping is endangering our water resources. We continually have outbreaks of algae bloom and red tide posing danger to our health, and causing fish kills, death of wildlife, threatening our drinking water and many other harmful effects.

5. Managing growth: We have 1,000 new residents per day, which accounts for the same as adding a city the size of Tampa every year. The report states "Promoting compact, walkable, mixed-use development in appropriate locations

reduces the pressure to sprawl out into farmland, rural communities and natural lands." This, along with land conservation and accounting for sea level rise due to climate change, will help us towards a better future.

6. Addressing climate change and community resilience: We know as Florida is mostly a low-lying area, we need to think about Climate Change, and proactively protect our communities. We don't know how the impacts of climate change will affect our natural systems, but we do know we have fewer freezes, our aquifers have increased salinity, and our corals are bleaching due to warmer oceans and acidification.

The report has a lot of recommendations to fix these problems using down to earth solutions. We need to ensure every candidate, whether state or federal, are aware of these major issues and are willing to work through the recommendations for each issue's resolutions. If they are not, our future and quality of life will pay dearly.

Reference: <http://www.1000friendsofflorida.org>.

Cheerio,
Maureen Rupe
rupe32927@earthlink.net



The 2019 Space Coast Seafood & Music Festival will be held on March 7-10, 2019 at Space Coast Daily Park, 6091 Stadium Parkway, in Viera. The event will be open Thursday, 5 pm-10 pm; Friday, 5 pm-11 pm; Saturday, 10 am-12 midnight; and Sunday, 10 am-6 pm.

On Thursday, March 7th, Brevard County's Space Coast Symphony Orchestra presents "Music of the Night," a free concert under the stars.

On Friday, March 8th, American Band_SOJA and Jamaica's Ky-Mani Marley will headline the big Friday night celebration with cool sounds of reggae music to start the weekend vibe.

On Saturday, March 9th, Travis Tritt and The Charlie Daniels Band will headline the 4th annual event on Saturday, along with the highly popular The Cadillac Three. The three country music star bands are on the blockbuster "Outlaws & Renegades Tour," which will draw thousands to Florida's Space Coast.

On Sunday, March 10th, Classic American southern rockers Molly Hatchet will jam the Seafood & Music Festival with a free concert.

The Space Coast Daily Park was constructed with festivals in mind, featuring ample parking and a spectacular event flow. The festival will also include premier arts and crafts as well as a kids zone for the young ones.

We are looking for the best seafood you have to offer, and are particularly interested in vendors that can elevate their game to include unique seafood items.

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Project Graduation 2019

5K Fundraiser: 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 registration online. Find us on Facebook and follow the link or contact Kathy Camick at kcamick17@gmail.com for information on signing up or sponsorships.

Golf Tournament: We are excited to be hosting a golf tournament at Indian River Preserve Golf Club on March 9th, 2019. Please put this important date on your calendar. Individuals: \$75, Team of 4: \$250. This also includes a cart and BBQ lunch. For information or to sponsor, contact Jessica Zeller at zellerj@gmail.com.

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 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.

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

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Shoes: You can keep saving shoes. We will have another collection of shoes in the spring.

Thank you to those who donated.

The next monthly meeting will be January 14th, 6 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.

For information on any of these important fundraising events, please contact:

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

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

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CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY. We, as a commu-
nity, need to be reminded of this often as 26 cars
or more were reported having been broken into in
Port St. John in December alone. A local package
thief was apprehended and arrested, but she will
be released and back at it. Her accomplice drives
a red sports car.

Be on the lookout. As always, if it doesn't
look right, chances are it's NOT! Call Brevard
County Sheriff's Office non-emergency (North)
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- Neighbor Nell

Parrish Medical Center Offers Free Community Support Groups

Parrish Medical Center is offering free sup-
port groups for community members living with
various health issues. See the upcoming January
2019 support groups listed below:

- Awake Sleep Disorders Support group, Mon-
day, Jan. 14, 6-8 p.m., Parrish Healthcare Center,
5005 Port St. John Parkway Port St. John
- Caregiver Support Group, Thursday, Jan. 3
and 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N.
Washington Ave., Titusville
- Care Giver Academy, Thursday, Jan. 10, 10-11
a.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave.,
Titusville
- Diabetes Support Group, Thursday, Jan. 10
3:30-5 p.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington
Ave., Titusville
- MAK Gathering (Moms and Kidz) Support
Group, every Monday and Wednesday (Jan. 2,
7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30), 10-11:30 a.m.,
The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave.,
Titusville
- Parkinson's Support Group of North Brevard,
Friday, Jan. 18, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N.
Washington Ave., Titusville
- Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group,
Tuesday, Jan. 8, 3-5 p.m., Grace United Method-
ist Church, Merritt Island
- Stroke-Heart Survivors Group, Tuesday, Jan.
15, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington
Ave., Titusville
- Parrish Partners Cancer Support Group, Mon-
day, Jan. 21, 4-5:30 p.m., Parrish Medical Center,
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GG's Roots

Rose's Room

With the holiday Hoo-Ha finally behind us for another year the time for new beginnings are upon us. I have to say the new beginning I would like to see most is a change in said Hoo-Ha.

Being not of totally sound mind, I ventured into THE big department store... in the middle of the day... on the weekend. And what I found was a far cry from 'Good will toward man' - or child. Parents' faces stretched tight by stress rushing from aisle to aisle trying to quiet children having meltdowns and remember if they bought something for Aunt Martha. Toddlers needing naps communicating the only way they know how at full voice, kindergarteners whining "I want," preteens sulking... When did stress and tears replace Christmas magic as the norm for the season?

I began the new beginnings thing a tad earlier this year - I have to say it really wasn't such a new beginning... my big sister said, "We are going to see our ancestral homeland." And I said "O.K."

Actually, the only thing new about that is the destination, I have been saying "O.K." and following her for a long time. Planning the itinerary, fighting the computer to purchase the tickets, schlepping luggage sans male counterpart was old hat for her, but a new beginning for me.

Shifting from one foot to the other like the excited five-year-old ahead of me, I mentioned to the nice TSA lady that I had recent surgery and have metal in my foot. She smiled and nodded. I snickered at my sister when she got beeped by the x-ray machine until it happened to me and the nice TSA lady motioned me to go through again. I mentioned to her I have metal in my foot again and she nodded again. The machine beeped again and a nice TSA gentleman came at me with the hand held sensor. I mentioned to him I have metal in my foot. After being 'wanded' in uncomfortable places, the nice TSA gentleman asked me to take off my shoes, 'wanded' my feet and told the nice TSA lady, "She must have some metal in her leg or foot. Let her through."

So it began.

After a great flight to JFK, a horrendous flight to Rome and a great flight to Catania, the Citelli/Padrick Citelli/Martone sisters hit Sicily!

Well, 'hit' may be just a tad overstating what

our well past sixtieth summer bodies were doing...

After another enjoyable bout with TSA, bee-lines through two airports that would make Simpson (if you don't know, ask your mom) proud, dragging a carry-on with a woogly wheel, climbing up stairs to get into the plane, then down said stairs to get out of the plane, lifting-shoving-pulling said carry-on with the woogly wheel; our arrival probably more closely resembled a 'near coma' than a 'hit.'

But Regalbuto, here we come!

Despite the inability to speak a word of English and our inability to speak more than a few words of Italian, the wonderful owners of the B and B made sure someone very kindly took us to view the schools, buildings and plazas named for our ancestors every day, besides making us a great European breakfast daily and several true Italian dinners.

Walking in the same footsteps, on the same narrow avenues between the same stone homes as much more learned sharers of my DNA was humbling enough. Doing so while struggling not to slip on the mossy parts and watching a hunched over gray haired lady pass me was not something I would have liked my female sibling to take pictures of when she could stop laughing long enough to hold her phone still.

In between backing into the owner's prize cactus and getting attacked by the geese while trying to pet the pony, my mind was overtaken by the beauty and sheer awe of just being in a foreign place that is actually home.

Next new beginning is the first annual girls only weekend away from home... made possible by the kindness of my daughter's husband when he unselfishly offered to stay home all by himself and try valiantly to stave off loneliness by binge watching documentaries and ordering pizza between naps.

There's a new song out with the line, "When is the last time you did something for the first time?" I'm going to be shaking off the dust and answering that question every chance I get this year and strongly encourage all of you to do the same!

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Monthly Tax Update

Wow!!! You're in for a real surprise with the new Form 1040. The Form 1040, as we have known it for years and years, is no longer. Recent legislation has reduced it to a two page "postcard size" document to simplify the tax filing process. The form is now reduced from the current form with 79 lines to 24 lines and now includes six new schedules to report adjustments to income, taxes, tax credits and other pertinent information. In addition, we still have the normal schedules, A through F, which are unchanged, except for changes implemented by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

You will also find forms 1040EZ and 1040A are also replaced with the new postcard size Form 1040. This new form is estimated to permit 30% of the taxpayers to use this form without any additional schedules. About 35% will only need one additional schedule and the remaining 35% will require several schedules or forms to complete the tax filing requirements.

Okay, here's a few side notes for you to generate some thoughts: alimony is no longer deductible for any divorce or separation agreements executed after December 31, 2018, and at the same time, the recipients of the payments do not have to claim it as income; there is a newly created \$500 nonrefundable (this means if you're not subject to any tax liability it won't create one) tax credit for dependent(s) who are 17 or older you're supporting (this could be for your dependent child, adult or relative); there is now a Qualified Business Income Deduction reducing your taxable income; the standard deduction for a married couple is \$24,000 and a single taxpayer is \$12,000. The personal exemption deduction

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has been repealed; unreimbursed employee expenses are no longer deductible on Schedule A; a bonus depreciation is now available for businesses when they purchase new or preowned equipment; business meals and entertainment costs are primarily not deductible.

Next, let's talk about who prepares your taxes. Did you know, anyone can be a paid tax return preparer as long as they have an IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). However, these PTIN preparers have differing levels of skills, education and expertise. Also, they may prepare your tax return, but they can't represent you in audit or any inquiry by IRS unless they prepared the return. You may pay more for an Enrolled Agent, CPA, or an attorney, but it's worth it in the long run. Their continuing education requirements can be invaluable. If you want, there is a "Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications" at irs.gov, where it can help you find preparers in our area who currently hold professional credentials recognized by the IRS, or who hold an Annual Filing Season Program Record Completion. You can also check the professional organizations many tax preparers belong to.

It is in your best interest to learn about your tax preparer's credentials and qualifications before your appointment and make sure you're com-

fortable to trust them to prepare your tax return. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for the return, not your preparer or friend.

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.

Your Healthcare Future

Parrish Medical Center is offering a free community health presentation about palliative care and planning your future as part of its HealthBridge series. Planning Your Healthcare Future is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 9, from 10 a.m.–noon, at Fairfield Marriott, located at 4735 Helen Hauser Blvd.

The event is free but space is limited for this catered event. For more information, and to pre-register, call 321-268-6110 or visit parrish-healthcare.com/events.

If you have had a loved one receive hospice care, you have probably heard the term "palliative care" — the healing care when a cure is not possible. Palliative care is also the healing care when a cure is possible, but the journey may be long. Discuss options and plans using the Five Wishes Future Planning at this event.

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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 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.

1-1 Happy New Year!

1-1 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.

1-2 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.

1-2 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/.

1-6 Epiphany

1-7 Orthodox Christmas

1-10 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.

1-11 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.

1-13 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

1-13 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.

1-13 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.

1-16 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.

1-18 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.

1-21 Tu Bishvat

1-21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1-21 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.

1-22 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.

The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara and, of course, Opie, were all single. The only married person was Otis!

Congratulations to:

Brandi McGann turns more beautiful on the 1st.

Nathan Weimer turns **11** on the 1st.

Brandon Crissman turns **43** on the 1st.

Angie Crissman is the queen on the 3rd.

Haley Higginbotham turns **19** on the 4th.

Karissa Davis turns **23** on the 4th.

Brittney Parks turns **26** on the 4th.

Craig Taylor turns **38** on the 4th.

Michelle Parks turns prettier on the 5th.

Lisa Sarivola turns cuter on the 5th.

Tom Hunt turns crazier on the 5th.

Carl Anderson IV turns **18** on the 5th.

Lucha Hunt dances all night on the 6th.

Natalee Prentis turns **25** on the 7th.

RaeLynn Weathers gets spanked on the 12th.

Michael Cox turns **15** on the 14th.

Mark Walters turns **21** on the 16th.

Jack Woerner turns **22** on the 22nd.

Makylie Taylor turns **12** on the 24th.

Joe Casey parties wild on the 25th.

Brittanie Grenet turns more lovely on the 31st.

Dylan Carmichael turns **13TEEN** on the 31st

Rob & Cheryl Wratchford celebrate their 36th anniversary on the 29th.

The Christmas Parade Committee for a Great Job on Dec. 15th. Well done, team!!

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net

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Social Security Phone Scams

The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is urging citizens to remain vigilant of telephone impersonation schemes that exploit the Social Security Administration's (SSA) reputation and authority.

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continues to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people claiming to be from SSA. Recent reports have indicated that unknown callers are using increasingly threatening language in these calls. The callers state, due to improper or illegal activity with a citizen's Social Security number (SSN) or account, a citizen will be arrested or face other legal action if they fail to call a provided phone number to address the issue. This is a scam; citizens should not engage with these calls or provide any personal information.

The Acting Inspector General urges citizens to be extremely cautious, and to avoid providing information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. If you receive a

suspicious call from someone alleging to be from SSA, you should report that information to the OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

See the full advisory at the OIG website, <https://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/news-releases/>.



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Our Bantam football team pushed harder this year to make it through the second round of playoffs and earned their way to the big game - the Brevard County Youth Football & Cheer Association (BCYFCA) Super Bowl. They came up a bit short but have vowed to come back even stronger for the Fall season and take that final step to the title.

Our Junior Rookie football team showed that teamwork makes the dream work – their first year as a tackle team together and they were able to bring home a Super Bowl win, making them the Champions in their division across the association. This is the first year in over a decade, where our Space Coast Panthers' had even one team in the Super Bowl and we are extremely proud to have two teams earn their spot for 2018. We are amazed at the growth in our athletes as each year passes!

The BCYFCA Cheer Competition was full of excitement and wins, too. Every cheer team from our 2018 season placed in their division. So much hard work and dedication from all our athletes, and it paid off. Flag - 1st place, Junior Rookie - 2nd place, Mighty Mites - 1st place, Bantam - 1st place, Senior - 3rd place

The Space Coast Panthers Board of Directors nominations/elections were held. We now have new and additional members joining the league to help support our community. Thank you to every volunteer who has helped make our league a success in previous years. Without volunteers we would have no league. We currently still have open positions if anyone would like to volunteer their time to help our league. Reach out to anyone on the Board through our website or Facebook.

Business Partners Wanted – Need to receive substantial exposure for your business? Want to make a positive impact on the youth in our community? Could you benefit from a tax deduction? We are always accepting new sponsors and we have a plan to meet your needs! Sponsorship forms are available online; www.SpaceCoast-Panthers.org or contact Tia Mahan via email - sponsors@spacecoastpanthers.org - for more

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WHO: Boys and girls, ages 6 and under.

WHERE: Space Coast Communities Sports Complex, 662 Canaveral Groves Blvd, Cocoa.

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COST: \$50.00 monthly (4 payments = \$200 season).

MANDATORY: Meeting January 10, 2019 @ 6:00 at our home fields.

REGISTRATION: Open online 24/7 @ www.spacecoastpanthers.org.

This is a recreational team. This season is only available to boys and girls, ages 6 and under. They must have been on a 2018 Fall BCYFCA season roster (with any BCYFCA league). Feel free to share with anyone eligible. We will be attending 2 competitions (March 24 in Daytona @ Reach the Beach and April 21 in Kissimmee @ The Florida Finals) plus 1 gym showcase at Coastal Elite. The cost includes 2 practices a week for approximately 2 hours, league insurance, lights for the field, a team shirt, a hair bow (girls) and a loaned uniform. Fundraising opportunities are available to help subsidize your costs.

If your athlete is 7 or older, please check out the Coastal Elite Spring competition season being offered.

WHAT: Coastal Elite Mid-Season Competition Cheer Season.

WHO: All interested boys and girls, ages 6-17

(no experience required).

WHERE: Coastal Elite, 880 N Banana River Dr, Merritt Island.

WHEN: January to April 2019.

COST: \$85.00 monthly (\$340 payable in full or 4 monthly payments)

Tryouts were Friday, December 21st. Obviously, this article is being published after the mandatory tryout date, but if you are interested, please call 321-567-0006 to see if there are any more spots available on the team.

We are excited to announce that the Panthers are joining forces with Coastal Elite for our 2019 Spring Competition Season! This is open to the public, so please feel free to share with anyone and everyone. We will be attending 2 competitions and 1 gym showcase. The cost includes 1 practice a week (Tuesday, Thursday or Friday – TBA) for approximately 2 hours, 1 tumbling class a week for approximately 1 hour (optional), a team jersey (baseball style), a hair bow (girls) and a loaned uniform. EVERYONE makes a skill level appropriate team after tryouts have been completed.

Fundraising opportunities are available to help subsidize your costs. Get a true all-star experience, without the higher costs, extreme hours of prac-

tices and crazy travel distances. If your athlete is 6 or younger, please check out the Panther's Spring State competition season being offered.

2019 Spring Coed Flag Football (7 on 7)

Details to be advised as soon as they are available. First meeting in January – keep an eye on our website and Facebook. Coaches are needed!!!

Registration for Fall 2019 Season is now OPEN! We are offering an early bird discount of \$15.00 off each athlete from now until April 30th. PLUS - football players that get registered early may choose their jersey number!

Current rates (prior to discount) -

Tackle Football (6-14) & Cheerleading (6-15) \$90.00

Flag Football & Cheerleading (3-6) \$65.00

Register online 24/7 - www.spacecoastpanthers.org

Also - don't forget to get your volunteer applications in for the season, too, so we can start building our teams; coach, assistant coach, team support, etc

For more information:

www.spacecoastpanthers.org

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EVENT | KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY

WHEN | Tuesday, February 5 | 5-7 pm

WHERE | La Cita Country Club
777 Country Club Dr., Titusville

ABOUT | Join us and our cardiovascular care team to find out how to keep your heart healthy. Learn about state-of-the-art heart care at Parrish Medical Center.

Dinner will be served at this free event, but seating is limited. Visit parrishhealthcare.com/events or call 321-268-6110 to reserve yours.



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Port St. John, Florida Website and Directory Needs Sponsors!

There's a website and directory for Port St. John that has important information for residents and visitors. Along with the website, there are Facebook sites to support it. Port St. John Florida, Port St. John Community Connection, and I Love Port St. John are devoted to the cause to support local economy and to gain area interest.

Local resident and entrepreneur, and Founder of Brevard Arts Academy, Jackie Jordan (a.k.a. Neighbor Nell of Neighborhood Watch) designed the website and supports it, along with a few others to ensure presence on the Space Coast. Miss Jackie has invested much money, time and energy into this project for the past five years.

A minimum pledge of \$25 per year, with a two year pledge minimum, will help to support the site and domain, along with funding for much needed scholarship funding for arts therapy programs. Other plans are available to allow businesses more exposure and advertising. Please help to support this wonderful cause!

Visit www.portstjohnflorida.org for more information and to pledge your support. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

See the Port St. John Christmas Parade video on the site now!

Space Coast Jr/Sr High Project Graduation
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Your Healthcare Future

Parrish Medical Center is offering a free community health presentation about palliative care and planning your future as part of its HealthBridge series. Planning Your Healthcare Future is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 9, from 10 a.m.–noon, at Fairfield Marriott, located at 4735 Helen Hauser Blvd.

The event is free but space is limited for this catered event. For more information, and to pre-register, call 321-268-6110 or visit parrish-healthcare.com/events.

If you have had a loved one receive hospice care, you have probably heard the term “palliative care” — the healing care when a cure is not possible. Palliative care is also the healing care when a cure is possible, but the journey may be long. Discuss options and plans using the Five Wishes Future Planning at this event.



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Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, January 12th and 26th. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.



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.



Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents

Bike Days at the Tiki

January 5, 1 - 5:00 p.m.

Andy's Burgers on the grill with

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Listen to live music.

Drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

7260 S. US Hwy. 1 Bellwood (just north of Port St John), 321-268-1632.

Contact Janice Anderson, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at info@alr359.com for more information.

Central FL Accordion Club

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



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

The next show will be held on Sunday, January 27th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

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

Port St. John Public Library January 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 Jan. 1 and Jan. 21.

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.

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:

Jan. 9, 6 pm PSJ Special District Advisory Board Meeting

Jan. 9, 6:30-7:30 pm Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group

Jan. 12, 10-Noon PSJ Pokémon Club

Jan. 14, 5:30 pm Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board Meeting

Jan. 19, 11-Noon Buddinwriters

Jan. 23, 6:00-7:00 Friends of the Library Membership Meeting

Jan. 26, 10 am-Noon PSJ Pokémon Club

Jan. 30, 6:30-7:45 pm Hundred Acres Woods HOA

"HAPPY NEW YEAR TO PORT SAINT JOHN AND SURROUNDING AREAS"

Please consider joining your Port St. John Friends of the Library this year. We need your help and most importantly, the library needs your help! Please visit the library's Facebook site at Port St John Public Library and see Judy's comments on our community functions and information on how to join our organization.

Sponsored by Friends of the Port St. John Library

PSJ Fireworks Show?

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. The hot topic for the October meeting is whether there is any interest or anyone to work on a fireworks event for Port St. John. You don't need to know how to shoot the fireworks, just be willing to help with the event and the fundraising.

There is no fee to attend. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2nd, 8:00 AM at Port Java in Fay Plaza, 4795 Fay Blvd. See you there!



Calling All Christian Authors!

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

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Highways and Byways Exhibit

The Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach has challenged nine guest artists to create works featuring roads, alleys, vintage roadside attractions and unusual perspectives on travel. On Friday January 25, from 6 to 9pm there will be a reception opening the "Highways and Byways" exhibit.

Participating artists include Russ Wheatley, Lyssa Bowen, Jim Kalupa, Rose Scholder, Heather Kelly, Hassan Patterson, Alex Stankiewicz, Grace Amore Savage, and Florida Highway Men Historic Artist AJ Brown

The evening includes wine and food bites and a free drawing for an artwork by Studios member Tony Sasso. Show awards, sponsored by the Heidelberg Restaurant in Cocoa Beach, will be announced. The reception is an opportunity to talk to the exhibit artists and also meet many of the Studios resident artists who present paintings, photography, fiber art, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture and more.

The exhibit will be on display daily from January 25 through March 18 at the Studios of Cocoa Beach. This non-profit, co-op gallery presents the work of 30 local artists and offers workshops and classes for adults and children in a variety of techniques. The Studio is open Monday and Tuesday 10:30am-3:30 pm, Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 am-8pm and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. For more information on the exhibits, artists, and the workshop schedule, call 321-613-3480 or visit the website: www.studiosofcocoa beach.org.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, January 10th, 2019, 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 (321) 264-5105.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Port St. John Christmas Parade Committee See you next year!



The Christmas Parade Grand Marshall District 1 Commissioner Rita Pritchett



Best Overall - 2018 Cub Scout Pack 704



Walter Butler Community Center - January, 2019

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

21st Center Closed Martin Luther King, Jr.

Holiday

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

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Basketball Fundamentals, 3-4 p.m.

Kid's Art, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Open Gym, 5-8 p.m.

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

Tuesdays

1st Center Closed New Year's Day Holiday

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.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Thursdays

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, 3-4 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Fridays

Open Gym, 9-11 a.m.

Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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

Pickleball, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

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

Co-Ed Basketball Games, 3-7 p.m.

Saturdays

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

Middle School Competitive Basketball League,
11 a.m.- 1 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.

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.

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

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

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

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



You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

I hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season. Remember the kids are out of school until January 10th.

On 12-10-18 I had a meeting with Commissioner Pritchett. The following was discussed:

1) Code Enforcement taking of anonymous complaints. This is done so people who call in valid complaints will not be harassed.

2) Commissioner Pritchett will be looking into the complaint about Realtors calling in complaints to Code Enforcement.

3) Adamson Road is going to be resurfaced some time this physical year; no date as yet.

4) The curve on Adamson Road and Coconut. I'd like to see if they can do anything in order to make it safer.

5) Her staff will see if anything can be done about the storage trailers and the code. The trailers may have to be brought into compliance as a shed or a mini-house would be.

6) The Port St. John boat dock: money has been moved from the general budget to get it fixed. The delay now is due to the St. John's River Management and the Army Corps of Engineers and the permitting.

She advised that if anyone has a problem that she needs to know about, please call her office at 321-607-6901.

Brevard County government is seeking citizen input through "Speak Up Brevard." This will be an online form that can be obtained at <http://www.brevardfl.gov>.

A special shout out to the people in Port St. John who assisted Brevard County Sheriff's Office in apprehending some of the Porch Pirates. This goes to prove that with our assistance, the Sheriff's Office can do a better job protecting all of us.

Also, a special thanks to all the people who also help keep everyone in Canaveral Groves safe. The national average for packages being

stolen is 1 out of 12. Let's try to keep our average lower by looking out for one another.

The number of fire and rescue calls has gone up in the Groves. Remember that we are in the dry season and now is the time to remove all brush from around your property. It is also a good idea to mark where your septic tank is, in case the fire trucks have to come across your property. This will help the Guardians of the Groves and others who come in to help. Only call the fire department if you see visible flames for brush fires. Never call 911 when requesting information. It is ONLY for EMERGENCIES.

The next Canaveral Groves Homeowners meeting will be on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7 pm. It will be held at Discovery Church on Grissom Parkway. This is a very important meeting because it is the election of officers for the following year. Due to people leaving the area, there will be some openings that must be filled per Florida State Statute in order to continue our existence.

The 2019 dues are now due, \$15.00 per year. Applications can be found in the Happenings or dues can be paid at the meetings. The dues pay for our expenses. Remember that we are all volunteers and are here for the good of the Groves.

A.G. Development Group (agdevgroup.com) is in the planning stages of developing businesses such as grocery stores, doctors offices, etc. on Port St. John Parkway near Parrish Medical Center.

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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.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their next meeting on January 9th in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at 7:30pm.

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

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

For more information, visit their website at www.eaa724.org.



You are invited to the sixth Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, January 26th, at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village. Be the first to piece together the Mystery Puzzle and win a Prize! Bring your canine companion, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from the Bearded Chef, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) rescue whose mission is to help with the re-homing of displaced Great Danes and providing ongoing education regarding responsible Dane ownership and care.

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. We hope you can join us!

Contact Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., www.gdlcf.org/ or Pam Shaia at Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584 or Dirty Oar Beer Company, (321) 301-4306 for more information.

16-Inch Softball League

The City of Cape Canaveral is currently registering players and teams for its first ever 16-inch softball league. A first of its kind in Brevard County, this fun-for-all sport is a great way to start the new year off right.

Players of all skill levels, ages 18 and older are welcome to join. Register a team or as an individual! Registration costs \$275 dollars per team for a roster of up to 20 players and includes 10 regular season games plus playoffs. The winning team will be awarded custom, champion team t-shirts!

Games will be played at Canaveral City Park located at 355 Monroe Ave. in Cape Canaveral, every Thursday night beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For information, contact the Culture and Leisure Services Dept. at 321-868-1226 or email Aaron at a.leyte@cityofcapecanaveral.org.

KBB Golf Tournament

Save the date! It's that time of year to register for Keep Brevard Beautiful's 4th Annual Golf Tournament on February 22, 2019 at the Cocoa Beach Country Club.

Team sign in begins at 11 AM, with a Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM. The tournament is a four person team scramble. Entry includes a box lunch and drink ticket for each player. There are opportunities to win door prizes, contests and a 50/50 drawing at the after party!

Team Entry - \$280.00 Individual Player - \$75.00. All funds generated from this event will be used locally in support of KBB's mission of beautification, recycling and educational programs in Brevard County.

For more information, contact Tammie Lizon at 321-631-0501, extension 204. Keep Brevard Beautiful, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, so donations are tax deductible.

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?



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