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Thunder Over the Indian River Artwork Competition Winner

The winner is: Shane Sutor! This is his winning artwork.

Shane is in the 9th Grade at Space Coast Jr/Sr High and will be turning 15 soon. He has lived in Port St John all his life and is the oldest of 5 brothers and sisters. His favorite classes are drawing and H/VAC. Congratulations Shane!



The PSJ Boat Ramp Is Open

The Port St. John Boat Ramp located at 6650 North U.S. 1, has officially reopened, and ahead of schedule. The ramp closed due to safety concerns after receiving substantial damage from Hurricane Irma in 2017 and was targeted to reopen on Wednesday, May 8.

Repairs to the boat ramp started with the removal of pre-existing structures including the concrete sidewalk, docks, piles and broken asphalt. New construction consisted of three new wooden fixed docks, a new concrete pedestrian ramp, 100' sea wall, 60' new aluminum sheet pile bulkhead to replace a portion of the existing wooden bulkhead, fill placement and grading, installation of native plants (cod grass), new concrete sidewalk, replacement of damaged parking stalls, resealing of existing asphalt parking lot, and the application of pavement striping.



The Port St. John Boat Ramp provides access for watching wildlife, fishing and viewing launches along the Indian River.

Completion of the Port St. John Boat Ramp marks the 11th of 20 hurricane-related park repairs/rebuilds underway as part of a \$12 million hurricane recovery effort.

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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

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Seniors at Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mondays

Outside Basketball, 6-8 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.
Billiards, 6-8 p.m.
Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 6-8 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 6-8 p.m.
Billiards, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 6-8 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 6-8 p.m.
Billiards, 6-8 p.m.
Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Billiards, 6-8 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 6-8 p.m.

Fridays

Summer Camp, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays

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

Zumba Classes - Zumba incorporates rhythms of Latin and international music to high energy aerobic/fitness dance movements. Zumba tones the body by integrating basic principles of movement and resistance training. Dancers and long-time exercisers thoroughly enjoy exercising in a healthy, fun environment. Ages 12 years and up.

Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. \$5 per class. For more information, contact the PSJ Community Center at 633-1904.

Thunder Over the Indian River Golf Classic

Our First Annual TOIR Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, June 22nd at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. The cost is \$60 per person or \$220 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration will begin at 7:00 am with the tournament officially starting at 8:00 am. Afterwards, please join us for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 pm. All proceeds benefit Thunder Over the Indian River Independence Day events and fireworks.



In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, there will be two "long drives," two "closest to the pin" challenges, and a putting contest.

A hole-in-one wins a Buick Encore sponsored by Ron Norris Buick/GMC, an RV sponsored by Giant Recreation World or a 15 SEER A/C system sponsored by Freedom Air and Heat.

Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$100, or attend the awards luncheon for \$10.00.

For an application or additional info, email PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com. The deadline to pre-register is June 7th. The tournament is limited to 88 players, so don't delay.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe **Adrian Moss Beasley**

Along with a lot of others, I mourn the passing of Adrian Moss Beasley. I remember him when we had a Community Police Unit in the 1990's, and up until his death Adrian was dedicated to the community in whatever role his was working on. He was a really great guy who would always stop when he saw me to say hi. Heartfelt condolences to his family and all who loved him.

Thunder Over the Indian River (TOIR)!

How many in Port St. John, Canaveral Groves and Titusville used to enjoy "Thunder Over the Indian River" in the past? It is back, thanks to a great group of community conscious people who care about our residents and children.

We are all children when it comes to watching fireworks - Thunder Over the Indian River (TOIR)! For more information go to <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com>. Permits are being sponsored by Greater Titusville Renaissance, Inc. and all donations go towards the event, which is planned for Saturday, July 6th. Gates open at 2 pm at U.S.1 and Kings Highway. Admission is free and there will be games,

raffles, live entertainment, demos and food and beverage vendors.

There is so much to talk about leading up to this special event:

There is an inaugural Cornhole Tournament at Beef O'Bradys on Saturday, June 1st. The same day, Beef O' Brady's Port St John - for both Dine In or Carry Out between 12 and 6 - will donate 10% of all sales towards TOIR.

On May 2nd, May 23rd and June 13th, between 4-9 pm, let Luna Blue know when you order that it is for TOIR and they will give 10% of the sale to TOIR!

On June 14th and June 15th, Jackie Jordan of Brevard Arts Academy is hosting a Paint Party and Open Gym & Paint Party to benefit TOIR. It doesn't even stop there.

For all of you golf buffs, on June 22nd, 7am, the inaugural TOIR Golf Classic will be hosted at the Indian River Preserve Golf Course in Mims.

You can also go to Brigdawg's to sign up and join Thunder Over the Indian River for their inaugural Patriotic Pooch Parade, which happens the day of July 6th! See <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com> or Brigdawgs for all the

details.

I think this is going to be fun folks! See you all there!

Reference:

<https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com>

Port St John Rezoning Approved

On May 2, 2019, the County Commission approved having new lots along the back of St. Patrick's Anglican Church on Curtis Blvd. be converted to 3 residential home zoned properties (RU-1).

ITEM H.4., Public Hearing, Re: St. Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church, Inc. Requests a change Of zoning classification from IN(L) TO RU-1-11 (19PZ00012).

The request was approved unanimously by both the PSJ Advisory Board and the Brevard County Commission.

Reference:

<http://brevardcountyfl.iqm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=1568&Format=Agenda>

Port St John Small Area Plan Volunteers

County Commissioner Rita Pritchett has asked the county to set up a Small Area Plan



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for Port St John. This is to try to resolve the problems of incorrect zoning that are causing concerns among PSJ residents. At this stage, the Commissioner is asking for volunteers for this committee: <https://sites.brevardcounty.us/PIRA/PIRA/ViewRelease.aspx?ID=3659>.

The county's website also states you can have questions answered by calling (321) 607-6901. Anyone willing to serve should mail or email their resume to:

Mail:

County Commissioner Rita Pritchett
2000 S Washington Ave
#200, Titusville, Florida 32780

Email:

D1.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov

FPL Gets to Keep Tax Break Instead of Lowering Your Bill

According to a May 14, 2019 story in the South Florida Sun Sentinel by Marcia Heroux Pounds, titled, "You're not going to get a break from FPL after all," FPL can keep \$772 million in tax breaks instead of lowering our monthly power bills.

The Florida Service Commission ruled FPL

could use the money to offset the \$1.1 Billion cost for Hurricane Irma, which would have cost rate payers even more. The 2017 tax laws lowered taxes from 35% to 21%, and even though FPL is going to continue to make a lot more than \$772 million in future years, the commission said FPL rates are "just and reasonable," so we, as rate payers, won't get to share their wealth but we will continue to pay the same price for at least a while. Who knows, this might offset any future damage the power companies want us to pay for future hurricane damages.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/business/fl-bz-fpl-tax-savings-decision-20190514-th-story.html>
Osceola County to Accept over Half a Billion Pounds of Coal Ash

Thanks to an Osceola County landfill agreement, up to 5 cargo ships full of coal ash (up to 650 million pounds) is coming to Florida from Puerto Rico. Once it arrives, it will be trucked to JED Solid Waste Facility west of St. Cloud near the city of Holopaw. Coal ash is the residue of burning coal, and after a 2014 report stating coal ash contains contaminants like mercury, cadmium and arsenic, there were numerous protests

that led to a 2017 law banning dumping coal ash on island landfills.

I'm assuming at least one of those cargo ships bringing up to 2,708 train cars full of coal ash will be coming through Port Canaveral, as our port is one of the closest to the JED facility. Double-lined facilities like the JED site are considered safe for coal ash and the JED facility has always accepted coal ash since it was opened in 2004. However, it's not just the design of the facility we need to worry about, but industrial or transportation accidents that could impact the environment, either at the port receiving the coal ash or along the roads until it is accepted at the JED Solid Waste Facility.

According to a March 13 article in "The Nation" by Michelle Chen, titled, "Confronting Puerto Rico's Coal-Ash Crisis," coal currently makes up 17% of Puerto Rico's electricity generated by AES Corporation, but that seems to be about to change. Puerto Rico's government is now considering making 100% renewable energy by 2050. A tall order, but if achieved, they would at least not be shipping coal ash to Florida.

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Reference:

http://www.aroundosceola.com/news/dumped-m-pounds-of-coal-ash-coming-to-osceola-landfill/article_2e2ed830-6da1-11e9-997f-5fd99adc8dce.html

<https://www.thenation.com/article/puerto-rico-coal-ash/>

Brevard County Climate Change Impacts

With the upcoming hurricane season, and all the squirrely weather going on, there's a lot of talk about climate change. I was wondering how Brevard County would fare against other areas, and hadn't realized Brevard County has been thinking about the consequences all along.

In July 2017, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO) partnered with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) on a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment for our county. The assessment used a Sea Level Planning Tool created by the University of Florida GeoPlan Center and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). They assessed how roads and other public service facilities would fare for sea level

rise inundation (flooding) on three projections during the years 2040, 2070, and 2100. The report was presented to the SCTPO Governing Board in February, 2018. The county was trying to figure out "transportation resiliency" (how fast can we bounce back after a disaster), the projections for different heights of water at different year points, with high being the only one closely aligned with United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) models.

The report is fairly technical and very interesting. It shows you how many miles of road and which government facilities are vulnerable to sea level rise, and for that matter, what lands are low and subject to flooding. I was surprised how little land is subject to flooding on the mainland.

The link shows National Geographic believes there is overwhelming evidence climate change is happening in their article, "Is global warming real?" It shows why this shouldn't be a political battle, and how we, as humans, are causing it. If anyone doesn't think the insurance companies are adjusting their risk models, you would be wrong. How much more you are going to be paying will depend on your where you live, the distance from

the ocean, canals or the Indian River Lagoon. Insurance companies are going to start raising our rates, believe me.

Reference:

<https://spacecoasttpo.com/uncategorized/sea-level-rise-vulnerability-assessment/>

<https://spacecoasttpo.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Space-Coast-TPO-Sea-Level-Rise-Analysis.pdf>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/global-warming/global-warming-real/>

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

rupe32927@earthlink.net

Monthly Business Roundtable

The Port St. John (PSJ) Startups & Founders Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Business owners and entrepreneurs are welcome to attend. The group shares information on new business opportunities and ways to improve on existing businesses. There is no fee to attend. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5th, 8:00 AM at Port Java in Fay Plaza, 4795 Fay Blvd. See you there!



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Medical Reminders to Help You Prepare For A Hurricane

June marks the beginning of hurricane season. Make sure your family's hurricane emergency plan covers medical needs.

Make sure that you have a 30-day supply of necessary medications.

Make your medication plan now. This plan should include speaking with a health insurance representative, pharmacist or your physician about options to acquire extra medications. You may need to pay cash for a 30-day supply. Many insurance companies will not authorize the filling of additional days' or months' worth of a medication unless ordered by the state to do so in emergency situations, such as natural disasters. Now is the time to understand your insur-

ance company's natural disaster guidelines.

Call your dialysis center for a temporary plan of care.

If you are on dialysis, call your center to make a plan of action for your care. Try not to miss a treatment prior to bad weather and make sure to follow your doctor-ordered diet very closely. Your physician will provide you with information to assist you and phone numbers to the End Stage Renal Disease Network. Your doctor can recommend if it is medically safe for you to miss treatments and can advise you on whether or not you should be admitted to a hospital during a hurricane.

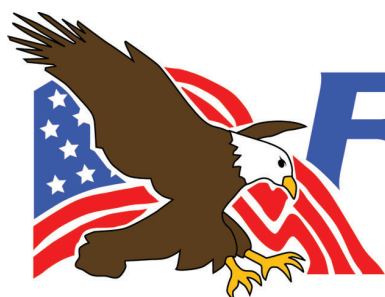
If you are oxygen dependent, make shelter arrangements.

You may be eligible for care at a special-

needs shelter based on your medical needs and shelter availability. If you are an oxygen-dependent person, be sure to fill your oxygen tanks. You should have a two-day supply.

Think about shelter arrangements before the storms come so you can avoid the last-minute rush. It is vital for everyone to know where the closest shelter is located. County shelters are designated throughout the county and are mostly located in elementary schools. Visit brevardcounty.us/emergencymanagement/preparedness/shelters to find the shelters in your area.

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



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It is my pleasure to give a 'Tip-O-The Hat' to Dads everywhere.

This is partially in response to a short member of my ever repopulating clan's inquiry as to how someone can become a dad. So since he is old enough to read, I thought perhaps I can feed two birds with one peanut.

Well Sweetie, when a man and a woman fall in love with each other, they get married and they love each other so much that they want to have a baby, so...

Whoa! Wait! That's how a Father is made – not a Dad... (Wouldn't you have loved to see the newspaper editor's face when he read the above line? I'm sorry, Randy) It has been my observation that male parents have evolved mightily over the past few generations.

In my Grandfather's day, (they rode horses, not dinosaurs), I think the male parents were actually surprised when that smelly, noisy mound of life his wife and sometimes nanny kept in the room upstairs began to walk to the dinner table. Of course when the child did something wonderful it was HIS son, even if he had to ask mom to remind him of the name she bestowed on it.

My father's day brought the male parent who at least knew when mom went to the hospital and would show up with cigars to pass out and smoke in the room. Horses abounded, but cars have invaded the roads now. While the exhausted mom smilingly did her best to not pass out from pain and only wanted to grab a few Z's before the baby woke up again, he would invite everyone he ever met into the room to light a stogie and swig from the bottle being passed about. Diapers, feeding, bathing, late nights, fevers... not in their field of knowledge, much less expertise.

The representative of my kid's male parents' generation, (think hot rods with flames on the fenders, rolled up jeans and T-shirt sleeves), drove me to the hospital in the vehicle that replaced the one with the flames, paced the waiting room floor and rushed into the room – sans tobacco – the moment the nurse allowed. He sat holding the baby until the nurse ran him out, then went home to sleep for the whole next day. My kids' female parent did not have that luxury. This only happened with the first child... subsequent

baby feedings were shared, even in the hospital. He could handle certain diaper changes, try to soothe a hungry baby while the bottle was warming, if illness should strike he could 'help' with temperature taking – but neither he nor I wanted to trust his shaky hands at bath time, at least until the child could sit up and hang on in self-defense. But as was the norm in this time period, most of the responsibilities fell squarely on dear old mom's shoulders, as did most of the household duties. Stopping at the store on his way home from work for a gallon of milk and occasional 'baby-sitting' was accepted as mostly the extent of male duties.

I thank the Big Guy for all the male parents in my family these days. My son, sons-in-law and grandsons-in-law are awesome! Each one was in the room for their child's big entrance and were the first to hold them. My son was a very hands on parent from birth and now spends hours every week setting up D&D so he can spend an entire afternoon playing with his teenage boys. Even the one who shall remain nameless at this time is parent medal worthy. Picking up the ball and running with it, he picked the baby up from first day at day care, changed the diaper, bathed and dressed baby for bed while making a special dinner to cheer up a new mother after her tearful first day back to work (the minor detail that he totally forgot a two month old child must be fed in the afternoon being one of the very few oops in his fatherhood history). Grandson-in-law can wield everything from late night bottle to disposable diaper as well as the female parent.

In my eyes, the fact that each of these men don't consider what they do to be special at all is what's most wonderful. Each of them feel they should be just as responsible for child care as the child's mothers. Spooning purple mush into a cherub's mouth only to have it come flying back at their favorite t-shirts, playing a round of cornhole toting a tiny person or excusing themselves from the family table to change a lumpy diaper comes naturally to them and most other male parents of this generation.

I believe this is the real difference between merely fatherhood and Dad-hood. As I said, I tip my hat to each and every one of you.

When medical science evolves enough to have dad carry and deliver, I will remove said hat!



Out on the Town – Victorio's

This month's restaurant review is on Victorio's in Mims. I normally try to stay in the neighborhood when doing reviews, but this place has some really good eats, especially their wings and oysters. If you've read any of my past reviews, you know I have a thing for wings.

Victorio's is located in Mims, on US1 just north of Dairy Rd., or about a mile south of highway 46, east side of the highway. I haven't eaten at Victorio's since they reopened in their new building. I thought their food was good back when they were in the old building, but it's just as good today as it's ever been. I remember back in the early 80's when the place was Kelly's BBQ, I don't know if there is a relation, but the food was good way back then as well.

Our work group had a going away party for a co-worker, so we all met at Victorio's. As I walked in, I noticed the wings on a customer's plate and thought, those are nice big wings. Some of my co-workers who frequent Victorio's said the wings are fantastic. So needless to say, I'm ordering wings. They also mentioned that the oysters are another favorite.

I ordered 10 "Jumbo Wings" in medium wet for \$9.99 with a side order of steak fries. The menu also claims their wings are the "Best in Town." I agree these are "Jumbo Wings," they are huge. But I disagree with the "Best in Town." They are probably the best wings in Brevard county. Not only are they huge, but cooked to perfection. They are crispy on the outside, while still being moist and juicy on the inside and the sauce had just the right amount of tanginess and heat for Mediums. I must also mention the steak fries were also cooked to perfection.

Ten wings, fries and a few Coors Lights was the perfect meal for me and I was full. Victorio's also has seafood, burgers, subs, pizza and Italian food since they are basically an Italian restaurant. But most people rave about their wings, oysters and pizza. Maybe next time I'll order some oysters or a pizza, but probably not. I'm really stuck on those wings. I just wish they had Coors Light on tap.

Victorio's is open every day of the week; 11 am to 10 pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and 11 am to 9 pm Sunday through Thursday. I also just found out Victorio's has locations in Oviedo, Apopka and Longwood. I can't say I'll be visit-

ing their other locations, but I will definitely be back to their Mims location.

- Ken Carson



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Summer is a great time to get out in the evenings and enjoy some quality time with your family and neighbors! Hosting a cookout or smorgasbord makes for a great outing. Slather some bug spray on and enjoy a conversation aside from social media. If you are travelling, you may want to let your good neighbors know so they can keep an eye on things for you. I have the BEST NEIGHBORS I can trust to do that. We do the same for them when they leave.

Please remember to LOCK IT UP OR LOSE IT, day or night. Beggars aren't choosy and they'll take anything that isn't attached or locked up. Lock up those guns and ammo to avoid any accident waiting to happen. Be sure to tell your kids and teens to follow a pre-made plan for safety in the event they are home alone. This should include not answering the phone in the event a stranger calls or comes to the door.

Get out and enjoy summer! Don't forget to support Thunder Over the Indian River and the annual fireworks show on July 6th!

Neighbor Nell has been writing free articles for over five years as an active member of portstjohnflorida.org and has enjoyed helping the PSJ Neighborhood Watch Program for 35 years. It's time to pass the torch to someone else. If you are interested in taking on this duty, see Randy Rodriguez or register your watch group with the National Neighborhood Watch Program.

-Neighbor Nell

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Monthly Tax Update

There's an old saying where it is said, there are two things you're going to do in life; pay taxes and die. Well, this month I'm going to discuss the two together.

When someone passes away, their assets and liabilities now become their estate. This is where a Personal Representative is recognized by the probate court to handle your affairs after passing. They are responsible to pay all your debts, lawyers, accountant and court cost associated with dispositioning what you left behind. Once the liabilities have been settled, everyone is paid, and it is now time to liquidate the final assets according to the will or trust.

The recipients of these assets are receiving inherited property. So, I want to start with discussing traditional Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRA's). IRA's have their own distribution instructions and are not part of the will or trust. These arrangements have different rules for the surviving spouse or the non-spouse beneficiary. The Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides instructions as distribution rules and how the taxes will be paid. The law takes into consideration the relationship of the beneficiary to the IRA owner and the type of IRA.

First, let's cover a non-spouse beneficiary. If

you are a non-spouse beneficiary, you must start taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) by December 31st after the year of death of the original IRA account owner. Each year you will have RMDs based on your age and life expectancy and follow the life expectancy table if you choose to take distributions over your life, or your other option is to use the '5-year rule.'

The 5 Year Rule allows you to take distributions over five years, so that all of the assets liquidate from the IRA by the 5th anniversary of the IRA owner's death.

Your other option is to take the RMD over your life expectancy and IRS provides a table to follow this option. With both distribution options, the 10% early liquidation penalty from the IRS doesn't apply if you are not 59 ½ years of age or older.

If you don't take a distribution, a 50% penalty will be assessed on the undistributed amount and it will be applied by the IRS at tax time. The distribution will be taxed at your tax rate when you file your annual Form 1040 return.

One other item of interest involves transferring the assets from one advisor to another. This may only be accomplished as a custodian to custodian transfer. You are not permitted to take the distribution and roll it over within sixty (60) days,

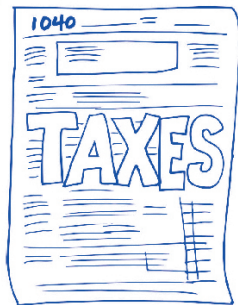
unless you are the spouse of the decedent, where you may accomplish this once in a calendar year as a spousal rollover.

Now let's turn our thoughts to a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs have no RMD for the original owner. However, when a Roth IRAs is inherited, RMDs do apply. RMD calculates on the beneficiary's age and uses the life expectancy table, or you also still have the option to use the 5-year rule and take distributions over 5 years so that all of the assets liquidate from the IRA by the 5th anniversary of the IRA owner's death.

Next month, I will discuss inheriting real property, mutual funds, individual stocks and bonds.

This is a very brief overview. Additional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article may be attained by contacting your tax advisor or our office. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

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HOSF Achieves Top Partnership Level in We Honor Veterans Program

Hospice of St Francis has achieved recognition as a Level 4 Partner in the We Honor Veterans Program. This milestone indicates the highest level of partnership in the nationwide program committed to serving the unique needs of veterans and their families.

We Honor Veterans is a campaign to help improve the care veterans receive from hospice and palliative care providers. The program is a collaboration of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, hospice and palliative care providers will be able to accompany and guide America's veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, the partnership provides Hospice of St. Francis with tools to help support those they are caring for. The resources of We Honor Veterans focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with veteran-centric education of staff caring for veterans.

"Hospice of St. Francis serves all of Brevard County, an area many military veterans have chosen to call home. We are very grateful to these service men and women who proudly and bravely served our country. Our staff and volunteers are extremely proud to offer appreciation and recognition to our veteran patients through our participation in the We Honor Veterans program. As we honor our veteran patients in this way, we learn so much about the strength of the human spirit and witness the sharing of memories telling of shining examples of heroic patriotism. Our staff and volunteers are truly inspired as they work to uplift the lives of our veteran patients. As we thank them for their service, we become acutely aware of how much their sacrifices and service mean to each of us and our country," said Joe Killian, President and CEO of Hospice of St. Francis.

Hospice of St. Francis is Brevard's longest-serving and only independent, non-profit hospice and palliative care resource. It was founded 42 years ago. Today, Hospice of St. Francis offers a full continuum of service

to our entire county, including bereavement support for families and the North Star Program for Grieving Children. Hospice of St. Francis cares for patients in their residences, wherever they call home. Its staff and volunteers work with dedication, compassion and great respect for those they serve guided by the mission statement: Uplifting Lives. Uplifting Each Other. Uplifting Our Community. Learn more at www.HospiceOfStFrancis.com and follow us on Facebook.

For more information please contact:

Julie Grantham, Director of Communications, Hospice of St. Francis
Cell: 321-412-2408; jgrantham@HospiceOfStFrancis.com

Project Relief Needs Volunteers



The Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation, Inc. invites men and women to attend one of these upcoming informational meetings. Learn how the Project Relief Respite Volunteer program helps caregivers in Brevard County. Consider becoming a volunteer for this non-profit state grant that helps families all over Brevard County. Volunteers provide companion care for frail elders over age 60, allowing a 24/7 caregiver a break each week and there is no charge to the caregivers. No medical duties are required of the volunteers. Stipend and training is offered.

For more information: Robin LaFrance, Project Relief Volunteer Coordinator at 321-253-4430.

The next meeting is on Friday, June 7, 10:00 AM at Joe's Club, 830 S. Park Ave, Titusville.



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Parrish Medical Center Offers Free Community Support Groups

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

- AWAKE Sleep Disorders Support Group: Monday, June 10, 6-8 p.m., Parrish Healthcare Center, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John
- Caregiver Support Group: Thursday, June 6 and 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Caregiver Academy: Thursday, June 13, 10-11 a.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Diabetes Support Group: Thursday, June 13, 3:30-5 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Fearless Café: Wednesday, June 5, 10-11 a.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- MAK Gathering (Moms and Kidz) Support Group: every Monday and Wednesday (June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26), 10-11:30 a.m., The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Parkinson's Support Group of North Brevard: Thursday, June 20, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group: Tuesday, June 11, 3-5 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Merritt Island
- Stroke-Heart Survivors Group: Tuesday, June 18, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Parrish Partners Cancer Support Group: Monday, June 17, 4-5:30 p.m., Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville. The support groups are free, but space is limited. For more information and to preregister, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

Port St. John Housewives Softball League

The Port St. John Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Don't let the name fool you...women of all playing abilities are invited to join our league. As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Sign-ups will be on Saturdays and Sundays, May 18th and 19th, and June 1st and 2nd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Fay Park, east parking lot. Cost is \$50, which includes 20 softball games, team shirt and end of year party and awards.

The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park. This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league.

We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires. For more information, call: Shannon Freeland, President, at 321-543-5175; Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605. You can also find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/PSJHSL.

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Brevard Hospitals Get Ranked for Patient Safety

- From a May 15, 2019 article by Tyler Vazquez, Florida Today

Patients have higher risks of complication or even death depending on the quality of care they receive at hospitals.

A new report card on hospital safety and quality gave multiple Brevard County hospitals C grades or lower, while only three area hospitals got As. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade Report is compiled by the non-profit Leapfrog Group, a watchdog organization seeking to foster positive change in U.S. health care, according to its website.

While Brevard hospitals received overall mediocre grades from Leapfrog, the nonprofit found medical care in general is improving across the nation. Around 160,000 people die each year from avoidable medical errors, a drop from the 205,000 avoidable deaths estimated in 2016, its research shows. Patients at low-rated US hospitals, including Melbourne, face a greater risk of avoidable death.

Hospitals are scored by a panel of doctors from universities across the country using various publicly and privately reported measures of safety. Leapfrog assigns letter grades from A to F to hospitals and claims it is a tougher grader than the federal government, which doesn't issue failing marks. The report cards are based on data provided to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the American Hospital Association and voluntarily to the nonprofit.

Leapfrog said its spring 2019 report card gave 32 percent of 2,600 total hospitals an A grade; with 26 percent receiving a B; 36 percent a C; and 6 percent getting a D. Less than 1 percent of all graded hospitals received a failing grade. Here's how Brevard hospitals ranked:

Sebastian River Medical Center	— A
Parrish Medical Center	— A
Viera Hospital	— A
Rockledge Regional Medical Ctr	— C
Palm Bay Hospital	— C
Holmes Regional Medical Center	— C
Cape Canaveral Hospital	— C
Melbourne Regional Medical Ctr	— D

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to U.S. acute-care hospitals. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.



Project Graduation

This is a notice for the upcoming Class of 2020 Project Graduation. As of 5/20/19 the Board for 2020 was not organized or voted on. Please note the organization will be dissolved and terminated with the State of Florida if not resolved by June 14th.

You will need a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Once you have that together, please contact Hyacinth or Aimee at vipergrad19@gmail.com. Do not contact them unless the Board is formed.

And CONGRATULATIONS to the Project Graduation 2019 Board and team for a successful and fun event for the graduating class of 2019.



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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.

6-1 Summer Begins

6-1 Hurricane Season Begins

6-3 Ramadan Begins

6-4 Eid al Fatr

6-4 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.

6-5 World Environment Day

6-5 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.

6-5 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/.

6-13 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.

6-9 & 10 Shavout

6-9 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

6-9 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.

6-9 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 lroyaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

6-14 Flag Day

6-14 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.

6-16 Father's Day

6-17 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.

6-19 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.

6-21 Summer Solstice

6-21 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.

6-25 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:

Jordan Arthurs turns **33** on the 2nd.
Yvonne Scheiner is the Queen on the 4th.
Lauren Grinstead turns **21** on the 4th.
Rhonda Bradley is more lovely on the 7th.
Jordan Ragan turns **22** on the 7th.
Nathan Firth turns **4** on the 8th
Kirra Orend turns **21** on the 8th.
R.J. Arnone turns **45** on the 9th.
Drae Robinson turns **23** on the 10th.
Jonathon Benoff turns **17** on the 10th.
Robert Owens turns **27** on the 12th
Tiffany Wardlow turns more beautiful on the 13th.
Stephen Crawford Jr. turns **15** on the 17th.
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Jill and Bill Hill celebrate **29** on the 2nd.
Carl & Debbie Anderson celebrate **25** on the 18th.
Bob & Judie Petrowski celebrate **54** on 19th.
We have lots of room for more good news.
 Fax your inputs to 633-4313 or email to happenings1@att.net.

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Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111
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Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750
Sexual Offender Registry -	
www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/	

Brevard County Fire Rescue Offers Hurricane Tips

Brevard County Fire Rescue reminds residents that Monday, June 1st was the official start to the hurricane season. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. BCFR offers the following safety tips to ensure that your family is prepared before a hurricane strikes, during the storm and in the aftermath of the event.

Before a storm:

Understand how hurricanes can affect where you live and work, and how the weather could impact you and your family.

Develop an emergency plan and practice how and where you will evacuate if instructed by local emergency management officials.

Create and maintain a disaster supply kit complete with enough water, non-perishable food and medications to last several days.

Learn how to properly secure your home against hurricanes. If your home is equipped with hurricane shutters, ensure that they are in proper working order before a storm threatens to strike.

Monitor local weather forecasts and obtain a NOAA Weather Radio.

During a storm:

Stay inside your home away from windows and glass doors. Find a safe area inside your home such as an interior room, a closet or bathroom on a lower level.

If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker.

If your home loses power, turn off major appliances such as the air conditioner and water heater to reduce damage.

Do not go outside. Weather conditions can change rapidly with lightning, wind and a multitude of other hazards exist.

After a storm:

Remain indoors until an official "all clear" is given.

Do not touch fallen or low-hanging wires of any kind under any circumstances. Call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken water or gas mains and overturned gas tanks.

Once power is restored, ensure refrigerated food has not spoiled. Spoiled food is the cause

of much sickness two days to a week after the storm.

Do not operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves or generators indoors for any reason. This includes inside garages, screened enclosures, or near open doors and/or windows.

When it is safe to do so, remove hurricane shutters from windows and doors. These should not be left in place for any reason. Doing so may prevent early detection of the presence of a fire, hinder firefighting efforts or prevent your family from escaping the home in the event of a fire.

More information and ideas on how you can be a Force of Nature can be found at www.embrevard.com or www.ready.gov/hurricanes. Information on the different types of severe weather such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and floods is available at www.weather.gov and www.ready.gov/hurricanes or the Spanish-language website, www.listo.gov.

You can also go to <http://www.floridadisaster.org/family/> and create your own family disaster plan, print it out and save it. Plan and prepare now while wind isn't blowing and the lines are short at the grocery store.

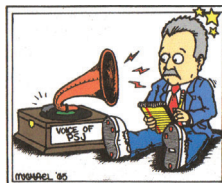


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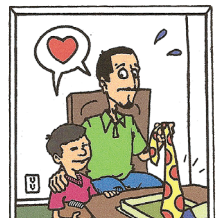
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4 BR/2 Bath \$239, 900

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Free Presentation on Preparing for Emergencies During Hurricane Season

Parrish Medical Center and the Brevard County Fire Department are offering a free community health presentation about being prepared for emergencies during hurricane season as part of PMC's HealthBridge series. Preparing for Emergencies is scheduled Wednesday, June 12,

from 9:30-11 a.m., at PMC, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.

The event is free, but space is limited. Brunch will be served. For more information, and to preregister, call 321-268-6156 or visit parrish-healthcare.com/events.

We cannot prevent natural disasters, but we can prepare ourselves with knowledge and the tools needed to protect ourselves and families. Join us to learn more.



Parrish Healthcare Welcomes New Urology Physician

Parrish Healthcare welcomes Mark R. Licht, MD, FACS, as its newest board-certified physician with Parrish Medical Group. Dr. Licht is located at 825 Century Medical Drive, Suite B in Titusville.

Dr. Licht completed his undergraduate studies at Columbia University and his medical degree at the University of Rochester. He then finished his urology residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio and neuro-urology and andrology fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Having presented on topics relating to urology and holding positions in a variety of practice and incontinence committees, Dr. Licht is an active community leader. He has been awarded various honors during his professional career, including, Most Recommended Physicians in Florida in 2011, Best Doctors in America by Best Doctors in 2001-2016 and Top Doctors in America by U.S. News & World Report in 2016.

Dr. Licht is interested in building a high-quality and comprehensive urology program in Titusville. He believes in delivering world-class urology treatments in a loving and caring environment for every patient.

Parrish Medical Group and Dr. Licht are accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, call (321) 268-6216.

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Treatment Advances Making Pancreatic Cancer A Less Deadly Disease

Advances in chemotherapy and cancer monitoring can dramatically extend the lives of almost one-third of pancreatic cancer patients with tumors previously considered inoperable, researchers report. It's good news for patients with a particularly deadly form of cancer that's been highlighted by the recent diagnosis of "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

About 35% of pancreatic cancer patients are diagnosed with tumors that have started to grow outside the pancreas and involve many critical blood vessels surrounding the organ, explained lead researcher Dr. Mark Truty. He is a cancer surgeon at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Those patients have historically been told that their cancer is inoperable, and that they have only another 12 to 18 months left to live, the researchers said.

But new chemotherapy regimens have given these patients a fighting chance when delivered appropriately in conjunction with radiation therapy and surgery, Truty and his colleagues found. Patients who had three specific chemo-related factors in their favor tended to live much longer, the results showed.

The three factors were:

- The amount of chemotherapy each patient received. "The more chemo they got, the longer they lived," Truty said.

- Blood levels of a chemical called CA19-9, which is released by pancreatic cancer cells. Low levels indicated that the chemo had done its job well, rooting out hidden pockets of cancer cells.

- A tumor that, when surgically removed, was found to be all or mostly dead due to chemotherapy. Positron-emission tomography (PET) scans were best at detecting when chemo had worked.

The prognosis for pancreatic cancer tends to be dire because it spreads rapidly, most often to the liver, lungs or abdominal cavity, Truty explained. Only about 15% of patients are diagnosed with tumors that haven't spread beyond the pancreas. However, there's another third of patients whose cancer has spread to blood vessels but no other major organs, and researchers

suspected that improved combination chemotherapies could make a difference in their outcomes.

The new study followed 194 Mayo Clinic patients over seven years who received chemo followed by radiation and surgery. About half of those patients came to Truty after being told elsewhere their cancer was inoperable. The research team found people were more likely to live longer if they received more cycles of chemotherapy, enough to successfully kill their tumors.

About 29% of patients had all three factors, and their average survival time has not yet been calculated because more than half are still alive, the study authors said. Another 29% had two of the factors and their median survival was just under five years, the findings showed.

To tell whether the chemo was killing cancer cells, researchers turned to two tools -- the CA19-9 test and PET scans. CT scans are advanced versions of traditional X-rays, but PET scans are different -- they track the movement of radioactive tracer materials in the body that are drawn to living cells.

"If the PET scan of the tumor turned cold following chemotherapy, even if the CT scan was the same, that highly predicted that when a pathologist looked at the tumor following surgery, that cancer would be completely or mostly dead," Truty said.

This strategy produced impressive results, said Dr. Igor Astsaturov, an associate professor at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. Astsaturov said it was "remarkable" that 94% of the patients in the study had no living cancer cells in the tumors that were surgically removed.

However, this sort of treatment is not available at just any hospital, Astsaturov warned. Cancer doctors should consider using PET scans and the CA19-9 test to determine how well chemo has worked for a patient before proceeding to radiation therapy and surgery, Truty explained. "Right now," he added, "no one uses PET scans in pancreas cancer surgery and insurance providers typically don't cover it, but we found it was the most predictive" of patient survival.

Social Security Telephone Impersonation Scheme

The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) launched a joint Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign addressing a nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. Social Security and the OIG continue to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. Calls can even "spoof" Social Security's national customer service number as the incoming number on the caller ID.

"We urge you to always be cautious and to avoid providing sensitive information such as your Social Security number or bank account information to unknown people over the phone or Internet," said Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "If you receive a call and are not expecting one, you can always get the caller's information, hang up, and contact the official phone number of the business or agency the caller claims to represent. Do not reveal personal data to a stranger who calls you."

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people--generally those who have ongoing business with the agency--by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should not engage with the caller. If a person receives these calls, he or she should report the information to the OIG Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

"These calls appear to be happening across the country, so we appreciate SSA's partnership in this national public outreach effort," said Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. "Our message to the public is simply this: If you or someone you know receives a questionable call claiming to be from SSA or the OIG, just hang up."

If you would like more information or would like to share this information with other friends or groups you think would appreciate the information, the new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at www.youtube.com/socialsecurity.

Apollo 11 Bronze Memorial

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, Rocket Mortgage by Quicken Loans, the nation's largest mortgage lender, and Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex today announced a new partnership to create a one-of-a-kind bronze statue honoring the legendary crewmembers of the spaceflight that landed the first two people on the moon. The statue will depict Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, and will be the focal point of the new Moon Tree Garden, which will be located outside of the Apollo/Saturn V Center.

The seven-foot-tall bronze statue, set upon a four-foot-tall concrete base, is a gift to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex from Rocket Mortgage. The impressive display is being created by renowned sculptor George Lundeen of Lundeen Sculpture. Its base will feature an engraving which honors the Apollo 11 crew and all those who made their historic spaceflight possible. The statue is expected to be installed at the visitor complex this summer and officially introduced during the Apollo 11 anniversary celebration in July.

"Rocket Mortgage is proud to be a part of this significant milestone honoring these brave pioneers that journeyed to the great unknown and forever reshaped world history," said Jay Farner, CEO of Quicken Loans. "The development of Rocket Mortgage took inspiration from the Apollo 11 mission and the entire Apollo program. NASA's accomplishment of putting a man on the moon showed our country and the world that once seemingly 'impossible' barriers can be broken and to not settle for anything less than complete success."

The detailed statue will be the centerpiece of the new Moon Tree Garden at the Apollo/Saturn V Center. The garden includes 12 Moon Trees that were provided by Rosemary Roosa, daughter of veteran Apollo 14 astronaut Stuart Roosa, and president and chief executive officer of the nonprofit Moon Tree Foundation. The foundation was created in honor of Roosa's father, who

took various tree seeds on his space mission. The seeds, which have all orbited the moon, were later germinated and planted around the world to share the story of the mission. Since then, the Moon Tree Foundation continues to fulfill its mission by planting second-generation "Moon Trees" all over the world. The 12 trees in the Moon Tree Garden will represent each crewed Apollo mission to the Moon.

Other changes at the Apollo/Saturn V Center will include dramatic projection mapping set against the side of the majestic Saturn V Moon rocket, the focal point of the experience. The addition of a 1969 period living room and bar will replicate what it was like to watch the Moon landing at home. There will also be updates to the Lunar Module 9 and Touch the Moon exhibits, a new Fisher Space Pen legacy display, and the ability to get a closer look at the Command Service Module-119.

There are a number of events that will take place throughout the summer to mark the Apollo 50th anniversary: the July 15 opening of the reimagined Apollo/Saturn V Center, a July 16 "flashback" celebration at which visitors will be able to view original footage of the lift-off, a July 20 extravaganza to mark the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing and a final welcome home event on July 24 to commemorate the day the Apollo 11 astronauts returned to Earth.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

We sometimes fail to acknowledge there are many social issues that allow older members of our society to be abused or neglected. Our older people are vital, contributing members of American society and their maltreatment diminishes all of us. We have confronted and addressed many other social issues that affect members of our community, and we need to find solutions to address issues like elder abuse. Nationally, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be observed on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

In Brevard County, the Department of Children and Families, Brevard County TRIAD and Brevard Commission on Aging will be hosting the 10th annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (W.E.A.A.D.) event. The event will be held on Friday, June 14, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne. Admission, parking and breakfast and lunch are free to all attendees.

This year's Brevard County event will provide the community with information on resources available to assist them. Exhibitors will include: memory screenings, caregiver information, local law enforcement and public safety providers, community service resource providers, local pharmacies, meal providers and transportation providers with options and solutions.

Every year, nearly five million older persons are abused, neglected and exploited. In addition, elders throughout the U.S. lose more than \$2.6 billion annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation, funds that could have been used to pay for their basic needs. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization. For more information, visit www.INPEA.net.



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JPMF and PMC Award 22 Scholarships

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) and Parrish Medical Center (PMC) Auxiliary awarded \$44,000 in scholarships to 22 outstanding college students and graduating high school seniors that distinguished themselves through passionate dedication to their communities and a pursuit of studies in the fields of medicine or healthcare.

Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association (BIMDA), generous donor to the JPMF scholarship program, is dedicated to supporting future generations of healthcare professionals. BIMDA committed funds through 2021 allowing for additional scholarships to be awarded annually. "BIMDA is honored to play a role in supporting the educational dreams of our future healthcare professionals," said Glad Kurian, honorary executive director. "The entire community benefits when we invest in the future of our healthcare."

Thanks to BIMDA's support, three students were each awarded an additional \$1,000 scholarship. This year's scholarship winners include, from Astronaut High School, Briana Bellamy, Sarah Curtis, Gabrielle Maggard and Carson Marsh. Titusville High School recipients include Madison Barbour, Joshalyn Butler, Trevor Denson, Morgan Duncan, Ethan Gerwig, Gabriella Lloyd, Manaiya Parnell, Lauren Pataky, and Morgan Robinson.

College students awarded scholarships include Eboni Arnold, University of Miami; Jessica O'Bryan and Lisa Patel, University of South Florida; Allison Hilton, Jessica Matteson, Abby Recicar and Makayla Rymkos, University of Central Florida; Tran Tram-Anh, University of Florida; and Shannon Washington from Bethel University.

Scholarship committee chair Bill Terry led the committee through the process of evaluating applicants in the areas of academic performance, awards and honors, extracurricular activities, leadership, community service and work experience, recommendation letters, application essay and PMC/JPMF affiliation.

"All of our recipients are exceptional and we look to them to lead the next generation in shaping the future of healthcare. We are delighted

to be able to award our scholarships to such accomplished and deserving students," said Terry. "I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to BIMDA, and to Barbara and Terry Terhune for their generous sponsorship of \$1,000 toward the scholarship fund which allowed for additional students to be awarded."

Committee members include Delores Abraham; Santi Bulnes; Deborah Cox; Dot Hudson; Terry Lee; Bill McCarthy; Josh Norris; Howard Rinker, DDS; Philip Simpson, PhD; and Barbara Terhune.

JPMF is investing in the future by awarding medical scholarships to residents in North Brevard County who are pursuing careers that one day will provide healing to our community.

Car Break-ins Continue

We have more reports of car break-ins on Buxton Ave. and Elgin St. in Port St. John. In one, someone stole a seat for a mechanic with tools under the seat worth over \$500. In the other theft, someone stole from his garage.

Some of the items stolen have been quite valuable. Some things are more valuable to the owner than the item might appear. It's just a matter of time before one of the thieves taking from the cars gets caught by the owner and they may not be in the mood to hear excuses or have mercy because of the age of the thief. As our parents always warned us, it's all fun and games until someone gets hurt.

A thief - or thieves - do not make you the bad person when you're robbed, in spite of some of the fools on Facebook who shame the victims, but consider keeping your car locked and your garage door closed.

Want to be Involved?

We are always looking for new Friends!

The Friends of the Port St. John Library are looking for new members.



The next Friends of the Library meeting will be at 6 PM on Wednesday, June 26th at the library. Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by Friends of the Port St. John Library

Donations for Samantha Orr

A GoFundMe page was set up to help the family cover funeral costs for Samantha Orr, a nurse, mother of two boys and resident of Cocoa. You can donate at https://www.gofundme.com/help-family-meet-samantha039s-funeral-expenses?utm_source=facebook.

Samantha was murdered in the family's home in the 300 block of Iris Street just south of Port St. John. Her husband has been charged with the murder.

Her brother said, "She was such a giving person and was always there for people. She was dedicated to her kids."

Thunder Over the Indian River Food Events

By now I'm sure you're planning to come out to Thunder Over the Indian River on July 6th and you're wondering if you should cook before you come out. Nope. Here are the confirmed food options for TOIR:

Hamburgers	Hot Dogs
Kona Ice	Ribs
Pulled Pork	BBQ Chicken
Jerk Chicken	Philly Steak
Italian Sausages	Loaded Nachos
Nitrogen Infused Ice Cream	Popsicles
Crab Cake Sandwich	Butterfly Shrimp
Chicken Strips	Funnel Cake
Fried Bacon	Fried Oreos
Fried PB&J	Churros
Natural Juices	Lemonade
Pressed Sandwiches	Pizza

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket when you come! Gates open at 2 pm.

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JPMF Raises Nearly \$60,000 for The Children's Center

More than 200 golfers and volunteers participated in the annual two-course Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) "Fran Gerrett Memorial Golf Classic" on Friday, April 12 at La Cita Golf & Country Club and The Great Outdoors Golf Club. The 18-hole scramble was presented by the law firm of Zumpano Patricios and raised nearly \$60,000 for The Children's Center (TCC) in Titusville. Tournament participants enjoyed themed beverages on par-3 holes along with games of chance to enhance their team score.

TCC is a service of Parrish Healthcare and one-stop childhood development resource center providing an array of health, education and human services under one roof for families with special needs and typically developing children of all ages and abilities and their families.

"It has been our honor and privilege to once again be the presenting sponsor of this important and outstanding event," said Joseph I. Zumpano, managing shareholder at Zumpano Patricios. "We are honored to continue our tradition of supporting the children and families in Brevard County that benefit from the crucial programs and services provided at The Children's Center."

The annual golf tournament lives on as a

tribute to Fran Gerrett's longtime dedication to our community and his favorite charity. Fran, a former Parrish Medical Center Materials Management director, was famous for saying, "It's all about the kids!"

"We are grateful for the support of the players, volunteers, course partners—The Great Outdoors and La Cita—and everyone that contributes to the success of this annual event. The tournament allows our family to keep our father's spirit alive. He would be so incredibly happy to see the great team work and the amount of money the event raises each year to support "the kids," said Amy Craddock and Leigh Spradling, Fran's daughters and golf committee members.

More than 50 sponsorships were secured by the committee from numerous community members and organizations. RUSH Construction, Inc. was the event gold sponsor. Silver sponsors were Pearson Doyle Mohre & Pastis LLP and The Watauga Company. Bronze sponsors included Anderson Financial Partners, Inc.; Berkeley Research Group, LLC; Coastal Ambulance Services; DECO, LLC; Medfast Urgent Care Centers; Medline Industries, Inc.; Regions Bank; N. Christine Sylvester; and Bill and Rachel Terry. The lunch sponsor was Firehouse Subs at Titus Landing.

"Our sincerest thanks go out to the sponsors who helped make this event possible. We could not do this without their partnerships," said tournament co-chair Kathy Myer.

Taking home top honors were the men's first-place teams of Jason Snodgrass, Don Welk, Greg Kiser and Tim Fields at La Cita Golf & Country Club and Shane Willey, Cody Khork, Drew Burns and Devin Bujnovsky at The Great Outdoors. The mixed first-place teams included players Herman Cole, Joyce Cole, Ron Jamison and Tom Erdely at La Cita and Tish Holley, Jason Holley, John Palmer and Billy Dorton at The Great Outdoors. The foursome of Kathy Myer, Evelyn MacDonald, Jeanne O'Bryan and Claire Charron took top women's team honors at La Cita.

The golf classic is organized by community leaders and volunteers. The committee was led by event co-chairs Kathy Myer and Greg Sparkman. Other members of the golf committee include Santi Bulnes, Amy Craddock, Anita Currie, Lori Duester, Leigh Spradling and Suzanne Yarbrough.

For more information about Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, please call (321) 269-4066 or visit www.parrishmedfoundation.com.

Pop Up Pet Adoption

The SPCA of Brevard is hosting a Pop Up Adoption Event at the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce's storefront at the Avenue Viera on Saturday, June 1st from 9 am – 2 pm. The adoption fee for all pets this day only is just \$25.

"We realize that Brevard is a large county, so we want to bring adoptable pets to a central location for all our residents to have the opportunity to meet," said Susan Naylor, public relations coordinator for the SPCA of Brevard. "We are excited to introduce so many of our fantastic shelter dogs and cats who are looking for a home to people who might not want to drive to our shelter in Titusville."

To preview adoptable pets at SPCA of Brevard, visit www.spcabrevard.com. From playful youngsters to sweet seniors, pets from the SPCA are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. For more information, call 321-567-3615.

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Walter Butler Community Center - June, 2019

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

Mondays - Fridays

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Thursdays

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

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held at WBCC every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome. Contact Andrea Chestnut, 321-264-5058 or 321-264-5105.

Volleyball Fundamentals

Teaching 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 Walter Butler Community Center (321) 433-4448.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, June 8th and 22nd. 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.



You are invited to the 8th Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, June 6th at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village. Celebrating Dog Dads, 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 Coastal Poodle Rescue, an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c) (3) rescue, organized to rehabilitate unwanted, abused and abandoned poodles and placing them in loving and responsible homes to live out their lives as cherished family members. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

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:

Coastal Poodle Rescue, www.coastal-poodlerescue.org/ or Pam Shaia at Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584 or Dirty Oar Beer Company, (321) 301-4306.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, June 13th, 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.

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Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association was founded in the 1970's and is all volunteer. It is not your typical Homeowners Association, we are here for the community! The HOA makes no type of enforcement actions of any type. It is here to inform the community on what is going on and ways to improve the Groves.

At the monthly meetings guest speakers are brought in to inform the group about various topics that pertain to our area. Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been a great asset by informing us on what is happening in the Groves.

Over the years, the group has given out scholarships, supported local charities and supported Fairglen Elementary School. The dues have not changed since the beginning. They are still \$15.00 a year. These are used for the fees that the group must pay.

More people need to show up for the meetings to help keep us going. Our current Treasurer is leaving the area after many years of service and the position must be filled. She advised that she will help anyone who wants to help out to learn the position. The HOA needs your help.

At the May meeting, a Brevard County Sheriff's Deputy came to provide updates on some of the problems that are happening in the area and what they are doing to solve them. They also explained what we need to do to help. They need our help by calling things in that are suspicious or a concern. They can not be everywhere.

A Brevard County Fire Wildland Fire Captain, the Senior Ranger for our area for the State Forest Service and the State of Florida Forestry Mitigation Specialist (he drove from Orlando) came to the meeting. They talked about the dangers of wild fires that can happen in this area and what needs to be done to prevent them. The rules for burning were also explained.

Wildfires have happened here in the Groves in years past and we have been lucky so far. They have also happened in the north part of

the county and other counties where there have been major losses of properties and some lives. They also explained that sometimes they have to make decisions on what property they can save and the ones that they cannot and are a waste of resources.

They are coming back to the June 13 Canaveral Groves Homeowners Meeting, that is held at Discovery Church at 7 p.m. They will be putting on the FIREWISE program. This program will explain the dangers of wild fires (brush fires), what can be done to prevent them, and what can be done to make your home safer from a wildfire. They will also go over what they need from you to help to protect your home. Everyone needs to come to learn. This needs to be a community effort because your neighbor can affect your safety.

School got out on May 30th and crime does seem to go up, so be alert.

June 1 starts Hurricane Season.

Ed Silva

President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assn.

Brevard Humane Society Seeks Picture Purr-Fect Pets

May was National Pet Month and to celebrate, the Brevard Humane Society is encouraging residents to show them just how picture "purr-fect" their pets can be with their annual "Best Pets of Brevard" Calendar Photo Contest. Now through July 13th, Brevard pet owners are encouraged to submit and share an original/creative photo of their pet(s) while helping to change the lives of lost, abandoned, and homeless animals in our community.

The Best Pets of Brevard photo contest is open to all creatures large and small. The top 13 pet photos will be the winners of the 2020 Calendar Contest and 12 will win a coveted spot on one of the monthly pages. The remaining photo

with the most votes will be featured on the cover of the calendar.

Calendars will be on sale, after being unveiled at their annual Tuxes & Tails Gala, at all Brevard Humane Society locations, online, and at featured events beginning September 16th. In addition, everyone who submits a photo is guaranteed to have their pet's photo printed in the calendar.

For an opportunity and a chance to win, simply submit your entry online at: www.BrevardHumaneSociety.org/contests or visit the Brevard Humane Society's Cocoa location (1020 Cox Rd., Cocoa), Merritt Island Adoption Center (155 Pioneer Rd., Merritt Island) or any of their Molly Mutt Thrift Shops (Merritt Island, Rockledge, Melbourne or Palm Bay) for an official entry form. The cost to enter is \$10 per photo (photos will become the property of the Humane Society for future use) while photos of a beloved pet who has passed may also be submitted and honored in a special "In Loving Memory" section for just \$50 per photo (these treasured photos will be returned to the owner).

Photos submitted should be in color and of pets only (no humans, please). There is also no limit as to how many photos one can submit, so please enter as many times as you may like!

Thunder Over the Indian River Cornhole Tournament

Beef O'Brady's in Port St. John (Curtis Blvd.) will host a Cornhole Tournament/Spirit Day on June 1st. Bring the family out for some fun and good food.

Mention Thunder Over the Indian River on Spirit Day and Beef's will give 10% of sales for the slotted time of the event.

The Cornhole Tournament will be held in the parking lot of Beef O'Brady's.

If you would like to be a Board Sponsor for \$100, contact Mike Barker at barker057@gmail.com.

Local Girl Protects U.S. Navy Forces in the Middle East

- Navy Office of Community Outreach



Petty Officer 3rd Class Alyssa Murphy, a Cocoa native, joined to have a different path in life. Now, two years later and half a world away at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, Murphy serves as the leading-edge of the Navy the nation needs.

“There are not many people here and we do a lot of work of a higher pay grade, giving us better training opportunities,” said Murphy. Murphy, a 2016 graduate of Cocoa High School, is an equipment operator at NSA Bahrain, forward-deployed to the Arabian Gulf region in the Navy’s U.S. 5th Fleet.

“We, as equipment operators, are responsible for the execution of line haul operations, moving weapons, gear and personnel for special warfare and Marine Corps commands at home and those deployed,” said Murphy. Murphy credits success in Bahrain, and in the Navy, to many of the lessons learned in Cocoa. “I learned time management growing up,” said Murphy.

U.S. 5th Fleet directs naval operations to ensure maritime security and stability in the Central Region, which connects the Mediterranean Sea and Pacific Ocean through the western Indian

Ocean. They work with partner nations to ensure freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in international waterways. NSA Bahrain enables the forward operations and responsiveness of U.S. 5th Fleet and allied forces in support of Navy Region Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia’s mission to provide services to the fleet, warfighter and family.

“We are responsible for moving equipment around to different locations and providing maintenance on the vehicles,” said Murphy.

The Navy’s U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of ocean, and includes the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean. This expanse, comprised of 20 countries, includes three critical choke points; the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal and the Strait of Bab al Mandeb at the southern tip of Yemen.

Serving in the Navy means Murphy is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America’s focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career, Murphy is most proud of providing services to more than 147 tenant commands on a daily basis, which helps them accomplish their mission essential tasks.

“I understand the magnitude of what I do, but I am just doing my job to the best of my ability,” said Murphy. As a member of one of the U.S. Navy’s most relied upon assets, Murphy and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes contributing to the Navy the nation needs.

“To me, serving in our country’s Navy means that I get enriched in different cultural experiences as well as the honor to serve my country,” said Murphy.

Editor note - Thank you for your service, Petty Officer Murphy.

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E15 Fuel Warning

Recreational Boaters Urged to Send Message to EPA to Stop the Summertime Sale of E15 Fuel

In an action that many are seeing as anti-environment, anti-consumer and a big nod to the ethanol lobby, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is moving toward permitting the sale of E15 (15% ethanol) fuels during the summer ozone season (June 1 to September 15). E15’s summertime ban was implemented years ago to address concerns over its contribution to ground level ozone (smog) on hot days.

The nation’s largest boating advocacy, services, and safety group, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), offers an easy way contact the EPA by going to <http://bit.ly/2UyyMFV>.

Boaters have no love for ethanol in their gas because its proven to damage boat engines and fuel systems. If they had their choice of fuel, more than four out of five boat owners (83%) would choose E0 (ethanol-free) fuel – if it was available. Because of the harm it causes, E15 is prohibited by federal law for use in recreational boat en-



gines and voids many marine engine warranties. Most recreational boat-

ers refuel their vessels at roadside gas stations where pump-labeling requirements are minimal. BoatUS believes the risk of misfueling will increase and, with it, instances of expensive repairs to boat engines and fuel systems.

The push for the summertime sale of E15 and adding more ethanol into the nation’s fuel supply is a result of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). When it was passed in 2005, RFS assumed that America’s use of gasoline would continue to grow. Since then, however, gasoline usage has not increased as forecast, which now forces more ethanol into each gallon of gas.

To keep up with the RFS mandate and avoid hitting a “blend wall” in which the volume of ethanol production exceeds consumption and infrastructure constraints, in 2010 EPA granted a waiver to allow E15 into the marketplace but limited its sales to colder months to protect air quality. Go online today to keep your motor/engine safe.

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