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The Holiday Season is Starting to Roar!

It's been a long, hot summer, but the holiday season is arriving and it's bringing lots of fun things to do. There are flyers and more details inside, but here are some things you might like to add to your calendar now:

CAR SHOW & BBQ

Car Show, BBO and Fall Festival at Frontenac Baptist Church on Saturday, October 12th, 10 am - 2 pm.



Space Coast High School Project Graduation

Space Coast High School Project Graduation will be holding a Fall Festival at Fay Park (3615 Depot Ave.) on November 16th from 11 am to 3 pm. The event will include a Family Fun Zone, inflatables and more.

all. Game and inflatables tickets will be sold at the event. Tickets are \$6 for 10 tickets.

10am to

2nd at Fay Lake Wilderness Park. This event is new to PSJ and sponsored by the Port St. John Community Foundation, the same group who brought back Thunder Over the Indian River earlier this year. The Festival will run from 10 am to 4 pm and we'd would love for PSJ residents to take part. The day will include live entertainment, a pumpkin eating contest, chili cook-off, talent vendors, food trucks, a bake sale, game booths, show, hay ride, game booths, Bounce Houses, Craft Fair, demonstrations and a Turkey/Pilgrim The Festival will be kid friendly and fun for Costume Contest. Don't miss the fun! Check out the Facebook page for information: www.facebook.com/PortStJohnCommunityFoundation/.



The North Brevard Fall Festival will return to Fay Lake Fall Festival on Saturday, November Fox Lake Park (4400 Fox Lake Rd.) in Titusville on Friday, October 25th from 5 pm to 10 pm. This annual event attracts lots of craft vendors if you're already Christmas shopping.

> The event will also include activity booths, Bounce Houses, laser tag, face painting, games, music, a Costume Contest, for all ages, a Halloween Hay Ride and more.

> Also, there will be a Movie In the Park with popcorn and drinks available, and a movie suitable for youngsters. The movie is free to attend and popcorn is free, too.

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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

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 6-8 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1902, 4-5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 276, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 2 p.m. Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 19th - Halloween Hounds, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

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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 topics for the October meeting will be ideas for new events for the Port St. John community. 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. New members and curious residents of Port St. John are always welcome. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2nd, 8:00 AM at Port Java in Fay Plaza, 4795 Fay Blvd. See you there!

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe The Bio-Solids Ban that Wasn't

I hope the people in Brevard County and the Brevard County Commission comes to the realization to ask the question: "Is the Brevard County Bio-solid ban nothing more than Eve Candy? I'm asking because, according to the August 21 Florida Today Article by Jim Waymer titled, "County Blocks Use of Biosolids," the article said, "Tuesday's action only banned any additional spreading sludge beyond what's already planned and permitted."

Titusville seems to be the only city spreading anything within Brevard County. The other cities in Brevard County seem to be sending their sewage sludge to other farms in other counties, but they are sites in Osceola County and are within the drainage basin of the St. John's River.

So we aren't really stopping anything.

Even if the cities were spreading sewage waste in Brevard County like Titusville is on Ranch Road in Port St. John and another site in Mims, the County Charter doesn't give the county authority to ban any city from spreading bio-solids within their city limits anyway. The county is

taking all their sewage (biosolids) to the county dump, so what does this ban really affect?

Florida Today went on to say "The bill, House Bill 829, would make local governments that try to pass ordinances that state law preempts cover attorney fees and costs if the ordinance doesn't hold up in a civil suit, unless they are notified that the ordinance is expressly preempted by state law and withdraw it within 30 days of that notification."

Even Florida Today seemed to be trying to mislead our residents. The article's headline sounded impressive when it said, "County Blocks Use of Biosolids." Right in the first sentence the article said, "The Brevard County Commission on Tuesday moved forward with a six-month ban on any new application of sewage sludge onto lands within their jurisdiction until the county can test some of the so-called "biosolids" to see if they could be contributing to pollution and algae blooms along the St. Johns River."

I know many in the Brevard County community thought what the County Commission did was impressive. Facebook had people celebrating. Unfortunately, the message was wrong

and only down into the story did the article in the final sentence of the fourth paragraph say, "Tuesday's action only banned any additional spreading sludge beyond what's already planned and permitted."

Maurice Barker, Biosolids Coordinator for FDEP, told a good friend of mine in an email, "I queried our permitting database and do not show any pending permit applications for biosolids sites in Brevard County. I don't see any permit applications for the past couple of years for biosolids sites within Brevard County based on the permitting database." So again, what exactly did the ban accomplish besides testing on a farm in south Brevard?

I even read the proposed county-wide moratorium, and it doesn't do much. For one, it only applies to Class B. Nothing in the ban mentioned the hormone concerns Commissioner Pritchard was worried about in the August 21st Florida today article. It did nothing about the other 352 chemicals that the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) have identified as possibly harmful. Unfortunately, this ban only



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concerns Class B biosolids that the state tracks, not about the Class A and AA, to which the moratorium does not apply. No one is even looking at Class A and AA. They have the same amounts of Nitrogen and Phosphorus as Class B sludge, we may have loads more runoff and no idea where it is going. Why don't we ask to have the cities and county track those in the ban?

Class B is the only class of bio-solids that the state even tracks where it is distributed, and according to a list by FDEP there are only two sites in the county that are permitted to receive class B; one is at the west end of Ranch Road and one is in Mims, and only Ranch Road has been used in recent years by Titusville. But is the FDEP site accurate, or are they even verifying a site's use?

I know for a fact the Port St. John Ranch Road site has been used in September by Titusville, which, as stated, is either grandfathered or not affected by this so-called County Ban.

Most of Brevard cities clean their sewage to Class A or AA bio-solids standards. This ban did not mention testing or tracking the 352 chemicals of concern including antimicrobials, pharmaceuticals, flame-retardants and plasticizers.

Florida Today also talked about "a group of unregulated so-called "forever chemicals" that can build up in sewage sludge. Why wasn't that mentioned in the ban?

The Port St. John Ranch Road site is two adjacent tracts, one being 458 acres and one 293 acres, both owned by Maxiland, Inc. (Damar Homes), 137 S Courtenay Pkwy., Merritt Island. Although the FDEP states on the DEP Form 62-210 that there are 85.5 acres approved to spread sewage, but they had only applied 25.5 acres that was used in 2016, the latest year reported on the state DEP site. On the FDEP website, it states the Location ID is 73,499.00, the Facility ID is FLA844462, and the Facility Name is Port St. John Site. From the Next Door application, residents have seen trucks going to the Port St. John Ranch Road site this year, as late as mid-September and it's still being used, but DEP doesn't seem to be tracking what is being done at the Ranch Road site.

Update: On September 17th, the Commission discussed bio-solids (also known as sewage sludge) in Item J.4., Board Discussion, Re: Banning Application of Biosolids. Once again,

the Florida Today got some things wrong in their article titled, "County Commissioners debate biosolids at first of two public hearings." Jim Waymer stated in his article that, "Titusville puts biosolids from its sewage treatment onto city property, which the county does not have jurisdiction to regulate."

Titusville might spread their Class A & AA on city property like they spread their reclaimed water (that has the same nitrogen and phosphorus as sewage), but they spread their Class B sewage in the back of Port St. John on Ranch Road and in Mims. The reason they can is the county doesn't have authority, or Titusville isn't paying attention because of the Charter's explanation of Home Rule. And remember, the state, not the county, has authority, so if the ban is challenged, who knows.

Why aren't we looking at what other countries are doing, for example, in Germany or the Gates Foundation in South Africa? Next month I'll tell you more.

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Legal Rights of Our Environment?

According to a September 11th Orlando Weekly (www.orlandoweekly.com) article by Dean Plotkin, efforts in Alachua, Orange, Lee, Brevard, and Osceola counties are trying to give the environment the same legal rights as corporations. In the article, Chuck O'Neal with Speak up Wekiva and is living in Orange County, stated, "Florida residents are increasingly aware that the problems with our water originate from the concept that corporations have the rights of humans, while nature and aquatic ecosystems have no legal rights." The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) and Speak up Wekiva and other grass roots groups are trying to get county-wide laws to recognize the legally enforceable rights of the Indian River Lagoon,



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Santa Fe River, Wekiva River, Econlockhatchee River, Caloosahatchee River and the Kissimmee River. They are trying to create these countywide laws through the citizens' ballot initiative inviting to millions of visitors. But a new study process or the county charter review commissions. The groups are hoping to give residents the opportunity to grant these county-wide in the 2020 elections. I know if given the opportunity, I will vote for it. Too many are treating our rivers, lakes and lagoons as if our continual allowing dumping in or near these water bodies are just part of the means of doing business and they have to realize they have to pay for the long term problems it creates.

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Study Finds Tons of Microplastic Contamination in Tampa Bay

A 09/12/2019 article by Craig Pittman in the Tampa Bay Times (www.Tampabay.com) talks of a study showing the terrible pollution caused by what we think of as a technological marvel, "plastic." It is durable, long-lasting and pliable

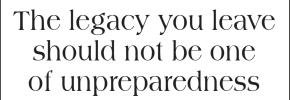
enough to make almost anything. Unfortunately, we have to live with the consequences.

For example, Tampa Bay looks clean and very is saying Florida's largest estuary is full of very tiny pieces of plastic.

The article states, "The study, published Thursday in the scientific journal Marine Pollution Bulletin, found about four billion particles of microplastics in the bay. Microplastics are each a 1/8 of an inch or smaller — tiny fragments of plastic bags or bottles, or threads from polyester clothing, discarded fishing line and other artificially manufactured jetsam."

According to the study, "Estimates are that 4.8 to 12.7 million metric tons of plastic per year enter the marine environment, equivalent to 5 grocery bags full of plastic per foot of coastline around the globe." That is a lot of plastic.

Apparently plastic pollution seems to be something that is as big an issue as everything else seems to be. According to the website www. globalcitizen.org, they list the top 10 facts everyone needs to know about plastic pollution. I am listing these straight from their website.:



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plastic have been produced worldwide.

2. In some parts of the world, using plastic is already illegal. Kenya introduced one of the world's toughest laws against plastic bags in 2017. Now, Kenyans who are caught producing, selling or even using plastic bags will risk imprisonment of up to four years or fines of \$40,000 (£31,000).

4. A million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute. A report by the Guardian found that 1 million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute, and this number is set to increase by another 20% by 2021 if we tics each year. don't act.

5. Worldwide, about 2 million plastic bags are used every minute. This might seem like an unbelievable number, but according to Ecowatch,

1. Since the 1950s, around 8.3 billion tons of between 500 billion and 1 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide annually.

> 6. 90% of plastic polluting our oceans is carried by just 10 rivers. According to World Economic Forum researchers, just 10 rivers across Asia and Africa carry 90% of the plastic that ends up in the oceans. Litter is plastic. The litter includes filters from cigarette butts, bottles, bottle caps, food wrappers, grocery bags and polystyrene containers.

> 7. Plastic is killing more than 1.1 million seabirds and animals every year.

> 8. The average person eats 70,000 microplas-

9. The average time that a plastic bag is used for is ... 12 minutes. Yep, that's right — they're used for an average of 12 minutes and then take up to a thousand years to decompose.

10. Over the past 50 years, world plastic production has doubled. While increasing numbers of organizations and countries are banning plastic use and production, the world's leading plastic manufacturers are planning to increase production by almost a third over the next five years, according to the World Economic Forum."

We must start cutting down on our use of plastic. The problem is worse than we think.

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Rose's Room

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As adults we sometimes forget the physical sensations in our childhood memories as if they were not important in and of themselves.

Most of us remember the smell of a holiday turkey roasting all day and our salivary glands working overtime. Sometimes the meal itself almost didn't measure up to the promise. It may take a little trying, but most of you guys can also remember exactly how that new shirt and tie itched and felt like it was choking you. We ladies didn't have it a lot better, being all dressed up and having to sit prettily all day so as not to get mussed, when we would much rather be outside playing football in jeans and a tee shirt. The scratch of petty coats, and new shoes squeezing blisters on my feet are still painful in memory.

Halloween is the one holiday kids could really relax and enjoy. We didn't have to mind our manners or get along with cousins we didn't like, or kiss relatives we only saw once a year who smelled funny.

Dressing up in mom's old evening dress, hobbling around in high heels way too big, transported us to a magical place where the cool Florida fall air felt like silk as it feathered across our bare shoulders, and brothers and friends really were hobos or cowboys.

"Trick or Treat!" screamed in unison to neighbors resulted in unbridled laughter as they replied with, "Oh my goodness! We have a princess with a wand and a cowboy pointing a gun. Hurry and give them candy apples before they turn us into frogs or shoot us!"

The cinnamon aroma of those candy apples wafting up to our noses every time we opened

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our bags to receive another treat, combined with the delightful freedom of being able to run around after dark unfettered was almost a sensory overload.

Most days I can't remember what I had for lunch, but I remember the first time I was allowed to go Trick or Treating with my friends in exact detail. I spent the night with a girlfriend. We wore black stockings, high heels and she was able to talk two of her brothers (one of which I thought was incredibly cute) into allowing us to wear their white shirts. We didn't have top hats and the shirts hung down to our knees, but we were having too much fun to worry about details. I can still feel the stiffness of a highly starched collar, his scent still lingering in the fabric.

Doing each other's makeup probably would have turned out a lot better had either one of us known what we were doing. Alice ended up with a permanent look of surprise and I learned red magic marker does not make a good substitute for lipstick. But up went our hair and out we went!

Almost total darkness enveloped us as we clunked along the unlit street... dirt roads and high heels were not a good combination. The crisp breeze rustling the bushes, and noises we were 'almost' sure were made by her brothers, made the familiar neighborhood mysterious and a little scary. After awhile the night grew quiet and we relaxed, thinking her brothers had grown weary of trying to scare us, and were bothering someone else.

The fright pounded in my ears and my heart did a back flip when they jumped out of the bushes yelling, "Ooga booga!!" and holding flashlights under their chins giving them the appearance of hideous ghouls.

Both boys collapsed in laughter as Alice and I let out one long synchronized scream while running in place, then lit out for home at full speed.

It wasn't laughter that had them flat on their backs, eyes bulging, mouths agape, arms and legs flailing, a little while later when someone or someTHING reached out from under bushes on either side of the path and grabbed their ankles.

My minds eye has frozen the shocked look on those boys faces when they burst through the door after running full speed all the way home and found Alice and me sitting quietly at the table.

Sometimes being a tomboy came in handy, especially since I knew all the shortcuts in the woods surrounding our neighborhood.

will be a drop off location for shoeboxes again this year!

Christmas Child? This is a

ministry started by Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes of gifts go to children in over 100 countries. Do not include candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers or aerosol cans. Go to their website:

http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/ operation-christmas-child/.

They also have a Facebook page.

You can use and fill any shoebox you have or we will have a limited supply of shoeboxes available at the church. National Collection Week will be November 18-25.

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



The Central Brevard Art Association is presenting its annual Art Show and Sale at the Cocoa Beach Public Library showcasing the unique talents of local artists.

Dozens of local artists will be displaying and selling a variety of original fine art and prints, photography, jewelry, silks, clay, wood, sculpture, mixed media and much more! Gift Baskets valued at more than \$600 will be raffled with

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First Baptist of Port St. John 100% going to the CBAA scholarship fund.

The Cocoa Beach Public Library is located at 550 N. Brevard Ave, Cocoa Beach. Admission is Never heard of Operation free. Show hours are Friday, October 18, 10 AM to 6 PM; Saturday, October 19, 9 AM to 5 PM; and Sunday, October 20, 1 PM to 4PM.

> CBAA is a not-for-profit organization of local artists serving Brevard County for over 58 years. CBAA was created to promote community appreciation of visual arts, provide educational opportunities in visual arts to the local community and support our members through education, instruction, encouragement and promotion. Through community support, CBAA also provides an annual scholarship award to a local graduating high school senior who wishes to pursue a college education in art and sponsors a scholarship at Eastern Florida State College for students pursuing the arts. To learn more visit www.cbaaartists.com, or call us at 321-632-2922.



Cocoa Village Fall Art & Craft **Festival**

Come out for two days of fabulous Arts and Crafts in the streets of Historic Cocoa Village!

The Art & Craft Fair will be on the streets of Cocoa Village with over 150 exhibitors on Saturday, Oct 19, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday, Oct 20, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. The streets of Cocoa Village will be filled with street entertainment, kid and pet friendly events, fantastic food and of course, lots of art and crafts.

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For more information call 321-631-9075.



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Ready For A Superstorm?

At 185 mph and headed for a visit to north Brevard, Dorian made even lifelong Florida residents think harder about plans for a catastrophic emergency. Medical support is a top priority in that planning. Here is some information from Parrish Medical Center that's worth keeping readily available for the remainder of hurricane season, and maybe well beyond. It was released ahead of Dorian, but their emergency plans will be implemented for any major storm. It's worth knowing before you need it.

Hurricane Frequently Asked Questions

Parrish Medical Center (PMC) initiated hurricane preparedness procedures well in advance of Hurricane Dorian's approach to Brevard County, and the hospital's emergency response plan is now fully in effect with Brevard County's announcement of mandatory evacuations; school and government office closings; and the planned opening of hurricane shelters. Following are frequently asked questions and answers. This list will be updated regularly and posted on the hospital's internet at www.parrishhealthcare.com.

Q. Is the hospital a shelter?

A. No. Families and pets cannot be sheltered at the hospital. The medical center's resources during an emergency, such as a hurricane, are dedicated to the care and treatment of the very sick or injured.

Q. Is PMC a special needs center?

A. We work closely with the county, who coordinates placement into special needs centers. We will only receive patients who are already on the county's list. Individuals not currently registered with the county, but requiring special needs during a time of emergency, should contact the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management at 637-6670 for more information. It is important to note that this program is designed to assist those residents who HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE FOR SAFE SHELTER AND MEET THE PROGRAM REGISTRATION CRITERIA.

Q. Will the hospital evacuate?

A. No. The hospital will stay operational during the storm. The building is constructed to code and is equipped with backup generators and supplies to remain fully operational for up to two weeks after a storm.

Brevard County residents served by PMC will be kept informed of hurricane-related hospital developments through PMC's website, posts on PMC's Facebook page, Twitter, news releases to the media, and signage at office entrances.





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Monthly Tax Update

Being a tax preparer for many years, I have always been very conscientious about how much I charge a client. At the same time, I have given my best to produce an accurate and correct return. I'm sure my colleagues do the same. In performing this important requirement for individual and business taxpayers, comes a substantial level of stress, as you may be well aware of. The stress is almost the same of a doctor, lawyer, nurse, policeman, firefighter, service personnel or any other individual confronted with representing another individual in times of their need for personal safety, financial security, or peace of mind. I wonder sometimes if my clients, clients of other colleagues, citizens depending on our service organizations, really take into consideration what it takes to be one of these providers.

We all have a desire to help our fellow neighbor, friend, and anyone who requests assistance. It's our nature. As time has moved on, additional requirements have evolved and each one of us providers are now tasked with additional training, certifications and penalties for not performing our duties, professionally and respectfully, without prejudice of race, color, creed, ethic origin, religious belief or gender. I guess we're able to handle all of it, except for two elements associated to our profession. One is compensation for services rendered, and the other is the penalties assessed when failure occurs. It's funny, someone goes to the grocery store and the price is on the product you're purchasing; you either buy or not. You don't go and negotiate with the store manager for a lower price. But when one goes to a service provider where the fee is determined, then the person needing assistance feels like the fee is negotiable. I just don't understand this. I know everyone is looking to get a deal. But really, they're not giving consideration to what it takes to be a service provider who is looking out for their best interest.

For example, as an Enrolled Agent, authorized to practice before the Internal Revenue Service, it requires me to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year, purchasing new tax preparation software and research materials each year, and exposure to substantial penalties on each return prepared. Think about it. I prepare over 700 returns and each one of them

has a potential exposure to penalties.

Give consideration to our doctors, dentists, firemen, policemen, teachers and any other service providers who are also subjected to penalties for everyone they come in contact with. Think about it. You requested their help. Give it some thought as to how much it would cost you doing what they did, yourself. It's either time or money. I agree, some are totally overpriced, but some are totally worth it, and it's probably a heck of a lot cheaper requesting their assistance compared to what it would cost you.

All I ask is to be fair to each other.

This is only a brief overview. It is your responsibility to discuss any tax or financial information - prior to making any changes - with your professional advisor to assist you in evaluating your situation. 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.







Treasure Island Gala

- Benefiting The Children's Center

Extraordinary plans are underway for Jess Parrish Medical Foundation's (JPMF) annual benefit gala, Treasure Island, which takes place on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 5-10 pm at Cruise Terminal One, Port Canaveral. GrayRobinson, P.A., and William and Laura Boyles return as presenting sponsors for the event.

More than 400 guests are expected to attend the swashbuckling evening of romantic elegance. Guests will enjoy signature cocktails, a tropical island inspired dinner and treasure hunting at the silent auction. One thousand pieces of gold will be at stake in the Hooks 'n Tails costume contest. Guests are encouraged to wear elegant pirate and mermaid inspired attire - \$500 prize for the best mermaid and \$500 for the best pirate will be awarded.

Event proceeds will benefit The Children's Center to fund current and future needs and help bring the center into its 20th year of providing access to services, guidance and support for children and their families.

"GrayRobinson, P.A. and William and Laura Boyles are honored to once again partner with Jess Parrish Medical Foundation as presenting sponsor of this year's benefit gala," said William A. Boyles, shareholder at GrayRobinson, P.A. "As presenting sponsor, it is gratifying to know that our investment is providing access to high-quality care that develops Strong Families for Life® and will continue to provide future generations of our children with a safe place to learn, grow and reach their full potential."

Holly Carver and Laura Anne Pray are cochairs for the event. Gala committee members include Judy Allender, Winnie Brewer, Kelley Broome, Mary Coleman, Lauren Coyne, Carlos Diaz, Lori Duester, Voncile Franklin, Betty Greene, Samantha Guyre, Nadine Itani, Jessie Kirk, Elizabeth Kump, Melissa Lugo, Christina Morrison, Susan Morse and Dr. Tanya Taival.

"We are overjoyed by the tremendous support we have received for Treasure Island, and are thrilled to have so many organizations and community partners joining us to make a difference in the health of

our community," said Judy Allender, event underwriting chair.

The growing list of this year's event partners include the Shores of Plenty-level sponsors: Injury Centers of Brevard, OMNI Healthcare, Susan Morse and Daniel Levy/UBS Financial Services and Zumpano Patricios; X Marks the Spot-level sponsors: Allender & Allender P.A./ Port Commissioner Jerry and Judy Allender, Coastal Ambulance Services and Bob and Jessie Kirk/Kirk Management LLC; Pirate's Cove-level sponsors: The Broome Law Firm, P.A./Chris and Kelly Broome, HealthFund Solutions, LLC, Hop-



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Individual gala tickets are available at \$125 and sponsorship opportunities are offered starting at \$500. For more information about sponsorship packages, to donate tax-deductible auction items or to purchase general admission and chancedrawing tickets, please contact Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or visit parrishmedfoundation.com/gala. Space is limited.

Attention All Veterans And Their Families.

With the passing of the Legion Act by our President, the American Legion has expanded their eligibility for membership into our 'family.' Today, it counts 2 million members, in 12,000 posts nationwide.

Veterans who have served honorably after December, 1942 are now able to join one of our country's largest organizations. Family members (spouses, sons & daughters) of these veterans are also able to participate in the American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of the Legions, or even both of these groups.

Please stop by our post, pick up a brochure and application. Find out what is available to you as a member of the American Legion. A few of our programs are: Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, working with women's gender specific health needs, help for homeless veterans, boy scouts, child welfare fund, among others.

If you have additional questions, please contact us @ American Legion Post 359; (321) 268 1632. Or email at pamericanlegion1@cfl.rr.com.

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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 Christ Central Church - side entrance, 2010 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa. www. naranonfl.org.

10-1 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.

10-2 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.

10-2 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 pro-

Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -607-6901 Sheriff: Non-Emergency -633-7162 Fire Station 26 (Port St. John) 633-2056 Emergency Operations Center 637-6670 Waste Management -636-6894 Roadway Maintenance -264-5084 SCAT Bus Information -633-1878 Port St. John Library 633-1867 PSJ Community Center -633-1904 Florida Power & Light -723-7795 City of Cocoa Water Dept. -433-8400 Parrish Medical Center Port St. John -636-9393 Titusville -268-6111 Atlantis Elementary School -633-6143 Challenger 7 Elementary -636-5801 Enterprise Elementary School 633-3434 Fairglen Elementary School - 631-1993 Space Coast Jr/Sr High School - 638-0750 Sexual Offender Registry www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/

gram at 8 AM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/.

10-8 Yom Kippur Begins

10-10 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.

10-11 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.

10-13 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

10-13 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.

10-13 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.

10-13 Sukkot Starts 10-14 Columbus Day

10-16 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.

10-18 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.

10-21 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, 505-2361.

10-22 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.

10-31 Halloween

Congratulations to:

Ryan Kremer turns 11 this month. Danny Huegel turns 25 on the 1st. **Stephanie Puckett** turns wilder on the 2nd. **Lisa Troxel** is the Queen on the 3rd. Connie Partin dances til dawn on the 3rd. Adam Niehoff turns 37 on the 3rd. **Loni Phipps** is the party girl on the 5th. Gary Turner turns crazier on the 5th. Jimmy Scott turns 11 on the 10th!! **Helen Lapardo** turns cuter on the 10th!! **Karrson Unrue** turns **22** on the 10th. Nicole Long turns 16 on the 14th. Kimberly Nicole Kremer turns 12 on the 14th! **Kenny Gow** turns cooler on the 15th. Sophia Lapardo is 22 on the 16th! **Christina Crouse** turns prettier on the 16th. **Alex Nero** turns wiser on the 17th. Ryan Kremer turns 32 on the 17th. Susan Kadlac turns hotter on the 18th. **Sharon Brown** turns more lovely on the 20th. **Tyler Gaddy** turns **20** on October ?? **Duane Gaddy** on October 20 Danny Bowen turns 20 on the 21st. **Kathy Patterson** rocks the night on the 24th. Michelle Kolczynski turns wilder on the 25th. Lisa Merrell turns 26 on the 26th. **Lauren Hannon** turns **24** on the 27th. **Keith Simpson** turns **25** this month. **Bud Simpson** turns better on the 27th. **Kathy Bradley** is more charming on the 27th. **Andy Bradley** is the bomb on the 28th. Austin Harris turns 23 on the 28th. Rachel Erickson turns 21 on the 29th. **Craig Kremer** turns **6-0** on the 29th. William Scheiner is **37** on the 30th! **Sherri Fogarty** has a spanking day on the 31st. Gently, she has important plans tomorrow! Chris & Sherri Fogarty celebrate their 29th (Skinny-dipping) anniversary on the 6th. Belinda and Don Crouse celebrate with wildness on the 11th.

Tim and Kelly Rowell will celebrate their 30th anniversary on the 20th.

Bill & Carol Tyler celebrate their 35th anniversary on the 20th.

We have lots of room for more good news. Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.





Every year thousands of lives are lost needlessly to suicide, most often without friends or family knowing there was a problem, or that they might have been able to help. Losing someone to suicide or struggling with a mental illness can feel like no one understands what you are going through. Unlike other illnesses, it is difficult to look at someone and know their connection.

It's time to help!

Welcome to the Out of the Darkness North Brevard County Walk. When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, support, and a walk that unites a campus and community – a time to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental illness have affected our lives and our loved ones.

You can join (or donate) online at afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=6439. Click the Register Now button at the top of the page to get started right away.

Online registration closes at noon (local time) the Friday before the walk. However, Walk donations are accepted until December 31st and you can still register onsite on the day of the event.

The Out of the Darkness North Brevard County Walk will be held on October 5th at the Chain of Lakes Park - 2300 Truman Scarborough Way, Titusville. Check-in/Registration time is 8:00 am. The Walk Begins at 9:00 am and ends at 11:30 am. Anyone who would like to participate can register in person at the walk from the time check-in begins until the walk starts. Registration is free and open to the public.

Thanks to Walkers and Donors like you, AFSP has been able to set a goal to reduce the annual suicide rate 20% by 2025.

Help Spread the Word! Please help promote the event through your social media outlets! #OutoftheDarkness.

For more information, please contact Liz Mikitarian, 321-431-2857 or email: emikiphone@me.com.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you at the walk!

Howl-O-Ween Petacular

Bring your pampered pets, dressed in their very best, to Cocoa Village for a Howl-O-Ween Petacular. The event, free to attend, will be hosted by Tails at the Barkery, and will cater to the pets and the ones who love them on Saturday, October 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo) in Historic Cocoa Village.

You and your pet can help make the 4th Annual Howl-O-Ween Petacular a "pawpular" success! Get dressed up, catch up with old friends and meet new ones, and help raise money for two animal non-profit organizations:

- · Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue (MFSR)
- · S.P.C.A. of Brevard

The Costumed Pet Promenade begins at 10:30 a.m. with participants and their Halloween costumed pets of all shapes and sizes following a map through Cocoa Village and making "eleven designated stops" where they will collect a special "trick or treat". At five stops, they will receive one playing card. At the end of the Costumed Pet Promenade, the person with the best "poker hand" will win a Gift Basket.

Pets dressed in their favorite "Howl-O-Ween" costumes can enter the "howlingly" fun pet costume contests beginning at Noon. Each contest entry fee is a \$10 donation per pet in advance and \$15 at the event.

Win "Fa-boo-lous" Prizes for:

- · Best Decorated Wagon or Stroller
- Best Dressed Owner/Pet Combo
- · Best Costume Large Pet
- · Best Costume Small Pet

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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.

For additional information, directions to the event or to register for the pet costume contests, please visit Tails at the Barkery in Cocoa Village or call (321) 305-4584.

Hosted by Pam Shaia, Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584, www.tailsatthebarkery.com



2019 PSJ Christmas Parade

Dear Neighbor,

This letter is to invite your organization to participate in the 30th Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade

will take place on December 21, 2019, 11 AM, in Port St. John. The parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. We are hoping for 80-90 entries again this year. Please send your entry in early.

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

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

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

candy, please be sure to have walkers accompany the parade shirts! Your business name will be your float.

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

Call us to find out how to get your name on

added to all the Parade T-shirts, staff and public, for a minimum donation of \$50.

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

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

Port St. John	Christmas	Parade	Entry	Form
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NAME OF GROUP:
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Are you having music? Y N Type of music: Band Caroling Other
Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft
Do you have animals? Y N Type & number:
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October Calendar of Events

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Adult Programs:

Master Gardener. Mondays, 2-4 pm, Conference Room.

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

PSJ Pen Movers Writing Group. Mondays, 9:15-11:15 am.

SHINE – Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders. Tues, 12-3 pm. Call for an appointment: 321-222-7981.

Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am

Port St. John Pokemon Club, Oct. 12 & Oct. 26, 10 am-12 pm, regulated play. All ages.

Meetings and Events:

Oct 9, 6:30 pm, The Bookworms Book Club Discussion Group.

Oct 19, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, Fall Festival. Hosted by Friends of the Library. All ages!

Oct 23, 5:30 pm, Crafting for Adults. Call 633-1867 for description of the activity.

Children, Tweens and Teens:

Tuesdays, Infant Laptime. 9:15 am. Songs & Stories, Ages 3-24 months.

Tuesdays, Brick by Brick: LEGO free play. 3:30-4:30 pm, Ages 5-10.

Thursdays, STIR. Storytime for Independent Readers. 3:30 pm. Ages 6-12.

Fridays, Preschool Storytime. 10:30 am. Stories, songs, crafts. Ages 2-5.

Thu, Oct 24, 3:30-5:00 pm, Halloween Creep Fest for ages 6-12. Scary stories, games, mask making, music and dance.

Fri, Oct 25, 10:30 am, Halloween theme storytime. Ages 2-5. Costumes allowed.

Thu, Oct 31, 2:30-6:00 pm. Trick-or-Treat the Library after school!

Thu, Oct 31, S.T.I.R. canceled

Fri, Nov 1, Preschool Storytime canceled.

Sun, Oct 20, Brevard Library Con. 12-4 pm at Satellite Beach Library. All ages.

Absolute Best Way to Make The Holidays Stress Free......Almost' is especially geared to help alleviate the avalanche of stress heading our way as the holidays get closer

The Absolute Best

Way To Make The

Holidays (almost) Totally Stress Free

October -

Many non-scary Halloween decorations - maize, fall foliage, etc.- can do double duty, and with a little revamping be left in place for Thanksgiving also.

Many of the stores are putting housewares on sale - this would be a good time to stock up on festive tablecloths, dishes and new cookware for your new recipes.

If your family is into the game after a big dinner, you could research renting a big screen TV and plan how to rearrange the furniture in one room for maximum viewing. I usually make a trip to the big box store and pick up several inexpensive toys to keep any young children occupied, and away from any adults who may be nodding off - especially if they should have permanent markers in their chubby little hands.

Christmas wrappings, fruit cakes or whatever from local scout groups or fundraising groups, order AND pay for them now. The amount of money spent on these incidentals grows each year and it's much easier to pay now than it will be to pay later.

My kids' problem of which family to celebrate the big day with became more stressful each year. Having a Christmas brunch worked well for us for several years. We served breakfast casseroles, bagels, cinnamon rolls and such. I

Fall Festival

Come join us on Saturday, October 19, for a Fall Festival.

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All ages are welcome and it's Free!

Carnival games, prizes, cake walk, photo ops,

hopscotch and more! Wear your costume!

Stop by the library and check us out!

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This month's installment of my book 'The got to enjoy my grandchildren while they were still happy just to rip open more gifts and they got to enjoy having more gifts to open. Contrary to seemingly popular opinion, I did not purpose-

> fully fill them with sugar and send them to their other grandparents... I just can't help being a sucker for huge sad eyes and a whispered, "Just one more Santa cookie...Pllleeeaasssee?"

> Even with the new gathering time, going from their home to my home to their in-laws' home became more of a problem with each new baby, so we began playing with the calendar a little. The date we meet is not important as long as we have

time to enjoy each other. So began our tradition of celebrating a week or so after the big day. The families get to have two almost stress free holidays instead on one big headache filled one, and the kids get two days to open presents. This would not work for a lot of families, but has become a way of life for us and a surprising number of my friends and relatives

In recent years, though, our family has grown If you usually buy your Christmas tree, so large that it became stressful just having everyone in one house all day. Children and Grammys were constantly being admonished to quiet down, stop skipping in the house and act our age. I contacted the local Parks and Recreation Department and found a beautiful park that has barracks-like buildings complete with tables, chairs, refrigerator and stove within a twenty minute drive from everyone in the family. Rental for a day is usually minimal and they can be reserved and paid for in advance. If this seems like an option for you, contact your Parks and Recreation department this month.

> Begin searching boutiques and craft stores for that gift for your husband's Great Aunt Prudence. Do not allow yourself to buy that eraser... even though her voice has begun to affect you like fingernails on a chalkboard the third time she commented on how hard her poor nephew must work to provide you with such a lifestyle - totally ignoring the fact that you also work 40 hours a week and are mostly responsible for kids, house, dog and hamster.

Make another payment on your lay-away.

- more to come next month.















North Brevard Fall Festival + Movies In The Park

Celebrate Fall and the Halloween season at the scenic and serene Fox Lake Park on Friday, October 25th, 4400 Fox Lake Rd., Titusville. The fun starts at 5:00 and continues until 10:00 pm. Movie time is 8:30 – 10:00 pm. The movie is rated PG, so it's safe for kids. Families can enjoy the autumn weather with fun and spooky activities!

FREE ACTIVITIES!

Kids, Teens, Adults, and Families can enjoy a variety of FREE ACTVITIES such as Bounce Houses, Caricatures, a Costume Contest for all ages, Face Painting, games, Goody Bags (given to the first 300 kids at the event), laser tag, music, Halloween Hay Ride, a Scary Trail (age restricted), a Trunk-or-Treat and more!!!

FREE MOVIE AND POPCORN!!

After experiencing the FREE festivities, enjoy a FREE MOVIE playing on a massive 30-foot movie screen with North Area Parks, "MOVIES IN THE PARK." As always, snacks & refreshments like popcorn, candy, and other food items will be available for free or for purchase.

The feature title presented at the event will be voted on by YOU and the rest of the local community! Be sure to vote through our Facebook Poll at: https://www.facebook.com/events/337573380526937/?active_tab=about

FOOD!!!!

Enjoy the sweet smells and aroma of autumn and taste a variety of seasonal tricks and treats on offer through our selection of food vendors!

We cannot wait to have a Spook-tacular time with you and your family!

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PMC Fighting Cancer Stepping Up the Fight

Parrish Medical Center and OMNI Healthcare have joined forces to provide the services and technology you expect from a world-class cancer center. As a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, Parrish Cancer Center and Mayo

Clinic are working together giving you access to the latest clinical research and cancer treatment options available anywhere.



This October, PMC is proud to partner with dedicated organizations within our community in **Event** the fight against breast cancer. These organizations include The American Cancer Society as the Survivor Sponsor for the Making Strides initiative and the Titusville Fire Department to assist us in honoring our care partner cancer survivors.

Special Celebration: Honoring Care Partner Cancer Survivors

Our care partners serve our community every day to uphold the mission, vision and values of Parrish Healthcare. We will be holding this celebration to honor our care partner cancer survivors who have been an inspiration to others and still endlessly dedicate their time.

During this celebration, Titusville Fire Department personnel will line a path to the grand staircase where the CEO or his designee will acknowledge each survivor with a certificate. Following this, there will be a reception where survivors will receive a free TFD breast cancer awareness t-shirt in support of Parrish Cancer Center services.

To bring the event to a close, we will take a picture with TFD personnel to highlight our partnership as we fight breast cancer in our community together.

Awareness T-shirt Initiative

Throughout the month of October we will encourage care partners to purchase a TFD t-shirt. Proceeds from this limited release t-shirt will go to the Parrish Medical Center's Cancer Care Program. Parrish Medical Center's Cancer Care Program includes breast health navigators working directly with patients to coordinate care and free



supplies through the bobbing his head. Cancer Care Boutique underinsured or noninsured patients. Titusville Fire is proud to bring about breast cancer awareness and

partner with Printboy, a local organization that gives back to the people within our community, since 2015! Visit www.printboy.net and order yours today! You can choose shipping for a flat rate (\$5) or just pick up for FREE at Printboy: 3860 Curtis Blvd. Port St. John.

Meet Your Oncology Team HealthBridge

Come join us on October 17 from 5-7 p.m. at Indian River Preserve (3950 Clubhouse Drive, Mims) in Mims.

Join us so you can get to know your team of cancer fighters and to learn more about cancer prevention, symptoms and risks.

This event is free, but space is limited. Please call 321-268-6156 or visit parrishhealthcare.com/ events to reserve your seat.

On The Road With Rose The Enchanted Forest

While there are many places in Brevard to get out and enjoy the great outdoors, we are fortunate enough to have an ecological gem right here in Titusville. Located at 444 Columbia Blvd., the Enchanted Forest is a wonderland of trails, foliage and wildlife. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm every day except Monday, and there is no charge. The phone number is 321) 264-5185.

It has been a favorite place to enjoy with my grandchildren since some of them were old enough to walk. You can actually feel the spirit of the forest as soon as you pull off Columbia Blvd. and begin to follow the winding road back **Titusville Fire Department's Breast Cancer** to the Discovery Center. Have everyone keep an eye out on each side of the road. We have spotted tortoises, raccoons, rabbits and more just driving through. If you do happen to see wildlife, please do not attempt to pet or catch them. They are not tame. Just enjoy from afar.

> As you pull into the parking lot, be sure to stop for a moment to say hello to the resident tortoise. If he's not too busy, he'll stare back at you while

There's a small butterfly garden at the enand mammograms for trance. The blooms depend on the season, but there is always something blooming and several butterflies hovering.

> Be sure to sign in at the door and pick up a pamphlet or two. They are most informative. The trail maps are updated and easy to read, I recommend you take one of the maps. It's hard to get lost, but I have managed to do it a couple of times when I gave young grandchildren freedom to navigate for our group. The trails wind around and end back at the building, but it can take longer than you had planned on hiking.

> The large screened room is used most every weekend for various classes, shows and informational talks. You can go to the Enchanted Forest website for upcoming events.

> There are several rooms inside the Center, also a well-stocked library carrying books available for checking out from stories for toddlers to informative books for adults and older grandchildren.

> My grandchildren's favorite room is the discovery room where they can don a suit just like the ones used by wildfire fighters. Touching everything is encouraged. Youngsters can study dozens of creepy bugs and Lord-knows-what under the microscopes, make animal footprints in the sand and much more.

> The second discovery room contains more books, pictures and crayons, almost real reptiles and almost real animal scat (the kids favorite). There's much more for the kids, but it changes often. Most of the time I had to repeatedly remind my grands there were trails to be discovered; imaginary pilgrims, Indians or pirates await!

> The trails begin at the back of the building right after the wooden bridge spanning a beautiful little pond and another butterfly garden flanked by huge coquina rocks. They are very well marked and there are many informative plaques pointing out the flora and fauna. We (meaning mostly me) are always in awe of the Addison Canal. I believe it and the trail leading to it is one of the most beautiful places in Brevard. It is so difficult to imagine it being dug so many years ago mostly by pick ax!

> The Enchanted Forest is a great place to spend an afternoon. There is something for kids of all ages and interests and it's free!

Parrish Medical Center is Healing in Every Sense

Music appeals to the senses and research shows it plays a part in healing.

"A growing body of research attests that music therapy is more than a nice perk. It can improve medical outcomes and quality of life in a variety of ways," according to Beverly Merz, Executive Editor, Harvard Women's Health Watch.

Understanding and believing in music's heal-



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ing affects, Parrish Medical Center (PMC) has made music a regular part of its healing environment for nearly two decades. Live weekly music performances are held in the medical center's atrium near the central seating area for outpatient services and the atrium cafe. Community volunteer musicians as well as professional musicians play weekly. A beautiful baby grand piano, donated by the PMC Auxiliary, has a prominent place as well in the atrium.

"Whether it is a scheduled outpatient surgery, MRI or mammogram, having access to healing music helps to ease feelings of stress or anxiety," said PMC Vice President, Communications, Community and Corporate Services Natalie Sellers. "We have hosted the Brevard Symphony Orchestra small groups, volunteer pianists and other musicians," Sellers said. "We also have witnessed couples dancing in the atrium, people singing along to a familiar song, or simply listening and enjoying the respite the music provides."

Healing Experiences For Everyone All The Time® is PMC's mission and the system has served to fulfill that mission in part by the evidence-based healing environment it has designed and created for the people and community served.

If you are interested in being a volunteer musician, please contact 321-268-6110.

Titusville Rotary Clubs Hold Joint Meeting on Promoting Rotary's Mission and Membership

The Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club, the North Brevard Rotary Club, the Viera Rotary Club and the Titusville Rotary Club recently hosted a joint club meeting at La Cita Country Club in Titusville to discuss ways to advance Rotary's mission in the community. Representing District 6930 was current District Governor, Donna Gaiser, and Assistant District Governor, Michelle Vitt Baker. The evening's highlight was a presentation by Rotary Zone 34 Coordinator George Robertson-Burnett on growing Rotary's membership.



Rotary Club presidents and representatives from the Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club, the North Brevard Rotary Club, the Titusville Rotary Club, and the Viera Rotary Club pose with George Robertson-Burnett, District Governor Donna Gaiser and Assistant District Governor Michelle Vitt Baker. Photo by: Randy Coleman, Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club.

The current presidents of each club opened the meeting with a reminder of Rotary International's work and the mantra for Rotarians to place "Service above Self." They also mentioned this year's Rotary International theme, which is "Rotary Connects the World" – an acknowledgment that Rotary's impact is felt across the globe.

Rotary International is regarded as the world's first civic organization. Founded in Chicago in 1905 by attorney Paul Harris, the organization has grown to more than 1.2 million members in over 200 countries worldwide, and has worked to eradicate polio, provide clean water and improve sanitation to impoverished communities, and award millions of dollars in scholarships to youth.

For more information on Rotary International, visit www.rotary.org.



Walter Butler Community Center - October, 2019

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

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

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

No Gym Activities – Pickleball, Volleyball, and all Basketball activities will resume when the gym floor renovations are completed.

Tuesdays

Kids in Motion 2-6 p.m.

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

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. No Gym Activities – Floor Renovations

Wednesdays

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

No Gym Activities – Floor Renovations

Thursdays

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

No Gym Activities – Floor Renovations

Fridays

Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

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

No Gym Activities – Floor Renovations

Saturdays

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No Gym Activities – Floor Renovations

4-H Junior Master Gardner Program

The Junior Master Gardner Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experience 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 the Walter Butler Community Center (321)433-4448.

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

Sharpes Community Brunch

Hosted by The North Cocoa Civic League every third Wednesday of the month, 10:15-11:30 a.m., this event is free.

For more information, contact Jared Lewis at 321-412-0577 or the Walter Butler Community Center (321)433-4448.

Youth Basketball League

Program designed for boys and girls ages 7 to 12. Games played each Saturday 8 a.m.-2 p.m., tentatively October 5 through November 23. Primary focus will be to build upon and improve skills sets of each participate. Practices are held Thursday evening 5-8 p.m. cost is \$20 per player. For more information, contact the Walter Butler Community Center at (321)433-4448.

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.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

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

Young Eagles Flight Rally

Kids 8 to 17 will take to the air on October 26th, 8:30 am to noon, as the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter 724 host a Young Eagles flight Rally at the Merritt Island Airport, 900 Airport Road, Merritt Island.

"The Airplane rides are FREE," said Don White, Chapter Coordinator for the event. "We hope to build a one on one relationship between the Pilots and the young people, thus, giving the new generation a chance to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of Aviation," while enjoying the thrill of flying.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED. A parent must register their kid(s) at: http://YEDAY.org and fill out the registration form and then click on the SUBMIT button for this event. When you arrive at the airport the registration form will be printed out for the parent to sign. Anyone without access to a computer will be able to register online when they arrive at the airport or can use a computer at a public library.

A Parent or Guardian must accompany the young folks and sign the registration form.

The flights are an average of twenty minutes, depending on the type of airplane. Following the flight, each young person (YOUNG EAGLE) will receive a Certificate making him or her, an Official Young Eagle Flight Member, and a personal Flight Log Book from Sporty's Pilot Shop. Their names will also be entered into the "World's Largest Log Book." This book is on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI.

All Pilots and Airplanes are certified by the FAA and are also insured. Want more information? Call 266-7410 (Don) and leave a message.

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

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Fruit From The Groves

On September 12, 2019 a meeting was held of everyone works together. the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association at the Discovery Church. Some of the subjects brought up were about people placing signs on the traffic control devices, like stop signs, speed signs and utility poles, which is illegal to do.

The placement of a wall along 528 and the border of Canaveral Groves was discussed. However, the Homeowners Association will not take a stand either way because of our status with the State of Florida. It prevents us from doing that. However, if a person was to bring a petition to a meeting for or against the wall, any individual at the meeting could sign it.

There have been a number of reports of wild animals such as coyotes roaming the area. They are classified as a nuisance animal, but please follow the FWC guidelines. You can get more information at these sites:

https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/wildlife/coyotes/faq/

http://www.foremostcoyotehunting. com/2018/01/coyote-hunting-florida.html

Traffic crashes have occurred at Grissom and Canaveral Groves Blvd. A lot of them have been caused by people running the red light or not using turn signals.

A Brevard County Deputy came to the meeting and explained the number of calls the last month here in the Groves. We have a very low crime rate due to the fact many people call in when they see something unusual. If you see something, please call the Sheriffs Dept. He advised there was a burglary at the BP station on Grissom Parkway. Four youths committed the burglary by breaking in the front glass. A concerned citizen called in to the Sheriffs Office when he heard the audible alarm. Deputies were able to respond before they got the call from the alarm company. After checking the area, they did come upon four subjects that were taken into custody. This shows what happens when

He also advised there have been a number of traffic tickets issued due to speeding and other violations. Even one of the members present advised that he was speeding, stopped by a deputy and cited. He agreed that he deserved it.

A question was asked about the trespassing laws and the deputy went into detail about them. The SO needs to be called if you have a trespasser. People can be arrested for threating a trespasser, so it's best left up to the Sheriff's Office. The best thing to do is have a gate and keep it closed and locked.

Please take your storm shutters down, because they are a major safety hazard if there is a fire. The fire department may not be able to quickly extinguish the fire. There are still many weeks of hurricane season left, so please be safe.

There will be no Canaveral Groves Homeowners meeting in October. The next meeting will be on November 14th at Discovery Church on Grissom Parkway.

Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association

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, October 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. 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.

Mixed Media Class for Kids

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is offering a four session after school art class, "Magical Mixed Media," this October. Students grades 6 through 8 will make marvelous works of art from start to finish using mixed media techniques! Beginning with canvas and wood as foundations, you will add your own touches, guided by artist "Mr. Mark" Palmer, who will direct you step-by-step through this fascinating process. He will show you how to use found objects, acrylic paint, photo transfer, layering and texture to create unique compositions that you'll be proud to display!

The class will be taught at the Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway, in downtown Cocoa Beach on Tuesday afternoons, 4:30 to 6 pm October 1 to October 22.

The fee for the class is \$60 plus a \$15 supply fee. Students should bring their favorite memorabilia, scraps of paper, ephemera and found objects. Register online at https://www. studiosofococabeach.org

Witch Way 5K

Be prepared for a spooky good time!

The Town of Indialantic is excited to present the 12th annual Witch Way 5K on Saturday, October 12th at 5:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit Indialantic Beautification and SPCA.

The scenic course through the Town of Indialantic begins and ends at Nance Park on the beach. This family-friendly event is sure to be a spooky good time for adults and children alike! Each race participant will receive a complimentary technical race shirt – while supplies last. Immediately following the race, participants are invited to gather at Long Doggers for post-run festivities and for the announcement of race winners! There will be trick-or-treating for the kids at the Indialantic Shopping Center.

For more information, or to register, visit https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Indialantic/IndialanticWitchWay5K.

Brevard Humane Society Helps Feed Pets Through "Animeals" Programs

The Brevard Humane Society is reminding area residents they offer a variety of free and low cost food services to local pet owners who might be struggling financially to feed their pets.

"For years, the Brevard Humane Society has been proud to aid local families by providing needed pet food for their loving animal(s)," stated Theresa Clifton, Executive Director of the Brevard Humane Society. "While some pet owners might need food on a short-term / emergency basis, other individuals that may be unemployed, disabled or on government assistance might require long-term solutions. It is our goal to ensure no animals are ever surrendered due to their guardian's inability to feed them."

to purchase pet food with an EBT card or that for seniors with limited resources, the food they receive may be utilized to feed a hungry pet, the Brevard Humane Society has found creative ways to keep their shelves stocked while also assisting those in need. For instance, partnering with Aging Matters in Brevard for their "Pets on Wheels" program has enabled the Brevard Humane Society to proudly assist homebound and elderly citizens who would otherwise be unable to travel to their facilities. Launched in 2016, Pets on Wheels currently distributes approximately 150 to 200 lbs. of free pet food per month to Meal on Wheels recipients throughout the community.

Pet food assistance is available to all Brevard County residents currently experiencing financial hardship. Recipients will be qualified on a first come, first serve basis and based upon their demonstrated financial need. Support is made possible solely through generous donations from the local community, therefore pet food brands will vary and special requests / prescription diet plans are not able to be accommodated.

For those wishing to aid community owners and their pets in need, food may be donated to either of the Brevard Humane Society's Adoption Center locations: 155 Pioneer Road in Merritt Island or 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa. For those wishing to help volunteer and organize food, please call 321.636.3343 ext. 207 or email: volunteer@brevardhumanesociety.org.

Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library & Reference

308 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa (321) 633-1792

October 2019 Adult Programs

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

Let Ree show you how to make quality, ornate gift cards for any occasion at her Art Gallery Cards class on Mondays at 10 am or 1 pm. A \$10 charge covers supplies and instruction.

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

Join Jeanette in her Stick Fitness exercise Realizing that many families often unable class on October 1, 3, 17, 22, and 31 at 6:30 pm! It's an upbeat, fun, energetic and rhythmic way to get in shape! Cost is \$5 per class. Bring a mat/towel.

> Emily will guide you through poses that will increase your flexibility and concentration at her Gentle Hatha Yoga class on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Cost is \$5. Bring a yoga mat or towel.

> Come learn from expert Tom Nelson about the number of ailments caused by inflammation that can be naturally remedied through simple lifestyle changes at the Six Steps to Restoring and Optimizing Your Health class. This is weeks 1-3 of a FREE six-week course. All materials are provided. Pre-register with Tom at (321) 961-9244.

Learn the fundamentals at the 2-part Computer Basics class on October 2nd and 9th, both with Reference at 321-633-1792.

Come out for Popcorn and a Movie on Thursday, October 24 at 2 pm showing the best in recent box office hits, and classic films. FREE.

The general public is welcome to our Fall Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, October 11 & 12 at 9 am, and Sunday, October 13 at 1 pm. Peruse the vast selection of books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks for sale. Proceeds from the sale benefit library programming and events.

Dr. Sylvie Morin, Doctor of Oriental Medicine, will show you Natural Solutions for Macular Degeneration on Friday, October 11 at 10 am. FREE.

Experience deep peace and relaxation at the Japa Meditation session on Wednesday, October 15 at 10 am. Mala prayer beads will be provided to those who didn't receive one at previous sessions. FREE.

Join the monthly Mystery Book Club discussion where everyone reads a different book on a common theme. October's theme is Critters (mystery books about dogs, cats, horses, etc.). The discussion will be on Thursday, October 17 from 12:15 pm- 2:15 pm. Contact the Reference Desk at 321-633-1792 for further details.

Enjoy an afternoon with the Dick Doc Duo as part of our Free Sunday Concert Series on Sunday, October 20 at 3 pm. They specialize in songs from Broadway, Gypsy, Tango, ethnic, classical, popular, oldie goldies, and modern music. FREE.

Check out the Resource and Technology Fair: Building a Better You, on Wednesday, October 23 from 10 am until 2 pm. Vendors will be on hand to show you the latest in assistive reading devices and resources for the visually and hearing impaired; take part in a chair yoga session; learn about nutrition; hear motivational speaker Tracy Hepburn, and so much more! For more information, call 321-633-1792 and ask for the Talking Books and Homebound Services Department. This event is FREE.

Join Normandie for the Bead Ladies Jewelry class on Thursday, October 24 at 12:30. October's jewelry craft is a Chakra necklace or bracelet. The \$15 cost includes instructions and materials. Please pre-register with Normandie at 321-225-1394.

Learn calming relaxation techniques at the Inat 10 am. This class is FREE. Please pre-register ner Peace Meditation class on Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$5.

> Local author Roy Laughlin will discuss his latest book, "Rockledge Resort District: Winter's Eden on Florida's Late 19th Century Frontier" on Friday, October 25 at 10 am. The presentation will show many photos of the major buildings of the resort District, with focus on how they changed over time. He will also discuss some of the character of the community that attracted winter tourists and kept them returning. FREE.

Mobile Apple users can learn the fundamentals of using their devices at the Apple Basics class on Wednesday, October 30 at 10 am. This class is FREE. Please bring mobile Apple device.

Court Sets the Record Straight AGAIN!

Patient-centered care comes first at Parrish Healthcare.



The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida has granted Summary Judgment in favor of Parrish Medical Center and against seven oncology physicians who demanded to remain on our medical staff despite failing to comply with requests for patient data relating to hospital quality initiatives.

We share this with you because at Parrish Medical Center (PMC) we are deeply committed to hospital quality initiatives for the benefit of our patients and our North Brevard Community. On August 22, 2019, U.S. District Court Judge Roy B. Dalton, Jr. issued the Federal Court's order granting summary judgment in favor of Parrish Medical Center and against the seven physicians on all counts of their Amended Complaint.

We all appreciate and understand that hospital quality initiatives, safety standards, regulations, and practices, are part of providing you with the best possible experience. It was with careful consideration that Parrish Medical Center last year decided not to renew the hospital privileges of the seven physicians. These physicians failed to provide, or cause to be provided, patient centered data required by our cancer program. Our cancer program is Brevard County's longest continually accredited hospital cancer program (since 1989) by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC).

PMC asserted that the patient-centered data was necessary for the reaccreditation process with the CoC. Among Judge Dalton's findings: "...PMC fought tooth and nail to gain reaccreditation and succeeded despite this missing data. PMC worked with the CoC's surveyor to brainstorm and create workarounds to get at this missing data from another angle, via records it could obtain," the opinion stated.

Notably, the opinion states: "...at bottom, this dispute revolves around the thinly veiled effort of Health First to flex its muscle in the long running, heavily litigated, 'scorched earth' turf war for Brevard County's health care business."

The seven physicians "...have been employed as foot soldiers in the intractable hostilities," the Judge wrote.

"Whether Health First has any concern for the reputation of their employee physicians, or the unfettered delivery of health care services to Brevard County citizens, or simply disregards this as unfortunate but necessary collateral damage is unclear. No sacrifice is too great when it's not yours," Judge Dalton wrote.

Patients and families who are battling cancer deserve the highest quality and most compassionate care, and the confidence an accredited cancer program affords them. We live in an age where patient-centered data and hospital quality initiatives are inextricably tied to patient well-being. That Parrish Medical Center's Board, CEO and managed care officers, stood firm for that principle—despite the fierce opposition faced from other interests—is both inspiring and comforting to our community.

The Federal Court has validated the review and decisions of Parrish Medical Center's medical executive committee, board of directors, and administration.

PMC serves as the areas only independent, not-for-profit, public, community medical center that invites continuous and rigorous testing of our processes and procedures against national best practices. It is why we earn and sustain among the highest quality and safety rankings from many nationally recognized regulatory and quality assessment agencies and organizations, among them Consumer Reports, J.D. Power & Associates, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the international Patient Safety Movement Foundation. Safety, loyalty, integrity, compassion, excellence, and stewardship are the values we live by. We will uphold these values as we continue to serve you.

