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Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!

Our 32nd Port St. John Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 18th at 11 AM. The parade route will be along Fay Blvd., starting at Waterloo Ave. and going east to Carole Ave. in the eastbound lane. The floats face the south side of Fay Blvd., so viewing will be best on the sidewalk on the south side. **Fay Blvd. will be closed from Waterloo Ave to Carole Ave from 11:00 until 12:30 when the parade ends.**

The theme of this year's parade will be "Christmas Is Caring." The entry form is on the next page and available online to print at www.happenings.net.

We have heard from Santa. He'll be there with his sleigh.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Prime Sponsor, Parrish Medical Center, and our Diamond sponsors, HAPPENINGS and Higginbotham Companies. We are not government run or funded, so these wonderful companies make the parade possible, along with the amazing volunteers who work to make the parade happen. It takes a village to put on a parade!

Our Grand Marshal this year is the Principals of our Port St. John schools: Challenger 7 (Courtney Maynor), Atlantis (Jennifer Clarke), Enterprise (Kelli Dufresne) and Space Coast Jr/Sr High (Joseph Flora). These are the people who kept going to work during the pandemic to keep our children's education and futures still in reach

and kept their lives as close to normal as has been possible the last year and a half.

And as they pointed out, it could not have been done without the teachers and employees who worked hard to adjust to every change and challenge along the way. We appreciate and honor them all.

If you fall into this group and would like to participate in the Christmas Parade, we have a place for you. See the last page of this issue for instructions on how to participate.

Due to COVID there may be less candy than usual. Those in the parade who continue the time-honored tradition of handing out candy will be required to wear masks.

Please be thoughtful of the residents along Fay Blvd. and do not litter their yards with candy wrappers and cups. Bring a bag for your youngster's treasure trove. If you bring a plastic store bag for candy and/or trash, it would help a LOT.

Any questions, suggestions, problems or needs should be directed to Randy Rodriguez, 321-633-7499 or Amber Baum, 321-258-5623.



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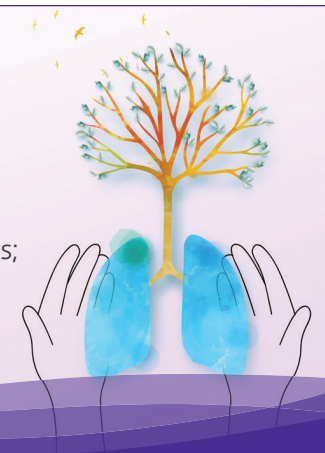
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2021 PSJ Christmas Parade

Dear Neighbor,

This letter is to invite your organization to participate in the 32nd Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on December 18, 2021, 11 AM, in Port St. John. The parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. We are planning for 70-80 entries this year. Please send your entry in early.

This year's parade theme will be "Christmas Is Caring." 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.**

There is a \$30 charge for any float or vehicle

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

Call us to find out how to get your name on the parade shirts! Your business name will be added to all the Parade T-shirts, staff and public,

for a minimum donation of \$75.00.

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 or needs should be directed to Randy Rodriguez at HAPPENINGS, 321-633-7499 or happenings1@bellsouth.net, or Amber Baum, 321-258-5623.

Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

NAME OF GROUP: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

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

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

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

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

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

Include or attach a description of your entry for the Parade Announcer.

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - December, 2021

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 7 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturdays 10 - 2 pm. **Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.**

Mondays

Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 Zumba (adult class with Jackie), 5:30 – 6 :30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 1st & 15th-Culinary Kid's 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
 Call 321-633-1904.

Thursdays

Closed 23rd For Christmas Holiday
 Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 Advanced level Line Dance class, 4:30 -6:30 p.m.

Fridays

Closed 24th For Christmas Holiday
 Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 9 a.m - 6 p.m.
 Game Room/Computers, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Billiards, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.
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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Home Businesses

I'm not sure if everyone knows or realizes the implication of Florida House Bill 403. The Florida League of Cities did a lot of negotiations with businesses to come up with a fair and equitable Bill, but then the Bill 403 that was submitted was nothing like what was negotiated, so both the League of Cities and at least 59 more cities including Brevard County cities Satellite Beach, Indian Harbor Beach, Grant-Valkaria, Indialantic and Palm Shores asked the Governor to veto the Bill. However, the Governor did sign the bill. I'm not sure why the rest of Brevard cities were not concerned as there are issues that must be changed for a number of perspectives.

The primary concern is Florida House Bill 403 allows anyone not living under a Homeowner's Association's rules that prevent it to have any business within their home. So you can sell ammunition, have an adult club, hardware store or anything else opened next door in your neighborhood.

As the Indian River Shores Mayor states in their letter begging the Governor to veto: Spe-

cifically, CS/HB 403 strips local governments of the ability to enact common sense home-based business zoning regulations. As written, the Bill dismantles the protection of local zoning laws in preserving the peace and quiet enjoyment of purely residential areas unless there is an existing homeowners association with private restrictions.

It could be knowing there are boxes and boxes of ammunition stored just feet from you home, or delivery trucks at all hours of the night, or people parking on your property because the home next door doesn't have any room to park left. I'm sure there are a load of other issues we don't want to be worried about.

The Florida Realtors Association stated they expected the House Bill to be modified due to finding out the owner of Popping Smoke Ammunition filed paperwork to start up his ammunition-supply company from his two-bedroom home in Lauderdale Lakes. The city started begging the state to make changes. I hope so, as I'm sure there are a lot of concerns within House Bill 403. This bill should be of particular concern for ¼ acre properties or smaller.

Reference:

<https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/11/new-fla-law-residential-businesses-may-be-tweaked>

[https://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/home-based-business-veto-letters-\(cs-hb-403\)](https://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/home-based-business-veto-letters-(cs-hb-403))

The Battle over the Time Change

According to a November 10/2021 Politico.com article by Hailey Fuchs titled, "The political war around Daylight Saving Time takes a nasty turn," the article discussed the fight between Jay Pea and Scott Yates on the two sides of either keeping a permanent Daily Saving Time or a permanent Standard Time. According to the article, "Pea, 43, insists that standard time is the preferable option, and Yates, 56, argues that evidence points to permanent Daylight Saving Time as the way to go (though, he adds, his movement is simply fighting for a no-change clock system)."

Florida Senator Marco Rubio introduced the Sunshine Protection Act legislation that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent (except in those states or territories that don't participate in daylight saving time). The article points out that, "Beyond Rubio, the legislation's 14 co-sponsors in the Senate span the partisan spectrum: from

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progressive Sen. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) to stalwart conservative Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.). Momentum to stop clock changing has also spread nationwide. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, since 2018, 19 states have enacted legislation or passed a resolution or voter initiative that move to make Daylight Saving Time permanent.”

“However, Congress must authorize the measure before the states can proceed. And while there doesn’t appear to be any members arguing the other side — that a permanent Standard Time is the way to go — or fighting to maintain the status quo of switching back and forth, there is no indication that action is imminent.”

The article mentions David S. Prerau, an expert on Daylight Saving Time, stated, “Both sides

have a point but I think that’s why the current compromise is the best system.” I don’t care if it’s the best, I’d rather not change to keep forcing my body to change what it wants to do twice a year.

Charter Review Commission

The Five-Year Review of the Brevard County Charter starts January 6th, 2022. This review is a year-long review of the County Charter for consideration to bring charter amendments before the County Commission. They can either accept the proposals or place them on the ballot for our citizens to give their say on the possible Charter Changes.

I have been on three Charter Review Commissions for District 1 starting in 1997/1998, the second in 2003/2004, and the third and last one was in 2015/2016. The Charter Review Commis-

sion, in my opinion, is a waste of taxpayer money as the Charter review hasn’t produced much in the last couple of reviews that could be agreed by enough members on the commission to go to the Brevard County Commission.

Paragraph 7.3.3 of the County Charter states, “7.3.3. Amendment referendum: The Board of County Commissioners will cause any Charter amendment proposed under section 7.3.1 or 7.3.2 to be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection. Upon receipt of the official certification from the Supervisor of Elections that the initiative requirements have been met, the Board will, within 30 days, establish the referendum date. The proposed amendment will be placed on the ballot at a special election held concurrent

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Good Day!, cont.

with the next countywide election, or at any earlier special election called for that purpose. If the Board refuses to comply with Section 7.3.2 or refuses to place the proposed amendment on the ballot as required by this section of the charter, the Board's action may be construed as interfering with the right of the people to petition and may be considered an act of malfeasance within the meaning of Article IV, Section 7(a) of the State Constitution.

There were 19 proposals on the 2015/2016 charter review and none were approved by the Charter Review Commission to go forward. I submitted one that said, "Clearly state within our county's charter the need to maintain a sustainable environment with clean air and water." I didn't even get a second to get the commission to vote. They didn't feel clean air and water was important enough to put in the charter.

It may be advertising, as there are not many from the public who show up with their public input. I didn't see much in Florida Today about the District boundaries until they had finished, and I hope they advertise more during the Charter Review.

The following is from the October 29th, 2015 meeting: Maureen Rupe – Ms. Rupe said she has already had people asking when they could bring their proposals to the Board. She stated that they told her they have looked on the county website and couldn't find any information about the Charter Review Commis-

sion. Ms. Rupe added that another thing that seems strange to her is that Florida Today has not published anything about the Charter Review, unlike in other years. I can only hope Florida does a better job of reporting this Charter Review Commission activities."

I'm also concerned with cost. In earlier Charter Reviews, we had two lawyers at every meeting at a cost of two hundred dollars each, and I just saw they want to have a 3-lawyer team this time, so I have no idea what the final cost of this review will be.

The following is a listing of members of the Charter Review Commission. I gave what I know about each appointee along with their email and phone number if you want to talk about a change to the County Charter.

Melissa Brant (321-301-4438) is from the County Managers office and overseeing the Charter Review Commission.

County Commissioner District 1 Rita Pritchett appointees:

- Robin Fisher: Former District 1 County Commissioner (Democrat), currently Development Realtor, RobinLFisher66@gmail.com, phone: 321-268-2345.

- Kendall Moore: Attorney, kendall@meblawfirm.com, phone: 321-636-2221.

- Marcia Newell: former District 1 employee, marciajnewell@hotmail.com, phone: 321-543-6776.

County Commissioner District 2 Bryan Lober appointees:

- Mike Hardiopolos: Former President of Florida Senate (Re-



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- Marie Rogerson: Republican Campaign Consulting, gingerjeweler2@gmail.com, phone: 321-345-9050.

- Blaise Trettis: Public Defender, btrettis@pd18.net, phone: 321-617-7373, opt 7.

County Commissioner District 3 John Tobia appointees:

- Matt Nye: Past Chair of Republican Liberty Caucus, Organizer of Brevard Tea Party, matt.nye@nyecorp.com, phone: 321-626-976.

- Billy Prasad: Staff for District 3 Commissioner, billy.prasad@brevardfl.gov, phone: 321-431-8806.

- Bob White: Ran for Florida Governor in 2018, currently Sunrise Pool and Spa, rwhite345@hotmail.com, phone: 321-403-4441.

County Commission District 4 Curt Smith appointees:

- Tom Jenkins: former Brevard County Manager, bjenk1017@aol.com, phone: 321-403-9619.

- Cole Oliver: attorney, coliver@rossway-swan.com, phone: 321-948-2700.

- Sue Schmitt: Former Brevard County District 4 Commissioner, seschmitt@aol.com, phone: 321-266-8591.

County Commissioner District 5 Kristine Zonka appointees;

- Jordin Chandler: Democrat Party Voter Registration, chandlerjordin@yahoo.com, phone: 321-591-8091.

- Dave Neuman: Candidate for Melbourne City Council District 3, dneuman16@gmail.com, phone: 321-326-3287.

- Vic Luebker: former Aide for District 5 County Commissioner Zonka, vluebker@gmail.com, phone: 321-292-9088.

Vic Luebker needs no introduction for folks who have seen him on Facebook for his graphic vulgar insults, even into leaving people who don't agree with him terrified. "Vulgarity is no substitute for Wit." I forgot who first penned that phrase, but I never forgot it.

I feel that most of the appointees have a specific agenda and will be more political due the current environment instead of bringing forward real needed charter modifications.

Reference:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission/CountyCharter>

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All!

Cheerio,
Maureen Rupe
rupe32927@earthlink.net

Christmas Tree Sale Canceled

The Knights of Columbus of Blessed Sacrament Church regret to announce that we will be unable to sell Christmas trees for this season. Due to continued COVID restrictions, which have resulted in fewer suppliers, fewer employees, transportation restrictions and higher rates, smaller vendors just cannot afford to do business.

This has affected our brother Knights in Titusville as well. They will not be selling trees from St. Teresa Church either for the same reasons.

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Sponsored by Tails at the Barkery, this event will help raise much needed funds for the animals Rescue Rebels rescues. Their mission is to provide a better life and second chance for companion animals. Dedicated and devoted to saving dogs that are left abandoned in shelters, surrendered by their owners, and those that are abused and neglected, Rescue Rebels rescues them, gives them the care they need, and finds them loving forever homes.

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Wednesday: 6:00 PM Eucharist

Friday: 6:00 PM Evening prayer

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Christmas Season Schedule

Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 11th, 9 am-12 pm

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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Friday, December 24th

6:00 PM Family Service

11:00 PM Caroling and Midnight Service

Saturday, December 25th

10:00 AM Christmas Day Service

For more info: www.stpatrickspsj.org

Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

According to those who know, it seems the numbers of us getting sick from this scourge has been dropping for a while now. We're being told those numbers will be going up once again as we gather for the holidays and spend time in the malls and stores, but I am thanking the Big Guy for every day we have even one less number. Like everyone else, I'm sooo tired of having this thing drive my life, but I will be trying my best to be extra careful and invite everyone reading my scratching to do so also, and please remember those of us affected by it in our prayers.

The big day is once again upon us...

I'm beginning to think we have developed whole new set of yearly seasons. I think we go from Thank Heaven It's Finally Over, to I'm Not Going To Think About It, to Just Because It's A Hundred Degrees Out Doesn't Mean It's Not Coming Soon, to OMG! Only 30 Days Left! Aaarrgggg! Amazon!

There's an old axiom stating, "The more things change the more they stay the same." Boy Howdy, ain't that so! Even in these days of opening your little black box, clicking a few buttons and having packages arrive at your door, clicking a couple more for flowers or fruit to appear at the recipient's door, even sending button clicked Christmas cards...but there are pitfalls.

We pat ourselves on the back for getting a jump on things by ordering that very expensive gift that is absolutely perfect for little Johnny or little Suzie nice and early, only to watch it fall out of favor as something else becomes more perfect a week before The Day.

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make great aunt Alice let you know if she is coming for the day until three days before the fat guy hits the roofs. And you know she will arrive toting that mangy, cross-eyed, ill tempered cat that scares your kids and the dog...

There will still be blue clouds over the heads of those charged with unraveling the strings of lights. There will still be wives holding the ladders with eyes squeezed shut while husbands weave and wobble attaching said strings to the roof. There will still be dogs eating and discharging tinsel, cats climbing the trees and toddlers to be fenced off from them (Good luck with that!).

There will still be gravies that lump up, turkeys that overcook in the oven and catch fire in the deep fryer when Uncle Raymond leaves for just a second to grab another beer, and fruit cakes.

There will still be that one person on your list that is just impossible to either buy for or stay in the same room with for more than five minutes without imagining how much they would miss that tongue should it suddenly fall out.

BUT...

There will still be sticky, chubby-cheeked kisses, tiny feet toddling from window to tree with eyes wide in wonder, candy canes in both hands, hugs, nine-year-old cousins who haven't seen each other in months declare they were each others best friends, pre-teens trying to out-cool each other, and teenagers.

There will still be the sharing of thanks around the table, Mothers rushing from stove to table, and Dads not. The kids' table will be more fun, especially if a not-so-slightly larger Grammy brings her almost empty plate to join them and so very artfully slide all the yucky vegetables and stuff from kid's plates to hers.



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There will still be some couches supporting those of us who will get up and help "in a minute" and football games covering front and back yards.

There will still be parents' admonishments that children have had way too much sugar and should go outside to play. There will still be Grammys who, out of the goodness of their hearts, offer to watch them - in the back yard out of view.

There will still be deep pockets in Grammy's aprons the exact same size as candy canes and gingerbread men...

Happy Holidays to all and God Bless!

Cocoa Village Holiday Boat Parade

Historic Cocoa Village is hosting their 2nd Annual Holiday Boat Parade on Saturday, December 10th, 6 pm - 7:30 pm.

The parade of decorated boats assembles late afternoon at the Valencia Docks in Rockledge, departing at 6 pm, then arriving at Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village by 6:30 pm.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/CocoaVillageHolidayBoatParade, call 321-631-9075 or go to www.VisitCocoaVillage.com.

If you would like to participate in the parade, you can register your boat at www.VisitCocoaVillage.com. Proceeds will go to Sharing Center of Central Brevard.

Toys For Tots Pancake Breakfast



On December 12th the members of Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 724 and the pilots on Merritt Island Airport will be sponsoring a Toys For Tots Breakfast at the Merritt Island Airport between 8:30 and 11 am. The pilots will be serving breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice to anyone who brings a new, unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign.

The kids are counting on you.

All toys are distributed to needy families in Brevard County. This will be our 28th year of sponsoring this event.

LOCATION: Merritt Island Airport, 900 Airport Rd, Merritt Island.

Launch Credit Union Helps Toy and Food Drives

We understand that times are tough for many families in our communities. At Launch Credit Union we have partnered with Toys-For-Tots and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office to assist them with their local toy drives, as well as Second Harvest to join their fight against hunger.

Each of our branches is a donation site and we invite our members to give if they can. We will have a bin inside each lobby to collect unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items from now to December 10th.

We are also hosting a special "Drive-Thru" event at each of our branches so that you can safely drop off a new, unwrapped toy and/or food donation without the need to go into the branch.

If you would prefer to donate to Second Harvest online instead, you are welcome to send monetary donations through this site: www.feedhopenow.org/site/TR/VirtualFoodDrive/General?px=1371319&pg=personal&fr_id=1300.

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Join us for Spirit night at Kelsey's PSJ – Wednesday, November 3, 5-9 pm.

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Meeting rooms are available for reservation by calling the library and study rooms are open on a first-come-first-served basis.

Computers are available and we also offer scanning, wireless printing and faxing.

12/1 6:30 pm: Bookworms Bookclub

12/2, 12/9 & 12/16 3:00 pm : Storytime for Young Readers. Ages 6-12.

12/3, 12/10 & 12/17 10:30 am: Little Listeners storytime. Ages 2-5.

12/4 10:30 am: Holiday Painting for Adults. Registration and payment required in advance.

12/4 10am-Noon: Santa at the Library! Santa will be distributing gifts and taking pictures (Bring your camera!).

12/13 5:30 pm: Port St John Library Advisory Board Meeting

12/17 9 am-5 pm: COVID-19 Vaccine clinic, Ages 5+.

12/22 3:00 pm: Special Paper Mitten Storytime. Ages 0-5.

12/23-25 All Brevard County Libraries Closed - Christmas holiday

12/31-1/1 All Brevard County Libraries closed.

Tuesdays 10 am-3 pm: United Way Health Insurance Marketplace

12/27-12/30: Take home craft Snowball Launcher. Ages 6-12.

1/5 3:00 pm: STEM craft, DIY 2-ingredient snow. Ages 6-10.

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Monthly Tax Update

This month I want to bring your attention to a way for you to protect fraudulent filing of your tax return. The IRS has a procedure enabling you to acquire a Personal Identification Number (PIN). The procedure is simple, and you use it while you file your return so that your identity can be confirmed. The IP PIN is a six-digit number known only to you and IRS. After you apply, the IRS will send you a new IP PIN each year.

From IRS.gov, use the "Get an IP Pin" tool. If you don't have an account on IRS.com, you will need to register first. The IP PIN tool is generally available starting in mid-January through mid-November, so you may want to set a reminder on your calendar.

You can also obtain an IP PIN for your spouse and dependents. In the event you lose it, you will be able to retrieve it by signing back in to the

Cookie Walk

**Who loves BACON?
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Our 3rd Annual Cookie Walk will feature chocolate covered bacon again!

FR. Tim made extra as we sold out so quickly last year! Plus, dozens of your favorite Christmas cookies sold by the pound (pre-bagged for COVID protection). We will have local vendors for anyone wishing to pick up a unique last minute Christmas gift.

We will again be under the tents along the sidewalk in front of St. Patrick's Church on Curtis Blvd., December 11th from 9-12 noon.

Santa will also be there for pictures with doggie treats for our 4-legged friends!

Some of the vendors are Thirty-One Gifts, Red Aspen nail dashes, handmade jewelry, lovely handmade tea cozy's and more!

So don't walk, **run** to our Cookie Walk to snag some unique, locally sourced gifts and cookies. Join your neighbors and friends in this great PSJ yearly event.

IRS website and follow the instructions under "retrieve your IP now."

Also, as we close out the year, you may need to evaluate Required Minimum Distributions from inheritance, contributions to your retirement arrangements, review your investments to evaluate capital gain tax laws, and review recent legislation. I wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season, with success and love in the New Year. God Bless!

This information is a very brief overview. For details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, call us at your earliest convenience or contact your tax advisor. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.



Challenger 7 Wish List

If you're looking to do something good and helpful this holiday season - or any other time of the year - Challenger 7 Elementary has a Wish List on Amazon where you can go and purchase items for their Star Store for students.

The Star Store is best explained by their site: "We have adopted a unified set of school wide expectations. Similar to the BPS Code of Student Conduct, these expectations define behavior in our school. You will see these expectations and rules posted throughout the school and students have been learning them throughout the year. Being a STAR student means being SAFE, TRUSTWORTHY, ACTIVELY ENGAGED, and RESPONSIBLE. When students are caught fulfilling one of these expectations they earn a STAR Ticket which they can redeem for various items at the STAR Store. Items include toys, trinkets, candy, snacks, school supplies, etc."

The Wish List is at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/59G1ACE0PGZK?ref=w1_share

You can purchase items there and they will be delivered directly to Challenger 7. You do not need to have or create an Amazon account to help the school and the kids.

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Parrish Healthcare Sponsors Brevard Public Schools' Thrive by Five Initiative

Parrish Healthcare is proud to serve as a major healthcare sponsor of Brevard Public Schools' Thrive by Five initiative. The initiative launched on November 1, 2021 at a press conference where Parrish care partners helped to assemble over 500 Thrive by Five bags, each filled with the popular children's book ("Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See"), baby bib, and information for new parents about the many resources available to support them through the Thrive by Five initiative. Annually, 5,000 bags will be distributed to new parents countywide.

Earlier this year, BPS Superintendent Dr. Mark Mullins contacted Parrish Healthcare's President/CEO George Mikitarian to share his vision of providing a pathway for every family in Brevard to have early literacy and school readiness resources beginning at birth to set them on the path for lifelong success. Dr. Mikitarian didn't hesitate to commit Parrish Healthcare's support. "It aligns perfectly to our own vision of Healing Families—Healing Communities® and



why over the next five years, Parrish Healthcare has committed \$50,000 to support this important initiative," said Dr. Mikitarian.

According to Parrish Healthcare's Senior Vice President Communications, Community & Corporate Services Natalie Sellers, there are five key reasons we believe in this important initiative:

We believe every child can and should thrive during the crucial first five years of their physical, emotional and intellectual development.

We believe prioritizing children, specifically from birth to kindergarten, is the best way to establish a solid foundation to improve educational and health outcomes for children and to set them on a lifelong path to success.

We believe in strong collaboration across education, healthcare, and family and social services to bridge gaps of identified community health needs.

We believe in the vision of Brevard Public Schools to engage, inspire and empower a community of learners in collaborating, innovating and preparing them for future readiness.

We believe in our community working together for the community. Together, we can, and are, healing families and healing communities.

Thrive by Five program information will be disseminated at Parrish Medical Center; The Children's Center in Titusville, a service of Parrish Healthcare; Parrish Medical Group offices; and through area pediatrician offices.

Additionally, information is available online at www.brevardschools.org/ThrivebyFive or at parrishhealthcare.com/ThrivebyFive.

Helping to assemble the bags were the following Parrish Healthcare Care Partners: Natalie Sellers, MS, APR, FACHE, Sr. Vice President, Communications, Community & Corporate Services

Matthew Graybill, RN, MSN, Executive Director, Surgical, Emergency and Critical Care Services

Melinda Hodges, RN, Manager, Women's Services, Parrish Medical Center

Kristina Weaver, RPSGT, Director, Post-Acute Transitions



Vaneesha Greco, Manager, The Children's Center
Kathy Simonsen, Special Programs Coordinator, The Children's Center
Alyssa Cannistra, MBA, Communications Specialist
Stacy Hunt, Communications Specialist

Trunk Or Treat Is A Treat!



On Saturday, October 30th, Jennifer DiCandio's Allstate Insurance office and Mutter Realty, 950 Fay Blvd. in PSJ, co-sponsored a Trunk and Treat event. They handed out treats for the youngsters in the back parking lot from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Everyone had a good time as you can see by the photos!



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Holiday Parades Are Coming!

Port St. John Christmas Parade.

The parade will take place on December 18th, 11 AM, and the parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. This year's parade theme will be "Christmas Is Caring."

The parade will be in the eastbound lane, so viewing is best from the south side of Fay Blvd.

Merritt Island Holiday Parade

The 2021 Merritt Island Holiday Parade will be on Saturday, December 4th, beginning at Merritt Island High School at 10:00 AM, and traveling down Courtenay Pkwy. south to Edgewood Junior/Senior High School at approximately 11:30 AM. The parade theme for this year is "Holiday Movies."

Mims Christmas Parade

Mims Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their annual Christmas Parade on December 5th at 10:30 am. Staging will begin at 8:00 am.

The parade route will be on US1 Southbound From Mims Elementary to Parker Street. US 1 will be closed in both directions from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

A BBQ will be held at MVFD following the parade at 2476 Taylor St. The BBQ will be for outside dining/take out only.

MVFD recommends CDC guidelines be followed by participants and guests. For information on entering into the Christmas parade, email mvfdfire1@gmail.com.

and Harrison St. to Lee Wenner Park at approximately 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 11, 2021. All traffic will be re-routed around the parade route.

Titusville Christmas Parade

This is traditionally an evening parade. If you've never seen a parade with the floats all lit up, you don't want to miss this parade. It will start at 6 pm on Saturday, December 4th. The parade stages and starts at Titusville High School and goes north to Main St. on US 1. Get complete information at ircumc.com/christmas-parade-2021.

Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade

The parade will start at 6 pm on December 18. The 2021 Boat Parade will focus on the boaters and the houses! Make your parties bigger, wilder and more fun this year. Expect more boats, more decorations and more fun!

This year the canals of Merritt Island will be lit green with this year's theme, "The Grinch."



Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade

This year's parade will be on Saturday, December 11th beginning at Rockledge High School at 2:00 PM, and ending at Lee Wenner Park at approximately 3:30 PM.

The parade theme is "Holiday Movies." The parade route start down Florida Ave. Cocoa and Rockledge Police Departments will close Florida Ave., Brevard Ave., Maryland Ave., Delannoy Ave.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Women's AA meets on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 AM. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

Overeaters Anonymous - Due to Covid-19 we are meeting on Zoom. For meeting times or contact info, please visit oaspacecoast.org.

12-1 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.

12-4 Holiday Paint Party for adults only at Port St. John Library, 6500 Carole Ave., at 1030 am. Cost is \$10.00. The painting will be of a lady and gentleman snow persons. All reservations must be made and paid in advance, at the reference desk at the library.

12-6 St. Nicholas Day

12-6 Hanukkah Ends

12-7 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.

12-10 Human Rights Day

12-10 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 Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

12-12 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.

12-12 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa 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.

12-12 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

12-15 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 321-268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

12-17 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.

12-18 PSJ Christmas Parade - 11:00 on Fay Blvd. going east from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. Vi

12-20 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.

12-21 Winter Solstice

12-25 Merry Christmas!

12-25 Veteran's Breakfast, 9:00 at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., PSJ on the last Saturday of each month.

12-28 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting April or December). Meet and greet and refreshments at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:15 pm, usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

12-31 New Year Eve

Congratulations to:

Erin Lilly turns **27** on the 1st.

David Fine turns **17** on the 1st.

Destiney Anthony turns **25** on the 2nd.

Mark Emr turns **31** on the 3rd.

Brayden Bryson turns **13TEEN** on the 4th.

Jennifer Giles turns prettier on the 6th.

The editor is more ancient on the 6th.

Ashley Neal turns **25** on the 6th.

Cherie Brown (Hardin) turns cuter on the 7th.

Brandon Weimer turns **15** on the 8th

John Hansen turns **67** on the 9th.

Steve Velligan parties wild on the 12th.

Cary Troxel is the King on the 12th.

Betty Couch turns hotter on the 13th.

Jackie Jordan dances till dawn on the 13th.

Kiera Ward turns **Sweet 16** on the 13th!

Kathy Ridgely is more lovely on the 15th.

Billy Treadway, Sr. turns wiser on the 18th.

Brianna Hardin turns **21** on the 18th.

Candace Sanchez gets kisses on the 19th!

Teresa Miller has a spanking day on the 20th.

Tommy Mattox turns **13TEEN** on the 20th.

Cody Hardin turns **26** on the 20th.

Jaxson Bryson turns **3** on the 20th.

Winter Erff turns **7** on the 23rd.

Ryan Erff turns **25** on the 23rd.

Deanna Wiedman is the Queen on the 26th.

Monika Williams turns **15** on the 28th.

Nathan Travis turns **15** on the 28th.

Paul Mann turns cooler on the 28th.

Bob & Lossi Lacoste celebrate their **53rd** on the 7th!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Good Kwanzaa... Have a joyful holiday.

Randy Rodriguez - HAPPENINGS

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Port St. John -	636-9393
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First United Methodist Church - PSJ Events

Our service is 10 a.m. every Sunday in person and on Facebook Live streamed at Facebook.com/fumcpsj and on YouTube FUMC Port St. John.

Life is happening here at the First United Methodist Church, and we are so excited! As a Church Family we wanted to give an update regarding our annual Walk-Through Bethlehem Event. Due to safety concerns and several unforeseen circumstances, we have had to postpone this year's event. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience this may cause our community, as we know this has been a beloved event. We are looking into what we can do for the Christmas season of 2022, but as for this year, Walk-Through Bethlehem will not be taking place.

If you, or your family and friends, are looking for a Christmas service that you could attend and connect with, we'd love to invite you to be our guest on Friday, December 24th for Christmas Eve service. We will be hosting two services; the first service will be at 4:00 PM and the second service will be at 6:00 PM. The 6:00 PM service will also be live streamed on facebook.com/fumcpsj.

In addition, during this Christmas season, beginning on Sunday, November 28th, we are launching a brand-new, church wide teaching series entitled, "Home for Christmas." During this five-week teaching series, you're invited to join us as we learn more about the Christmas story, and what it means for us today.

January 2022! New Year... New You! We've all said it, and we all genuinely believe it. Join us as we start off the New Year with a New Attitude focused on renewing our Spirit, Mind, and Body. Series kicks-off January 2, 2022.

The Harvest Vendor Fair/ Church Bazaar was a success. Thanks for all who participated as vendors or buyers.

We look forward to worshipping and fellowship with you. If have questions please check out our new web site, FUMCPSJ.org.

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Trials Show COVID Vaccines Well Worth It for Cancer Patients

If you have cancer and you think coronavirus vaccines may do you little good, don't let your hesitation stop you from getting the shots: A pair of clinical trials finds that patients' immune systems ramped up after vaccination. The findings were presented this week during a virtual meeting of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO Congress 2021).

The first COVID vaccine trials excluded cancer patients. So, it has been an open question whether the shots could protect people undergoing chemotherapy or immunotherapy. But two European trials -- VOICE and CAPTURE -- have now shown that the vaccines do indeed protect patients from COVID infection, said Passaro, a lung cancer expert at the European Institute of Oncology in Milan, Italy.

The VOICE study involved nearly 800 patients in the Netherlands. It included people with and without cancer, as well as folks who were being treated with chemotherapy, immunotherapy or a combination of the two. They received Moderna's two-dose mRNA vaccine.

About a month after their second vaccine dose, researchers found adequate levels of antibodies in 84% of patients on chemo; 93% of those on immunotherapy, and 89% of those who got combo chemo/immunotherapy. The results compare favorably to the high level of antibody response seen in more than 99% of the trial participants who didn't have cancer.

The trial also found that two doses are needed to achieve strong immunity in cancer patients. Only 1 in 3 chemo or chemo/immunotherapy patients achieved a sufficient response after their first shot -- about half as many as in those who were cancer-free.

The CAPTURE trial involved nearly 600 cancer patients in the United Kingdom. They received two doses of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or the AstraZeneca vaccine. About one-third had previously contracted COVID-19, and the vaccine produced higher levels of virus-neutralizing antibodies in those patients.

In another clinical trial among about 230 cancer patients in Israel, fewer than a third developed antibodies after their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. When they got their second dose, nearly 9

in 10 achieved an adequate immune response.

Findings presented at medical meetings are considered preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal. The American Cancer Society has more about COVID vaccines and cancer at www.cancer.org/treatment/treatments-and-side-effects/physical-side-effects/low-blood-counts/infections/covid-19-vaccines-in-people-with-cancer.html.

Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents

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7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632. Contact Wayne Fowler, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 321-307-1450 or visit our website, alr359.org, for more information.

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Diabetes is a condition in which your body doesn't make enough insulin, or can't effectively use the insulin it makes. And that's important because insulin allows your body to use food as energy. Diabetes affects more than 34.2 million adults in America, 20% of whom don't know that they have it. Know the Warning Signs!

There are three types of diabetes.

Type 1 Diabetes is caused by an autoimmune reaction.

Type 2 Diabetes is often related to weight, inactivity and age.

Gestational Diabetes develops in women during pregnancy.

Watch for common warning signs. Symptoms may develop quickly or very gradually. They can include increased thirst, feeling weak or tired, blurred vision and frequent urination.

If you think you may be experiencing symptoms of diabetes, take action. Visit your doctor and get tested so you can begin managing your blood sugar.

Get more information at <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/managing/manage-blood-sugar.html>.

Meet Santa At the Library!

Bring your little ones to meet Santa at the PSJ Library on December 4th at 10:00 am.



Holiday Painting Party

The Friends of the Library will host a Holiday Painting Party for adults (16+) only, on December 4th at 10:30 am. Cost is \$10.00. The painting will be of a lady and gentleman snow persons. Reservations must be made. Payment is due at registration at the Reference Desk at the library.



Please come and join us!



On the Road With Rose



Space Coast Lightfest – Wickham Park Melbourne

<https://www.spacecoastlightfest.com/about-the-lightfest/>

This holiday season brings a little more freedom than last years, but please still take precautions and stay safe. Those of us who have come through bad times with this scourge, please join me in praying for those still going through it.

Whether you lean in the Grinch direction or raise the Hobby Lobby profit margin by 30 points this month, THE FAT GUY is coming!

Living in paradise means we are blessed with less than freezing weather for the holidays and still have the option of white ground cover if you are game to drive to the beach. Various members of my family and I have spent several wonderful Christmas Eves making 'Sandballs' and 'Sandmen' at the jetties in Port Canaveral.

Also living in this particular area of paradise means we are lucky enough to have the best holiday light show right in our back yard. The Space Coast Lightfest has been a holiday fixture for as long as most of my grandchildren have blessed my life.

Located in Wickham Park, 2785 Leisure Way, Melbourne, the Lightfest will be open 6:30 to 10:00 pm November 19th through January 2nd, drive-through every night except December 3rd 4th and 5th when only stroll-through will be allowed. You will be able to enjoy the lights on Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Eve this year also, weather permitting. It's more than 3 million holiday lights lining both sides of the roadway for more than a mile to be enjoyed by the passengers of more than 15,000 vehicles. We have never been able to see everything on one trip and always go around a second time, discovering more displays and details each time.

You may want to study up, Google or just

fake the 12 days of Christmas. The display is great and singing along is guaranteed to end in peals of laughter. Igloos, penguins, lighted palm trees, firetrucks, Rudolfs also are bursting at every turn. There are some remembrances of what I consider to be the reason for the season, and one year I had to teach the young ones what and why a menorah is, but I think everything is much more enjoyable when you know what you're looking at.

The big bang finale is the 200-foot light tunnel sporting 30,000 multicolored bulbs. The twinkling and changing colors steal the show, making you feel almost wrapped in Christmas. I would defy even Scrooge to Bah the sensation of floating through the very spirit of the holiday.

Admission is \$20.00 per car, \$30.00 per 15 passenger van, \$50.00 per bus and \$5.00 per motorcycle. The Stroll Through The Lights (Dec.3rd 4th and 5th) will be \$5.00 per person. You can save by bringing a new unwrapped toy for donation to Toys for Kids. Private hay rides and private parties are available using the website. With different activities and different discounts almost every night, it's well worth the time to check out the website and plan accordingly.

There are several meet and greets with Santa for the little ones and the scouts will be selling hot chocolate and popcorn as usual. I have taken my grandchildren in 30 degrees and 70 degrees, beautiful starry nights, pouring rain and have never been disappointed. We roll down the windows whatever the conditions and sing at the top of our voices to the music that is synchronized to the displays.

Our tradition continues to McDonald's on U.S. 1 where we leave all electronic devices in the car and spend an hour actually talking to each other about which display was our favorite and why over ice cream on Sundays before I drop the sugared-up little darlings at their respective homes.

Please stay on the marked route, putt-putt nice and slow so you and the car ahead can relax, and enjoy all the sights...don't forget to SING and LAUGH!

~ Rose Padrick

**What did the fish say when he hit a concrete wall?
"DAM."**

Walter Butler Community Center December 2021

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

The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 a.m. - 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

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

Kids in Motion, 2:45 pm – 6 pm

Open Gym, 6 pm - 8 pm

TUESDAYS

Seniors In Motion, 10:30 am -1 pm

Pickleball, 11 am – 1 pm

Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 pm

Pickleball, 6 – 8 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 pm

THURSDAYS

Closed 23rd For Christmas Holiday

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 pm

FRIDAYS

Closed 24th For Christmas Holiday

Pickleball, 11 am – 1 pm

SATURDAY

Open Computer Lab, 10 am – 2 pm

Open Game Room, 10 am – 2 pm

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 from 5 pm – 8 pm. For more information contact WBCC at (321) 433-4448.

ZUMBA - Let It Move You! There are a lot of ways to lose weight. Some are just more fun. Join the ultimate dance-fitness party that beats a boring old workout any day! Classes are Every Tuesday, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Half the class is Zumba Toning, the other half is Zumba. Cost is \$5 per class or \$15 for the month. Adults of all ages/fitness levels are welcome.

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and be prepared to dance! Bring a towel and water. For

more information, call Debbie Kowalewski at (321) 403-6918.

Youth Basketball League - October 30 – December 11, ages 6-14. Registration time has expired. Game times are all 8:30 am. Call Walter Butler Community Center for dates.

COACHES ARE NEEDED. For more information, call (321)433-4448.

Seniors In Motion - Seniors in Motion will meet Tuesdays from 10:30 am – 1 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 - 1:00. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Thursdays are field trip day. Outings are in county and are 2 to 3 hours, depending on the outing location(s). For more information, call (321) 433-4448.

Kids In Motion - An after school program that focuses on anti-bullying and educational hands-on projects such as the Choice Program, 4-H club and STEM programs and Kids Art to enhance learning. Monday – Friday 2 pm – 6 pm. Program cost is \$30 weekly. Discounts are available for households living in the target area, eligible for

free or reduced lunch and/or qualifies for any other assistance offered. For more information, contact Walter Butler Community Center at (321) 433-4448.

Merry Mimosas!

Sip and Shop in Downtown Titusville

This popular event is back in downtown Titusville on Saturday, December 4th from 9 am to 3 pm. Spend some time browsing as you sip Mimosas with your friends. Your favorite shops will open early and welcome you with complimentary holiday Mimosas and non-alcoholic fauxmosas.

Each shop will feature a different flavor to sip as you do your holiday shopping. For example, The Downtown Art Gallery will serve Passionfruit Mimosas while the Sunrise Bread company features Creamosa Mimosas. Sweet Southern Sass has Candy Cane Mimosas! and Elite Bridal will serve White Mimosas.

The variety of flavors extends to the variety of holiday specials at all the participating businesses. You are sure to find the perfect gift for those special people on your list!

The event is sponsored by the Downtown Titusville Merchants Association. For information call 321-268-0122

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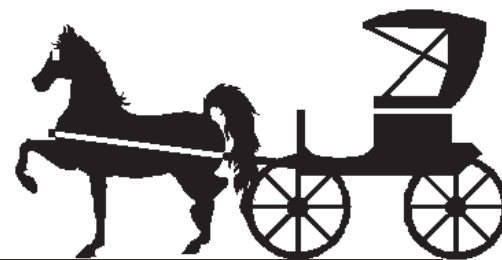
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Fruit From The Groves

There will be no meeting of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association in December. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2022 at 7 pm at the

Brevard Community Church (formerly known as Discovery Church), located on Grissom Parkway.

At the January meeting there will be the elections for 2022. There are some positions that need to be filled. Also, there is some important business about fund raisers and replacing the Canaveral Groves signs at Canaveral Groves Parkway and Pine Street.

At the meeting on November 11th a Deputy Sergeant from Brevard County Sheriff's Office advised that the crime rate in the Groves is low at this time. We all need to call BCSO when we see something suspicious. Please call BCSO before posting anything on Facebook. The Deputy advised that they are seeing things on Facebook that they know nothing about and that they should have been notified so they could take action. With the Holidays coming he reminded the group to watch when they put their trash out, that the boxes for large items, (tv's, computers and other items of value), act as flags to criminals so they are aware of which house has things they may want.

Also, make arrangements with carriers that

are delivering to your home on where to place packages so they are not seen. A lot of carriers are leaving boxes and packages at individual's gates, which makes it easy for Porch Pirates.

The Deputy also advised getting some type of camera so you can keep your property safe.

Please make sure to secure your vehicles and hide any purchases you may have made. Visible packages often promote thefts. Be aware of your surroundings as this time of year.

It is time to check your smoke detectors and replace the batteries. All smoke detectors, whether electric or battery, need to be replaced after ten (10) years, as that is their life.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 (Guardians of the Groves) has been busy going to medical calls, traffic accidents and fires. Remember when cooking or frying to make sure you are safe. If you're using a real tree, make sure you keep it well hydrated. Do not overload any tree of any type with too many tree lights.

By the way, the flag pole and generator that powers Station 29 in an emergency was hit by a drunk driver. It has been replaced.

The \$15 yearly dues are due.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday and New Years.

Edward F. Silva
President, CGHA



Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival

Registration is now open for the Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival on February 2 - 6,

2022. Why? Let's start with average temperatures of 74 degrees. Now let's add in Roseate Spoonbills, Brown and White Pelicans, Reddish Egrets, Painted Buntings, Florida Scrub-Jays, Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Purple Gallinules, dolphins and alligators -- and that's just for starters!

Choose from an amazing array of field trips, presentations, ID Classes, photography classes, keynote speakers from leaders in their fields, evening Sips 'N Bits, and one of the largest expo centers at any birding festival. Take an airboat ride, a pontoon boat trip, go kayaking, go offshore... The Festival's grand finale celebrating Uganda and our Silver Anniversary is not to be missed. Neither is our Family Wildlife Adventure Day!

The Festival will be headquartered at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral. Along with the increased amount of exhibit center booths and convenient meeting space our new location offers, the festival will be centered around numerous restaurants and attractions.

The location's ease of access to the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, Cape Canaveral National Seashore, and Kennedy Space Center have made the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival the must go to festival for fabulous field trips, birds and wildlife!

To register, go to <https://scbwf.org/>. You'll find lots of information about the event, presentations, classes, speakers, excursions and of course, prices.

Don't miss this great outdoor event.

Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings!

CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.

If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues. Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 675, Sharpes, FL 32959



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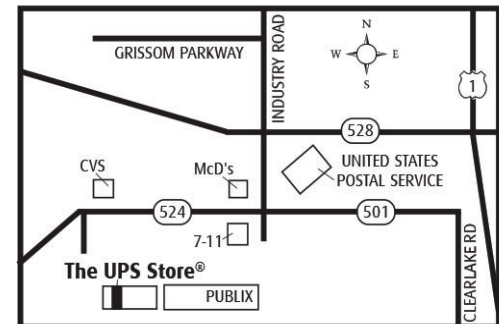
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