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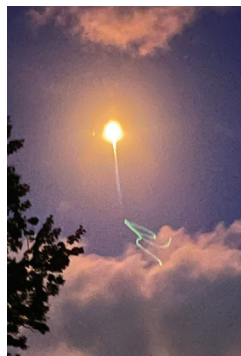
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Making History On the Space Coast... Again!

On September 15th, history was made at KSC once again when four amateur astronauts launched from pad 39A, the embarkation point for Apollo and Space Shuttle missions, for an adventure in space unlike any before. The flight was not just history making for the non-professional crews, but also the first Black female pilot of spaceflight, the youngest American citizen to fly in space and it's going to be the highest that any humans have gone into orbit since the Hubble Telescope servicing missions in May, 2009.



The Inspiration4 capsule transported many items into space that will be auctioned now that they have returned to Earth to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There are also mission jackets, original artwork and 66 pounds of hops that the Sam Adams brewery will use for the mission's official beer. The auction items are posted at stjude.org/inspiration4. The cargo also included the ukulele that crew member Christopher Sembroski played.

Crew member Hayley Arceneaux, a physician assistant at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, became the first person to fly in space with a prosthetic—a rod in place of her left femur, which she lost to childhood cancer.

The Dragon capsule returned safely and the crew is now on a fund-raising/information tour about the flight.

If you'd like to read more information about the mission and the crew, visit <https://inspiration4.com/mission>.

The mission was also the first to be remotely controlled. For most of the mission, the Crew Dragon spacecraft operated autonomously with the assistance of SpaceX's mission control at the company's headquarters in Hawthorne, California. The astronauts' main task was to monitor the spacecraft's systems. In the case of malfunctions, however, the crew, especially Mr. Isaacman as the commander and Dr. Proctor as

the pilot, had learned how to take over the flying of Resilience.

Inspiration4, named in recognition of the four-person crew, travelled across a low earth orbit on a multi-day journey that continually eclipsed more than 90% of the earth's population. This milestone represents a new era for human spaceflight and exploration.

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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.**

2021 PSJ Christmas Parade

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.

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: _____

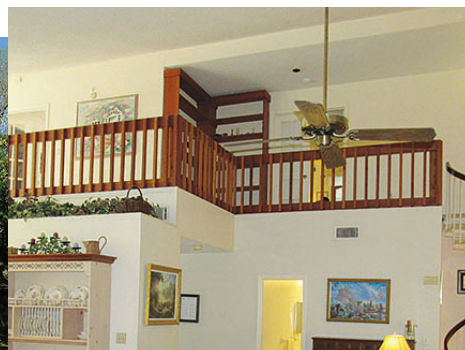
Include or attach a description of your entry for the Parade Announcer.

Return to: HAPPENINGS, 4742 Brookhaven St., Port St. John, FL 32927

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - October, 2021

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 7 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM.

Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 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

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

6th & 20th - Culinary Kids, 4:00 pm- 6:30 pm

Must Pre-register. Call 321-633-1904.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 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

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m - 6 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Billiards, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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~ Jackie Lewis

About Kel's Kitchen:

Culinary Kids—Every other Wednesday at 4:00-5:30 pm. A special program for the child who has a keen interest in all things culinary. This program runs every other Wednesday. The focus is on developing foundational skills to carry into your kitchen at home. \$18.00 per child. Adult must accompany child and you must preregister at www.floridakelskitchen.com.

New Advanced Line Dance Class

This is an Advanced Level line dance class. You should have 1-2 years of line dance experience to enjoy this level of dancing to Country, Cha-Cha, Latin and many popular and current songs. Thursdays- 4:30pm – 6:30pm. \$5.00 per class.

Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center–North. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321- 264-5105.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Low Impact Development (LID) Conference

As stated on the Marine Resource Council's website, ww.savetheirl.org, Florida's stormwater rule went into effect in 1982 and has not changed in almost 40 years despite advances in stormwater management knowledge and emerging technologies. The antiquated conventional stormwater systems concentrate pollutants in minimal treatment areas that become nuisance retention ponds that generate more pollutants than they remove. Sadly, these conventional approaches have not protected the Lagoon from becoming federally impaired — we have witnessed a dying lagoon.

On Thursday, October 21st and Friday, the 22nd, 9 am – 5 pm, the Marine Resource Council is putting on a detailed Conference on Low Impact Development. Topics will include:

1. Building a better way - Making the case for LID;
2. Coastal Resiliency and Green Infrastructure;
3. Preparing the landscape for development;
4. Florida Stormwater Rulemaking, Past, Present, and Future;

5. Low Impact Development Engineering Designs;
6. LID/GI cost-efficiency; 7. LID/GI maintenance and evaluation;
8. Stormwater/LID manuals & policies; and
9. Panel discussion on obstacles to implementation.

Expert presenters and special Guests include: Mike Hardin, P.E., Ph.D., Geosyntec Consultants; Eban Bean, Ph.D., P.E., University of Florida; Chris Bogdon, Ferguson Waterworks; Donald Carpenter, Ph.D., P.E., LEED AP – Drummond Carpenter Engineering & Research; Cammie Dewey, P.E., St. John's River Water Management District; Mike Hardin, P.E., Ph.D., Geosyntec Consultants; Pierce Jones, Ph.D., University of Florida; Kelli Hammer-Levi – Pinellas County; Eric Livingston, Watershed Management Services, LLC; and Marty Wanielista, PH.D. P.E., University of Central Florida

The conference isn't free; \$200 for the two days, but it does include complimentary continental breakfast (8 a.m.), lunch (12 p.m.), and beverage service will be provided for conference attendees on both days with a complimentary

Happy Hour reception on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 5 p.m. The meeting should be very informative. The website states October 1, 2021 is the Cancellation Deadline for attendees and all fees are due, so I'm not sure if the Happenings will be out in time for anyone to register.

The Marine Resource Council is trying to convince our government entities on why they need to change to something more practical like LID. Low-Impact Development (also known as Low-Impact Design, or LID) is an internationally recognized stormwater management approach that protects downstream surface water quality, reduces downstream flooding and improves overall resilience. It was embraced as a waterway pollution strategy decades ago in national estuary watersheds such as Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound — and is a primary stormwater best-management practice (BMP) throughout many parts of our nation.

Ref: <https://savetheirl.org/whats-new/lidcon/ClimateChange&WhatYouCanDoAboutIt>

The Palm Beach Post had a great article by Kimberly Miller about Climate Change and what Floridians can do about it, titled, "Here are 9 cli-

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mate change solutions you, as a Florida resident, can do today.” The article talks about the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) August report that talked about Climate Change causing a lot of issues in the world, including a lot more drought, many more wildfires, larger than normal hurricanes and loads of torrential rains.

The IPCC stated Climate Change was overwhelmingly caused by humans and issued a "code red for humanity," saying governments have to change their policies to drastically lower the amount of greenhouse gases released in the world. The article also mentioned a lot of things Floridian’s can do every day to help in fighting climate change:

1. Stop using single-use bottles and start us-

ing reusable bottles for your drink. Stopping use of single-use bottles will also help the enormous amount of plastics going into the environment.

2. Start looking at what you buy and where/how it is produced. Is the company reducing their carbon emissions? Why are you buying it new and where is the product coming from? Is the company setting goals for reducing carbon emissions? Instead of buying it new, would almost new (second hand) do? There are many consignment, vintage and thrift stores in our communities. If everyone bought one article second hand, it would greatly reduce our carbon emissions.

3. If you are buying a new appliance, make sure to check the efficiency ratings with the Energy Star program.

4. You should harvest rainwater: some cities offer free rain barrels for city water users. Visit the Alliance for Water Efficiency for water conservation webinars: <https://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/resources/webinars>. As a matter of fact, the Marine Resource Council has a Rain Barrel Workshop on October 10th. You can find out more information at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rain-barrel-workshop-tickets-170256583023?aff=mrcirl>.

5. Adjust your thermostat. If you adjust your home to 78 degrees or warmer when you're there, and raise the temperature to 82 degrees when you're away, you will not only help the environment, but save money too. You should also ensure your home is properly insulated.

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6. Make sure every tap has a high-efficiency faucet aerator installed. Saving water will not only help the environment, but can also help save you money.

7. Get rid of high-maintenance landscapes; native plants use less water and are more resistant to local plant diseases. Do you really need a heavily fertilized and manicured lawn? Many lawns still look good with just mowing a lawn with a few weeds.

8. Stop driving so much. Either carpool or take public transit. Many businesses are allowing working from home. It might be better to either walk, bike or ride a scooter to work.

9. Either avoid the drive-thru lane or turn off your car instead of idling and burning fuel. Or better yet, go inside. The lines are probably shorter.

Reference:

<https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/weather/2021/09/08/florida-climate-change-hotter-world-inevitable-how-floridians-can-help/5755767001/>

Brevard County Indian River Lagoon Projects

On September 9th, Dave Berman, with contribution from Jim Waymer, wrote an article in Florida Today titled, “Brevard County approves grants for 13 Indian River Lagoon projects, funded by hotel tax.” \$825,406 in grants were approved for the 13 projects as part of what's known as the Tourism + Lagoon Grant Program. Brevard County's 5% tax on hotel rooms will help pay for these

13 projects. The article stated, “Projects that did not have matching funds were limited to applying for grants of no more than \$50,000. Projects that had matching funds needed to provide a match of at least 75 cents for every \$1 of grant funding.”

The following was pulled directly from the article:

“These are the approved projects, the coordinating entities and the grant amounts:

1. Titusville Causeway multitrophic shoreline stabilization and resiliency action project/Phase 2B and 2C (Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department), \$250,000.

2. Samsons Island submerged lands restoration/Phase 2 (city of Satellite Beach), \$117,000.

3. Restoration of clam population in the Indian River Lagoon for water quality improvement and economic resiliency (University of Florida Whitney Laboratory), \$49,999.

4. Using citizen science to build a strategic spatial framework to guide conservation and restoration of Indian River Lagoon habitats and associated recreational fisheries (Bonefish & Tarpon Trust), \$49,999.

5. Max Brewer Causeway north shoreline restoration feasibility study (Brevard County Boating and Waterways Program), \$49,948.

6. Derelict vessel removal (Brevard County Boating and Waterways Program), \$49,900.

7. Manatee field guide outdoor signage and distribution (Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department), \$48,000.

8. Shuck and share shell recycling for Brevard County oyster restoration (East Coast Zoological Society of Florida Inc./Brevard



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Zoo), \$44,560.

9. Lagoon recreation field guide (Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department), \$44,000.

10. Scobie Park improvements (city of Titusville), \$43,000.

11. Keep Brevard Beautiful flex team North Banana River Drive litter removal (Keep Brevard Beautiful Inc.), \$40,000.

12. McNabb Park living shoreline oyster farming (city of Cocoa Beach), \$20,000.

13. Putting coastal conservation books in the hands of young children in Brevard County to protect the Indian River Lagoon (University of Central Florida Foundation), \$19,000.

The article went on to say, "The Tourism + Lagoon Program grants are separate from the lagoon-related projects funded by a special half-percent "Save Our Indian River Lagoon" sales tax that Brevard County voters approved in 2016."

Reference:

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/lagoon/2021/09/09/brevard-county-approves-grants-13-indian-river-lagoon-projects/5768739001/>

Should the electorate be friends with the elected?

Absolutely. In the past I have been friends with quite a few, but the crunch comes when you don't agree with them. The test of that friendship is do you openly in public state your opposition. Do you tell them privately? Or do you say nothing and carry on with picks that come from remaining friends?

I am compelled to publicly state my opposition. This is what the constitution and my conscience say that I must. I have had a friendship with Commissioner Rita Pritchard before she was

a County official, before she was a Titusville City Council member. I have to speak because what Commissioner Pritchard is doing with the fluoride in Mims water is wrong.

Why Mims Water Doesn't Contain Fluoride Now

Why would Brevard County District 1 Commissioner Rita Pritchett require a super majority of all people on Mims Water be required to vote to want fluoride before she would allow fluoride to be put back into the Mims Water? Why make it almost impossible to meet her requirement of a super majority of all users, not just a majority of those that voted?

Rita Pritchett's water is not affected. Titusville Water is still getting fluoride. Mims is the only water supply in the county that does not have added fluoride. 62% of all voting in the fluoride vote voted to have fluoride added back to the Mims Water, but Rita Pritchett said it wasn't enough to return fluoride to Mims? She says it needed a super majority (66%) of all living within the Mims Water supply district.

Why? Why the super majority? I doubt if even one Commissioner would be sitting on the County Commission if a super majority of all voters in their District was required for them to win. Not just a majority of all that voted in the election, but a super majority (66%) of all voters in their district.

I don't think we've ever had an election where all the voters had to vote that lived in a certain area where at least 66% of all voters would have to agree to make a certain decision. I don't think we've ever had a vote where we even had all registered voters vote, let alone all people living in that District.

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Wednesday: 6:00 PM Eucharist

Friday: 6:00 PM Evening prayer

Saturday October 2nd – 5:00 pm Blessing of the Animals. Followed by Dinner for Change – 6:00 pm (Kenya Missionary)

Veterans & First Responders Breakfast

Last Saturday of the Month:
Saturday, October 30th, 9:00 AM

October 2nd 5:00 pm is our annual "Blessing of the Animals" Service in honor of St. Francis. December 11th 9:00am-12:00pm is our annual "Cookie Walk" - local Port St. John vendors are invited to participate (we only have a limited number of spaces and for 2021 these spaces are free and must be registered for.

For more info: www.stpatrickpsj.org

Good Day!, cont.

The County Commission removed fluoride based on a simple majority vote, so the County Commission should add the fluoride back based on a simple majority of those voting for or against adding fluoride to the water. The people voted for it.

According to a 6/22/21 Florida Today article on the issue, "Water fluoridation is supported by virtually every major public health and dental organization, including the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization."

Elected officials are in the position where they are to do the will of the majority of voters, not change a simple majority as originally voted to needing a super majority, which is virtually impossible.

"Wrong is no Man's Right"

My father used to say this. Not sure who said it originally.

Reference: <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2021/06/22/mims-residents-pack-meeting-discuss-putting-fluoride-back-water-brevard-florida-health/5300981001/>

Cheerio,

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FUMC PSJ Events

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

Our current series, "House Rules - We Value," then on 10/24 a new 5 week series, "God Cares More About Your Money Than You Do," begins.

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Walk Through Bethlehem, a Port St. John tradition, will be December 17, 18 and 19.

Sustainable Living

Do you want to learn how you can lead a more sustainable lifestyle? Then consider signing up for our Sustainable Living and Leadership Series! You will be able to explore issues of energy, water, food and more. We will also teach you about sustainable living actions that you can take in your home and community.

This will be a virtual course that meets online every Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. from October 6th to November 17th. The class fee is \$120. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Course participants will also have optional local sessions for residents in counties from Brevard south to Monroe. These optional sessions will meet online every Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. from October 7th to November 18th.

During the local session, you'll hear from local guest speakers working on sustainability principles and measures, and there will be virtual field trips. We will also have a challenge every week that we'll ask you to complete as you think about incorporating sustainability in your home and community.

To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3jI45rD>.

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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

Actions and reactions

It appears there may be a small light at the end of this yet another tunnel... I pray this is so, and hang on to the hope fewer and fewer of us will get sick from this terrible illness. I also want to let all who have been touched by the illness and all the craziness swirling around it know you are not alone and prayers are going out for you.

I have stumbled on a great discovery. Somehow, I seem to have developed a kind of mystical power wherein my personal actions and reactions have far-reaching effects. Great prophets once received this sort of information in the form of revelations on spectacular mountain peaks near the roof of the world. I obtained mine in a Chrysler while waiting for a train to pass.

I traverse this particular railroad crossing at various times every morning and never had to wait for a train. Except the one morning I absolutely, positively could not for any reason be a single minute late for a critical meeting. As I sat hoping each car would be the last, berating myself for not leaving the house until the last moment, I realized that this sort of thing actually happens to me all the time. Some examples...

If I put off pulling weeds out of the garden until Saturday, it will rain all weekend, and Monday evening's weeds will have grown six-foot long root systems and multiplied like bunnies on fertility drugs.

If I plan a whole weekend of M.A.S.H. reruns and cereal for dinner, at least two of my offspring will need emergency childcare services. Emergency, as in: one of their children fell off a tree limb/ his bike/ the top bunk/ the face of

the Earth. And childcare services, as in: please watch the rest of our brood so we can sit in the E.R. for twelve hours while their sibling gets his head/ lip/ knee/ emergency appendectomy incision stitched up.

If I am stopped at a red light and reach into my purse for something, several things will happen at once:

(1) The something will not be there.

(2) The light will somehow turn green faster than the speed of light itself.

(3) The man behind me, whose hand has been poised like Grasshopper trying to snatch the pebble from the Master's palm, slams down on his horn with inhuman speed.

(4) I am startled into jamming on my brakes, just as other drivers—many chugging eighty-ounce coffees—spontaneously decide to join the car horn chorus.

I think you get the idea.

I was beginning to feel cursed with this power, but then it dawned on me how I could use my newfound ability for the betterment of mankind.

With this ulterior motive in mind, I prepared for our last hurricane, buying water, batteries and candles. Sure enough, before I even got home from the store, the storm—still well west of us—made a left angle turn due north. The next time I'm going to cover the whole Eastern Seaboard by sending supplies to my sister in New York.

Knowing that when I am insured for something, it never happens, I single-handedly keep our neighborhood safe by purchasing flood, fire and earthquake coverage. I also own life insurance, so I assume I am now immortal.

I have tried to explain my supernatural altruism to certain neighbors who either do not take

revelations very well, or are practicing to be on the Olympic door-slammng team. Oh, well, a prophet in his own housing division, and all that.

Of course, the doubters could be correct. Maybe, like most folks, I just fail to notice when the lights all turn green while I'm running late, or when the thing I'm searching for is right there in the first place I look. I might just be ignoring the positive, seeking out confirmation of my own negative biases. Accepting this sunnier view and practicing a little more gratitude for the breaks that do go my way could be the answer to the whole riddle.

But where's the fun in that?

Some say we write our own destiny by the choices we make, while others tout a higher power at work. I think whether we steer our own caboose, whether something bigger calls the shots or whether we just want to chalk it up to Murphy's Law, we must utilize our sense of humor when fortune throws us curves.

Learn to roll with the punches, help each other every chance we get, and never miss an opportunity to tell the ones we love how very much they mean to us.

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Masks - The Hot Topic of Back to School

Mask requirements in schools is taking up a lot of television news time and school board meeting time lately. In the earliest days of COVID-19's arrival in the US, quite a bit of media time was given to mask safety, then largely forgotten or ignored in favor of cool, colorful, clever masks rather than the boring blue or white medical masks.

An unsafe mask is a waste of time and potentially dangerous.

If you have youngsters in school or you work in a busy environment, it's important to keep your masks clean, have a spare (or two) and teach your children how to wear them properly to protect themselves, as well as others. We know face masks combined with other preventive measures, such as getting vaccinated, frequent hand-washing and physical distancing can help slow the spread of the virus.

How do the different types of masks work?

Medical masks, also called surgical masks, are loose fitting disposable masks. They're meant to protect the wearer from contact with droplets and sprays that may contain germs. A medical mask filters out large particles in the air when the wearer breathes in, protecting the wearer as well.

N95 masks - An N95 mask is a type of respirator. It offers more protection because it filters out both large and small particles when the wearer inhales. N95 masks are intended to be disposable. Because N95 masks have been in short supply, the CDC has said they should be reserved for health care providers. Some N95 and cloth masks have valves that make them easier to breathe through. Unfortunately, these masks don't filter the air the wearer breathes out. For this reason, they've been banned in some places.

Cloth masks - A cloth mask is intended to trap respiratory droplets that are released when the wearer talks, coughs or sneezes. It also acts as a barrier to protect the wearer from inhaling droplets released by others. The most effective cloth masks are made of multiple layers of tightly woven fabric like cotton.

The CDC recommends fabric masks for the general public. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends medical masks for health care workers, as well as for anyone who has or may have COVID-19, or who is caring for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

How to get the most from your mask

The effectiveness of cloth and medical masks can be improved by ensuring that the masks are well fitted to the contours of your face to prevent leakage of air around the masks' edges. Masks should be snug over the nose, mouth and chin, with no gaps. You should feel warm air coming through the front of the mask when you breathe out. You shouldn't feel air coming out under the edges of the mask. Masks that have a bendable nose strip help prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask.

Some people choose to wear a disposable mask under their cloth mask. In that case, the cloth mask should press the edges of the disposable mask against the face. Don't add layers if they make it hard to breathe or obstruct your vision.

Proper use, storage and cleaning of masks also affects how well they protect



you. Follow these steps for putting on and taking off your mask:

Your breath is contaminating the mask as well as any droplets from someone else. Clean it daily!

Wash or sanitize your hands before and after putting on your mask.

Place your mask over your mouth and nose and chin. Make sure it's snug.

Don't touch your mask while wearing it. If you accidentally touch your mask, wash or sanitize your hands.

If your mask becomes wet or dirty, switch to a clean one. Put the used mask in a sealable bag until you can get rid of it or wash it.

Remove the mask by untying it or lifting off the ear loops without touching the front of the mask or your face.

Regularly wash cloth masks in the washing machine or by hand. (They can be washed along with other laundry.)

Don't put masks on children under 2 years of age.

If you are fully vaccinated and have a condition or are taking medications that weaken your immune system, you should keep wearing a mask.

Dinner and A Prayer Service

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Monthly Tax Update

On September 14, 2021, Chuck Rettig, IRS 49th Commissioner, released this statement I thought was worthy for all of us:

“The IRS plays an important role in serving our country. We interact with more Americans than any other U.S. government agency – virtually every individual and business in the country. We process 96 percent of the funding for our nation’s vital programs, but our agency and our people have had to really step up in the past year and a half to provide even more support to Americans in need. And just like businesses and other agencies around the country, we had to pause or modify some operations during the pandemic until we had safe and secure remote options in place to enable our employees to perform their work and serve taxpayers.

I am extremely proud of the dedication of our workforce toward helping American taxpayers fulfill their tax responsibilities and resolve tax issues while they dealt with the COVID-19 situation. While we had to temporarily scale back operations, important economic relief measures passed by Congress during the pandemic gave us many new responsibilities and we have proudly worked to deliver Economic Impact Payments, advance payments of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and many other critical initiatives in 2020 and 2021.

We appreciate and understand the frustration caused by the high volume of manually processed returns, the limited information available to taxpayers about the status of the return processing, the refund delays and the difficulty reaching IRS employees. We also understand that complex tax issues, recent legislation and the pandemic have record numbers of taxpayers looking for help. At every turn, our employees have gone above and beyond during the pandemic to keep our operations going, and through it all we have appreciated the patience and understanding of taxpayers and the tax community.

Even so, and despite our best efforts, pandemic-related issues are still causing us to experience record levels of activity that continue to affect operations across the agency, including the processing of tax returns and refunds. To put this in perspective, the IRS has received 199 million phone calls the first six months of this year – five

times the normal annual volume – and we have manually reviewed 11 times more tax returns this year (11 million) to correct errors and gather missing information from taxpayers.

I am committed to ensuring the IRS will continue to do all we can to serve taxpayers. During the pandemic, we have had to find new ways to pursue our mission. As we faced enormous challenges, we didn’t always get it right, but we worked hard, often with limited resources. Where possible, we have redeployed resources to accommodate the increased demand.

Our goal is to provide the quality of assistance taxpayers deserve, but we have been unable to satisfy this goal despite recent efforts to overcome significant challenges. On behalf of the entire IRS workforce, I want to assure you we will continue making progress, working together with Congress, the Administration and our partners inside and outside the tax community. We know this has been and continues to be a frustrating time for many taxpayers and tax professionals – and it’s been a challenging time for all of us at the IRS as well. We have done the best we could under the circumstances, and we will continue to do our best as we face the current challenges. Our response to the unprecedented COVID challenges – including issuing almost \$1.5 trillion in

combined historic economic relief and individual refunds – illustrates the importance of every American to the IRS and the importance of the IRS to every American.

I want to give you a glimpse of what we’re facing inside the IRS, and what we’re doing – to help struggling taxpayers and to get caught up during this unprecedented time.”

This is only brief overview. It is your responsibility to discuss anything in this article, 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 professional advisor. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

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Space Coast Jr/Sr High Teacher Named Florida Teacher of the Year

Space Coast Jr/Sr High is honored to announce that Mrs. Francine Drabik was named Social Studies Teacher of the year for the State of Florida! Mrs. Drabik has been teaching at Space Coast for 21 years.

This is not the first time the professional talent of Mrs. Drabik has been noticed. She was Space Coast Teacher of the Year in 2017-18 school year and Brevard Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Mrs. Drabik is the head of our ATEPS (Academy of Teachers Education and Public Service) program. She also has headed up our FEA Club (Future Educators of America) for five years. They have won many awards. We are so blessed to have her. She is one of the most positive and motivating people you will ever come across.



Parrish Medical Center Offers Monoclonal Antibody Treatments to Eligible Community Members

What are Monoclonal Antibodies?

Monoclonal antibodies (MAB) are laboratory made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful infections such as the COVID-19 virus.

These proteins are designed to help provide passive immunity by giving the body man-made antibodies to protect itself. This is different than the COVID-19 vaccine which provides active immunity that helps the body make its own antibodies.

To see if you are eligible to receive MAB and for more information about screening and appointment scheduling, please call the Parrish Medical Center Infusion Center at (321) 268-6730 or visit parrishhealthcare.com/MAB.



Monoclonal Antibody Treatment

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the emergency use of Monoclonal Antibody (MAB) for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adult and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

MAB may speed your recovery time, decrease your risk for hospitalization, and/or decrease the duration of your symptoms. It is an investigational drug that continues to be studied, but early data suggests it is safe and reduces the risk of being hospitalized.

The Parrish Medical Center Infusion Center is offering MAB to those who meet the FDA EUA criteria.

MAB should be given as soon as possible

after a positive SARS-CoV-2 result of a direct SARS-CoV-2 viral test and within 10 days of symptom onset. Please note we are unable to accept home test kit results. Please call the Infusion Center at (321) 268-6730 for more information and to determine if you qualify for MAB. MAB is provided in an outpatient setting and is by appointment only. This is not administered in the Emergency Department or available to walk ups.

For more information about MAB, how it can help treat COVID-19, eligibility requirements and where to receive this treatment, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/MABinfo.

Legislative Solution Seen As 'Fastest Path' to Address Housing Crisis

Florida Realtors® announced that it is pursuing a legislative solution as the fastest way to address Florida's affordable housing crisis, including new homeownership opportunities targeted at frontline workers. The decision was made following highly productive discussions with legislative leaders indicating strong support to address this crisis. This legislative relief will take the place of the Housing Funds for Housing ballot campaign. A constitutional amendment would take much longer to provide relief.

Data analyzed by Florida Realtors shows that front-line workers are at a large disadvantage when it comes to home affordability. For example, EMTs and paramedics would need to earn \$25,000 more a year to afford a median-priced home in the state. Similarly, nurses would need to make \$15,000 more a year and firefighters \$10,000 more a year to afford the same home. Pursuing a legislative approach would provide targeted assistance to these frontline workers more immediately than a ballot initiative.

Florida Realtors will be working with legislative leaders to protect existing programs that provide housing for low-income and vulnerable Floridians, and create a new homeownership program that provides down payment and closing cost assistance for nurses, law enforcement, firefighters and other frontline professionals. The goal is to begin working with the Florida Legislature immediately to ensure these issues receive attention during the 2022 legislative session, which begins in January.

Vipers 2021 Golf Outing

Grab your clubs and come enjoy a day on the course having fun and supporting Space Coast Jr/Sr High School wrestling. All proceeds go directly to support the program with season operating costs.

The event will be held on October 30th at LaCita Golf Club, 777 Country Club Dr. in Titusville. Registration opens at 11:00, tee off at 12:45. The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 for a team. The entry fee includes entry into some events, 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch and a chance to win various door prizes.

For more information, call Corey at 843-557-6261 or email sc.viper.wrestling@gmail.com.

ASM Fall Events Are Out-Of-This World

Mark your calendars...

American Space Museum is excited to announce a blockbuster line-up of events this fall, including the potential for three astronaut appearances and our world-wide respected space memorabilia auction.



We have scheduled the 17th ASM Charity Memorabilia Auction for October 9th at the museum and live on-line. Auctioneer Chuck Jeffrey, a space memorabilia expert, will conduct the sale of more than 300 cherished space items, including astronaut autographs, space flown items and historic documents and photographs.

Space artist Nicole Stott will be here Saturday, November 20th for a book signing and social media conversation. Nicole Stott has 103 days in space on Expedition 20/21 and STS-133, the last flight of Orbiter Discovery. Her recently released book is: "Back to Earth: What Life in Space Taught Me About Our Home Planet and Our Mission to Protect It." The book echoes her website, Space for Art Foundation, which advocates "Space, Healing & Art" with an emphasis on STEAM education for our youth.

Plan to attend our ASM events in person, or remotely from one of our social media platforms. The nonprofit museum is located at 308 Pine Street downtown Titusville. It is open for public tours Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 PM.

For additional information, please call 321-264-0434 or write info@americanspacemuseum.org.

American Space Museum requires masks in our museum, regardless of vaccine status. We are serious about protecting our guests, staff and volunteers from any possible exposure to illness during the pandemic. If you do not have a mask, we are happy to provide you with one for free.

Those who are beyond the 2 week point after the final COVID vaccination shot are welcomed into the museum with masks optional.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi which honors the special role animals play in peoples' lives. Conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, a procession of animals, from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, are welcome.

Reverend Sara Oxley of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Cocoa Village, will officiate this special ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals, on Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00 a.m., at Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo), in Historic Cocoa Village.

Pet photos with Rev. Oxley will be taken immediately following the group blessings (\$5 donation). All donations will benefit the Florida Wildlife Hospital, Palm Shores, Florida, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to Florida's wildlife in need. Since 1973, Florida Wildlife Hospital has rescued, rehabilitated, and released thousands of sick, injured, and orphaned animals in Brevard County. Special ambassadors from the Florida Wildlife Hospital will be in attendance for a unique meet-and-greet. These animals are permanent residents of the hospital that could not be released into the wild.

All pets are welcome on a leash or in appropriate carriers.

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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.

Nar-Anon: Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. - www.naranonfl.org.

10-1 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.

10-3 World Communion Day

10-7 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.

10-10 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 pro-

gram includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

10-11 Columbus Day

10-12 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.

10-12 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.

10-12 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

10-15 Boss's Day

10-15 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.

10-17 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.

10-18 Mawlid Un Nabi Starts

10-20 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.

10-31 Halloween

10-25 Veteran's Breakfast, 9:00 at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., PSJ on the last Saturday of each month.

10-28 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.

Congratulations to:

Ryan Kremer turns **13TEEN** this month.
Danny Huegel turns **27** on the 1st.
Stephanie Puckett turns prettier on the 2nd.
Lisa Troxel turns more lovely on the 3rd.
Connie Partin turns cuter on the 3rd.
Adam Niehoff turns **39** on the 3rd.
Loni Phipps turns wilder on the 5th.
Gary Turner turns wiser on the 5th.
Ryan Brackin turns **28** on the 6th!
Jimmy Scott turns **13TEEN** on the 10th!
Helen Lapardo turns 50"ish" on the 10th!
Karrson Unrue turns **24** on the 10th.
Caelyn Smith will turn **Sweet 16** on the 12th!
Kensli Davis celebrates her **1st** birthday on the 14th.
Nicole Long turns **18** on the 14th.
Kimberly Nicole Kremer turns **14** on the 14th!
Kenny Gow turns crazier on the 15th.
Sophia Kelderhouse turns **24** on the 16th!
Christina Crouse turns hotter on the 16th.
Alex Nero turns cooler on the 17th.
Ryan Kremer turns **34** on the 17th.
Susan Kadlac is the party girl on the 18th.
Sharon Brown dances till dawn on the 20th.
Tyler Gaddy turns **22** on October ??
Duane Gaddy rocks the night on October 20
Danny Bowen turns **22** on the 21st.
Kathy Patterson is the Queen on the 24th.
Michelle Koleczynski turns prettier on the 25th.
Lisa Merrell turns **28** on the 26th.
Lauren Hannon turns **26** on the 27th.
Keith Simpson turns **27** this month.
Bud Simpson turns buffer on the 27th.
Kathy Bradley rules the world on the 27th.
Andy Bradley turns better on the 28th.
Austin Harris turns **25** on the 28th.
Rachel Erickson turns **23** on the 29th.
Craig Kremer turns **62** on the 29th.
William Scheiner is **39** on the 30th!
Sherri Fogarty is the Queen on the 31st. Again!
Chris & Sherri Fogarty celebrate their **31st** (Bourbon Trail) anniversary on the 6th.
Belinda and Don Crouse celebrate with wildness on the 11th.
Tim and Kelly Rowell will celebrate their **32nd** anniversary on the 20th.
Bill & Carol Tyler celebrate their **37th** anniversary on the 20th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

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Waste Management -	636-6894
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

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 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo) in Historic Cocoa Village.

You and your pet can help make the 6th 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

Touch of Grey Rescue

The Costumed Pet Promenade begins at 1:00 p.m. with participants and their Halloween costumed pets of all shapes and sizes following a map through Cocoa Village and making designated stops where they will collect special “tricks or treats”. 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 2:30 p.m. 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

For purchase, there will be delicious food, beverages, and Artist Lori Prell will be on hand for caricature drawings.

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.

The event is hosted by Tails at the Barkery, 308 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Village, 321-305-4584, www.tailsatthebarkery.com.

Proceeds will benefit:

Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue

www.midflsheltierescue.com

Touch of Grey Rescue

E-mail: info@touchofgreyrescue.com

www.touchofgreyrescue.com

The Brevard Humane Society Counts Their “Blessings” On October 4th

All creatures, great and small, from guinea pigs and gerbils to cats and dogs, are invited to take part in a special pet blessing on Monday, October 4th starting at 5:00pm at the Brevard Humane Society’s Heavenly Paws Chapel, located directly behind their Cocoa Adoption Center, at 1020 Cox Road, Cocoa. Blessings will be performed by the Spirit Riders Ministries.

The “Blessing of the Animals” which celebrates St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of all creatures great and small, has become a beloved annual tradition for the Brevard Humane Society and the community alike. Over the years, quite an interesting array of animals, in all shapes and sizes, have attended the ceremony including ferrets, a horse, and a pot belly pig.

All pets are welcome to attend the event, as are their pet parents. There will be a pet blessing ceremony, followed by light refreshments for pet parents.

Contact Sharon Potts, Events Coordinator for Brevard Humane Society, at 321-636-3343 ext. 218 or media@brevardhumanesociety.org for more information.



Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents Bike Days at the Tiki

Saturday, October 2nd
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Good food on the grill with

Fixin’s, \$6.

Listen to live music.

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

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

Contact Joe Marino, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at info@alr359.org or visit our website, alr359.org, for more information.

Nomi Health is Now Offering COVID Testing at Parrish Medical Center

As part of Brevard County’s efforts to expand COVID-19 testing opportunities, Nomi Health is now offering a Brevard County COVID-19 testing site in the Parrish Medical Center south parking lot located at 921 North Washington Avenue, Titusville, FL 32796.

This Nomi site offers both rapid antigen and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 testing. Rapid antigen COVID-19 testing is available seven days a week from 8a.m. – 6p.m. and PCR COVID-19 testing also is available seven days a week from 8a.m. – 5p.m.

All COVID-19 testing offered at this site is available by appointment only and requires pre-registration. To register for a COVID-19 test, please visit <http://testing.nomihealth.com/signup/fl> and type 32796 in the zip code search bar. Scroll down to Parrish Medical Center and select the date and time, then click “schedule” to begin the scheduling process.

The Great Pumpkin Rescue

Parks and Recreation, Central Area will host its Fourth Annual Great Pumpkin Rescue. Join us on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the McLarty Park Aquatic Center, located at 790 Barton Boulevard, Rockledge. You are invited to dive in for some splash-tacular fun!

Forget those traditional pumpkin patches, we are rescuing pumpkins from a floating pumpkin patch! Participants will be given a number which corresponds to a floating pumpkin in the pool. They will search for their number to rescue their pumpkin. Once a pumpkin has been rescued, participants will be able to decorate their pumpkins. A pumpkin decorating contest will be held, and prizes awarded for each age group.

There will be pumpkin rescuing, swimming, a pumpkin decorating contest, and treat bags.

Bring everyone for this great family event. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. No on-site registration will be available.

Ages 4-15 years old are invited to participate in rescue and decorating contest. Cost is \$5.00 for participants and \$2.00 for all other swimmers.

To register, please call (321) 633-1870 or email at debbie.bowling@brevardfl.gov.

Walter Butler Community Center October 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, 6 – 8 pm
Kids in Motion, 2:45 pm – 6 pm
Open Gym, 6 pm - 8 pm

TUESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 1 pm
Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 pm
Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Pickleball, 6 – 8 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm
Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 pm
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

THURSDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm
Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

SATURDAY

Open Computer Lab, 10 am – 2 pm
Open Game Room, 10 am – 2 pm
Open Gym, 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 Kowaleuski at (321) 403-6918.

Youth Basketball League - May 1 – June 12, ages 6 – 14. Registration now open. Games played Saturdays 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. Player Evaluation on April 24, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration \$20. For more information call (321) 433-4448.

Fall Art & Craft Festival

Come out and do some early Christmas shopping or just find some unique holiday decor in Historic Cocoa Village.

Saturday, Oct 16th 10am-5pm

Sunday, Oct 17th 10am-4pm

Over 200 unique artists and crafters! Two days of fabulous Art & Crafts! Fantastic street food and live entertainment throughout the grounds.

Free admission! Kid & pet friendly!

This event will be compliant with all City mask and COVID-19 ordinances in place. The layout is doubled in size for social distancing.

For more information, call 321-631-9075 or visit our website: VisitCocoaVillage.com.

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Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

Lena Penna, Director

(321) 633-1867

The Port St. John Library Is Open

Our new hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am-5 pm. Wednesday 12-8 pm and Saturdays 10 am-2 pm.

Meeting rooms are now 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 and wireless printing.

9/15-10/15 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations at all Brevard County Libraries. Stop by to pick up a BINGO card!

10/6, 6:30pm : Bookworms Bookclub, see Reference for monthly book selection

10/9, 10am-12pm : Port St John Pokemon League for all ages

10/11, 5:30pm : Port St John Library Advisory Board Meeting

10/23 10am-12pm : Port St John Pokemon League for all ages

Storytime for Young Readers, Thursdays at 3:00pm. Ages 6-12.

Little Listeners storytime, Fridays at 10:30am. Ages 2-5.

Master Gardener visits are currently on hiatus.

Dinner and A Prayer Service

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., come enjoy free dinner and prayer at Walter Butler Community Center on US 1, just south of Port St. John across from Fairglens Elementary School.

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

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On the Road With Rose



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I know we are all weary of the storm swirling around us... Even though far away in miles, the unrest in almost every corner of our planet comes into our lives. The division of neighbors and even family over everything from politics to masks is heartbreaking. Those much smarter than I are working on the fixes, I only ask for kindness to others and if you have been affected, please know you are not alone and prayers are being whispered for you.

Hopefully by the time this hits the boxes, the old thermometer on the wall will be registering a few notches lower and we will be enjoying fresh air in some new places. I'd like to share some that perhaps have been overlooked.

Treasure hunters in our area have been dawdling and poking around at the Jumping Flea Market in Cocoa and the Renninger Flea Market in Melbourne for many years, but my favorite is a short drive north. Oak Hill Flea Market is a real old-fashioned flea market and barter center nestled a little north of Mims, right on U.S. 1. just outside of the little town of Oak Hill. As with most other businesses, the flea market is just coming back to full force, but already has a lot to offer. Much of it is under roof, but there are no walls save for a small storage type enclosure selling jewelry and small kitsch. A large portion is totally outdoors, selling mostly tools and farm equipment. The bargains are super everywhere.

Perusing and buying too much fresh produce, baked goods, used books (my favorite), all manner of flags-signs-caps, Avon products, expert woodworking, toys, used tools and equipment keeps me out of trouble until I hit the snack bar... Why does a simple hot dog taste so much better with your feet in the sand, people watching?

I was sorry the plant guy wasn't there selling various fruit trees and bushes, seedling vegetable

starters, baby rabbits and chicks and more farm stuff. Always changing, you never know what you'll find anywhere in the market.

There's usually a couple of vendors selling fresh home-grown citrus fruit when in season, and since there is a fruit and vegetable store right across the street, the prices at both places are really good. We have driven to the store to get beautiful locally grown navel oranges and grapefruit by the bag when the flea market isn't carrying it, or during the week when we can't make the flea market on the weekend.

On the advice of a friend, we found a very small family owned grove in the same general area that also has beautiful navels, grapefruit and Pomelos. I will be writing more about that in a future column.

I have not been able to find navel oranges for sale in our area despite the fact Brevard used to be the premier location for all manner of citrus. If anyone knows where our own fruit can be purchased, please contact me at rosepadrick@gmail.com, I'll be happy to share the info.

We didn't make it to the attached home style restaurant this time, but a couple of months ago my co-explorer and I enjoyed a great breakfast with all the fixins. Judy's request to have her eggs put in my plate and my corned beef hash on hers hardly drew a raised eyebrow from the

friendly waitress.

A previous visit to the flea market and subsequent roaming down Canal Street, then River Road, following the Seminole Rest signs had us discovering a really great seafood restaurant with outdoor seating right on the water is the reason we didn't make it to that restaurant. We were lucky enough to get there before the after-church rush, but have been known to wait for what seemed forever for my shrimp and grits and Judy's fried shrimp. The meals come with more sides than you can eat and drinks at a nominal price. They have specials for kids and I've seen dogs vacuuming crumbs under the tables several times.

A short way down River Road is Seminole Rest - a historic shell mound telling the story of the Timucuan Indians with pioneers homes and docks. We spent several hours roaming the grounds and will be sharing the experience in a future column.

It's a good afternoon divergence which can be topped off with soft served ice cream at a drive-in place and still be home in time for a jump in the pool and dinner.

- Editor's note: That restaurant on the river would be Goodrich's, already popular with many locals from both north and south of Oak Hill, including me. I'm jealous, Rose. - RR

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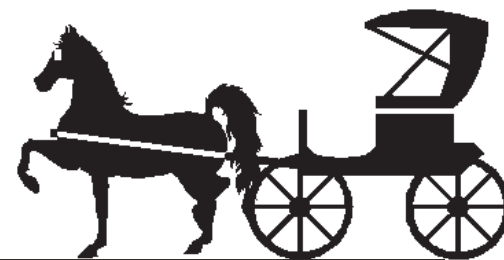
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SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves



Brevard County Road and Bridge has been out here in the Groves cleaning and digging out some of the ditches. This is needed to keep the flow of rain water off the roadways. Some of the ditches have not been

done in years. The process is slow and it is a street by street project and the Groves is a large area.

Brevard County Fire Station 29, Four Communities Fire and other county Fire Stations have been busy in the area with accidents, medical calls and fires. There have also been a couple of structure fires. Please look around your home and see if there are any hazards that you can remove or have someone correct. Please make sure your address at least is visible (and legible) on your mailbox and possibly on your home.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been out here patrolling, enforcing the speed limit and handling other types of calls. If you see something who is suspicious, call them. That is the only way they will know what is going on so they can protect us.

If you have yard waste in front of your property, call Waste Management and let them know so they can send a truck by.

At this time, the Canaveral Groves Homeowners is planning a meeting for November. At this meeting there will be a list made for the elections in December for the upcoming year.

- Ed Silva

Child Passenger Safety Seminars

In need of a car seat? Want to learn how to install one correctly? We have you covered! Join us at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Cocoa to learn all about child passenger safety. These seminars are free to attend and are available on

select dates from August through December.

Parents in need of a seat will be able to purchase a convertible car seat at a reduced cost at the end of the class. Parents must present proof of enrollment in WIC, Medicaid, Florida Access Benefits or Healthy Start services to receive a seat.

Pre-register for free on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/36VVR95>. Currently these are the available dates:

October 15

November 10

December 7

Bark Brew Fest

You are invited to the 15th Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, October 16, at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Historic Cocoa Village.

Play Bingo to win fabulous prizes! Bring your canine companion, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from the Donkey's BBQ Food Truck, practice social distancing and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) rescue that was established in September 2012 and whose mission is to help with the re-homing of displaced Great Danes and providing ongoing education regarding responsible Dane ownership and care.

Pets are welcome, but 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 more information, contact:

Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., www.gdlcf.org/ or;

Pam Shaia at Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584 or;

Dirty Oar Beer Company, (321) 301-4306.

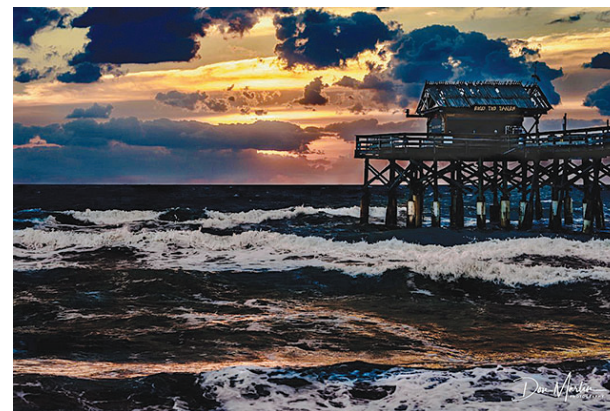
Sidewalk Sale

You won't BeLeaf the Savings at the Historic Cocoa Village Fall Sidewalk Sale! On Saturday, Sept 25th, come out and browse the Sidewalk Sale from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Shoppers will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for gift baskets full of goodies from participating merchants.

And, as always, we are kid & pet friendly!

For more information: call 321-631-9075 or go to VisitCocoaVillage.com.



“Riders on the Storm” Exhibition

October is the peak month of Hurricane Season in Florida and the artists at the Studios of Cocoa Beach are dealing with it creatively. They have channeled their experiences into a show titled “Riders on the Storm.” From realistic views of the tempest to impressionistic expressions of the emotions wild weather evokes, you will find paintings, photographs, ceramics, fibers and even jewelry inspired by Florida weather.

The show runs from October 1 to 31, 2021 at the Studios' gallery, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach, open Wednesday through Saturday 9 am to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm.

For information on this non profit gallery, the artists and available classes, go to www.studioofcocoa-beach.org, call 321-613-3480, or follow them on Facebook and Instagram

Brevard County Implements Incentive Program for Missed Solid Waste Pickups

Residents of unincorporated Brevard County are being asked to report missed garbage, recycling, yard and special collection solid waste or bulk waste pickups under a complaint reporting incentive program approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Residents serviced by the Brevard County Solid Waste Management Department's contract with Waste Management, who report missed collection services to the Solid Waste Management Department that can be verified by the County, could receive a \$14.53 incentive for a phoned complaint and a \$19.53 incentive for an electronically logged complaint.

Complaints regarding missed service can be reported by calling 321-633-2042 or on Brevard County's website, www.brevardfl.gov (look for the "Garbage Collection Complaints" icon near the top of the homepage).

Under the contract, a legitimate complaint would entail Waste Management missing any of the deadlines listed below:

Missed garbage, recycling or containerized yard waste reported to Waste Management before 12 pm the next business day must be picked up by 8 pm that day. If reported after 12 pm it must be picked up by 5 pm the following business day.

Non-containerized yard waste must be picked up within five business days after the next containerized yard waste pickup day after making the pickup request to Waste Management. Special collection solid waste or bulk waste must be picked up within five business days after the next containerized yard waste pickup day after making the pickup request to Waste Management. Please note that a request to Waste Management must be received for non-containerized yard waste and special collection solid waste or bulk waste pickups and that these items will not be collected without a request. For yard waste and special collection solid waste or bulk waste pickup, call (321) 636-6894 in North Brevard; (321) 723-4455 in South Brevard.

Repair or replacement of damaged carts must be serviced within five business days of notification to Waste Management.

This incentive program is designed to monitor and improve collection services for customers in

unincorporated Brevard County and in response to an increase in the number of complaints being received concerning missed garbage, recycling and yard and special collection solid waste or bulk waste pickup services.

Commissioners plan in December to consider whether to continue this incentive program.

St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care Renewed As Level Five Partner Of We Honor Veterans

St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care is proud to announce it has been renewed as a Level Five Partner with We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). The Level Five recognition demonstrates a high level of commitment to Veteran-centric care in the community. St. Francis achieved the prestigious distinction in 2020, and is currently the only Level Five Partner in Brevard County. Level Five is the highest level in the We Honor Veterans program and is the only level that requires annual renewal. All other levels are for life.

"Brevard County has a high concentration of active and retired military members, and it is not only thoughtful but critical they have access to resources that understand their unique needs and culture," said Joe Killian, President and CEO of St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care. "We are grateful to give back to our community with highly trained staff who go beyond their medical training to ensure they provide culturally intuitive care to our veterans and their families."

As a partner, St. Francis is providing specialized care to veterans who are facing serious illnesses. This includes a veteran-to-veteran volunteer program, training on conflict-specific medical and mental health concerns, and knowledge to assist veterans in navigating VA benefits. In addition to being a top partner, St. Francis is also a certified We Honor Veterans Level Five Regional Mentor for other hospice and community partners looking to start their own We Honor Veterans program and achieve the highest level.

NHPCO and the Department of Veterans

Affairs launched We Honor Veterans in 2010 to address the growing need for veteran-centered care, especially as veterans from different eras are aging and need access to veteran-centric palliative and hospice care.

In addition to culturally sensitive support while under St. Francis' care, St. Francis also has various community initiatives for veterans, including its custom Wall of Honor ceremonies and an annual yard sign drive to raise awareness and funds of veterans' needs.

St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care was founded in 1977 and licensed in 1990. St. Francis is Brevard's longest-serving, not-for-profit, independent, interfaith provider of hospice, palliative care, and grief support services. For more information about St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care, please visit ReflectionsLSC.org, call (866) 269-4240, or follow on Facebook @ [StFrancisReflections](https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisReflections).

Learn more about the We Honor Veterans program at www.WeHonorVeterans.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which honors the special role animals play in peoples' lives. Conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, a procession of animals from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, are welcome. All pets are welcome on a leash or in appropriate carriers.

Reverend Sara Oxley of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Cocoa Village, will officiate this special ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals, on Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00 a.m., at Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo), in Historic Cocoa Village.

Pet photos with Rev. Oxley will be taken immediately following the group blessings (\$5 donation). All donations will benefit the Florida Wildlife Hospital, Palm Shores, Florida, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to Florida's wildlife in need. Since 1973, Florida Wildlife Hospital has rescued, rehabilitated, and released thousands of sick, injured, and orphaned animals in Brevard County. Special ambassadors from the Florida Wildlife Hospital will be in attendance for a unique meet-and-greet. These animals are permanent residents of the hospital that could not be released into the wild.

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Parrish Senior Consultation Center and Parrish Senior Solutions offer education, support and comprehensive evaluations for older adults who have concerns or are experiencing symptoms of memory loss.

Janet Rooks, social worker and certified dementia practitioner is available to identify the needs of patients and their families through the review of the patient's medications and medical history, as well as memory evaluations and physical exams performed by Pamela Tronetti, DO, board-certified geriatrician.

Each patient's evaluation and follow-up care will be personalized to meet the needs of the individual and their families.

To schedule an appointment, call 321-383-9393.

Office hours: Monday–Friday 8 am–5 pm.



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