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## Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!

Our 33rd Port St. John Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 17th 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 "Peace On Earth." The entry form is on the next page and available online to print at [www.happenings.net](http://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 Dave Brown,

best known to many as the manager of Dominos, but also the sponsor of scholarships, supporter of teams and events at our schools, and sponsor of the Christmas parade, Thunder Over the Indian River and other community events for the past

20 years. He makes Port St. John a better place to live. Thanks, Dave!

We have no COVID restrictions this year, but if you have health concerns, masks are welcome. There will be more candy at the parade this year!

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, or Jeremy Higginbotham, 321-576-2818.

There are other holiday events inside, so look for Photos With Santa at the PSJ Library, the Holiday Bike Parade in Cocoa Village, the Cocoa Village Holiday Boat Parade in Cocoa, and more. And of course, the holiday parade schedule for other parades here in Brevard County is inside.

HAPPENINGS wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Good Kwanzaa and joy, good health and peace to your family.



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Dear Neighbor,

This letter is to invite your organization to participate in the 33rd Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on December 17, 2022, 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 "Peace On Earth." 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. 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

## 2022 PSJ Christmas Parade

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, 321-633-7499 or happenings1@bellsouth.net, or Amber Baum, 321-258-6523 or nero.amber96@yahoo.com.

### Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

NAME OF GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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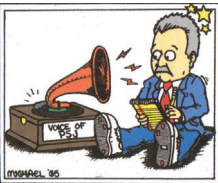
Do you have animals? Y N Type & number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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### Santa Claus Is Coming to the PSJ Library!

Santa will be visiting the Port St. John Library for a holiday children's event on Saturday, December 3rd, 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Santa is coming and will listen to all children's wishes! **Pictures will be taken and given free of charge to parents.** Also, Santa will give away goodie bags and books.

There will be a story time for the little ones, craft projects and refreshments. Santa's helpers will come with him and maybe even a couple of elves.

This event is hosted by the Friends of the PSJ Library.

# PSJ Community Center Schedule - December, 2022

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,  
Schedule is subject to change. For latest information about any of these programs or  
to register, call 321-633-1904.

## Mondays

26th - Closed For Christmas Holiday  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 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 – 6 p.m.

## Tuesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 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 – 6 p.m.  
Ballet, Tap and Hip Hop Classes, ages 3 - 6, -5:00  
-5:45 p.m.

## Wednesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 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 – 6 p.m.  
Culinary Kids, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## Thursdays

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

## Fridays

23rd - Closed For Christmas Holiday  
Outside Basketball, 9 a.m - 6 p.m.  
Game Room/Computers 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Billiards 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Creative Movement Ballet classes, ages 2-4, 10:15  
-10:45 a.m.

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

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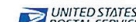
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by Maureen Rupe

### Environmentally Endangered Lands

A sincere Thank You to everyone who voted for the Environmentally Endangered Lands Referendum.

### Port St. John Request for Zoning Change

The Port St. John Special District Board will be hearing a rezoning issue. The zoning meeting will be at the Port St. John Library on January 4th, at 6 p.m., which was changed from November 9th, 2022, due to impacts from Hurricane Nicole.

Edita Realty (James McKnight) requests a change of zoning classification from BU-1 to RU-2-10 (22Z00049) (/Rz /XXXIYBRA 2302548 & 2302549). The properties are on 950 Avon Street and 960 Avon Street in Port St. John, one block east of U.S. 1, and one block south of Kings Highway.

RU-2-10 zoning classification allows for apartments, however, the applicant is proposing duplexes, which could be considered a transition between the commercial zoning to the east, (the new buildings at the southwest corner of U.S.1 & Kings Highway). The request is to develop two

duplexes, one on each lot. The proposed RU.2.10 permits multifamily residential uses or single-family residences at a density of up to 10 units per acre on 7,500 square foot lots. Duplexes have a minimum floor area of 1,150 square feet, and 575 square feet per unit. The closest multi-family zoning is the condominiums across U.S.1.

The two properties are 0.18 acres for 950 Avon Street, and 0.22 acres for 960 Avon Street. 960 Avon Street is mapped as within the Indian River Lagoon Nitrogen Reduction Overlay. However, both properties are within 0.2 miles of the Indian River Lagoon. The package states if adequate sewer for the development is not available, then the use of an alternative septic system, designed to provide at least 65% total nitrogen reduction through multi-state treatment processes, shall be required.

The package states compatibility between this site and existing properties near this development depends on:

a. Whether the proposed uses would have lighting, odor noise levels, traffic or site activity which would significantly diminish the enjoyment of safety or quality of life in the existing

neighborhood.

b. Whether the proposed uses would cause a material reduction (five per cent or more) in the value of existing abutting lands or approved development. The package states only a certified MAI appraisal can determine if this value has or will occur due to the proposed use.

c. Whether the proposed uses are consistent with an emerging or existing pattern on surrounding development.

d. Actual development within the last 3 years.

e. Approved development, but not yet constructed within the last 3 years.

### Reference

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/PlanningAndDevelopment/Home>. As of publishing, the agenda and zoning package is currently not available on the Brevard County Planning and Development website.

### Low Impact Development or Design (LID)

I wrote the below on Low Impact Development (LID) for the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast and it is on their website (link in References). I'm on their Board of Directors and

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Co-Chair of the Natural Resource Committee.

The Marine Resource Council (MRC) held the second of three conferences to inform elected officials, developers, builders and the public at large of the necessity of requiring LID and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) in all new developments. The Second Conference was excellent and heavily attended by county and neighboring county elected officials, City and County engineers, and environmental groups, as well as our State Senator, Debbie Mayfield, who is the majority leader and Clean Waterways Act sponsor.

The Conference included detailed accounts on overcoming LID and GSI design and maintenance, new stormwater rules, plus updating code to allow for LID and GSI. Questions from the audience were readily answered by agricultural and biology

professors from state universities, Department of Environmental Protection, and other prominent scientists.

**LID Strategy:** LID is an approach to land development that uses various land planning design and construction practices to simultaneously conserve and protect natural resource systems while reducing infrastructure costs. LID stands apart from other concepts through its emphasis on cost-effective strategies at the lot level. Designing an individual site to replicate pre-development hydrology can reduce the project's impacts on natural systems.

LID strategies move away from a centralized method of collecting, conveying and discharging water to one that minimizes both impervious areas and stores and treats stormwater in a more

distributed fashion, sometimes even on the individual lot level.

Some of the common LID practices include vegetated swales, buffers and strips; barrower streets without curbs and gutters; curb cutaways for median storage; end-of-island bioretention cells; permeable pavers; green roofs; rain gardens, bioretention, rain barrels or cisterns; tree or natural area preservation; in-ground infiltration and storage; and green build programs such as Florida Water StarSM."

Worth noting, the Department of Defense (DoD) now requires LID on all its installations worldwide. The next and final Conference will be in April 2023, which will include the invitation of Developers and Builders to participate.

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### **Good Day!, cont.**

Stormwater coming from natural lands is not the problem. It is when the natural lands are converted into other land uses, especially urban, where when the soil is paved over, we create impervious surfaces, and then the rain causes stormwater runoff, which is normally polluted, which kills marine life in our lagoon and pollutes all our water bodies.

At the rate of development in Florida, it must be realized the current system does not work, and if LID and GSI policies are not put into our codes for mandatory installation, we are on a road to disaster that will affect every aspect of our environment, economy, health, and our overall quality of life.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors of the Marine Resource Council since the 1990's and believe that the LID concept must be adopted by all cities and counties in Florida.

Reference: [https://lwvsc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=722&club\\_id=992157&item\\_id=2071544&ht=0](https://lwvsc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=722&club_id=992157&item_id=2071544&ht=0)

<https://savetheirl.org/education/low-impact-development/>

#### **Amazon Building**

The Amazon Building on Grissom Pkwy. in Cocoa is on hold for occupation. Amazon is not moving in equipment and are in the process of re-evaluating? Whatever that means. I will find out.

#### **Titusville Development**

I received a report on Titusville development projects as of November 1, 2022, where I saw a few that can have an impact on Port. St. John. I thank the Titusville City Manager for the very interesting information.

- The Verona Village (formerly Willow Creek), located on the west side of Grissom Pkwy. just

north of Port St. John, has four more villages planned to be constructed. The Verona Village A sketch plat is in review for their 4th phase, with 328 single family homes. The Verona Village B sketch plat is approved for 174 single-family homes. The Verona Village C sketch plat is in review for their third phase of 537 single-family homes. Verona Village D construction continues for 79 single-family homes.

Verona Phase 1 is finished and subsequently there were 18 more lots approved after that they (accidentally, wink, wink) filled in 4.58 acres of wetlands.

My concerns is the new traffic on Kings Hwy. and Grissom Pkwy. through Port St. John. There will always be a percentage of children in all subdivisions. Is the City, County, and School Board addressing these potential problems?

Will there be overcrowding with any or all Port St. John schools, or are they building new schools?

There are wetlands that have been filled in. Are any of these new homes in a potential flood zone due to the all the wetlands that have been filled in?

- Space Perspective: A site plan is approved for a 49,000 square foot manufacturing building on Bristow Way (TICO airport). This plant is to manufacture parts for the balloon and capsule below.

The "Space Perspective" website ([www.spaceperspective.com](http://www.spaceperspective.com)), where you can book now, shows a Neptune Capsule connected to a huge balloon. The website states you will take off from land and after a six-hour flight, splashdown in the ocean. The website states, "Launch from Marine Spaceport (MS) Voyager or from land on Florida's Space Coast," so it will take off from either land (could be TICO) or from their support ship called the Marine Spaceport. If it takes off from TICO,

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will it impact aircraft traffic. There has been a vertical lift license at TICO since 2020.

- A Wawa site plan is approved and construction underway for a 6,119 square foot restaurant with gas nozzles at 1245 Grumman Place. This is at the Northeast corner of State Road 405 and Grissom Pkwy.

- There are 48 site plans for new development in the City of Titusville as of November 1st. I selected those that would be of interest to residents of PSJ.

References: <https://titusville.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=d04e00425e844c7dbaa789d099f8581e>

[www.spaceperspective.com](http://www.spaceperspective.com)

Christmas Greetings to everyone and a very Happy Holidays and a Peaceful New Year.

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

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## Cocoa Village Holiday Boat Parade

Join Cocoa Village Main Street for the Space Coast's largest charitable Holiday Boat Parade on Friday, December 9th, from 6-7:30 p.m.! Proceeds benefit Sharing Center of Brevard.

The parade launches from Barton Ave. in Rockledge and heads north to Sunset St. in Cocoa (north of SR520). The best viewing area is along the Promenade in Riverfront Park, Cocoa Village.

Participating captains are encouraged to transform their boats into winter wonderlands!

If boats would like to be entered into the Contest to win prizes in the following categories, captains must pre-register (register at [VisitCocoaVillage.com](http://VisitCocoaVillage.com)) and attend the Captain's Meeting!

Best Decorated over 40 ft., over 30 ft., and under 30 ft.

Most Spirit/Enthusiasm

Best Sailboat

The Ed Lanni Award

The Captain's Meeting will be held on December 6th at 6 p.m. at Time Out Sports Bar, 607

Florida Ave., Cocoa. Enjoy live music, raffles, and a free drink ticket for each registered Captain!

For more information and to see a map of the parade route, go to [VisitCocoaVillage.com](http://VisitCocoaVillage.com)

## Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, December 10th.

The 2nd December dance will be cancelled for Christmas Eve.

Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.

For both dances, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$8; \$7 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.



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## Monthly Tax Update

This month I want to remind everyone how to protect yourselves from 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 and follow the instructions under "retrieve your IP now."

Next, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has released the inflation-adjusted marginal rates and brackets for 2023, and you find higher take-home pay in the new year as less tax is withheld from their paychecks. The standard deduction will increase by \$900 to \$13,850 for single taxpayers, increase \$1,800 for married couples to \$27,700., and for heads of household, it will increase to \$20,800. That's an increase of \$1,400.

The marginal tax rates have been adjusted to reduce the tax on your taxable income approximately 10% for the 10% bracket and it flows out from there.

The maximum Earned Income Tax Credit will be \$7,430 for those who have three or more qualifying children.

The maximum contribution to a health care flexible spending account is also increasing, from \$2,850 to \$3,050. Every individual is permitted an annual exclusion for gifts and it will increase to \$17,000 for individuals; that's \$34,000 for married couples.

Don't forget all Social Security Benefit recipients will receive an increase of 8.7% and the premium for your Part B coverage will drop from \$170.10 monthly to \$164.90, beginning January 1, 2023.

Your contributions to your 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan is increased to \$22,500, up

from \$20,500.

Individual IRA's has increased to \$6,500, up from \$6,000. Catch up contribution for your IRA remains at \$1,000 if aged 50 or over. However, for your 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan contribution has increased to \$7,500, up from \$6,500. And, the catch-up contribution limit for employees aged 50 and over who participate in SIMPLE plans is increased to \$3,500, up from \$3,000.

Also, as we close out the year, you may need to evaluate Required Minimum Distributions from inheritance and contributions to your retirement arrangements. Review your investments and be sure to evaluate your tax preparer assistance credibility, years in practice, credentials, and most of all, ask around to see who they trust when making this decision.

In closing, myself, and my staff wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season with success and love in the New Year. God Bless!

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



## Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

**12-7 Sons of Amvets 2415**  
General Membership Meeting  
-1st Wednesday of the month  
at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck

Harrington, 321-208-7897

**12-7 Bike Night!** 6:00 on the 1st Thursday of the month.

**12-8 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

**12 - 10 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General Membership Meeting- 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

**12-14 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**Karaoke every Friday with Bone, 6-10 p.m.**  
**Bingo Sundays 1-?**

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about Amvets, contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.

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## Space Coast Viper Marching Band Shines at MPA



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Congratulations to our Space Coast Viper Band for an incredible performance at the Music Performance Assessment event held at Melbourne High School this year!! On October 29th, bands from all over Brevard County played, marched and danced their best as they demonstrated their skills, creativity and teamwork before a panel of judges.

This year, for the first time since 2011, the Space Coast Viper Band earned a Superior rating in all six categories! Those categories include Music 1 and 2 (overall sound), Visual Performance, General Effect, Color Guard and Percussion Section.

Mr. Adam Tharp, who has been leading the band at Space Coast Junior/Senior High School since 2019, is proud and excited at their recent accomplishments. He attributes their recent success to a high level of teamwork and relying on each other, as well as holding themselves accountable for their music and being prepared.

The band has been consistently growing over the last 4-5 years, now with 52 musicians and 12 members of the color guard. Their new uniforms, replacing the previous uniforms they have worn since 2009, are super lightweight, easy to move in, and look sharp and interesting on the field. The band is lead by Drum Major Briana Maynard, Band Captain Cassidy Yehnert and Color Guard captains Trista Lunsford and E Loo.

Mr. Joseph Flora, the Principal of Space Coast Junior/Senior High School, had this to say about the marching band: "I, along with the Space Coast Staff, are extremely proud of this great achievement earned by our Viper Marching Band. Mr. Tharp, our students, and marching band parents have put in countless hours this season to achieve this rating and is a true sign of what can happen when we all work together for the betterment of our students. The dedication and commitment exhibited by all in our marching band program is truly admirable and this is only the beginning of great things to come."

Mr. Tharp also recognized all the hard work and hours put in by the Band Boosters, the band parents who make these exciting events possible. Loading and unloading the equipment, running the concession stand, helping with uniforms and fundraising and other support make the band shows run smoothly.

Three more exciting opportunities to see the band perform are coming up:

1. December 10th – Viper Marching Band will be performing in the Christmas parade at Universal Studios in Orlando!
2. December 14th – Space Coast Winter Concert will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
3. December 17th – The PSJ Christmas Parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Fay Blvd.

Thank you to all the students who spent many hours practicing in 90 degree plus heat, sometimes rain, more countless hours practicing at home, and dedicating their time, energy and heart to ensuring the high standards the band has now achieved. We look forward to their continued growth and as Mr. Flora said, great things to come!

~ by Michelle McMillon

## Amvets Car & Bike Show



On Thursday, December 1st, the Amvets Riders' Bike Night, Post 2415 will be holding a Car and Bike Show.

The event will include raffles, prizes and food trucks.

The public is welcome to attend and enjoy. Admission for spectators is free.

The show will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Amvets parking lot,. 688 West Ave. in Port St. John. If you have a nice car or motorcycle you would like to enter, it's \$10 entry with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for the bikes and the cars.



## Alcoholics Anonymous

Port St. John

**Saint Patrick's Church**

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

East off Grissom Pkwy.

**Sunset Group Meeting**

(C) Sunday 5:00 BIG BOOK

(C) Tuesday 6:30 12 STEP

(O) Thursday 6:30 Beginners Mtg

## Space Coast Vipers Girls Win FHSAA State Bowling Championship - Space Coast Vipers Defeat Seabreeze 3-2

The Space Coast Vipers Girls Bowling Team defeated Seabreeze High School from Daytona Beach to capture the 2022 Florida High School Athletic Association Girls Bowling State Championship last month in Orlando.

In all, Brevard placed two teams in the top three as the Rockledge girls finished third.

The Space Coast HS Vipers join the 2014 Titusville Terriers as the only girls state champs from Brevard County and they are the first Brevard team to win the state championship since the Astronaut boys team captured a title in 2020.

In all, Brevard now had two boys state champion teams and two girls state champion teams in team competition.

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## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

Christmas but better?

Once again there seems to be just a tad of hope in the ugliness taking place on the other side of the world and the insanity that has been created in our own land. I pray this holiest of seasons will encourage change for the better. Who wins or loses must answer to their own conscience. If you are touched in any way, please know prayers are being sent.

Retailers have been trying to push Christmas buying early for as long as there have been retailers, but it sure seems that they begin beating their drums earlier and earlier. A television station began showing Christmas movies on the 1st of July and I saw a Christmas decoration sale in a certain hobby store on the 4th of July this year.

I personally have neither the time nor the inclination to become immersed in snow and Mistletoe one moment before the Butterball floats over the Big Apple, but I am partially responsible for a couple of the worst 'Dyed in the Wool' Santa thumpers on the face of the earth. If not for spouses who threatened to hang deer heads in the shower, there would be permanent Christmas trees, lights and garland in certain areas of Merritt Island and Port Saint John.

When my kids were still under my roof, or close enough to visit, (usually at dinner), we designated one evening to decorate the old plastic spruce and Dear Old Dad to assemble the many parts and pieces of a cardboard fireplace. The only realistic thing about this tree was it shed as much as a real one, so bald spaces were hidden with fake snow and garland. The fireplace was about as realistic as a cartoon drawing, but came with its own little light bulb which created enough heat to spin the tiny metal fan blades, supposedly imitating flames. Keeping an eye on that fireplace became as much of a tradition as assembling it, because I just didn't think a hot light bulb, warm metal and five pounds of cardboard would make a firefighter feel all warm and fuzzy.

Dear Old Dad supplied the blue cloud of very frowned-upon verbiage when tab A did not fit into tab B. Being an extraordinarily clever man, you would think he would at least vary the words from year to year, because the darn Tab A didn't fit into the darn tab B from the moment it joined the Padrick Christmas traditions.

I admit I borrowed some of that verbiage the year he duct taped the whole thing and I spent a whole afternoon blowing through a dozen red Magic Markers trying to make the tape take on the appearance of the surrounding fake bricks.

Kids, grandkids, great grandkids and great-great grandkids have all made their own traditions in the recent years, Dear Old Grammy being blessed enough to be invited to be a part of all the fun and food. It took me a couple of years to acquiesce to waking up Christmas morning sans the aroma of a fat turkey in the oven and bringing a side dish to someone else's house instead, but coming home after dinner to a clean, empty kitchen helped.

The freedom of being able to tell Santa what the littlest family members would like for Christmas without suffering the consequences dawned on me the very first kid-less holiday however. A drum set for the three-year-old, one of those popcorn push toys for the two-year-old and a duck that quacked when pulled all around the house all day by the newest walking child brought me such joy! But not nearly as much joy as hugging my still growling child and prancing out the door... not before reminding her about all the hours I sat in the dean's office as she struggled through high school.

I admit to being of the vintage to have swooned at the four Mop-Tops, have some problem with change and a hard time handing over the torch, especially during the holidays. But making absolutely sure that all members remember the real reason for the season and finding joy in the little things like the thump of a drum and many quacks in someone else's house certainly warms this old heart.

Not nearly as much as coming home to a long, quiet bath and nap!

I invite all readers who watched for Elvis's left leg to get started to rush into this new holiday tradition with love, laughter and zeal.



**St. Patrick's Anglican Church**  
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classical Christianity Engaging the World

Where has this year gone? It seems like it has just raced by and now we are getting ready for the most joyous, and what can be stressful, holiday

season. Don't forget to take a moment during your shopping, work and family time to pause and remember the reason for this season.

This year in our Sunday School program we are studying the amazing saints of our tradition, and one of those we discussed is the angel Gabriel, who is the messenger of God to Mary, Zachariah and the shepherds. So, while you are looking for that great parking spot or standing in the hundredth shopping line for what appears to be an eternity, remember what the angels said to the shepherds outside Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." It's easy to get so caught up in all the stress of gift buying, and pleasing everyone that we can forget that God sent his son to die for us, and his birth at Christmas is our promise and ultimate gift.

Please join us at one of our Christmas Services: Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m., (Family Service), and 11:00 p.m., (Caroling and Midnight Service), Sunday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

The last Saturday of the month is our normal Veteran's and First Responder Breakfast, however there will be no Veteran's and First Responder Breakfast in December because that date falls on New Year's Eve. Our next Veteran's and First Responders Breakfast, which all veterans, spouses of veterans, and first responders are welcome, will be Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the church Parish Hall, which is the building just east of the main church. Please come join us for great food and fellowship. If you can't join us in person, please pray for our active duty soldiers, veterans and first responders.

Please mark your calendar for our Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are a local vendor, please contact us as we still have available space for local vendors. The Cookie Walk is an amazing opportunity to purchase a variety of Christmas cookies and local crafts and products. Father Tim will be there with his chocolate covered bacon, always a big hit.

Our regular service schedule: Sunday Communion Services – 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., Morning Prayer Services – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday Communion Service – 6:00 p.m., Evening Prayer Service – Friday, 6:00 p.m.. If you cannot attend in person, please watch us on Facebook Live, Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

**Cookie Walk**

# Artemis I Lifts Off At Last!

At 1:47 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Launch Pad 39B at KSC turned night into day as NASA's SLS lifted off carrying the agency's Orion spacecraft on its way to the Moon as part of the Artemis program. The SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft were at Launch Pad 39B, where they rode out Hurricane Nicole last week. Following the storm, teams conducted thorough assessments of the rocket, spacecraft and associated ground systems, and confirmed there were no significant impacts from the severe weather.

An uncrewed Orion is on the first leg of a mission in which Orion is planned to travel approximately 40,000 miles beyond the Moon and return to Earth over the course of 25 1/2 days. The mission is part of NASA's Moon to Mars exploration approach before flying astronauts on the Artemis II mission. The Artemis I mission is the first integrated flight test of

the agency's deep space exploration systems: the Orion spacecraft, Space Launch System (SLS) rocket, and ground systems.

After reaching its initial orbit, Orion deployed



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its solar arrays and engineers began performing checkouts of the spacecraft's systems. About 90 minutes into flight, the rocket's upper stage engine successfully fired for approximately 18 minutes to give Orion the big push needed to send it out of Earth orbit and on toward the Moon.

Orion continued its journey to the Moon powered by its service module, which is the propulsive powerhouse provided by ESA (European Space Agency) through an international collaboration.

The journey isn't the only thing happening. A series of

10 small science investigations and technology demonstrations, called CubeSats, were deployed from a ring that connected the upper stage to the spacecraft. Each CubeSat has its own mission. They have the potential to fill gaps in our knowledge of the solar system or demonstrate technologies that may benefit the design of future missions to explore the Moon and beyond.

Orion is expected to fly by the Moon on November 21, performing a close approach of the lunar surface on its way to a distant retrograde orbit, a highly stable orbit thousands of miles beyond the Moon.

The Artemis missions are a beginning point for NASA, paving the way for a future lunar space station orbiting the moon, and also serving as a stepping stone for astronauts someday on the way to Mars.



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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.**

### **12-3 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

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 their website, alr359.org, for more information.

### **12-3 Light Up Port St. John**

**12-6 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.

**12-7 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.

**12-7 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-** 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**12-8 Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 2415** General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of

each month at 6 p.m. President, Theresa N. Anderson, 321-208-7897.

**12-9 Brevard Women's Connection** meets at Space Coast Convention Center on Hwy. 520 from 11 AM until 1 p.m., 2nd Friday of each month. Call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

### **12-10 Cookie Walk - held at St. Patrick's Church, 9 a.m.**

**12-10 Amvets Riders meeting,** 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

**12-11 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

**12-11 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.

**12-11 Calling all Christian authors!** Dynamic writers group in Cocoa offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 p.m. at Cocoa Library). Contact D.P. Clarke at lroyaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

**12-13 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meeting cancelled for November at Cocoa Library.

**12-14 Amvets Post 2415** General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

**12-16 American Legion Post 359** meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 321-268-1632 for assistance.

### **12-18 - 26 Hannukah**

**12-21 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 PM, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**12-22 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.

### **12-25 Merry Christmas!**

**12-31 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast** - 9:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans and all first responders. Last Saturday of each month.

### **12-31 New Year's Eve**

#### **Congratulations to:**

**David Fine** turns **18** on the 1st.

**Destiney Anthony** turns **26** on the 2nd.

**Mark Emr** turns **32** on the 3rd.

**Brayden Bryson** turns **14** on the 4th.

**Jennifer Giles** turns prettier on the 6th.

**The editor** is more ancient on the 6th.

**Ashley Neal** turns **26** on the 6th.

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

**Brandon Weimer** turns **16** on the 8th

**John Hansen** turns **68** on the 9th.

**Steve Velligan** is the King on the 12th.

**Cary Troxel** parties wild on the 12th.

**Betty Couch** turns prettier on the 13th.

**Jackie Jordan** is more lovely on the 13th.

**Kiera Ward** turns **17** on the 13th!

**Kathy Ridgely** turns hotter on the 15th.

**Billy Treadway, Sr.** turns cooler on the 18th.

**Brianna Hardin** turns **22** on the 18th.

**Candace Sanchez** gets spanked on the 19th!

**Teresa Miller** dances till dawn on the 20th.

**Tommy Mattox** turns **14** on the 20th.

**Cody Hardin** turns **27** on the 20th.

**Jaxson Bryson** turns **4** on the 20th.

**Winter Erff** turns **8** on the 23rd.

**Ryan Erff** turns **26** on the 23rd.

**Deanna Wiedman** gets kisses on the 26th.

**Monika Williams** turns **16** on the 28th.

**Nathan Travis** turns **16** on the 28th.

**Paul Mann** turns wilder on the 28th.

**Bob & Lossi Lacoste** celebrate their **54th** on the 7th!

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

**Randy Rodriguez - HAPPENINGS**

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### **Important Phone Numbers**

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Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750

## Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - December

### Parrish Healthcare Stroke and Heart Survivors Support Group

If you've experienced a diagnosis or event, or are caring for someone living with heart disease or stroke, our community is here to support you.

- When: Tuesday, December 13, 2-4 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/StorkeandHeartSurvivorSupport](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/StorkeandHeartSurvivorSupport)

### Parrish Healthcare Caring for Caregivers Support Group

Care giving is a rewarding, yet demanding labor of love. Join us to learn how to care for yourself while you care for your loved one.

- When: Thursdays, December 8 and 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/CaregiverSupport](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/CaregiverSupport)

### Parrish Healthcare's Fearless Café

A collaboration with St. Francis Reflections Life Stages Care, this group shares a casual discussion about advanced directives, power of attorney, wills, living wills and all of the often, scary conversations about death and dying.

- When: Wednesday, December 7, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/FearlessCafe](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/FearlessCafe)

### Parrish Healthcare Cancer and Survivor Support Group

This group is for cancer patients, cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease. Enjoy refreshments and talk with others sharing similar situations and experiences.

- When: Wednesday, December 14, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave.,

Titusville

- Facilitated by Shannon Luker, RN, BSN, OCN, CBCN
- For additional information, please contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544.
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/CancerandSurvivorSupportGroup](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/CancerandSurvivorSupportGroup)

### Parrish Healthcare Mom's Support Group

A group for mothers with babies ages birth to six months. During this time, moms will be able to discuss topics such as infant feeding, sleeping, milestones, car seats, play, development, post-partum care, birth control, post-partum depression, dietary needs and much more. Space is limited.

- When: Mondays, December 5, 12, 19, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Teri Newman, MSN, RNC-MNN, IBCLC
- For additional information and to register, contact Teri Newman at [teri.newman@parrishmed.com](mailto:teri.newman@parrishmed.com).

### Parrish Healthcare A.W.A.K.E Sleep Support

This group is dedicated to exchanging information and increasing awareness of sleep, sleeping disorders, and related health concerns. Everyone with an interest in sleep and health is encouraged to attend.

- When: Wednesday, December 21, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Michele Roberge, RT(R), RPSGT
- For additional information, please contact Michele Roberge at 321-268-6408.
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/AWAKESupportGroup](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/AWAKESupportGroup)

### Parrish Healthcare Diabetes Support Group

This support group is for anyone age 18 and older with diabetes. Join us for tips to live better with this disease.

- When: Monday, December 12, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Peggy McLaughlin, BSN, RN, CDCES
- For additional information, please contact Peggy McLaughlin at 321-268-6699.
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/DiabetesSupport](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/DiabetesSupport)

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### Be a Parrish Care Partner!

Each Thursday, Parrish Healthcare hosts open interviews from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The event is for ALL positions. Walk-ins welcome!

For more information, please contact Tori Watson, Clinical Recruiter at 321-268-6111, ext. 7749.

## Port St. John Public Library 6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John 321-633-1867

### Mary Lena Penna, Library Director

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, 12-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon: **Humanatee Yoga for Beginners or Intermediate.** \$5 Instructor Fee.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.: **Little Listeners storytime.** Ages 2-5.

**Young Readers Storytime** is on hiatus until January!

12/7, 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

12/10, 10 a.m.-noon: Pokemon Club of Port St. John. All ages welcome.

12/14, 5:30 p.m.: Holiday Gnome Craft Class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 12/12. See Reference Desk.

**Santa is coming to the library!** Saturday, December 3 at 10:30 a.m. This is a FREE event! Everyone is welcome. Free books, a raffle drawing for prizes, a photo with Santa, crafts and activities for kids are included in the fun.



**All Brevard County Libraries will be closed Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Sunday & Monday, January 1st and 2nd for the New Year holiday.**



## Central Area Holiday Parades Are Coming!

### Registration Is Underway

Brevard County Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for the Merritt Island and Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parades. This year the theme for the parades is Launch into the Holidays. Mindy from “Mindy and Company” on Lite Rock 99.3, an iHeartMedia station, will emcee the parades.

The Merritt Island Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, December 3, 2022, with step-off at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel from Grove Boulevard at Merritt Island High School, south on Courtenay Parkway (SR-3) to Edgewood Junior/Senior High School on Merritt Avenue.

The Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, with step-off at 1:00 p.m. The parade will travel north on Florida Avenue at Rockledge High School to Brevard Avenue and conclude at Lee Wenner Park.

For additional information about these county operated parades, please call 321-633-1874. Applications for the parades are available by calling 321-633-1874 or emailing [rhonda.mcconnell@brevardfl.gov](mailto:rhonda.mcconnell@brevardfl.gov).

The Titusville Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 10th, 6 p.m. The parade will start at Titusville High School. To enter, register at <https://members.titusville.org/atlas/events/titusvillechristmas%20parade-11657/register>.

And of course, the Port St. John Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 17th, 11 a.m. and will travel east on Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. If you'd like to be in it, the entry form is at [www.happenings.net](http://www.happenings.net) of page 2 of your December Happenings.

## Holiday Bike Parade

Come out to Cocoa Riverfront Park and ride on December 16th. This family-favorite night ride is a truly unique experience, with holiday music and refreshments! The event will also include prizes, live music and hot cocoa!

Entry is FREE with a canned or non-perishable food donation benefiting the Children's Hunger Project.

Check-in and pre-ride activities begin at 5 p.m. The ride starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Decorate your bicycle with brightly colored lights, garlands or other holiday decorations to win! Be creative, but remember, think safety first!

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Best Decorated Adult
- Best Decorated Child
- Best Decorated Group
- Judge's Choice

The route can only be completed with an official group escort, so please give yourself ample time to prepare and arrive early.

To pre-register, go to [VisitCocoaVillage.com](http://VisitCocoaVillage.com).

## Butter Boards and Beyond Class

Join us to learn how to make delicious butter boards and alternative healthy options! In this hands-on class, we will walk you through the process of making this viral food trend as you put together your own butter board. We will also teach you healthier alternatives, such as hummus-based boards.

This class will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. on December 13 at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Cocoa. The registration fee is \$30 per person. Space is limited to 20 people. Advance registration is required. Ticket sales end at 11 p.m. on December 8. Checks are also accepted and must be received by 5 p.m. on December 8.

To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3TF7WFP>.

If you have any questions, please call us at (321) 633-1702 or email [brevard@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:brevard@ifas.ufl.edu).

## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. The December meeting will be on the 12th.

We have changed our meeting place to the Red

Lobster Restaurant, 215 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

Our website address is [www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137](http://www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137).

## Cooking in an Instant & Air Frying Class

Do you want to learn how to make delicious recipes using a pressure cooker or an air fryer? Then join us for our Cooking in an Instant & Air Frying class! This cooking class is a fun, hands-on experience where you can learn 4 new holiday recipes for your pressure cooker and air fryer.

We will be hosting this class twice on December 12. The first opportunity is from 2 - 4 p.m. with the second opportunity from 6 - 8 p.m. Both classes will be hosted at the UF/IFAS Extension office in Cocoa.

Space is limited to 12 people per time slot. Materials are provided in class and you will be able to eat what you make! Tickets are \$15 per person and ticket sales end on December 7 at 5 p.m. Cash and check payments are also accepted.

Register on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3TDJUuI>.

For more information, please call 321-633-1702 or email [brevard@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:brevard@ifas.ufl.edu).

## Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - October 12th this month - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport.

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

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

For more information, call 321-514-9456, email [watersdwayne@yahoo.com](mailto:watersdwayne@yahoo.com), or visit the website at [www.eaa724.org](http://www.eaa724.org).





## Titusville Playhouse

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. The new Shuler Stage is an open air stage across the street at 301 Julia St.

### MainStage Show:

Show times are Friday, Saturday and select Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., Sunday and select Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

Lobby Doors open 30 minutes before show.

Seating begins 30 minutes before showtime.

**Irving Berlin's WHITE CHRISTMAS - Rated G**

**November 18 - December 18, 2022**

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including, "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, "White Christmas."

### At the Shuler Stage:

**WHO'S HOLIDAY! - Rated R**

**December 9 - 18, 2022**

Who's Holiday! is a wildly funny and heartfelt adults-only comedy that tells the story of Cindy Lou Who as she recalls that Christmas Eve she first met the Grinch and the twisted turn of events her life has now taken.

### Shuler Stage Showtimes are:

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 3:00.

## 2022 Fay Lake FestiFALL!

The weather was beautiful, the chili was delicious, the vendors brought some great gift ideas and crafts, and there was a lot of fun and food. If you missed it last month, here are some photos.



There are lots more photos and comments on the Facebook site: PSJ Community Foundation  
*See you next year!*

## Art:

### A Gift from the HEART

The studios of Cocoa Beach remind you that "Art is a gift from the heart" and invites you to visit the gallery at 159 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach.

The 30 local artists who staff this non-profit gallery offer a great selection of original art and prints in every price range. You will find the usual painting, photography and ceramics plus fabric creations and repurposed surfboards and palm tree parts!

Much of the art presents images of the local area and environment; Florida art at its best.

For the holidays, the artists have created a collection of unique, handcrafted gift items including ornaments, note cards, handbags, pottery, jewelry, petite paintings and more. All are on display from November 25 to December 24.

Gift certificates are available and they also cover any of the art classes the studio hosts. A gift of art instruction is a great way to support the budding artist in your life.

The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 9 am to 7 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information on the gallery, artist portfolios and class offering, visit the website [www.studiosofcocoabeach.org](http://www.studiosofcocoabeach.org) or like them on Facebook and Instagram.

## Central FL Accordion Club

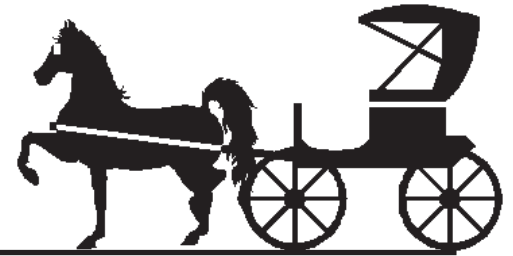
The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month. Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.



Shows are held on the last Sunday of each month, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

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

# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

Well, the Groves was lucky during Hurricane Nicole. There were a few power lines, trees and singles came down. People were without power for many hours. Brevard County Fire and Brevard County Sheriff's Office protected and served us well both during and after the storm.

Many thanks to Florida Power and Light and their contractors who restored the power out here in the Groves. Many thousands outside of our area were without power for an extended period of time. Prayers for the people along the East Coast who lost everything.

There have been a number of complaints of animals of all types running at large. Please try to secure your animals better. There have also been a number of sightings of coyotes roaming the Groves.

I contacted Florida East Coast Railroad/Brightline. They advised the reason that the horn is blowing in this area is to alert construction crews down the track..

Remember, with the time change it may be hard to see the kids going to school or at the school bus stops. Please be alert and drive with care.

When placing brush on the side of the roadway, do not have any part of it to extend onto the roadway as it can damage vehicles. Also, remember

to look up and make sure that the boom arm will have clearance when picking up the piles. If not, relocate your brush pile where the truck will be able to reach and pick it up. When placing your barrels along the roadway, make sure they are at least 3 feet apart so the truck's arm doesn't knock down the other barrel when they are picking up the barrels.

As always, please be careful when having fires and cooking outside.

Merry Christmas & Happy and Safe New Year  
- Ed

## Senior Santa Project Seeking Community Assistance

Brevard County TRIAD is working on the 23rd Annual Senior Santa Project. The project provides elderly nursing home residents with a personal gift for the holidays. Recipients of these gifts are residents who have no family or support in the area and would not otherwise receive a special gift.

TRIAD is asking the community to help by choosing from 1,000 Santa face ornaments and buying a gift for the senior it represents. The Santa face ornaments with specific items these seniors want or need have been placed on Christmas trees located at Parrish Senior Solution Center on Century Medical Dr. in Titusville, Titusville Police Department on John Glenn Blvd., One

Senior Place on Spyglass Hill Road in Viera and Palm Bay Police Department on Malabar Road.

The tree locations will have a list of Gift Drop Off locations. All gifts must be returned by Monday, December 5, 2022. PLEASE – return all gifts in a shopping bag with the Santa head of the recipient inside.

Donations are welcome and TRIAD will do the shopping. Mail donations to Brevard County TRIAD, Inc. P.O. Box 410518, Melbourne, FL 32941. For more information, contact Terry Stone at 321-537-6752.

Brevard County TRIAD, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. TRIAD and its many organizations and community partners work together to develop programs that address the issues of our growing senior population. The local Brevard County TRIAD, Inc. is a partnership agreement between the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, local Law Enforcement agencies, and the State Attorney's Office.

## Edgewood Holiday Market, Craft Fair and Food Truck Event

Christmas is getting close and we're here to help! Come join us on Saturday, December 10th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Edgewood Jr/Sr High School in Merritt Island to find that unique holiday gift you're looking for. Visit the Holiday Craft Fair and Food Truck Event at Edgewood Jr/Sr High School, located at 180 E. Merritt Avenue. Merritt Island.

Enjoy holiday shopping from unique crafters, artists and vendors, and take time to enjoy lunch at one of the fabulous food trucks showing off their best cooking!!

While you're having a great day, you'll be helping a great cause. This event is a fundraiser for Edgewood Project Graduation class of 2023!



### 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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**Won't you join us?**

# Walter Butler Community Center December, 2022

**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, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Open Gym, 6 – 8 p.m. (Mondays only)

## TUESDAYS

Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

Pickleball, 6 – 8 p.m.

Kids In Motion Aftercare, 3-6 p.m.

## WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 p.m. Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

## THURSDAYS

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

## FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## SATURDAY

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Open Game Room, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## WINTER BREAK CAMP -

Dates: December 22 & 23, 27 – 30, January 3 – 4  
- No camp on County Holidays (December 26 and January 2)

Age: 1st through 6th grade

Cost: \$31.79 daily (1-2) days | \$57.21 (3) days | \$76.28 (4) days

- 1 day = \$31.79

- 2 day = \$63.58

- 3 day = \$57.21 (@ \$19.07 per day)

- 4 day = \$76.28 (@ \$19.07 per day)

Food: Please provide a lunch and snack for child/children daily, unless otherwise stated

Discounts: Up to 75% for those who qualify (contact Walter Butler Community Center @ 321-433-4448 for more information on discount criteria)

## YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE -

January 28, 2023 – April 1, 2023, ages 5-15. Registration November 14 - January 7, 2023.

Player Evaluation January 7, 2023,

10 a.m.-2 p.m.. Game times 8:30a.m. Registration

fee \$25. COACHES NEEDED. Register online @ [brevardfl.gov](http://brevardfl.gov) or in person @ WBCC. For more information call (321)433-4448.

**VOLLEYBALL FUNDAMENTALS** - Teaching proper playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike, and more.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. For more information, contact WBCC at 321-433-4448.


**ZUMBA** - (classes will resume January 3, 2023) - 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 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 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.

**AQUA ZUMBA** - Jump into the Latin-Inspired, easy to follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness party that makes working out a splash! Classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 10:45 a.m. for one hour at Parrish Health & Fitness Center. \$5 per class or \$10 per week. For class details, contact Debbie Kowaleuski, your licensed Zumba Instructor at 321-403-6918, or visit [www.dkowaleuski.zumba.com](http://www.dkowaleuski.zumba.com).



**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 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Program cost is \$31.79 weekly. Discounts are available for households living in the target area, eligible for free or reduced lunch and/or qualifies for EBT assistance. For more information, contact Walter Butler Community Center at 321-433-4448.

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*Start the season with holiday entertainment, a spectacular tree lighting and dazzling fireworks!*

Join us for our annual holiday community celebration.

Honor a loved one by placing a light on the holiday tree.

The event is free and everyone is invited.

- ★ Hot Chocolate and Baked Goods
- ★ Face Painting and Holiday Crafts
- ★ Musical Entertainment and Dance Performances
- ★ Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- ★ Food Trucks, service begins at 4:30 pm
- ★ Many more surprises!

**For more information visit**  
**[parrishhealthcare.com/giftoflight](http://parrishhealthcare.com/giftoflight)**



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