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## Fay Lake FestiFALL & Chili Cook-Off

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- Sunday Sauce Italian Pepper Chili Explosion

- Clay Messick - Texas style!
- Kristen Angel of Space Coast Yard Cards - Vegan & Gluten Free
- Michael Allen- Special Recipe Beef Chili
- Robert Schenk of Appliance Warehouse - Classic Meat Chili



And there's more. Bring the family to Fay Lake Wilderness Park at the west end of Fay Blvd. and be ready to have some good fun and great chili!

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Thank you to our many members/volunteers working this event, setting up, supervising the

chili cook-off, counting the votes, assigning vendor spaces, ticket sales, water sales, installing and monitoring inflatables, and much more. Our dedicated volunteers are working many hours to put this event together. The supportive and positive response from the PSJ community is what makes these events worth it!

If you would like more information about FestiFALL, visit our Events page at <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html>.

**COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!**

**Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 6. Please be careful with the children and school busses in the dark mornings.**

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# 2022 PSJ Christmas Parade

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

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

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

# of vehicles (include follow vehicles): \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**11-9 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**11-10 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting -** 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Presi-

dent Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

**11-2 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting -** 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897

**11-3 Bike Night!** 6:00 on the 1st Thursday of the month.

**11 - 12 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

**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.

# PSJ Community Center Schedule - November, 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

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.  
Zumba (adult class with Jackie), 5:15 – 6:15 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 (11/16/22 & 11/30/22) 4 p.m. -  
5:30 p.m.

## Thursdays

**24th - Closed for Thanksgiving**  
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.

## Fridays

**11th - Closed for Veteran's Day**  
**25th - Closed for Thanksgiving**

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

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**About Dancing Little Stars** - Dancing Little Stars- Professional Ballet, Tap and Hip-Hop classes for boys and girls, ages 2-7. Classes focus on rhythm, concentration, memory and balance... while having fun! Our full-scale dance recital is held at the end of the dance season in May. Enrollment is open through February. Tuition is \$60 per month with the recital costume included. Register online at [www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com](http://www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com).

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## Good Day!

by Maureen Rupe

### Warnings of Hurricane Ian

Hurricane Ian was a warning about climate change that will affect every coastline in the world, plus the uncontrolled growth in Florida. Florida is a natural swamp and nothing has been accomplished to build responsibly. Stormwater has polluted our waterways and is now a threat to our well-being.

Low Impact Development (LID) is not a mandated law in any city or the County of Brevard. Titusville has ordinances giving incentives for the application in development, but no mandate and developers can disregard them when it can be a plus financially for them. It is much more efficient, plus cost effective, to prevent problems than to attempt to correct them after the fact.

Low impact development (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.

Whilst still on this subject, let me give a very worrying and precedence setting example that is before the Rockledge City Council and St. Johns Water Management.

The Rockledge City Council approved a Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning request for a subdivision called Tucker Preserve Estates with a maximum of 1,080 homes on the Tucker family's 660-acre property west of I-95 and south of SR 520. This is the first step in a series of approvals the project will need to get through. The property is now used for grazing cattle. The land borders Lake Florence, which is a little lake that flows through a short creek into Lake Poinsett. This property is surrounded on the south and west by conservation land owned the by St. Johns River

Water Management District. This land is mostly in the 10-year floodplain, which means it's very wet and flood prone.

Right now the excess water on the property is pumped off and into the St. Johns River system at Lake Poinsett with a 27,000 gpm agricultural pump. Agricultural pumps are used in Brevard County, but when subdivisions are built on converted agricultural land, the homes are constructed so they will be safe without the land being pumped out. This proposed subdivision is different. The applicant is planning to continue the use of the agricultural pump to pump out the subdivision after it is built!

A subdivision designed and planned to pump would be Brevard's first one for the St. Johns River system. This would set an extremely bad precedent with implications for the St. Johns River and the Indian River Lagoon. It is true that Brevard County has needed to install pumps in some flood prone areas. Some pumps are used on roads in North Merritt Island, but these were installed to correct flooding problems. Brevard County Government had to install pumps in the Deer Run subdivision in South Brevard after

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repeated flooding, but that subdivision was not planned to be pumped.

In 1991 the St. Johns River Water Management District approved a permit for Sabal Hammocks, a proposed subdivision that planned to pump stormwater into Lake Poinsett. This subdivision was never built.

As for the Indian River Lagoon, there is one, only one, subdivision, approved in 2005, that uses planned pumping, but this North Merritt Island subdivision has no wetlands and very little floodplain..

#### **Lawsuit: Brevard County V. City of Malabar**

In 1990 Brevard County citizens approved the Environmentally Endangered Lands Referendum, which established the EEL program in order to provide for the acquisition, protection and main-

tenance of the land purchased. Between the years of 1993 and 2010, the county purchased 577 acres to establish the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary. Overall, the parcel is owned by both the state and county, although the state owns the majority of the land and has legal stipulations on the property.

On June 27, 2001, the county entered into a lease agreement with the state for 50 years for the county to manage the Sanctuary.

I could go into the legaleze, but the short version is the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary was bought specifically for the Scrub Jays, Indigo snakes and other threatened and endangered species that live and flourish in scrub land.

All state-owned conservation property must be managed in accordance with Florida State Chapter 259. This stipulates that all state-owned conserva-

tion land must be managed as a first priority for Natural Resources the property was acquired for. Chapter 259 also says that public uses are encouraged, but are secondary to the primary purpose.

Due to the trees on the property in a certain area, the Scrub Jay population is being killed by hawks that sit in the trees and attack the Scrub Jays. There are citizens that are a group of recreational cyclists who are protecting the trees being cut down, as they ride their bicycles and the trees are shade for them.

Malabar Scrub is not a recreational park. The Malabar Scrub contains a scrub ridge which is home to several plant and animal species, some of which are considered protected by state and federal law, including the Gopher Frog, the Florida

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## Good Day!, cont.

Scrub Jay, and the Gopher Tortoise and they require specific protection.

The current management plan requires land clearing, tree removal and fire regimes to be conducted in order to maintain the habitat for the animals, including the Florida Scrub Jay which is listed as a threatened species by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and is protected by the Migratory Bird Act.

The Florida Scrub Jay is found nowhere else in the world. Already their numbers are seriously decreasing. In Port St. John the hawks and feral cats are eliminating them. Please support these endangered creatures by supporting EEL properties.

The civil suit between the Town of Malabar and Brevard County will come to trial on November 21, 2022.

Reference:

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/2022/01/12/residents-and-conservationists-clash-over-tree-removal-bird-habitat/9177459002/>

### Environmentally Endangered Lands

There is an extremely important Referendum on the Ballot in November. Voters will be able to protect natural spaces for wildlife, fish, birds and our woodlands for the people to buy our disappearing wildland and wildlife. Development is overtaking our Quality of Life.

### Environmentally Endangered Land and Water Areas Bond Referendum

Shall Brevard County issue bonds to extend the Environmentally Endangered Lands program to acquire, improve and maintain wildlife habitat, wetlands, woodlands and lands that protect Indian River Lagoon and St. Johns River, and maintain

and improve nature education centers, with citizen oversight, which bonds don't exceed \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount, bear interest not exceeding maximum legal rate, mature twenty years from issuance and are payable from levying annual ad valorem taxes not exceeding 0.1465 mills?

Yes - For the Bonds

No - Against the Bonds

This referendum is to maintain the properties already owned. If rejected at the ballot box, my fear is the State of Florida, which owns a majority of lands, will sell them leaving us with nothing.

Here is what you will see on your ballot:  
PROPOSAL NO. 1 – ATTORNEY REVIEW PANEL

The County Charter does not say what will be done when the Charter's attorney review panel determines that a proposed Charter amendment is inconsistent with the Florida Constitution, general law and existing charter. Shall the Charter be amended to provide that proposals found to be inconsistent with the Florida Constitution, general law or the existing Charter be returned to the County Commission or Charter Review Commission for further action if any is to be done?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes for approval

\_\_\_\_\_ No for rejection

In the past, we have voted for charter amendments that have been inconsistent with General Law. This has been challenged and cost taxpayers of Brevard in the courts. There should be an avenue to determine the validity of a law before the ballot box, such as from the Charter Review Commission..

PROPOSAL NO. 4 – Charter Review Commission Proposed Amendments

The Charter requires a panel of three attorneys

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to review proposed amendments for legality before placing the proposed amendment on the ballot. When the amendment is proposed by the Charter Review Commission, the panel shall be selected by the Charter Review Commission. If the panel finds a Charter Review Commission proposed amendment inconsistent with the law, it shall be returned to the Charter Review Commission for further consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes for approval  
\_\_\_\_\_ No for rejection

Our Summary:

This amendment creates a procedure to address proposals in conflict with current law. Amendments originated by the Charter Review Commission would then be returned to it for further review. Voting Yes means if after review by the 3-person panel, the amendment is found to be inconsistent with current law, the proposal will be sent back to the Charter Review Commission to reconsider it. The term of this panel may be extended for this purpose.

Voting No means that if a proposal is inconsistent with the current law, the proposal would

NOT be returned for further review. The proposal would end.

Cheerio,  
Maureen Rupe  
rupe32927@gmail.com

## 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.



## Parrish Medical Center Board Votes No Taxes For 28th Year

For the 28th straight year, no taxes will be assessed to support operations of the North Brevard County Hospital District d/b/a Parrish Medical Center (PMC). PMC's Board of Directors voted unanimously during public hearings on Sept. 12 and 26 to establish the millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

PMC is an independent, public, not-for-profit hospital, and state law gives the North Brevard Hospital District (d/b/a Parrish Medical Center) the authority to set a tax rate to support hospital operations. However, unlike most public hospitals, the PMC Board of Directors has, for 28 years, voted not to use tax dollars as a means of funding the hospital.

### From PMC's Board:

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## Monthly Tax Update

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has now provided additional clarification on the required minimum distributions on Inherited Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRA) for non-spouse beneficiaries. The Secure Act (Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act) of 2019, changed the distribution rules from over the beneficiary lifetime to a distribution of ten (10) years.

The industry interpretation was understood the distributions could occur all at once or in multiple distributions and all funds had to be distributed on or before the tenth (10) anniversary of receiving the inheritance. Well, in February, 2022, the IRS issued a proposed regulation surprising the tax preparation industry and stated the required minimum distribution was required each year based on the beneficiary life expectancy if they were 72 years or older. So, in 2021 and 2022, if you didn't take your required minimum distribution on the Inherited IRA, you have until 2023 to take your first required minimum distribution or perhaps later, when final regulations are issued.

Now, what this means is anyone 72 or older is required to take their required minimum distributions on the inherited IRA for the years remaining and you still have to distribute all of the inherited IRA funds within ten (10) years. One other note; if you should die before reaching the tenth-year anniversary, then your beneficiary(ies) will be required to still meet the tenth-year anniversary full distribution requirement.

I know, you need to be a tax professional to understand this, and I highly recommend seeking advice on this issue. What about the penalty for not taking out the required minimum distributions for 2021 and 2022? The IRS has stated no penalties will be assessed for failure to take the distributions since there was substantial confusion on the requirement, and if you did pay the penalty, you may request a refund of the penalty paid. Final regulations are expected by the end of 2022 or the beginning of 2023.

On a business note, if you applied for a Payroll Protection Program loan is forgiven based upon misrepresentations or omissions, the business will not be eligible to exclude the forgiveness from income and you are required to file amended returns to be compliant.

Remember, taxes are complicated, and I recom-

mend you seek adequate advice on any issue you are not familiar with. It can result in a substantial tax liability, as easy as checking a box incorrectly.

I also want to express how thankful I am to provide my monthly article for you. Our office hopes you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and you are grateful for what you have. Happy Thanksgiving!!! See you in the Christmas Parade!!!

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.

## Knowledge Is A Powerful Tool

In early childcare education, it is important for educators and parents to understand that all children develop and grow at their own rates. Every child may not conquer a milestone at the same time, but it doesn't mean that they will never reach that goal. I often use a stepping stool when referencing how children grow and learn. Some children are tall and can reach things high on a shelf without any support, while others who may be shorter, require a stepping stool to reach that same object. It is important to normalize that assistance or help is okay. With the right type of support and knowledge of how children learn,

adults are able to foster limitless academic growth.

There are many different types of learners in our world today. There are visual learners, auditory learners and kinesthetic learners. It's so important in the childcare field to be able to recognize the many different types of learning styles that may be in a classroom in order to be able to foster every child's academic needs appropriately. Visual learners retain what is taught by seeing pictures, using flash cards or diagrams. Auditory learners learn by listening and through conversation. They may have barriers with focus, but even at their busiest moment they are still listening. They use memory to retain information that is being repeated to them. Kinesthetic learners learn by participating in hands on activities. They thrive best when they are able to physically touch something or see how something works.

In order to foster the needs of every child, it is important to provide a rich learning environment that factors in all the different types of learners. When teaching new lessons, make sure to have visuals and physical objects that represent what it said. Provide opportunities for children to explore new ideas in creative ways. Awaken their minds to endless possibilities. Knowledge is a powerful tool.

By Courtney Freeman,  
Frontline Child Care Center

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## Battling the Myths of Mammography:

It's expensive; It hurts; and a few other beliefs you might be wrong about.

**Myth 1: Insurance won't cover it, or I won't be able to afford the copay/deductible.**

"Mammography is usually covered under most health plans, including Medicare, once a woman reaches an age determined by the insurer," says Shannon Luker, RN, BSN, Parrish Healthcare Oncology Navigator.

If you have Medicare and are age 65 or older, Medicare pays for most of the cost of a screening mammogram every 12 months. Parrish Healthcare offers low cost options for non-insured women during the month of October. For more information, call 321-268-6111 ext. 6150.

**Myth 2: The test is too painful.**

Yes, the test can be a bit uncomfortable, but most women don't consider it painful. Compression helps hold the breast still, evens out the breast tissue and allows lower doses of X-rays to be used.

If you feel pain, speak up. The technologist may be able to lower the compression and relieve some of the pressure on your breast. And remem-

ber that any discomfort is brief; the actual X-ray takes less than a minute.

**Myth 3: I just don't have time.**

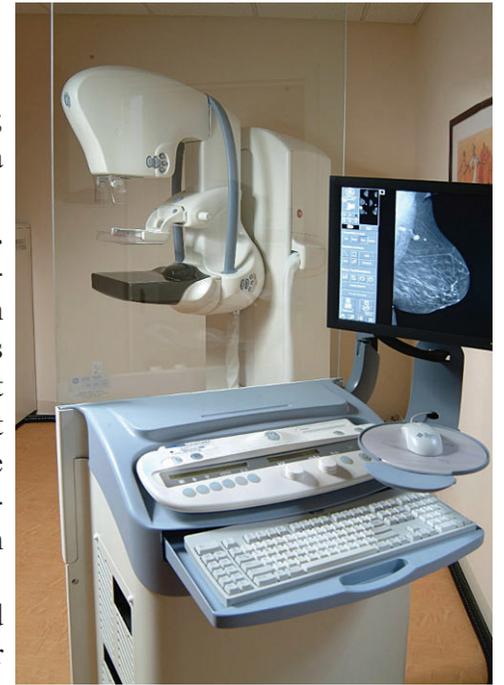
From start to finish, the three-dimensional (3D) mammogram offered at Parrish Healthcare takes 30 to 45 minutes. State of the art technology such as this makes it easier for providers to diagnose certain types of breast abnormalities, especially in women with dense breasts.

The result? Early detection and better outcomes reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer for women ages 40 to 69, especially those older than 50.

**Myth 4: Breast cancer only affects older women.**

Breast cancer can occur at any age. Additional factors that may raise your risk include obesity, heavy alcohol consumption and a sedentary lifestyle.

Have questions about breast conditions, examinations and tests? Shannon Luker, RN, BSN, Parrish Healthcare Oncology Navigator, is here to help. Contact Shannon at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544.



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*Changes to vendors, entertainment or planned events may need to be made due to unforeseen circumstances*

### Viper Band Spirit Night

Come join the Viper Marching Band at Texas Roadhouse in Viera on Monday, November 7th from 5-8 p.m. for their Spirit Night!

The band will be collecting receipts to receive 10% back. They will also be performing on the patio!! Dinner and a show, what more could you ask. And you'll be helping our hometown band at the same time.



### Post 359 - American Legion Riders

presents  
**Bike Days at the Tiki**

Saturday, November 5th

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Good food on the grill with Fixin's, \$6. Listen to live music, take part in 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 Wayne Fowler, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 321-307-1450 or visit our website, [alr359.org](http://alr359.org), for more information.

## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

If it floats your boat...

Watching the devastation from the terrible natural occurrence and the devastation from even more terrible man-made occurrences makes it so hard to believe everything's going to be alright. Sometimes it's also very hard to find thankful prayers, but sometimes that's all we have. If you or family has been touched by the latest catastrophe, please know there are people who care and prayers are being said for you.

When my kids were young we spent summer vacation days and weekends playing with our old 16-foot boat at Kiwanis Island. The morning that one daughter was glued to the tube while my husband curved the boat into a 360 trying to dislodge her, and the entire bottom of the motor (foot) fell off, became the epic end of Ol' Yeller. My husband kept the keys of his beloved boat in his top drawer for years, intending to return them to the motor in its watery grave site, after a while becoming one of those things you just never get around to doing.

To commemorate his birthday this year, I secretly wrestled my kayak into my too small car, drove to Kiwanis island, keys in my pocket, hoping to avoid police (big yellow kayak blocking view). I wrestled said kayak out of the car, dragged

it about 40 feet - jumping in when it floated - then realized I was paddle-less.

Palm fronds make poor paddles, taking about 30 minutes of hard labor to get me to the cove, only to discover a dredge pipe blocking the cove entrance. Giving a mighty palm frond push, I discovered dredge pipes do not float and it is possible to get stuck on one. This is when I noticed a small, nicely dressed group watching and pointing.

Rocking the kayak and palm fronding got me off the pipe, but being too tired to palm frond back to land at the moment, I smiled and waved at the group. They suddenly found something very interesting behind them and turned... revealing a police officer.

Finally drifting to shore, keys still firmly imbedded in my pocket, I wrestled the kayak to the car. I was in the process of attempting to shove it in when, "Can I help you?" caused a sharp air intake, exhaled at the sight of a green tee-shirt, not a blue uniform. I politely refused, but didn't miss the look in his eye at my wet clothes and hurricane-hair.

Torn between slinking out of the park and offering a warning about the dredge pipe to the group launching kayaks toward the front of the island, I gave in to my 'Good Side' and pulled over. Patting my matted hair down and wringing my shirt bottom, I told myself it didn't matter - these people

don't know me and I would never see them again - as I walked over.

"Rose! Is that you? I heard you had stopped working. Are you alright?" The voice triggered a memory of an always perfectly dressed and coifed previous co-worker - and another sharp air intake. My attempt to explain the whole key thing brought a weak smile and a comment about how bad it is to throw metal into salt water, delivered with a pitying look.

The more I tried to explain, the bigger the look got. I gave up, said it was good to see her and hot-footed it to the car. I couldn't help but guffaw as I imagined the phone calls I'll be getting from other previous co-workers when I saw her hitting numbers on her cell phone as I pulled out of the parking lot

The closer I got to home, the more I believed the old adage, 'No good deed goes unpunished.'

I was still laughing almost uncontrollably when a daughter called, becoming more apoplectic the more I described my morning. I let her harrumph and hurrah about my age, mobility and possible need for medication and change of address before promising I would never attempt anything like that again, especially alone.

Next time...

The paddles will be security tucked in the kayak along with my cap.



**Crafters and Shoppers**

**Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 9-3 PM**

*Blessed Sacrament*

**2ND ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR**

**5135 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa**

You are invited to be a vendor at our Blessed Sacrament Craft Show. Vendor set up would begin at 7 a.m. and completed by 8:45. All vendors are responsible for the collecting and reporting of all Florida State Sales Tax.

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## Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - November

### 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, November 15, 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, November 10 and 24, 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, November 2, 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, November 16, 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, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 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, November 23, 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, November 14, 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)
- 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.



### Titusville Playhouse 58th Season

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 time.

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."

## Space Coast Volleyball Girls Rock!

The district tournaments for Brevard County high school volleyball teams have started. Space Coast Jr/Sr High School has been especially tough this season. Senior Kierston Giesey and sophomore Shamiah Richardson have contributed largely to the team's success. They have been a force at home and at the AAU Nationals. Currently both Shamiah and Kierston play for Space Coast and also for Countdown Volleyball Club this season on the Countdown 18 Elite team.

This season Shamiah has reached one of her milestones in her volleyball career in accomplishing 1,000 assists at only a sophomore. It's no surprise to those who know her. She was the first to make the varsity team in only her 7th grade year. She was nominated twice this season for Athlete of the Week.

Her older sister started playing and she fell in love with the sport. She started playing for Fred Howell from the Starlings when she was 7 years old, and other coaches along the way.

Shamiah is working hard on her game, hoping to get into a D-1 college. We wish her the best of luck, but she's relying on talent, not luck.

Shamiah has been blessed with amazing coaches and people along her journey. Volleyball is a team sport and like all team sports, it takes everyone working together to win. It certainly helps when you have someone of Shamiah's skill passing the ball!

Kierston will be graduating in '23 and some lucky university will gain a great player. Shamiah will be back at Space Coast working on graduating and making the Vipers Girls Volleyball team a team to be reckoned with. Go Vipers!

Space Coast Jr/Sr High competes in the very

competitive 4A group. You can find their schedule and standings at [www.maxpreps.com/fl/cocoa/space-coast-vipers/volleyball/](http://www.maxpreps.com/fl/cocoa/space-coast-vipers/volleyball/). Go to a game and cheer on our home town. Go Vipers!



- photo by J. Guarine photography

## Central Brevard Art Association Art Show And Sale



The Central Brevard Art Association is presenting its annual Christmas Art Show and Sale at the Cocoa Beach Public Library from November 4th through 6th, showcasing the unique talents of local artists. Over 30 artists will be showcasing and selling their fine art and prints, photography, jewelry, silks, clay, wood, sculpture, mixed media and much more! Gift baskets will be raffled with 100% going to the CBAA scholarship fund.

Admission is free. Show hours are Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th, 9 AM to 5 PM; and Sunday, November 7th, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Cocoa Beach Public Library is located at 550 N. Brevard Ave, Cocoa Beach.

CBAA is a not-for-profit organization of local artists serving Brevard County for over 62 years. CBAA was created to promote community appreciation of visual arts, provide educational opportunities in visual arts to the local community and support our members through education, instruction, encouragement and promotion. Through community support, CBAA also provides an annual scholarship award to a local graduating high school senior who wishes to pursue a college education in art and sponsors a scholarship at Eastern Florida State College for students pursuing the arts. To learn more visit [www.cbaaartists.com](http://www.cbaaartists.com), or call us at 321-806-8065.



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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.**

### 11-1 All Saints Day

**11-1 Compassionate Friends Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

**11-2 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359,** General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 PM at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

**11-2 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-** 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

### 11-5 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.

### 11-6 Daylight Savings Ends

### 11-8 Election Day

**11-9 Amvets Post 2415** General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

**11-10 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.

### 11-11 Veterans Day

**11-11 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.

**11-12 Amvets Riders meeting,** 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

**11-13 Word Weavers Space Coast,** a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

**11-13 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.

### 11-13 FestiFALL at Fay Lake

**11-13 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meeting cancelled for November at Cocoa Library.

**11-16 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.

**11-21 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.

**11-22 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.

### 11-24 Happy Thanksgiving!

**11-26 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 re-

sponders. Last Saturday of each month.

## 11-27 Advent Begins

### Congratulations to:

**Trey Darville** turns **14** on the 1st.

**Elias Bennett** turns **6** on the 1st!!

**Heather Burris** turns **29** on the 5th.

**Steve Sweeney** turns mo' better on the 5th.

**Nicole Crouse** turns hotter on the 7th.

**Joey Hilde** turns **31** on the 9th.

**Doreen Erickson** is the Queen on the 12th.

**Kayla Erff** turns **30** on the 12th.

**Mary Prentiss** turns **32** on the 12th!

**Chelsea Balparda** turns **31** on the 13th.

**Tyler Thomas** turns **25** on the 13th.

**James Maxwell** turns wilder on the 13th.

**Rita Stanton** dances all night on the 14th.

**Dawn Niehoff** turns more lovely on the 15th.

**Anthony Wagner** turns **17** on the 15th!

**David Erickson** turns crazier on the 16th.

**Jennifer DiCandio** turns cuter on the 18th.

**Tyler Mangiacapra** turns **29** on the 19th.

**Fred Bradshaw** parties till dawn on the 19th.

**Cassie Fogarty** turns **25** on the 20th.

**Olivia Brackin** turns **29** on the 20th!!

**Cathryn Santoso** turns **33** on the 21st.

**Amy Arnone** turns **43** on the 22nd.

**Kristin Svandrlík** turns **43** on the 22nd!

**Holly Turner** parties wild on the 23rd.

**Aurora Mayfield** turns cooler on the 23rd.

**Christopher Allison** turns **20** on the 25th.

**Kim Tyner** turns **30(ish)** on the 28th.

**Aaron Patrinostro** turns **40** on the 29th.

**Deborah Pierce** has a **Happy 39th Birthday** (again) on the 30th.

**Roger and Jennifer Brunet** celebrate their **17th** anniversary on the 6th!

**Kurt and Linda Bird** celebrate **51 years** on the 12th.

**Jeff & Betty Couch** celebrate their **42nd** anniversary on the 15th.

**David and Laura Keefe** celebrate **29 years** on the 15th.

**Mark and Helen Dezendorf** will have been happily married for **43 years** on the 16th.

Email your inputs to email to:  
happenings1@att.net.

### Important Phone Numbers

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Emergency Operations Center	637-6670
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



**St. Patrick's Anglican Church**  
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I cannot believe that we are already in November and the mornings are now cooler and the days are starting to get shorter. November is also notable for the holiday of Thanksgiving. This year I would challenge you to think of this as Thanks – Giving. With so many people struggling to meet basic needs or displaced from the recent hurricane Ian, let us keep our community, state and nation in our prayers. Those who can and have the resources, please reach out to local community ministries who can use our support during this time of year, such as the food bank at Port St. John Methodist Church or other food banks in the greater Brevard Area. We are a community with varied ministries and each of the churches in Port St. John has a calling to not only their own ministries, but to support those successful ministries in all our local churches and non-profit organizations. Let us take a moment every day to be thankful for those churches and ministries, as prayer is free and all powerful.

This November we will be continuing our normal monthly events, and everyone is welcome to join. Saturday, November 5th is our monthly Ladies Lunch Out. Please contact the church for the location or check our website (stpatrickspsj.org). We meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m., but we do need a head count for the restaurant - rsvp at stpatrickspsj@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. The last Saturday of the month is our Veteran's and First Responders Breakfast – all Veterans, Spouses of Veterans, and First Responders are welcome – breakfast is in the church parish hall just east of the church at 9:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendar for our Annual 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. Our own Father Tim will be there with his chocolate covered bacon, which is always a big hit.

If you are looking for our service schedule: Sunday Communion Services – 8:00 a.m. 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 on Sunday's at 10:00 a.m., (www.facebook.com/StPatspsj).

## **Brevard County Designated by FEMA for Individual Assistance**

Brevard County residents may now apply for federal disaster assistance for losses resulting from Hurricane Ian. To be eligible for federal aid under FEMA's Individual Assistance Program, storm damage and losses from the hurricane and flooding must have occurred as a result of Hurricane Ian.

If you have insurance, you must file a claim with your insurance company first. If you do not have insurance, or insurance does not cover your claim, begin applying for FEMA assistance.

Those who suffered Ian-related damages and do not have insurance coverage are encouraged to register with FEMA using any of the following methods:

Online at DisasterAssistance.gov

On the FEMA Mobile App

Calling 800-621-3362 (FEMA)

Individuals and households in Brevard who have sustained losses as a direct result of Hurricane Ian can apply. Please have the following information ready when you apply:

Contact information (telephone number, mailing address, social security number)

Household income

Address of damaged home or apartment

Description of damage/lost items

Photos of your damaged home and belongings

Information about insurance coverage

Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may also call 800-621-3362. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585.

The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available. Press 2 for Spanish or 3 for other languages.

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to St. Peter's Orthodox Catholic Church in the Western Rite, who has been open for 5 years on November 12th. The church is located at 3805 Fay Blvd., Port St. John.

Congratulations to Father Frank and all the congregants at St. Peter's. Best wishes for another 5 years.

## **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.

Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.: **Young Readers Storytime.** Ages 6-12.

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

11/2 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

11/5 10:30 a.m.: Turkey Doorhanger Craft Class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 11/2. See Reference Desk.

11/12 & 11/26 10 a.m.-noon: Pokemon Club of Port St. John. All ages welcome.

11/16 6 p.m.: Friends of the Port St. John Library membership meeting.

**Santa is coming to the library!** Saturday, December 3 at 10:30. Free event, call for details.

**All Brevard County Libraries will be closed Friday, November 11 in recognition of Veteran's Day, as well as Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

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## Pet Photos With Santa

Bring your pet and children, too, and join Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, for Photos with Santa!



Join us at Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo) in Cocoa Village on Sunday, December 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For a \$10.00 donation, receive a goody bag and a framed 4x6 color photo with Santa. Photo Sign-In ends at 2:15 p.m.

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.

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

For more information, contact: Rescue Rebels, [www.rescuerebels.org](http://www.rescuerebels.org)  
Tails at the Barkery, [www.TailsAtTheBarkery.com](http://www.TailsAtTheBarkery.com)

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## FREE Shred Days

Launch CU has scheduled FREE Shred Days. Members and non-members may bring up to five boxes of paper material to one of these events and have it securely shredded and disposed of at no charge. Nearby locations include:

Titusville-Singleton Branch

November 16, 2022 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Merritt Island Branch

November 30, 2022 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Do NOT include any plastic, such as plastic bags or CDs, and no metal or garbage. Remove metal and binder clips. However, it is not necessary to remove staples.

No material may be left at the branch; shred will only be accepted during the event. In order to adhere to safety measures, all shred material must be boxed or bagged, and left in your trunk. Please remain in your vehicle and a Launch representative will remove the shred from your trunk.

For more information, call 321-455-9400.

## St. Francis Reflections To Hold The Dash In Life 5k And Partner In Two-Race Challenge Honoring Veterans

St. Francis Reflections Foundation will be honoring Veterans with Devotion, Admiration, Service, and Honor at the DASH in Life 5K to benefit the We Honor Veterans Program at St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care.

The DASH in Life 5K is open to all ages and will be held at the beautiful Brevard Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island. Individuals and teams can walk, run, march, skip and can even run a virtual race if desired. Following the race, awards will be presented, and a special pinning ceremony will be held to honor all Veterans in attendance.

The unique needs of those who served in the military is paramount to St. Francis Reflections, an organization dedicated to providing the highest quality end-of-life care. "This special race is to honor those whose dash, the time between birth and death, included service to our nation. Their dash in life has overlapped ours and we want to celebrate them" said Shawn Bassham, Chief Philanthropy Officer with St. Francis Reflections Foundation. "We want to ensure these Veterans feel the gratitude of our nation for their service."

"As a Foundation Board member and marathon runner, I am excited and honored to direct this race! Our course is flat and scenic, and we will have lots of raffle prizes to give away to participants" said Terry Ryan, Race Director.

St. Francis Reflections Foundation has partnered with the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) for the DASH - Home Challenge! Runners and walkers can sign up for both the DASH 5K on November 12th and the NVHS Home Stretch 5K on November 13th to receive a special challenge medal!

The DASH-Home Challenge will support ongoing special projects for the care of Veterans including palliative and hospice care, homeless Veteran housing, and homelessness prevention of at-risk Veteran families in Brevard County. Registration is required for both events individually to be eligible for this challenge. Spaces are limited and registration for this challenge will end on November 3rd!

Special thank you to our community partners: Grills Seafood, Dead Bug Dave Pet Control,

Miller & Hurt Wealth Advisors, Alfieri Home Inspection, Larry's Total Auto Care, J&J Carpet One and Winn Dixie in Viera. Register for the DASH in Life 5K at [Reflectionslsc.org/dashinlife](http://Reflectionslsc.org/dashinlife). Volunteer opportunities are available at [Reflectionslsc.org/DASHinlifeVolunteer](http://Reflectionslsc.org/DASHinlifeVolunteer).

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## Applicants for Brevard County CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is accepting applications for vacant positions on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizens Advisory Committee.

The fifteen-member CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee was created to provide citizen participation in the identification of housing and community development needs for low to moderate income citizens. The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding policies and federal funding that encourage infrastructure and other community development projects and public service activities.

Committee appointments expire after two years or with the term of the Commissioner making the appointment, whichever occurs first. Applicants sought:

- A resident who represents Micco.
- A resident who represents East Mims.
- A resident who represents Sharpes.
- A resident who represents West Canaveral Groves.
- A Representative from partner municipalities—Rockledge, Indian Harbour Beach, Indialantic, Melbourne Village, and Palm Shores.
- An at-large member from an unincorporated area.

The CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee meets once each month at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday at the Government Center in Viera. Interested parties should contact Linda Graham, at (321) 633-2076 for additional information and/or an application or: <https://www.brevardfl.gov/HousingAndHumanServices/AdvisoryBoards/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrantCitizenAdvisoryCommittee>.

## Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, November 12th and 26th.

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 \$7; \$8 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. We have started a new book club. They meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7549 for more information.



## Post-Storm Inspection and Permitting Requirements

The Brevard County Public Works Department has posted flood zone post-storm inspection and permitting requirements for residents in flood-plains that may encounter damages as a result of Hurricane Ian. All properties in flood zones designated on the FEMA flood maps that were damaged by wind, water, fallen trees or other factors. In accordance with the Florida Building Code and flood damage prevention regulations, all these properties must be inspected to determine whether the damage meets the definition of “substantial damage” before building permits can be issued for repair, reconstruction, or other improvements.

Contact Planning & Development Department Building Permits, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, 321-633-2072, for inspections.

What is Inspected? Preliminary damage inspections are limited to evaluating the extent of damage to foundations, roofs, windows and doors, siding, installed appliances, electrical and plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and walls and floors. Inspections are required to assess the condition of the building and determine the work required to repair the building to its pre-damage condition.

To determine what is Substantial Damage, visit <https://www.brevardfl.gov/news/2022/09/28/post-storm-permitting-requirements>.

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

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month at Red Lobster Restaurant, 215 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island.

The October meeting will on the 10th. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15. Our speaker will be Barbara Fradkin from One Senior Place who will be talking to us about Nursing Homes.

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



You are invited to the 23rd Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, November 12th, 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 Soul Hibachi Food Truck, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit golden retrievers and golden retriever blends rescued by Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida, a 501c3 nonprofit, whose ongoing mission is saving, protecting, and re-homing golden retrievers and golden retriever blends that have lost their home and family. Serving our community since 1991 and supported by an all-volunteer staff, donations, and foster homes, GRRMF provides intervention, medical care, a home based foster care environment, adoptions and community education.

Pets are welcome. All pets must be on a leash or in appropriate carriers and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends. We hope you can join us!

Contact Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida, [www.grrmf.org](http://www.grrmf.org), or Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584, or Dirty Oar Beer Company, (321) 301-4306.

<http://www.tailsatthebarkery.com/>

## Flood Loss Avoidance Expense

Flood loss avoidance is a protective action you take to minimize flood damage and losses to your buildings and personal property before a flood occurs. National Flood Insurance Program flood policies will cover up to \$1,000 in reasonable expenses incurred to protect your insured property, and up to \$1,000 to move your insured property away from a flood or imminent danger of a flood. To be eligible for this benefit, the insured property must be located in a community where a general condition of flooding in the area exists or an official has issued an evacuation order or other civil order for the community requiring measures to preserve life and property from flooding.

Certain expenses to protect your property are eligible for reimbursement:

- Sandbags (including the sand to fill them)
- Fill to create temporary levees
- Water pumps
- Plastic sheeting and lumber used in connection with any of these items listed above
- Labor – you may claim labor, including your own or a family member’s labor, at the federal minimum wage. Labor charged by a professional may also be reimbursed.
- Expenses to move your property to safety. Up to \$1,000 for the reasonable expense to move your insured property in order to protect it from flood, or the imminent danger of flood. Personal property that is moved must be placed in a fully enclosed building or otherwise protected from the elements. Any property removed, including a moveable home, must be placed above ground level or outside of the special flood hazard area.

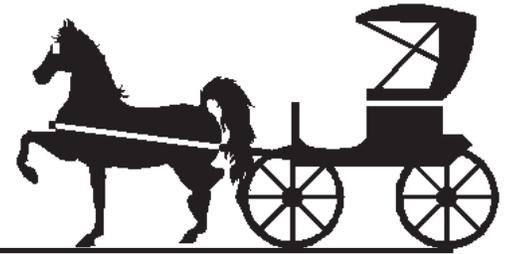
Property removed is covered by your flood policy for 45 consecutive days from the date the move begins. A deductible does not apply to these limits.

- The coverage does not increase the policy limits of the liability.

You should keep copies of all receipts and a record of the time spent performing the work. They should be submitted to your insurance adjuster when you file a claim to be reimbursed.

For more information, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/employee-resources/federal-emergency-management-agency-fema>.

# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

For the most part, the Groves was spared from Hurricane Ian. Yes, we had flooded streets and a lot of pond fronds came down, but there were no reports of any structures damaged. After seeing other parts of Brevard County both north and south including Port St. John, those of us in the Groves were really spared. Southwest Florida took a major hit and parts of it will take years to recover. Some of it may never recover.

Highway SR 46 will be closed for an extended time after the river goes down. They have to make sure the highway bed did not sustain any structural damage.

I want to thank Commissioner Pritchett for calling and checking on what the status of the Groves was.

I have spoken to Road & Bridge and one of the drainage problems here in the Groves is that some of the canals were never properly dug. They were dug with a drag line. The current machine that the county has can not clean all the ditches because it will sink. They are presently trying to figure out what they are going to do. It appears as if some of the canals were never completed.

Brevard County Sherriff's Office is continuing their high visibility and service to the Groves. Even with this, there are still people speeding,

running stop signs and committing other traffic offenses.

Brevard County Station 29 (Guardians of the Groves) has been busy with medical calls and traffic accidents, as well as other calls. REMEMBER to yield to emergency vehicles!

Four Communities Fire Department has also been busy. Volunteer firefighters are needed. Please stop by any Tuesday night to see what's going on.

When placing brush on the side of the road, NO part of it can be past the white line or into the roadway. You are responsible for any injuries or damage it may cause. Remember when coming on to the roadway, you may not be seen due to the height of the piles.

Don't forget that time goes backwards one hour on November 6. Please be careful with the children and school buses with Daylight Savings Time.

Happy Thanksgiving !

- Ed Silva

## Annual Artisans Market

The Activities Committee at the Great Outdoors RV Resort in Titusville invites you to its annual "Artisan Market" on Saturday, November 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A select group of local artisans will present the best of their work.

Whether you are looking for seasonal decor, or gift buying, you will find everything necessary to get you in the holiday spirit.

30 plus artists will display basketry, jewelry, laser engraving, crochet and knitted items, metal art, nature photos, towels, fabric crafts, wreaths, purses, quilts, wooden bowls, embroidery, woodwork, crystal design shirts, Christmas trees and ornaments, tasty jams and much, much more.

The popular gift basket raffle gives you a chance to win one of dozens of themed gift baskets with proceeds going to local charities. Several of the vendors are also donating a portion of their sales.

The Artisan Market is held inside the Plantation Manor at 145 Plantation Drive in the Great Outdoors RV Resort located off Hwy. 50 in Titusville. Tell the security gate attendant that you are going to the Artisan Market.

For information, contact Pat Thomas at 321-360-2542 or email patsteve67@gmail.com

## 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!

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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 November, 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, 11 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, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 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.

## GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING -

Early election @ WBCC is October 24 – November 5, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, and Saturday – Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY** is November 8, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. All activities will cease during voting and will resume November 10th.

**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON** - Come celebrate Thanksgiving with us! Music, guest speaker, socialization, catered meal, and more. Free to all! Thursday, November 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring a friend! 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** - 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.

## 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. 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.

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