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Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!

Our 34th Port St. John Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 16th at 11 a.m. 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, "The Wonder of Christmas Morning." The entry form is inside and available online to print at www.happenings.net.

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

Our Grand Marshal this year is Sam Patel of Random Acts of Kindness, LLC. The group raises funds to sponsor students and scholarships, sometimes providing laptops and other resources to students at our schools. Thanks, Sam!

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, Amber Baum, 321-258-5623, or Jeremy Higginbotham, 321-576-2818.

There are other holiday events inside, so look for the Christmas Tree Sale, Photos With Santa at the PSJ Library, the Holiday Bike Parade in Cocoa Village, the Cocoa Village Holiday Boat Parade in Cocoa, the Random Acts of Kindness Casino Night 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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PSJ Community Center Schedule - December, 2023

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Schedule is subject to change.**

For latest information about any of these programs or to register, call 321-633-1904.

Mondays

25th - Closed For Christmas Holiday

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 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

26th - Closed For Christmas Holiday

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 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.

5th & 11th - Dancing Little Stars - Ballet/Tap Combo (ages 3-6), 5:10 - 5:55 p.m.

Wednesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 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.

6th and 13th - Yoga For Children, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

6th and 13th -Culinary Kid's 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 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.

7th, 14th and 28th - Gentle yoga - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fridays

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

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

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

Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

1st & 8th - Dancing Little Stars - Tiny Tots (ages 1-3) (Parent Participation), 10 - 10:45 a.m.

1st & 8th - Dancing Little Stars - Beginner Ballet (ages 2-4), 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

Community Cares Aftercare 1:30 - 6 p.m.

About Kel's Kitchen - Culinary Kids—Every other Wednesday at 4:30-6:00 p.m. A special program for the child who has a keen interest in all things culinary. The focus is on developing foundational skills to carry into your kitchen at home. \$20.00 per class. Adult must accompany child. Please register at www.floridakelskitchen.com.

About 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 with tuition. Register online at www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com.

About Yoga With Diane - Gentle Yoga --Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy yoga that meets you where you are! Appropriate for beginners, all body types with alternatives offered to accommodate physical conditions. All that is needed is a yoga mat and water bottle. Recommend not eating two hours prior, small fruit snack okay. Price is \$7 per class. Visit www.psjyoga.com for further information.

~Diane Coben~

About "Yoga For Children" with Sue, Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. This 45 minute class is for children 6 - 12 years old. The children will improve their strength, balance, attention and coordination through music, fun yoga games, challenging yoga sequences, as well as partner and group poses. They will also learn mindfulness activities, useful breathing exercises and relaxation/visualization techniques. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Price is \$7 per class. For further information, email: yogisue2023@yahoo.com

~Sue Timmins

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(C) Tuesday 6:30 AA Topic Mtg

(O) Thursday 6:30 Beginners Topic Mtg

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Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. **Women's AA** meets

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Planning has begun for the 34th Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on December 16, 2023, 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 "The Wonder of Christmas Morning." 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, 321-863-7499 or happenings1@bellsouth.net, or Jeremy Higginbotham, 321-576-2818 or Jhigginbotham@orionconnectivity.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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~ by Maureen Rupe

Parrish Medical Center Legislative Delegation Bill

On October 26, 2023, during the Brevard Legislative Delegation, Representative Randy Fine proposed a bill that, according to the Florida Today article published on Oct. 27, 2023, "could lead to sale of Parrish Medical Center in Titusville, other assets." Only Senator Debbie Mayfield and Representative Tyler Sirois voted against the proposal, so the delegation passed the submittal 5-2. If approved by the House and Senate, and signed by the Governor, the locally appointed nine-member Parrish Board of Directors would be disbanded and replaced by a five-member board appointed by the Governor and the assets would be put up for bid.

Parrish Medical Center (PMC) was put into place in 1958, when the residents of this special district voted to approve the hospital and were taxed from 1958 until 1994. From 1994 and the 29 years thereafter, Parrish Medical Center has not taxed the residents. They have provided good governance. Instead of the Legislature determining if PMC should be disbanded, the residents should again vote on whether they want to disband the district, especially as it has been profitable and benefited the community.

Parrish Medical Center has a \$221,742,777 Total Community Investment over the last 10 years, approximately \$22 million per year. They have provided \$9,364,810 in community contributions to everything from health education, Boys & Girls Club, Boy Scouts, Chain of Lakes, Cancer Survivors, historical preservation, Indian River Lagoon restoration, homeless veterans, suicide prevention and many more. They have had a \$2,689,933,411 Medicare shortfall, a \$627,540,021 Medicaid shortfall, and \$163,203,083 in uncompensated care, and have still been able to survive without additional tax revenue. They have invested their funds wisely.

This is in a North Brevard special district population of 99,329, with a 25.9% poverty level and 10.5% uninsured. Within our special district, 70.5% are on Medicare or Medicaid or both.

If sold, the funds would go to the Brevard County Commission, not just to the North Brevard Special Hospital District which invested their

money, but the whole county gets part of the proceeds, which is not equitable to the special district residents - north Brevard - who paid taxes for this hospital. Please contact the Brevard Legislative Delegation and tell them your thoughts. Below is their contact information.

Senator Tom Wright

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/S8>
Port Orange (386) 304-7630 or Tallahassee (850) 487-5008

Senator Debbie Mayfield

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/S19>
Melbourne (321) 409-2025 or Tallahassee (850) 487-5019

Representative Chase Tramont, District 30

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/contactmember.aspx?MemberId=4867&SessionId=90>
Port Orange (386) 944-1010 or Tallahassee (850) 717-5030

Representative Tyler Sirois, District 31

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/contactmember.aspx?MemberId=4748&SessionId=89>
Merritt Island (321) 449-5111 or Tallahassee (850) 717-5031

Representative Thad Altman, District 32

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/contactmember.aspx?MemberId=4329&SessionId=87>
Indian Harbor Beach (321) 425-6179 or Tallahassee 850-717-5052

Representative Randy Fine, District 33

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/contactmember.aspx?MemberId=4646&SessionId=87>
Palm Bay (321) 409-2017 or Tallahassee 850-717-5053

Representative Robert Brackett, District 34

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Vero Beach (771) 778-5005 or Tallahassee 850-717-5053

Thank you.

Maureen Rupe, Parrish Medical Center Board member (2000 to present)

Reference: <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2023/10/26/andy-fine-proposed-bill-parrish-medical-center-could-be-put-up-for-sale-north-brevard/71325920007/>

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Titusville's Right to Clean Water Amendment Fiasco

The City of Titusville challenged the "Right to Clean Water Charter Amendment," first, saying it shouldn't go to ballot. When that didn't work, they said it should be overturned, saying the amendment was unconstitutionally vague, violated state pre-emption law and was 'confusing.' Senior Circuit Court Judge Charles Holcomb heard the hearing twice, and the Court of Appeals directed Titusville to certify the charter amendment.

Titusville asked for another hearing, stating Judge Holcomb's ruling did not provide required references. The suit was heard by Judge George Paulk on November 16th. Judge Paulk gave a final summary against Titusville. The people won! Titusville spent almost \$100,000 trying to fight what 82% of their citizens passed in last November's ballot for clean water. The city has 30 days to take it to the Florida Supreme Court.

There were more than Titusville residents who were at the courthouse supporting their citizens. There was Stel Bailey and myself from Port St. John, as I would think everyone understands our right to Clean Water.

The Titusville Right to Clean Water charter amendment initiative comports with state constitutional powers delegated to local governments for the purpose of enforcing the right of Floridians to a clean environment. Such a right was expressly noted by the Florida Supreme Court in its Florida Wildlife Federation v. State decision in 1980, where it stated that by enacting the cause of action in Florida's Environmental Protection Act (FL Stat. Sect. 403.412(2)(a)), "the citizens of Florida have been given the capacity to protect their rights to a clean environment-a right not previously afforded them directly."

Reference:

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2023/05/24/titusville-does-not-certify-right-to-clean-water-judges-ruling-environment-indian-river-lagoon/70251614007/>

Manatee Month

November is Manatee Awareness Month. This is a time boaters need to watch for manatees as they move to Florida's warmer waters. These places usually include power plant discharge areas or Florida's springs.

There have been 489 manatees die so far this year, much less than last year's 727 deaths, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. If you're watching manatees, don't forget to give them space. It's illegal to disturb, feed or do harm to the animal. Disturbing them could cause them to swim out of their protected areas.

Reference:

<https://www.wlrn.org/environment/2023-11-15/manatees-on-the-move-boaters-asked-to-slow-down-for-the-sea-cows>

Climate Change Assessment

The Fifth National Climate Assessment came out earlier this month. This report is a mandated study by Congress and is compiled every four years by 13 federal agencies. In this version's Section 9, "Coastal Effects," the report recommends proactive development relocation, which contradicts Florida's elected officials and our massive real estate commerce. However, the recommendation is understandable with sea level rise and the increased frequency and intensity of our hurricanes.

This would mean doing a planned gradual relocation to higher ground, leaving the coast for parks, reserves and just left for everyone to enjoy instead of lined with man-made structures. How many millions have taxpayers paid over the years just for sand renewal?

Reference:

<https://nca2023.globalchange.gov/>

Septic to Sewer

This has been proposed for us in the past, and with the state of the Lagoon and the self-imposed tax voted in to protect the lagoon, I'm sure this will eventually be brought forward at some time in the future.

Palm Bay is on their third reading to pass a septic to sewer program (at least for now) for all Palm Bay residents having access to city sewer. Palm Bay has set aside \$420,000 for low-income grants to help first eligible (based on 2022 income). The grant award will vary per property based on location, number of septic tanks, location of the tanks on the property and other factors unique to the property. Everyone else will be paying full price for filling in their septic tanks, running sewer pipes to the house and connection to the city sewer line. All construction will be performed by a preselected, qualified contractor picked by the city.

Since at least 1991, we have been concerned with Titusville sewer lines running south of Kings Highway, wondering if they want to connect the rest of Port St. John to their sewer system, besides Cypress Woods? If you go to "brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon/SewerProjects" you will find Brevard County stating as of 2018 there were an estimated 53,204 septic systems in Brevard County within the Indian River Lagoon watershed. They also state the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan is committed to reducing the impact of systems that increase nutrients making their way to the IRL and the Banana River. Florida Statute 381.065 states if a lot is next to a sewer line, you have to hook up within a time period as long as the sewer operator states they have the capacity, but they can give a waiver.

Reference:

<https://www.palmbayflorida.org/Home/Components/News/News/11605/>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2017/381.0065>

I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cheerio,

~ Maureen Rupe

rupe32927@gmail.com



Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

12-6 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

12-9 Bike Night! 3:00 - 7:00 on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

12-9 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

12-14 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

12-20 General Membership Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Meat Shoot - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 2-4 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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New Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Dickerson

Parrish Healthcare is pleased to welcome Lisa Dickerson, RN, BSN, MBA, as its Vice President, Nursing Administration and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO). Dickerson is a transformational results-driven nurse executive with 23 years of community hospital experience and 15 of those years in leadership roles.

“I am thrilled to join the Parrish Healthcare family of care partners and the North Brevard community,” said Dickerson.

Dickerson has a strong track record of exceeding patient experience expectations and cultivating a safe, healing work environment that is dedicated to exceptional clinical care.

“I wanted to join an organization that is focused on the patient and their experience and providing a safe environment for all, and I found that in Parrish,” added Dickerson.

Of her leadership style, Dickerson describes herself as a servant leader focused on coaching, mentoring, engagement and development of clinical professionals and the next generation of nurse leaders.

Dickerson earned her Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Healthcare Administration from Brenau University, Gainesville, GA; and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA.

Dickerson replaces immediate-past Chief Nursing Officer Edwin Loftin who retired after 15 years of meritorious service to Parrish Healthcare and the North Brevard Community in 2023.



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Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, December 9th and Saturday, December 23rd. 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. MASCC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.



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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



With the latest horrors taking place in what many consider to be the holiest land, it's easy to slip into darkness. I don't think this is the time to give up talking to The Big Guy. If you or someone you are close to has suffered by any of the insanity going on, please know you are not alone and prayers are being sent.

There is all manner of advertising to warn us about the "Changes of The Ages." We learn about wrinkles, spider veins and parts of our anatomy heading south. Entire books have been written about hot flashes and mood swings. All of which are aimed at the female gender only. And we're not supposed to get upset because the male gender seems to only turn gray...but that's a whole 'nuther column.

I have recently noticed a few new developments that I was not forewarned about. At least I don't think I was, but then I seem to remember something about your memory coming and going — I think. I used to have lips. I really miss them. I can't quite place exactly when I noticed my mouth was reduced to a long thin line surrounded by many short lines, but it had to be recently.

Eye brows disappear also. As a matter of fact, all hair above the nose thins as fast as the years add up. While below the nose, moustache, chin hairs, and neck hairs proliferate like bunnies in spring.

Feet develop lives of their own. Toes begin to lean one way or the other. I noticed my wet footprints resembled those of a Sasquatch and wondered where my arches went. Not to mention I haven't seen my ankle bones in so long the only way I know I have them is I whack them on the bed frame once a week or so. This exercise keeps me limber enough to hop on one foot while grasping the other and does wonders for my vocabulary skills.

I may creak and groan from time to time, but as long as my flat feet are still able to carry my thin lips far enough to kiss a young great grandson's boo boo, and my bald eyebrows able to reach toward the ceiling when I hear my college age grand-daughter's plans for the future, I will be using all three — and a lot more to the best of my ability.

Being born in the cusp between the 'All Good Women Grow Up To Be Nurses' generation and the 'If It Feels Good, Do It' generation I have been proud to be part of changes such as Womens Lib, and have never had time to worry about what people think.

It was our generation that put matches to undergarments and we got things done! I can't help but think that if we had a good cause, we could do it again. It doesn't take much imagination to picture a platoon of wrinkled Grammys...body parts in question having gone south many moons ago... marching on Washington.

We could have the world in our pockets...Of course we would probably forget what we did with it and end up running it through the spin cycle. But we would overcome again!

Our generation has challenged and changed every facet of life as it was known in the day our mothers met us at the door with warm cookies. I dare say most changes were brought about by young wives and mothers.

You would think with all that changing and challenging going on we would have come up with a way to change calories from chocolate into mini wrinkle erasers or at least challenge fat cells from multiplying on our thighs.

So now after all that underwear igniting and overcoming, those self-same ladies are stowing their A.A.R.P. cards and rocking chairs and having pajama parties in red hats. They are walking poster children for "Age is just a number."

My double-digit numbers have been starting with 7's for a while now. I admit I am no longer a spring (or summer) chick and I usually embrace fun where I find it, be that on my knees in the sand with a two-year-old or in a red hat with a sixty-two year old.

I encourage everyone reading this to do the same. Life is way too short to be hung up on numbers. I'm still working on the fat-cell-chocolate-wrinkle thing.

Christmas Events at FUMC

The Christmas Season is almost upon us, and you and your family are invited to join us at the First United Methodist Church for a few amazing events!

On Friday December 1st, starting at 6:00 p.m., we are hosting "Light Up Port St. John." This will be an evening of Christmas Carols sung in partnership with our local area school choirs, hot cocoa, crafts, s'mores, photo spots and so much more. This event is free to the community, and all we ask is that you bring your own chair.

On Saturday, December 9th, from noon to 4 p.m. we are hosting a One Day Christmas Vacation Bible School. This will be an awesome time for kids in grades K-6th as we play games, make crafts, make new friends and do so much more, AND this will be an awesome time for parents and guardians as you can do a little Christmas shopping, or go to lunch, or just get a little break. To sign up, email Office@FUMCPSJ.org or call 321.631.0183.

On Saturday, December 16th, starting at 6:00 p.m., we are hosting "Movie in the 'Lot." This will be an evening outdoors watching a favorite Christmas movie. This event is free to the community and will include popcorn, juice boxes, hot cocoa and a few more surprises. All we ask is that you bring your own chair.



Finally, on Sunday, December 24th, we'd love for you to be our guest for Christmas Eve services. We will have our normal 10 a.m. service and a 6 p.m. candlelight service. We look forward to seeing you there.

- Pastor Chris

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. Our meeting place is Kay's BBQ Restaurant, 1552 W King St, Cocoa.

The December meeting will be on the 11th. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

The website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.

Holiday Parades Are Coming!

Brevard County Parks and Recreation is now taking applications for the **Merritt Island Holiday Parade** - Gnome for the Holidays - on Saturday, December 2, 2023, 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. Mindy from "Mindy and Company" on Lite Rock 99.3, an iHeartMedia station, will emcee the parade.

For more information or to register to be in the parade, please call 321-633-1874.

#BrevardParks #LiteRock99.3 #MerrittIsland-FL #HolidayParades #GnomeForTheHolidays

The **Cocoa/Rockledge "Gnome for the Holidays" Parade** will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, with step-off at 10:00 a.m. The parade will begin at Rockledge High School on Florida Ave, continue through the streets of Historic Cocoa Village and conclude at Lee Wenner Park. A Holiday Festival will follow in Riverfront Park from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Enjoy a variety of entertainment on the main stage, visit with Santa Claus, bounce houses, caricature drawings, face painting, creative balloon art, and take your picture at the photo booth.

To participate in all of the kid's activities such as: the bounce houses, face painting, caricature drawings, and balloon art, there is a \$5.00 (cash) activity band fee. OR Help support The Central Brevard Sharing Center by donating 5 non-perishable foods, toiletry items, paper towels, toilet paper or baby supplies at the info booth and receive a FREE Activity Wristband!

For additional information about these county operated parades, please call 321-633-1874. Applications for the parades are available by calling 321-633-1874.

The **Titusville Christmas Parade** will be on Saturday, December 9th, 6 p.m. The parade will start at Titusville High School and include holiday magic, twinkling lights, festive floats, and the spirit of the season come alive in a joyful procession that has graced Titusville streets since 1962! For more information or to enter, visit <https://ircumc.com/>.

And of course, the **Port St. John Christmas Parade** will be on Saturday, December 16th, 11 a.m. and will travel east on Fay Blvd. from Wa-

terloo Ave. to Carole Ave. If you'd like to be in the parade this year, the entry form is at www.happenings.net or page 3 of your December Happenings.

Cocoa Village Holiday Boat Parade

Join Cocoa Village Main Street for the Space Coast's largest charitable Holiday Boat Parade on Friday, December 8th, from 6-7:00 p.m.! All 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.

Join the Parade. Boat captains are encouraged to get creative and transform their vessels into magical winter wonderlands! If you want to compete for prizes in the categories below, make sure to pre-register and attend the Captain's Meeting on December 5th at 6 p.m., held at Time Out Sports Bar in Cocoa. Registered captains can look forward to live music, raffles, and a free drink ticket. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Register at <https://share.hsforms.com/1wlthvUmXSHiF4uHbyKghbwcybkn>

Awards:

Best Decorated (over 40ft, over 30ft, and under 30ft)

Most Spirit/Enthusiasm

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Holiday Bike Parade

Come out to Cocoa Riverfront Park and ride on December 15th, 6 - 8 p.m. 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!

Bicycles must be manual/pedal-powered, not motorized. E-Bikes are permitted on the basis that you never activate pedal-assist. Entry is FREE with a canned or non-perishable food donation benefiting the Sharing Center of Central Brevard.

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

Remember that this is a parade, not a race, so the only winners are the people best decorated! 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 the best-decorated adult, family, group, best use of Hot Cocoa, Best

Cocoa Village Business, and the judge's choice.

Please note that an official group escort will lead the route, so make sure you give yourself plenty of time to prepare and arrive early to ensure you don't miss out on the fun!

To pre-register, go to VisitCocoaVillage.com.

Merry Mimosas

You are invited to come out to the 5th Annual "Merry Mimosas" at the Downtown Art Gallery, Titusville's premiere art gallery and gift shop, on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to enjoy a festive day of shopping and sipping!

Stroll to holiday themed mimosas stations throughout their new location at 400 Orange Street. They will be serving complimentary mimosas throughout the day.

Sample festive Peppermint Mimosas or Pomegranate with cranberries. Indulge in Tropical Passion Fruit Mimosas or tempting blue Jack Frost Mimosas!

Instead of elves, the Gallery has artists and they have been busy creating beautiful things to fill six showrooms with great art! Plus special holiday creations perfect for gift giving.

For more information, call 321-268-0122, email tvillegallery@aol.com or follow them on Facebook.

Wreaths Across America Day

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to remember, honor and teach at more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

Their mission is to remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Their volunteers are the beating heart of the program and work year-round to share this important mission and inspire others to join.

For more information, visit www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org.

Learn what a Gold Star Family is and how to honor them. You can sponsor a veteran's wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one who served in our armed forces. Or sponsor and allow Wreaths Across America to designate a recipient among the millions of heroes who rest in honored glory.

Parrish Medical Center to Host Gift of Light Community Celebration

Join Parrish Medical Center and Jess Parrish Medical Foundation on Thursday, December 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for the annual Gift of Light Community Celebration presented by Norris Automotive. The event is FREE and everyone is invited!

This holiday tradition that began more than 30 years ago as a humble tree lighting has grown into an event that attracts thousands. Holiday magic fills the air as everyone delights in the lighting of our spectacular Christmas tree with 37,000 lights.

The grand Christmas tree isn't the only thing that lights up the night. The breathtaking fireworks display, sponsored by Injury Centers of Brevard and Apogee Physicians, signifies the end of the event while also welcoming the start of the Christmas season.

In addition to the amazing light displays,



THURSDAY, DEC. 7
5:30 to 7:30 PM

Gift of Light



Gift of Light delights guests with musical and dance performances. This year entertainment includes Titusville High School Orchestra, Space Coast Junior/Senior High School Sound Wave, Astronaut High School Jazz Band, The Titusville Playhouse and Keegan Performance Dance Studio. Artistic and Creative Executive Director of the Titusville Playhouse, Steven Heron, will emcee the event.

Held in the park on the Parrish Medical Center campus, the tents and market lighting set an enchanting scene. Santa and Mrs. Claus will make a special appearance for photos and to hear Christmas wishes. Children will love visiting Santa's Workshops for holiday crafts and cookie decorating. Face painters, a balloon artist and Santa's elves make sure guests have a magical, memorable experience. Complimentary hot chocolate, cyder and cookies add to the event's magic.

Back by popular demand are eight of the community's favorite food trucks. Service begins at 4:30 p.m.

An event like this cannot happen without the support of community leaders and sponsors. We deeply appreciate the support of Titusville City Leaders, the Titusville Police Department and Titusville Fire Department. We thank, as well, our generous sponsors; Norris Automotive, title sponsor; Injury Centers of Brevard and Apogee Physicians, fireworks sponsor; Robin Fisher State Farm, North Pole sponsor and System Tech Services, Santa's Workshop sponsor.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, contact Matthew Morak, Director of Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066.



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MONTHLY TAX UPDATE

The IRS has issued tax information for 2024. These are the numbers that you'll use to prepare your 2024 tax returns in 2025. There will be seven (7) tax rates in 2021. They are 10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35% and 37%. Please contact my office to find out the breakdown for your applicable tax on your taxable income.

Your Personal Exemption Amount we used to have is still not separated, and included in your standard deduction. The standard deduction amounts will increase to \$14,600 for individuals and married couples filing separately, representing an increase of \$750 from 2023. Married couples filing jointly will see a deduction of \$29,200, a boost of \$1,500 from 2023, while heads of household will see a jump to \$21,900, an increase of \$1,100 from 2023.

For 2024, the additional standard deduction amount for the aged or the blind is \$1,550 for married filing joint filers. The additional standard deduction amount increases to \$1,950 for unmarried taxpayers. For 2024, the standard deduction amount for an individual who may be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer cannot exceed the greater of \$1,300 or the sum of \$450 and the individual's earned income (not to exceed the regular standard deduction amount).

The Kiddie Tax applies to unearned income for children under the age of 19, a college student and those under the age of 24. Unearned income is income from sources other than wages and salary, like dividends and interest. Your child must pay taxes on their unearned income in 2024, but if that amount is more than \$1,300, but less than \$13,000, you may be able to elect to include that income on your return rather than file a separate return for your child. Right now, the Child Tax Credit is a refundable child tax credit of \$1,700 in 2024, unless Congress makes a late change.

For 2024, the maximum Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) amount available is \$7,830 for married taxpayers filing jointly who have three or more qualifying children—it was \$7,430 in 2023 and again subject to the phaseout rules.

Capital Gains rates will not change for 2024, but the brackets for the rates will change. Most taxpayers pay a maximum 15% rate, but a 20% tax rate applies if your taxable income exceeds the thresholds set for the 37% ordinary tax rate. Exceptions also apply for art, collectible and section 1250 gain (related to depreciation).

The alternative minimum tax (AMT) exemption rate is also subject to inflation. The AMT exemption amount for tax year 2024 for single filers is \$85,700 and begins to phase out at \$609,350 (in 2023, the exemption amount for single filers was \$81,300 and began to phase out at \$578,150). In 2024, the AMT exemption amount for married couples filing jointly is \$133,300 and begins to phase out at \$1,218,700 (in 2023, the exemption amount for married couples filing jointly was \$126,500 and began to phase out at \$1,156,300).

In 2024, the foreign-earned income exclusion amount is \$126,500, up from \$120,000 for tax year 2023. And, the federal gift tax exclusion will increase to \$18,000 in 2024, up from \$17,000 in 2023.

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.

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On the Road With Rose



Holiday down time...

There is never a good time for the terribleness that is swirling around us during what should be such a happy time. It sometimes seems evil is around every corner. If you or someone you know has been affected by this newest or the older hatefulness, please know you're not alone and prayers are being sent.

Thanks to certain holiday love stories, TV stations and the Buy!-Buy!-Buy! being pushed at us since the fireworks, by the time this publication is being read some of us will be suffering various degrees of holiday burnout and the young'uns will be about ready to burst at the seams. One solution is to get out of the house. Easier said than done for working parents, I know, but there's a lot to do as a family close by.

We have an actual ice skating rink just a short drive away in Rockledge. You can call them at 321-504-7500. At the time I contacted them, they had no actual plans for the holidays, but have various discounts and family rates. Where else can you ICE SKATE in 80 degree weather?

On the other end of the spectrum is the tree top playground in Cape Canaveral. Aerial Adventures, 321-613-0047, offers zip lines, rope bridges and more for one entrance charge. It's not my cup of Pepto Bismol. I can't even watch as my grand kids swing and sway.

Trampolines and bouncing Sky Zone, 321-999-2021, is sure to make your little ones too tuckered out to whine for ice cream (Ha!). They also have various discounts and family rates.

Romelia Farms, 321-848-2486, has a pretty extensive petting zoo, including camels, cows, goats, donkeys, lemurs, sloths, parrots, alpacas, sheep and more. Horseback riding, hay rides and a beautiful barn can be used as a venue. Check out the website for info on their call for used baby toys to keep the Lemurs busy.

Some of us have visited before the farm was sold to the present owner and will be pleasantly surprised. They will be doing a fund raiser for the horses on December 17. Admission is \$10.00 and includes a visit with Santa, petting zoo, bounce houses and more.

There are two mini golf places in Cape Canaveral. Golf-n-Gator, 321-799-4545, also has go carts and a reptile exhibit. Down the road a bit is Lighthouse Cove, 321-613-0701. The scenery is spectacular.

Tours are available for the Canaveral lighthouse, 321-351-5052. They are very informative and it kinda' makes you proud that we are a part of history.

Sands Space History Museum, 321-853-1919, contains actual pieces of Space Center history. See the massive computer deck actually used to send the first humans into space and outside the safety of the module to a re-entry vehicle. The ride to the building is interesting in itself. You feel as if you're actually stepping back in space history. Walking around the corner and coming face to face with the Space-Ex launch facility rattled me a tad. Kate is a great wealth of information, happy to explain what you're looking at and exactly what it was used for. You can challenge your teenagers to actually know how to use THE PHONE. Entry is free but they depend on donations.

There's also about a million places to go fishing around the county. Many of you just pull off the road and cast a line. We do live in a piece of paradise.

There are also several deep-sea party fishing boats where deckhands will help with baiting lines, pulling in the catch and fish removal, especially for kids. Most have snacks and drinks.

Don't forget Brevard Zoo! You can call them at 321-254-9453. Enjoy 500 animals including giraffes, a zip line, canopy walk and water play (may be closed for the season). You can grab a treat or drink at the snack bar and the employees are happy to answer questions and explain the workings of a well-run zoo.

Don't forget our own Fay Lake Wilderness Park at the end of Fay Blvd., Friendship Park behind the Sheriff sub station on Fay Blvd. and Nicole Park on the river. All of which is a five-minute ride and all have playgrounds, BBQ grills and an abundance of open green grass to just run

and play...remember freeze tag?

We are lucky enough not to have to fight snow, slush, below 60-degree weather or icy roads, so when things start getting to you... start getting outside!

Post 359 - American Legion Riders



presents

Bike Days at the Tiki Saturday

December 2, 1 - 5 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. **12-6 Ladies Auxiliary** General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

12-11 Sons of the Legion, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

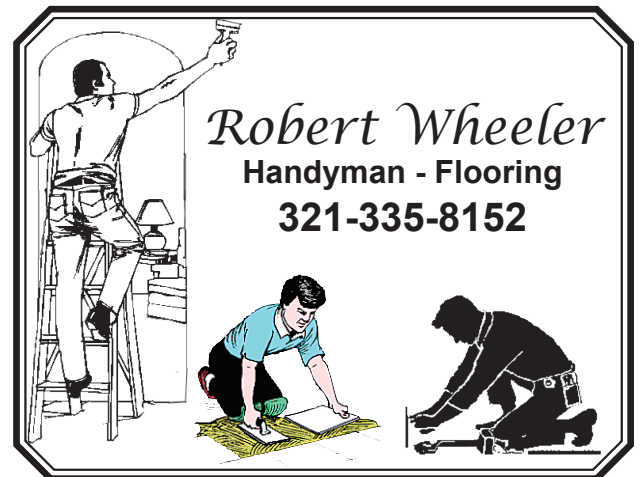
12-13 General Membership Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

12-17 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

Post 359 is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1 in Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John). The phone is 321-268-1632.

Contact Wayne Fowler, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 321-307-1450 or visit our website, alr359.org, for more information.

History is not there for us to like or dislike. It is there for us to learn from. And if it offends you, even better...because then you are less likely to repeat it. It is not anyone's to erase...it belongs to all of us.





Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - December

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support groups as a free service to the community.

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 6, 13, 20, 27, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For additional information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/Moms.

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 6, 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.

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 11, 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.

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: Monday, December 11, 6-8 p.m.
- Where: Manatee Conference Room, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John
- Facilitated by Kristina Weaver, Sleep Center Director
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/SleepSupport.
- For additional information, please contact the Sleep Center at 321-268-6408.

Parrish Healthcare's 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 14, 28, 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.

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 19, 2-4:00 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/StrokeandHeartSupport.

Early Steps Community Play Date

A special play date for children five and under and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

- When: Wednesday, December 20, 9-10:30 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Mary Cancel, Family Resource Specialist
- For additional information, visit parrishhealthcare.com/EarlySteps.

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 20, 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/CancerSupport.

Tools to Quit Smoking Now

We know quitting tobacco isn't easy, but finding help should be. Parrish Healthcare has partnered with Tobacco Free Florida to offer this free class which equips those who use tobacco with tools and services to quit.

- When: Tuesday, December 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Where: Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For more information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/quitsmoking.

For more information about available classes, support groups and events, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

Holiday Craft Fair & Food Truck Event

Join us for the 10th Annual Holiday Craft Fair & Food Truck event on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00-3:00 at Edgewood JSHS in Merritt Island! There will be holiday crafts and decor, unique gifts, handmade jewelry, beachy decor, quilted items, handcrafted soaps, fused glass, Tupperware, Park Lane Jewelry, Scentsy, Color Street and much, much more!

You can also enjoy some delicious food at one of the food trucks!

Proceeds support Edgewood Project Graduation 2024! For more details, check out our event on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/events/979918379910575>

Thank you for helping!

Edgewood Project Graduation, Inc.

Fay Lake FestiFALL 2023 Rocks!

On November 5th, the sun was bright, the wind was cool and it was a beautiful day at Fay Lake Wilderness Park for the 2023 FestiFALL event. Lots of people came out to enjoy the day, the petting zoo, the hay rides, the chili, the food trucks, the foam, the crafts and the fun! Young or old, there was plenty to do and see.



The Chili Cook-Off was won by two delicious chilis; Smokin' Armadillo won the Judges Choice and Drumsnake won the Peoples Choice. And if you made the tour of all the chilis present, you know that there were other great chilis to enjoy. Some were white chili, some were beanless, some were vegetarian, different groups had different meats - or combinations of meat and they were all good.

The busiest part of the event might have been the inflatables and the foam in the Kids Area. (And some of the kids in the foam might have been very adult age!) It was an area of very happy youngsters.

A big THANK YOU to the sponsors, the volunteers who worked all day (and lots of hours before and after the event), to the food vendors for some delicious and varied eats, to the craft vendors who helped with a lot of Christmas shopping, and to all who attended and made the event great.

Parking overflowed for a while during the event. Plans are already being made for next year to create another 80 spaces in the south field.

See you next year!

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Smokin' Armadillo Judges Choice Champion



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Hello everyone! Just a quick heads-up – due to nearby name duplicates causing some inconvenience for our diners, we've decided to change the name from "China Garden" to "YUZUMI." The official sign swap is scheduled for early 2024. In our commitment to better serve the community we'll be upgrading the restaurant's image, services, and cuisine. Thanks a bunch for your continued support!

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**THE WIZARD OF OZ - Rated G
November 10 - December 10, 2023**

There truly is no place like home as the greatest family musical of all time, The Wizard of Oz, twists its way to the Titusville Playhouse! The entire family will delight in lavish costumes, spectacular sets and the songs “Over The Rainbow,” “Munchkinland (Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead),” “If I Only Had A Brain/A Heart/The Nerve,” “We’re Off To See The Wizard (Follow The Yellow Brick Road),” and “The Merry Old Land of Oz.” This show will be an event to enjoy with those you love and hold most dear, a memory for all to share and cherish for years to come, right at the time of year where we hold family a little bit tighter.



**A TUNA Christmas - Rated PG-13
December 15–22, 2023**

Back again starring Patrick Ryan Sullivan and Steven J. Heron in the outrageously funny Christmas classic featuring the much-loved characters of Tuna, Texas. Local radio personalities Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie report that

the Christmas festivities are in jeopardy and no nativity scene is safe! Join us for all the laughs as two talented men portray all 24 citizens of Tuna, Texas’ third smallest town, where the Lion’s Club is too liberal, and Patsy Cline never dies.

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. Balcony seats are only accessed by walking up a flight of stairs. THERE IS NO ELEVATOR. For more information, visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/>.



Santa Claus At PSJ Library

All the children in Port St. John are invited and should not be late, as Santa is on a tight schedule. December is his busiest month and he wants to hear what every child wants for Christmas.

The Friends Of The Library are busy planning this year’s arrival of Santa Claus on December 2nd, 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Santa’s helpers will also have a craft project, coloring, letter writing, a snack and a special bicycle giveaway!

You must be present to win drawings and a bicycle. Drawing is at 11 a.m.. Make plans early. Last year over 100 children attended!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 p.m., **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at 6:30 p.m. **Women's AA** meets on **Mondays**, **Thursdays** and **Fridays**, 10 a.m. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

12-1 Advent Begins

12-2 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

First Saturday of each month. 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.

12-5 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

12-6 St. Nicholas Day

12-6 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President

Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

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

12-7 to 16 HANUKKAH

12-8 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center on Hwy. 520 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., 2nd Friday of each month. Call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

12-9 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

12-10 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

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

12-14 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.

12-16 PSJ Christmas Parade!

12-18 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

12-19 North Brevard Republican Club meets 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at the Police Hall of Fame, 6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville. All are welcome.

12-20 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 p.m. 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.

12-20 Amvets Post 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

12-25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

12-26 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 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m., usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

Congratulations to:

David Fine turns **19** on the 1st.

Destiney Anthony turns **27** on the 2nd.

Mark Emr turns **33** on the 3rd.

Brayden Bryson turns **15** on the 4th.

Jennifer Giles is more lovely on the 6th.

The editor is more ancient on the 6th.

Ashley Neal turns **27** on the 6th.

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

Brandon Weimer turns **17** on the 8th

John Hansen turns **69** on the 9th.

Steve Velligan parties wild on the 12th.

Cary Troxel is the King on the 12th.

Betty Couch gets spanked on the 13th.

Jackie Jordan dances till dawn on the 13th.

Kiera Ward turns **18** on the 13th!

Kathy Ridgely rules the world on the 15th.

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

Brianna Hardin turns **23** on the 18th.

Candace Sanchez is the Queen on the 19th!

Teresa Miller parties wild on the 20th.

Tommy Mattox turns **15** on the 20th.

Cody Hardin turns **28** on the 20th.

Jaxson Bryson turns **5** on the 20th.

Winter Erff turns **9** on the 23rd.

Ryan Erff turns **27** on the 23rd.

Deanna Wiedman gets more kisses on the 26th.

Monika Williams turns **17** on the 28th.

Nathan Travis turns **17** on the 28th.

Paul Mann turns wilder on the 28th.

Bob & Lossi Lacoste celebrate their **55th** on the 7th!

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

Randy Rodriguez - HAPPENINGS

Email to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

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Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	321-633-2056
Emergency Operations Ctr -	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
Roadway Maintenance -	321-264-5084
SCAT Bus Information -	321-633-1878
Port St. John Library -	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	321-636-9393
Titusville -	321-268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	321-633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	321-633-3434
Fairglen Elementary School -	321-631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School-	321-638-0750
Sexual Offender Registry -	
www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/	

Port St. John Public Library

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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.

All Brevard County Libraries will be closed Sunday 12/24 through Tuesday 12/26 in honor of the Christmas holiday. Libraries will also be closed Monday 1/1/24 for New Year's Day.

12/2 10 a.m.: Santa is here! Come visit and take pictures with Santa from 10am - noon. In addition to special gifts from Santa for the kids, there will be drawings for giveaways happening at 11am. Please check with the library and follow the Friends of the PSJ Library on Facebook for more information.

12/7 10 a.m.: One-On-One Tech Help. See Reference for information and to sign up.

12/9 10:30 a.m.: Holiday Doorhanger Craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 12/6. See Reference Desk for more information and to sign up.

12/11 1:30-5 p.m.: Community Support Advocate office hours. Can help with Housing Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Social Security/Medicare Benefits and more.

12/14 3:30 p.m.: Winter Snow Slime craft for ages 6-12! See Youth Services for more info.

12/21 2:00 p.m.: Spice Travelers Spice Club! Pick up a kit including this month's featured spice (Cinnamon) at the Reference Desk beginning 12/1. Join us on the third Thursday at 2pm to discuss and share recipes.

Thursdays 1-3 p.m.: SHINE Medicare assistance through the Senior Resource Alliance of Brevard.

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

Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m.: STEAM time. Ages 6-12. Come build & make things with us! Activities centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics.

Fridays 9:30-10:00 a.m.: Baby Storytime. Ages 3 and under.

Fridays 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Storytime. Ages 3-5.

The Bookworms Bookclub does not meet in December, but please stop by the Reference Desk

for the book selection for January's meeting: Fahrenheit 451.

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. More information on services offered, how to get a library card and events for all the Brevard County libraries can be found at brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries.



St. Patrick's Anglican Church
4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John
321-802-1311

Classical Christianity Engaging the World

December is upon us and we are putting the finishing touches on our month long activities at St. Patrick's Anglican Church. The true heart and soul of Christmas is Jesus first, then our family, followed by our country and community.

Our 4th Annual Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 9th in front of the church from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Come and experience the "WALK" and start a new family tradition. A variety of Christmas cookies, traditional favorites, homemade, & gluten free cookies will be available, including our own Fr. Tim and Gina's famous chocolate covered bacon. As usual we will have local vendors selling jewelry, plants, Christmas gifts and more. If you are interested in selling items and having a table, please call the church office. Tables are available for PSJ vendors only and it is first come, first served and pre-reservations and acceptance is required. Tables are limited and we will not duplicate types of vendors.

In December we will have our monthly Crafty Ladies get together on the 2nd Monday of the month (December 11th) from 6 - 8 p.m. Bring a craft or come and learn a craft (snacks and drinks provided). Come join us for great fun and fellowship.

During December we will put our Adult Bible Study on hold till January, but we will have a Wednesday night study starting at 6:30 p.m. following Holy Communion on, "What it means to be an Anglican." A light soup supper will be provided. Check our website for more information.

Our Veteran's and First Responder Breakfast will be Saturday, December 30th at 9:00 a.m. All

veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire and EMT are welcome.

Regular service schedule is: Holy Communion Service – Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Morning and Evening Prayer Services are – Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. (available through Facebook Live only - <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>) and Friday, 6:00 p.m. (In Person and Facebook Live).

Christmas Eve Services will be Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m., which is a Family Service with no Holy Communion and 11:00 p.m. will be our "Lessons with Carols," followed at 11:30 p.m. with our Midnight Holy Communion to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service on Monday, December 25th will be at 10:00 a.m.

Please see our website for service information (www.stpatrickspsj.org) or call our church office at 321-802-1311.

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! The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3rd at Myrt Tharpe Square in Cocoa Village.



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 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.

For additional information, please visit Tails at the Barkery in Cocoa Village, visit www.TailsAtTheBarkery.com or call 321-305-4584. You can learn more about Rescue Rebels at www.rescuerebels.org.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

We are now in the start of the dry season, That means that the chance of brush fires increases. So, it would be a good idea to make sure there is a 30 foot barrier around your house that is brush free.

A reminder again to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and replace the smoke detectors that are 10 years old.

Speed and dangerous driving still persists out here in the Groves. Its a shame that people have to die out here in the Groves due to this problem.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office is constantly out here patrolling, but they can not be everywhere, So, if you see something suspicious or dangerous, please let them know what is going on so they can patrol extra in that area. Due to the holiday season, the porch pirates and driveway thieves will be out in full force.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 (Guardians of the Groves) and Four Community Fire Departments have been responding to numerous calls and have been assisting other stations. Four Community's Fire Department is looking for volunteers. More information may be obtained on Tuesday nights while training is going on. It is a rewarding experience to volunteer for your community.

On January 11th, 2024 at 7 p.m. at Brevard Christian Church on Grissom Parkway, there will



be a meeting of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association. At this meeting, there will be the election of officers for the year 2024. There are some openings that need to be filled. Most of the officers have been doing it for years and would like your support.

At the meeting, we will also be planning for the 2024 year. The 2024 dues of \$15 are now due. There is a form on this page you can use or the dues can be brought to the meeting. These dues pay the expenses of the organization. No one on the board receives any compensation for their services. They are volunteers. PLEASE attend YOUR homeowners meeting.

Wishing happy holidays and a prosperous and safe New Years to all.

Ed Silva
President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assn.

Food For Thought Healthier for the Holidays

We are in the full swing of the holiday season. Joy is in the the air and so is the sweet scent of peanut butter blossoms; you know, the cookies with the Hersey kiss in the center. The holiday season is well known for a time where our health goes out the window as we indulge in all of the festive

treats and delicious meals shared with our loved ones. While it might be tempting to overindulge, we can certainly enjoy all that the holidays have to offer without going overboard.

Let's talk portion control. This means being mindful of how much you are eating and making sure that you are not overdoing it. Practice portion control by measuring out the foods you are putting on your plate, and no, this does not mean that you have to dirty up all of the measuring cups. Instead, use the following tips to help guide you. A three oz. serving of meat is about the size of a deck of cards, and when it comes to side dishes, aim to serve yourself a half cup of each which is comparable to the size of a tennis ball.

How about some food swaps? You can try swapping out unhealthy ingredients in your favorite holiday recipes with healthier alternatives. For example, try using Greek yogurt instead of sour cream in a dip or almond milk instead of heavy cream in a soup. Try to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into the season by serving roasted vegetables as a side dish instead of a casserole or fresh fruit for dessert. These foods are packed with nutrients and will help keep you feeling full and satisfied.

Along with portion control and healthier food alternatives, it's important to stay active during the holiday season. Make it a habit to fit in time for daily physical activity. This can be as simple as stretching for fifteen minutes in the morning or going on a walk after dinner. Find what works best for you and keep yourself accountable by scheduling this time in your calendar. Not only will staying active help with weight management, but it will improve digestion, sleep quality, and stress which we all feel during this busy time of year.

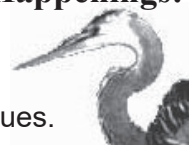
Most importantly, remember to enjoy the holiday season and don't over complicate your food decisions. It's okay to indulge in your favorite holiday treats. So go ahead and savor the flavors of the season, but do so in moderation and with your health in mind.

~ Amanda Mahaleris, MS, RDN, LDN
Lighthearted Nutrition

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10 Tips To Help You Get Out Of Debt

Debt is overwhelming and may seem impossible to pay off, but Launch Credit Union has you covered! Use these 10 tips to help you get out of debt. If you find that you are continuing to collect debt and have no idea how to pay it all off, developing a step-by-step strategy is your first task. At Launch CU, we care about your financial well-being. That is why we created this guide to help you pay off your lingering debt so that you are able to go beyond and reach your financial goals.

1. Create a budget and stick to it. Set a monthly budget that includes all of your monthly expenses. You can use an Excel spreadsheet or an expense tracking spreadsheet to help you track your expenses, or use a budgeting application. The hardest thing to do regarding following a budget is differentiating between needs and wants. This means that you may have to wait to purchase those new pair of shoes.

2. Balance transfers can be extremely helpful. If you are paying a high-interest rate on your credit card, think about switching to a credit card with a lower interest rate. Apply for a credit card with no annual fee and no balance transfer fee.

3. Think about consolidating your debt. Consolidating your debt could help you pay less interest and could help to get you out of debt faster. When you consolidate your loans with Launch, you get low rates, simple interest, no application fee and no prepayment penalties.

4. Pay off your most expensive debt first. Pay off your credit card with the highest interest rate first.

5. Pay more than the minimum balance. In order to really make a dent in your debt, you will need to pay more than the minimum balance on your statement each month. According to US News, paying the minimum balance takes only 2-3% off your outstanding balance and only prolongs your debt payoff.

6. Think about making more frequent payments. Try to budget weekly or bi-weekly payments instead of monthly payments. Doing this will help you pay your debt off faster. If you are not able to pay your bill weekly or bi-weekly, think about paying 1.5 to 2 times your minimum payment on your monthly statement.

7. Stop buying items on credit until you have your finances under control. If you run to the store,

think about stopping at an ATM beforehand to get cash and leave your credit card at home, or bring your ATM/Debit card to the store for purchases.

8. Put your tax refund or holiday bonus toward your debt. It is very easy to spend your tax refund or holiday bonus on personal items, but improving your financial well-being is much more important.

9. Use your bank's tools and resources. If they can't or won't help, consider Launch CU.

Launch CU provides members with tools and resources to help you keep track of your finances. Think about checking out: CreditTrack, Debt In Focus, Financial Milestones, Money Management Planner, and Money Smart. For details on each of our financial tools, visit www.launchcu.com/resources/services/financial-education-resources/financial-coaching/, or call 321-455-9400.

Brevard County Fire Rescue Seeks Mechanics

Brevard County Fire Rescue is seeking experienced mechanics to support our fire rescue operations. Brevard County Fire Rescue Equipment Technicians are responsible for maintaining the fire rescue fleet and are required to have a valid Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Applicants must possess experience with gasoline and diesel equipment, with specific practice involving heavy equipment and fire pump mechanics.

Brevard County Government offers competitive pay and benefits as well as retirement options through the Florida Retirement System (FRS). Qualified applicants may be eligible for uniforms and boot allowance, after hours and on-call pay, tool reimbursement, paid emergency vehicle training and certification, and hazard pay.

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For more information on the department, visit the Brevard County Fire Rescue website, www.brevardfl.gov/FireRescue, or visit the Brevard County jobs website at career8.successfactors.com/career?company=brevardcou to apply.

Managing Holiday Stress

Whether planning for holiday at home or planning to travel, these five easy steps will keep you prepared and ready for any holiday stress that may come your way.

Take the necessary steps to ensure good health. Eat right, get plenty of sleep and make sure you have your immunizations in order to stay healthy. In order to follow through with these goals, aim to plan your week ahead. This should include lunch and dinner menu, chores, etc. to help you have control of your schedule.

Take time for yourself. The holidays can be frantic, so it's important to take time to do the things you love. While you are gifting others, be mindful that 10 minutes alone can be a gift to yourself.

Learn to say no. If you are feeling overwhelmed, it's okay to say no to things you really don't want to do or don't feel you have time to do. Sometimes others forget or do not realize the stress that another person is under. Find the best ways to communicate your needs and wants with those around you.

Don't spend more than you can afford during the holidays. Overspending causes stress during the holidays and afterward when the credit card bills come in. Make sure to plan ahead and watch your budget. Keep in mind, the best gifts aren't from the department store, they're from the heart. Look for creative ways to gift-give whether through DIY projects or bargain shopping at your local antiques or thrift store.

Try not to overdo it. Don't eat or drink too much because the extra pounds are difficult to take off after the holidays. Whenever you feel the urge to rid yourself of stress through eating or drinking, take 10 breaths and think through why you are having this craving and how you can put this energy elsewhere.

The holidays are a time to relax and spend time with family and friends. Don't let holiday stress get in the way.

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