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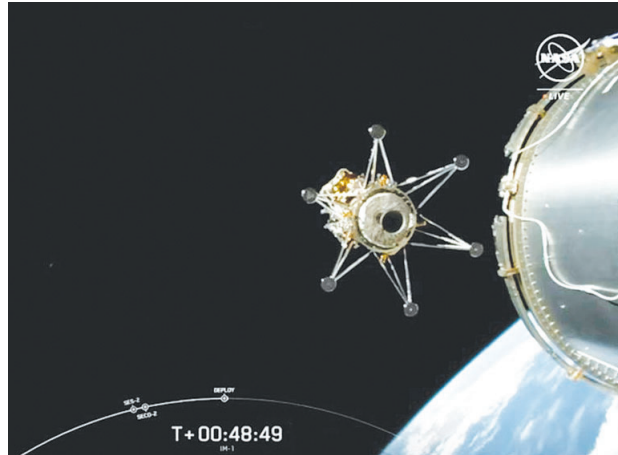
Another Lunar Lander Heads For The Moon

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launched a new private lunar lander to the moon from Kennedy Space Center for the company Intuitive Machines and NASA on February 15. Intuitive Machines' first Nova-C lander mission, called IM-1, carries payloads for NASA and other customers.

IM-1 is a part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services program and is carrying NASA experiments "focusing on plume-surface interactions, space weather/lunar surface interactions, radio astronomy, precision landing technologies, and a communication and navigation node for future autonomous navigation technologies," NASA wrote in a description.

IM-1 is carrying six NASA payloads of instruments designed to gather data about the lunar environment ahead of NASA's planned return of astronauts to the moon later this decade. The Nova-C lunar lander, named Odysseus, carries 12 payloads, half of which are commercial.

Following spacecraft separation, mission operations in Houston received its first radio signals from Odysseus as the lander began an automated



Odysseus moon lander deploys from the 2nd stage of its Falcon 9 rocket. (Image credit: NASA TV)

process of powering on its systems and orienting itself in space. Late Friday night the lander performed a "commissioning burn" of the methalox - liquid methane and liquid oxygen - main engine to prove that the engine actually functions in the vacuum of space.

Once the lander completed the engine commissioning, there were up to three trajectory correction maneuvers that are short firings of just a

second or two. That was followed by the lunar orbit insertion (LOI) burn, which lasted about seven minutes. The lander then flew in a circular, low lunar orbit (LLO) of 100 kilometers above the Moon's surface for about 24 hours, which is followed by the descent orbit insertion (DOI), which came about 75 minutes ahead of landing, setting up a roughly 15-minute burn through landing. During that process, the lander shifted from a horizontal position to a vertical one.

One of NASA's payloads is the Stereo Cameras for Lunar Plume-Surface Studies (SCALPSS), a special set of four eyes (cameras) developed at NASA's Langley Research Center and placed around the base of the lander. SCALPSS 1.0 was active during the lander's descent onto the moon and observed how the lunar surface is impacted and changed by Odysseus's engines. The experiment utilizes stereo photogrammetry, where overlapping images from the cameras are used to create a 3D view of the lunar surface, allowing for detailed analysis of surface changes after the landing.

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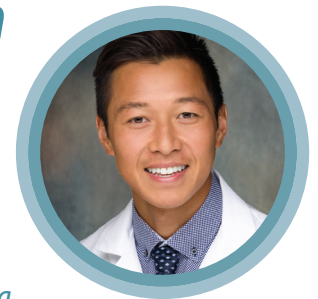
Paul Wong, MD

Dr. Wong is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and Christian Medical Dental Association. His native language is English and he can carry a professional working proficiency in Cantonese.

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Game Room, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars-Ballet/Tap Combo Classes (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, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
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, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
Gentle yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Game Room, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Billiards 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Tiny Tots (ages 1-3) (Parent Participation), 10 - 10:45 a.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Beginner Ballet (ages 2-4), 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 - 6 p.m.

Coming soon on Monday evenings:

Zumba Fitness with Diana

I will take the "work" out of workout by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and world rhythms take over, you'll see why we call Zumba exercise in disguise. Super effective? Check. Super fun? Check and check.

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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 child. 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 with Diane - 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.psyyoga.com for further information.

~Diane Coben~

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(C) Sunday 5:00 Living Sober book
(C) Tuesday 6:30 AA Topic Mtg
(O) Thursday 6:30 Beginners Topic Mtg
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“If we’re placing things - landers, habitats, etc., near each other, we could be sand blasting what’s next to us, so that’s going to drive requirements on protecting those other assets on the surface, which could add mass, and that mass ripples through the architecture,” said Michelle Munk, principal investigator for SCALPSS and acting chief architect for NASA’s Space Technology Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters, said in a NASA statement. “It’s all part of an integrated engineering problem.”

It will take the SCALPSS team at least two months to process the images, verify the data and generate 3D digital elevation maps, according to NASA. The data will help planning future missions and ensuring the safety of lunar landings.

Odysseus is attempting to become the first-ever private spacecraft to successfully land on the lunar surface. Happenings goes to the printer on the 20th. All was going well at that time. IM-1 should have landed on the moon on the 22nd, before this issue is printed and delivered. It follows SpaceIL’s failed Beresheet and iSpace’s Hakuto-R’s crashed lunar landing missions in 2019 and

2023, and Astrobotics’s Peregrine early this year suffered a mission-ending fuel leak.

Like Peregrine, Odysseus is part of NASA’s Commercial Lunar Payload Services program. The initiative is part of NASA’s wider Artemis program. Firefly Aerospace’s Blue Ghost, is scheduled to carry SCALPSS 1.1 later this year. This upgraded version will feature two additional cameras.



MAY WE ALL - Rated PG-13
March 8 - April 7, 2024

From Brian Kelley of Florida Georgia Line, May We All is a musical about the spirit and sense of community that is the core of country music. May We All features hit songs from both modern and classic country stars, paying tribute

to the legends and trailblazers that have made the music what it is today. May We All takes you to Harmony, Tennessee, “the town that sings”, where music used to flow through every part of town like the water supply, but lately hope is drying up.

Two years ago, local sensation Jenna Coates left Harmony to pursue her dreams of stardom in Nashville, her family and friends saw nothing but success for her. But Jenna never finds her hit and returns home, only to discover that Harmony has also fallen on hard times. Now Jenna will need to face the music, make peace with her past to save herself and the small town she loves. This show is filled with an authentic country score of hit songs made famous by Florida Georgia Line, Kenny Chesney, Miranda Lambert, Dolly Parton, Little Big Town, Old Dominion, Brooks & Dunn, Keith Urban, and more. And introducing two original songs co-written by Florida Georgia Line’s Brian Kelley and Tyler Hubbard. Come home to Harmony, we’ve been saving a song for you.

Show times are Friday, Saturday and select Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., Sunday and select Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/> or call 321-268-1125 for tickets.

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Good Day! Our Right to Clean & Healthy Water

The Right to Clean & Healthy Water Constitution Amendment petition had to have 900,000 petitions signed by the end of December to have them counted before February, 2024 to make the November ballot. As this quota was missed, we are now hoping to have the signatures completed for the 2026 election. All the old petitions had to be destroyed. They have to be signed 2024 or forward. Please go to the website to find out information and get a copy of the petition to print and sign at <https://www.floridarighttocleanwater.org/>.

Some Personal Background: Over the thirty years since the Brevard County Charter was put into place, I have been appointed to three Charter Review Commissions, which bring forward amendments to change the Charter. This occurs every 6 years. The process has each County Commissioner selecting three people for a total of 15 members of the Charter Review Commission.

On my last appointment in 2015/2016, I had also been on the Marine Resource Council's Board of Directors since the late 1990's and I could see what was happening to the Indian River Lagoon with pollution. I put in a request for a ballot titled, "The right of Brevard citizens to clean air and water, and lands free of pollution." The requested

action was, "Clearly state within our county's charter the need to maintain a sustainable environment with clean air and water."

Any submittal for ballot also had to get a majority of Charter Review Members on board to get the submittal to ballot. Out of the 15 members, I was the only one that voted for it. 14 members would not, so it was never put before the people to vote, even after citizens and environmental groups attended and supported the amendment. I failed in this most important ballot question that could have prevented some of our on-going pollution.

A group of Titusville residents, "Speak Up Titusville," was formed and put forward a similar petition due to pollution complaints in the parks and Indian River Lagoon, along with the thousands of dead manatees and other marine life. The petition passed by 82% of Titusville voters. The Titusville City Council showed they were not concerned with their citizens and fought to keep it off the ballot, which was overruled by a judge. And since it passed, two separate judges have ruled it has to go into the Charter. Now the Titusville City Council is appealing to the Florida Supreme Court. What is wrong with elected officials that do not understand we cannot survive with polluted water?

The 2026 Right to Clean & Healthy Water

Constitution Amendment is needed to prevent further pollution due to the continual development that is happening around us. I really believe we, the people, can change things. Please support this Florida Constitution Amendment.

There are people collecting petitions at ball games, various other events and libraries. Please support this important change. We must have Smart Growth with Clean Air and Water.

Reference: https://initiativepetitions.elections.myflorida.com/InitiativeForms/Volunteer/DS-DE155A_999_2202_EN.PDF

Space News (SpaceREPORT)

NASA PACE spacecraft launched on February 8th will be collecting Florida environmental data. This data should help with algal bloom and red tide detection and help with the health of seagrass beds in the Indian River Lagoon needed for our manatees. The PACE spacecraft should help with determining coral reef bleaching and even help with hurricane forecasting.

With the launch sites in California (Vandenberg) and Florida (KSC and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station), operators of inland spaceports are seeking ways to help with orbital launches. There are a number of these inland spaceports, such as Huntsville International Air and Space Port in Alabama, Colorado Air and Space Port in Colorado, Spaceport America in New Mexico, Oklahoma Spaceport in Oklahoma and Mojave Air & Space Port in California to name a few.

I don't think they will use many of the inland spaceports until they come up with a new technology for launching spacecraft. Using high velocity, high volume rockets pretty much limits larger space launches to the ocean front spaceports we are using at this time.

Reference: <https://mailchi.mp/9ce3f0867e9d/florida-spacereport-899243?e=fe07b1cd51>

SpaceX Super Heavy Environmental Impact Statement

On February 15th, the US Air Force gave a notice of Public Scoping meetings for an Environmental Impact Statement on the Space X Super Heavy Starship Launch Vehicle for the operations including launch and landing at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. This is a pretty important meeting for us, as this vehicle caused quite a bit of damage on its first launch attempt at their launch site and the surrounding area in Texas. These public meetings are at the following:

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Tuesday, March 5, (4-7 p.m.), Catherine Schweinsberg Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa.

Wednesday, March 6, (4-7 p.m.), Titusville Civic Center, 4220 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville.

Thursday March 7, (4-7 p.m.), Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral.

Monday, March 12, (6 p.m.), virtual meeting, (<https://www.SpaceForce-StarshipEIS.com>).

SpaceX's Starship will be the most powerful in history to carry humans and cargo to Earth orbit, the Moon and even Mars. The lower booster stage is outfitted with 33 Raptor engines. The combined Starship and Super Heavy booster with 33 Raptor engines stand 394 feet tall and will generate more than 16 million pounds of thrust. Saturn 5 was 363 feet and generated half the thrust. Even NASA's new Space Launch System stands at 321 feet high and produces only 8.8 million pounds of thrust.

Reference: Florida Today - Notice of Public Scoping Meeting and <https://spaceflightnow.com/2023/04/17/how-spacexs-starship-stacks-up-to-other-rockets/>

Black Bears

House Bill 87 and Senate Bill 632 allow people to kill as many black bears as required to protect their property and safety. These bills do not prevent residents from leaving out attractants like open trash that might take care of the problem, but only allows people to kill bears who are lured in by trash and other things that attract the bears. This bill will do nothing but add an endless killing of bears.

Bears have already lost 83% of their habitat due to development. We have to do our part by taking easy steps to eliminate food attractants like bird feeders and outdoor pet food, and using bear-resistant garbage cans, and taking other steps like protecting bee hives, farm animals and their feed with electric fencing. There has got to be a better way than just shooting them all and hunters offering their services to homeowners.

Parrish Hospital and Florida's Lack of Transparency

The Florida Legislature voted to move forward a bill to disband the current Parrish Medical Board, put in a board appointed by the Governor and put out whether anyone wants to buy the Parrish Hospital. The Parrish Hospital was set up by a vote by the people in 1958 by the Special District of North Brevard (Fay Blvd. to the north end of Brevard). The people of this special district paid taxes for the hospital from 1958 to 1994 when taxes were stopped. The Parrish Medical Board votes every year to continue not taxing the special district. Now if this bill passes, the money our Special District has accumulated from the sale of the Parrish Hospital will be given to the Brevard County Commission for all the Districts of Brevard to spend as they want. This will be done without a vote from the people who set up the Parrish Hospital. The other four county districts will benefit with your money without doing anything.

This legislative committee of Eleven people voted unanimously to move the bill forward with only a few questions, and no discussion. They have rules that every local committee and every little advisory board can't talk among themselves (Sunshine Laws), but the same rules don't seem to apply to the legislature. They can talk between themselves outside of meetings and decide before they face the public. Is that right? With this bill, they didn't

even discuss the nine board appointments that are currently from residents within the Special District, which the bill changes to a Governor appointed five-member board that doesn't have to be within the special district. Given that they won't initially close the hospital, the new board will list assets to see if there is anyone that wants to purchase and run the hospital. All of this can be done without any vote or discussion by the people that paid into the hospital in the first place. Doesn't sound very democratic to me.

Reference: <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/VideoPlayer.aspx?eventID=9471>

Federal Court Strikes Down EPA and USFWS

A federal court ruled for the environment on February 16th that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) violated federal law when they allowed Florida's taking over the wetlands permitting program under the Clean Water Act.

In short, no state can take over a Federal Program and permit impacts to wetlands. The state must comply with the Endangered Species Act that is also protected by the Clean Water Act wetlands permitting process.

Reference: https://earthjustice.org/press/2024/federal-court-strikes-down-epa-approval-of-florida-wetlands-program?fbclid=IwAR1PdGHbDu0IBwN28M1UV--eOKe8zoC541jTKramlwRk6d3gxv0eQ1H92E_aem_AYz-TDGN2TiitYtQGD97sfHhETSuj0czPvhfvivM4vSBV0k0f6HvMgV49Vt-pE0thdQS3g

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The Brevard Humane Society is holding its 12th Annual East Coast Dog Surfing Festival presented by Ron Jon Surf Shop on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lori Wilson Park located at 1500 N. Atlantic Ave. in Cocoa Beach.

Get ready for an amazing day of fun in the sun on Easter Sunday, starting with a sunrise service compliments of Calvary Chapel. There will be numerous activities, beginning with a Bunny Paddle Out at 9 a.m. (free bunny ears for the 1st 50 attendees), Intro to Dog Surfing lessons, Best Doggy Easter Outfit Contest, Best Doggy Bikini Contest, and a Sand Sculpting Contest. The Honda HR-V Car Drawing is at 3 p.m., and of course the East Coast Dog Surfing Championship Competition at 12 p.m. This family friendly event is FREE to attend.

Through special access for the event, dogs will be permitted on the beach for a \$5 donation. Dogs must have proof of vaccines. Event parking at Lori Wilson Park is \$10.

Founded in 1952, the Brevard Humane Society is the oldest established animal welfare organization in Brevard County. The Brevard Humane Society is dedicated to speaking for those who can't speak for themselves and is a "no kill for space" shelter that works tirelessly to educate the

community on responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals. They advocate spaying or neutering of animals to reduce the homeless pet population and provide a sanctuary for animals with the best quality care until they are placed in "forever homes."

For more information please email events@brevardhumanesociety.org or call 321-636-3343, ext. 218. Also, you can check out our event at www.brevardhumanesociety.org/easter-surfing

Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents Bike Days at the Tiki Saturday, March 2, 1 - 5 p.m.



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3-6 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. at the Post.

3-11 Sons of the Legion, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

3-17 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Director Wayne Fowler, Director, 321-307-1450 or visit our website, alr359.org.

3-20 General Membership Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632. Contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information. The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call 321-268-1632.

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Thunder Over Indian River Golf Classic

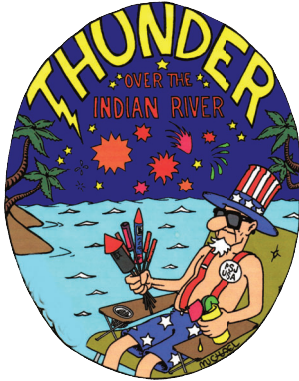
Our Sixth Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, April 20th at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. The cost is \$75 per person or \$280 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the tournament's shotgun start officially starting at 8:00 a.m.

Afterwards, please join us for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Port St. John Independence Day events and fireworks.

In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, there will be two "long drives," and two "closest to the pin" challenges, along with a putting contest. A hole-in-one wins \$25,000 toward the purchase of a new vehicle sponsored by Ron Norris Buick/ GMC, a 15 SEER A/C system sponsored by Freedom Air and Plumbing, or a Hybrid Water Heater provided by Freedom Air and Plumbing.

Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$125 or attend the awards luncheon for \$20.00. For an application or additional info, email PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com or visit <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/>.

The deadline to register is April 5th.



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~ Rose Padrick



Road Trip

As the world around us seems to get more and more out of control, we are apt to look to our higher ups for some sort of assurance that things are going to return to some kind of normalcy. At this moment I believe most are doing their best, but it certainly is not going to hurt to look a little higher than that and ask for help in navigating all this unhappiness and pain. Please know if you or a loved one is in the midst of their world being turned upside down, you are not alone, prayers and thoughts are very much with you.

Like most humans of my 'Vintage' I have acquired most everything I need to make it from day to day. I have relegated a lot of it to the category of 'stuff' and have asked my family to please not spend their hard-earned money on any more of it. I let everyone know that I would be so very happy if a child, grandchild or great grandchild would show up at my door with a loaf of bread, package of cheese, can of tomato soup and several free hours. In my opinion, time spent with a loved one is truly invaluable.

I do have one offspring who managed to outwit me, however. My favorite child combined my love of travel with complete one-on-one time by surprising me with three nights at a bed and breakfast in the small town where our favorite HGTV show is filmed!

This gift entailed a nine-hour road trip one way...alone together...in a four wheeled bubble traveling northward at seventy or thirty miles per hour... each of us having different preferences in music and politics. Just to make things even more interesting, we decided we wanted to travel the back roads to see more of our great state, take our time and stop anywhere we chose.

The first leg was wonderful. We got off 95 and headed northwest traveling through old Florida forests, tiny one stoplight towns and huge fields of vegetables or berries. We laughed as we whizzed past a couple of fruit and vegetable stands, not stopping as planned because the driver was not alerted in time or perhaps the driver wasn't listening to the navigator... (Paul Anka was singing!).

Missing a turn that would have taken us directly to the Florida Caverns was also laughed off (albeit a tad more nervously) as we depended on the GPS lady to take us up one dirt road and down another in the middle of Nowhere, Florida, but we ended up at the caves.

After a very interesting and very dark tour we each showed our love by giving way to the other in choosing a motel close to the road we were traveling for convenience and close to the nearest Dunkin so as to be there when they opened the doors the next morning (just to make sure to get our favorite flavor). One of us was not planning on being coherent enough to drive when they opened the doors in the very early a.m.

In spite of our decision to fly by the seat of our pants, I wished I would have done more research of the route as we were enjoying the miles and miles of marshes and salt flats after exiting our home state. We would have loved to pull off somewhere, explored and dipped our toes in the tide pools. I also would have known someone put a seemingly hundred-mile TUNNEL in the midst of all this! Having been a passenger while traversing a few tunnels did not prepare me for actually guiding a three thousand pound hunk of metal containing a most loved one and jostling for room with three other lanes of more multi-thousand pound hunks of metal. Nor did the sign that was posted seemingly ten feet from the entrance stating, "Move Over For Tunnel"!

Note to my doctor...I don't need my stress test now.

The stay at the beautiful old bed and breakfast was almost as wonderful as the company, especially the night we were left all alone in the big four-bedroom home built in 1906...Yes we did some exploring!

This particular child has always had me in awe of her ability to understand and empathize, not with just me, but everyone in her life. I consider myself a very lucky person to have her in my life.

I'm also very lucky that she is just one of several siblings who are always looking to out-do the others. I wonder if it's time I stop trying to keep peace between them and let them deal with it themselves?

Perhaps I should make sure my passport is updated... ;-)

The Shipping Depot of Port St. John Becomes A Package Hub Network Store

No-cost return service is now being offered at The Shipping Depot. The Shipping Depot has served the Port St. John area since opening in 2006. They now offer this new return service, which can only be accessed through A Package Hub Network store.

On Tuesday, January 23, The Shipping Depot of Port St. John, a Package Hub Business Center, became part of the Pitney Bowes Package-Hub Connect Network. This network allows for QR based no-cost, no-box and no-label returns at nearly 1,000 locations. Pitney Bowes launched this network with PackageHub, giving the customer access to their network of premium drop-off locations across the U.S., making this the most comprehensive returns service, capable of lowering the cost of returns while simultaneously improving the consumer experience.

Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month.



Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.

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

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

Food For Thought Gardening For Picky Eaters

“Just two more bites.” You might be pretty familiar with these words if you’re struggling to get your picky eater to choke down their vegetables at dinner time. You’ve tried bribery by enticing your kiddo with dessert or maybe you continuously offer them green beans because that’s all they’ll eat. I get it, do whatever it takes to get those vegetables in, but I might have a solution to make things a little easier and this spring is the perfect time to start. Gardening can help establish healthier eating habits by increasing vegetable intake in children. Not only that, but it has also been shown to improve academic performance and mental health.

Last year I had the opportunity to help implement hydroponic gardens at two school locations. It was awesome seeing the excitement and ownership these kids had over the gardens. They were even deemed “Guardians of the Garden” due to their attentiveness.

For many, this was the first time they were exposed to gardening. They had no prior knowledge of the hard work it takes to grow food to the point where it’s ready to be eaten. Over eight weeks they got the chance to watch their food grow until ready for harvesting. Then, together we ate big bowls of salad with the lettuce we harvested from our own garden, topped with tomatoes, cucumbers and the balsamic vinaigrette dressing we made as a class. I’ve never seen children this excited to eat salad and they were just as excited to take a bag home for their parents to enjoy.

What was the difference between eating the salads with the lettuce we grew together versus just giving them a salad? When children participate in planting, nurturing and harvesting vegetables from their own garden, they develop a sense of pride and connection to the food they have grown. This makes them more eager to try the vegetables they have grown, leading to acceptance of new and healthy foods. Not to mention, home-grown vegetables are going to be fresher and more flavorful than store-bought produce.

What I experienced with these children can be easily replicated in your backyard. You can be the one who teaches your child where food comes from and the effort required to grow it. Start with a raised garden bed or container large enough that your plant can mature in. If you’re growing from

seeds, you’ll want to start now. Don’t have a green thumb? Buy some plants that have already had a chance to mature and that will save you some disappointment.

Lucky for us, spring is nearly here, so plants and soil will soon be on sale. Then there’s nothing to it but to water and wait. Hopefully, you won’t be begging your kiddo to eat their veggies this time next year!

Amanda Mahaleris, MS, RDN, LDN
Lighthearted Nutrition



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He is Risen He is Risen – Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!! Join us this Easter for Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services.

Holy Wednesday, March 27th 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29th -

Good Friday Meditation 12 - 3:00 p.m.
Service 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday March 31st -

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. - Easter Eucharist or watch on Facebook Live: (<https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>)

Where does the month go? It is already March and we are looking not only at celebrating Easter, (see our Easter schedule above), but at St. Patrick’s we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with an amazing traditional corned beef dinner with all the fixings, including drink and dessert on Saturday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m. for \$20.00 for adults. This year we will be celebrating with the amazing music of Campbell & Cross. Tickets are going fast and are limited – contact the church to purchase at 321-802-1311.

During the month of March we will be continuing our Lenten Wednesday program: 5:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross; 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service; 6:30 PM we will have a Light Soup/Bread supper followed by a teaching by Fr. Mike, Fr. Chet and Fr. Tim on Lenten Traditions in the Anglican Church. We will promptly end by 8:00 p.m.

Crafty Ladies meets on Monday, March 18th

at 6:00 p.m., bring a craft to work on and we will provide the space and great fellowship.

Veterans and First Responder Breakfast will be Saturday, March 30th in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire and emergency services individuals.

Regular service schedule is: Holy Communion Service – Sunday, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. (during Lent we will be doing Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays). Morning and Evening Prayer Services are – Monday through Friday – 9:00 a.m. (available through Facebook Live only at <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>) and Friday 6:00 p.m. (In person and Facebook Live).

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, March 9th and Saturday, March 23. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.



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

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

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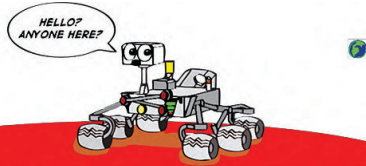
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TELLING ROBOTS WHAT TO DO

Telling Robots What To Do Basics of Coding

March 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28
Registration is now open.

How do you tell a robot what to do when it is on another planet? How do computers even think? Come join us at our Build-A-Brain Workshop for a lesson on basic computer programming.

The students will get to learn how computers work at the BIT level, be able to write code to make behavior changes in a machine, and get to use coding to make characters in a video game move. This will be a great time of fun and learning. **Please note: Students will need to be able to read and use a keyboard for this class.** It will be lots of fun, as well as educational and it's FREE.

The workshop will be offered at 10:00, 12:00, and 2:00 each of the above listed days. Be sure to register soon at <https://spacewalkoffame.org/register> to reserve a spot, as class sizes are limited to 12 students per class time, for children grades 1-6. **Please remember to park out front and enter through the back door. Thank You.**

The museum is open for public tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the American Space Museum at 321-264-0434. The address of the museum is 308 Pine Street, Titusville.

Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Amvets Post 2415 Schedule
3-6 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington,

321-208-7897.

3-9 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

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

3-13 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

3-14 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

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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Monthly Tax Update

Here are some important due dates to remember for taxpayers with businesses. The first is for taxpayers who file Form 1120-S for S-Corporations and Form 1065 for Partnerships. These are due on March 15th. The penalty for late filing is \$235 per month, per shareholder or partner, with a maximum penalty of twelve (12) months. If you want to avoid this and you need more time to gather your receipts and complete all the information necessary for your income and expenses, you'll need to file an extension for your company by March 15th, 2024. The extension will allow you to complete your financial information and file your company tax return by September 16th, since this year, September 15th is on Sunday and the due date will be the next business day, September 16th, 2024.

If you file an extension for your personal tax return on April 15th, 2024, your personal tax return will be due October 15th, 2024. However, it is crucial to clarify the misconception about the extension of the personal tax return. The extension is to file your personal return six months later, but any estimated tax liabilities are due on April 15th, 2024. You'll be charged with penalty and interest for any month, or fraction thereof, on the tax liability not paid on or before April 15th, 2024.

Next, after you file your tax return with your payment, the Internal Revenue Service Center (IRS) will send you a letter with total penalties and interest calculated after your tax return is processed. Nevertheless, you can make monthly payments until October 15th, at any time, to reduce these penalties and interest.

A reminder to taxpayers requesting the IRS to treat your Limited Liability Company (LLC) as an S corporation requires filing the Form 2553: This election must be made no later than two (2) months and fifteen (15) days after the beginning of the corporation's tax year and this date to file is March 15th, 2024. Perhaps, in the first year of operations, the company missed the due date. You can apply for late election relief, with reasonable cause, for failing to file Form 2553 on time.

The next topic, due by April 1st, 2024, is the Retirement Minimum Distributions (RMD). Beginning in 2023, the excise tax for not taking the RMD has been reduced from 50% to 25%. Yes, you will have to withdraw the money and pay an

extra 25% tax. Perhaps you have an opportunity to apply for a waiver on Form 5329. The RMD is the minimum amount you need to withdraw every year from your Traditional Retirement Account (IRA), SIMPLE IRA, SEP IRA, 401(k) or other retirement account when you reach age 72 (73 if you reach age 72 after December 31st, 2022) by April 1st of the following calendar year you reach age 72 (73 if you reach age 72 after December 31, 2022).

Next, Roth IRA's do not require withdrawals by the living owner. Additionally, designated ROTH in 401(k) or 403(k) plans are still subject to RMD rules for 2022 and 2023. Good news for 2024 and later years, the designated ROTH accounts no longer require an RMD.

One last item involves the new Beneficial Ownership Information reporting requirement by the U.S. Treasury. Any entity registered with the Florida Division of Corporations needs to review the filing requirements and the reporting is due by March 31, 2024, or sooner if organized during 2024. Go to boiefiling.fincen.gov for more information or call our office. Failure to file will result in an astronomically severe penalty.

For details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, call us at your earliest convenience or contact your tax ad-

visor. Provided by Pedro L. Baldeon, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Tax Professionals.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - March 13th this month - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport.



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

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

For more information, call 321-514-9456, email watersdwayne@yahoo.com, or visit the website at www.eaa724.org.

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Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - March

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, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 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, March 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, March 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, March 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, March 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, March 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, March 27, 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, March 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, March 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.

Parrish Healthcare's Amputee Support Group of Titusville

A safe and supportive environment for individuals living with limb loss or limb difference as well as their family. Join us for resources, education, fellowship, refreshments, and snacks on the second Tuesday of every month.

- When: Tuesday, March 12; 3-4:30 p.m.
- Where: Manatee Conference Room, Parrish Healthcare Center Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy, Port St. John
- For more information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/amputeesupport.

Kidney Smart Class

Take control of your kidney health by attending a 90-minute, no-cost Kidney Smart class led by expert educators in your community. You'll learn about chronic kidney disease and its causes, diet and nutrition, benefits of employment and managing insurance, and treatment choices that may be available to you.

- When: Thursday, March 28; 1-2:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For more information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/kidneysmart.

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



On the Road With Rose



Fort? Hotel? Last Outpost? ... Old Fort Park Ruins historical site 115 Julia Street, New Smyrna Beach.

Things in our world are certainly not idyllic, but I believe there just might be a tiny light in the darkness. We have felt for so long that as soon as we solve one problem, another pops up and it gets overwhelming. For all who are suffering or have loved ones suffering from the world's problems, health issues or whatever else, please know you're not alone and prayers are being sent.

My intrepid fellow adventurer and I took the hour and fifteen minute ride via I-95 to beautiful New Smyrna Beach, finding the Old Fort Park and the ruins very easily. Driving home via U.S.1 took just a little longer, but that's the only way to get to a great seafood restaurant.

On the eastern side of Old Fort Park near downtown New Smyrna Beach sits one of Florida's own mysteries. Several names have been bestowed on the 40 by 80 rectangle of coquina blocks and mud reminiscent of St. Augustine's Castillo de San Marco.

Dug fairly deeply into the large fort mound, built of the same material and design as Saint Augustine's fort, some historians have dated it around the 1600's. Some trains of thought have it being a fort that was deserted when malaria, unfriendly Native Americans and just plain heat drove settlers to head to Saint Augustine. Others think a large hotel was built on the site and still others think it was a warehouse to accommodate the ships unloading supplies on the nearby inter-coastal waterway.

I find all the above ideas very interesting, except when you are standing on the edge looking down you will notice there are no doors, windows or the little openings made to put a rifle through.

With walls nearly three feet thick, if you are standing on the edge looking south to north there

are three long, fairly narrow 'rooms' dug deepest into the ground. West to east there are three sets of more square 'rooms' dug a little less deep, no doors or windows to connect them. Long, narrow L-shaped 'rooms' grace the four corners and contain stairs leading down.

I have visited several old forts in my time, but nothing resembling this one. I can fully understand smart business people of the day using the pre-built and very strong site to build a store, hotel, warehouse and boarding house as is local lore, but it's origin is what intrigues me.

Circling the ruins looking for hints of it's original use, you will notice several areas where the city has carefully tried to reconstruct the walls as they were. I really appreciate when organizations take care to conserve the past.

My intrepid fellow adventurer and I have different ideas as to the origin of the ruins. I think the only possible use of underground rooms without doors and windows would be a dungeon. She doesn't. I'm also at odds with family members, each having a different opinion. So I am putting a plea out to my readers – if you have the opportunity to take the short drive to try to unravel the puzzle, please let me know your thoughts at rosepadrick@gmail.com.

The park itself is a nice place to spend an afternoon and perhaps a picnic. There's plenty of room for kids to run and play, but please hold little ones' hands when approaching the ruins. There are no fences to keep curious eyes on the level walls.

Pets are allowed and there are clean up stations with the little plastic bags. If you take Fido with you, please clean up after.

It's very easy to spend several hours wandering the wide sidewalks and window shopping the little shops. All kinds of restaurants abound. Many have outside seating where dogs are welcome.

About three miles southwest are the Sugar Mill Ruins, another coquina structure dating back to the early 1800's. Other historical sites in the area include the Eldora House, located about 12 miles southeast of New Smyrna, and Dummit's Tomb on Canova Drive, the above-ground gravesite of one of the town's first settlers. The New Smyrna Museum of History is at 120 Sams Ave., about one block from Old Fort Park.

As usual, please take only pictures and leave only footprints. Sunscreen is advised.

Get Ready To Vote in 2024

To register to vote if you have never registered to vote, go to www.votebrevard.gov and select the Register to Vote button, then choose one of the 2 options below.

1 - Register using the State of Florida's Online Voter Registration System by the Register to vote option. This requires a valid Florida driver license or state ID.

2 - Register to vote by using a fillable Adobe PDF form which you then print, sign and return to any of the 4 administrative offices. This form is available in both English and Spanish.

If you're not sure if you're registered or where to vote, visit www.votebrevard.gov/Voter-Information/Check-Your-Registration-Status and fill out their form. You can also get your precinct and location to vote from there.

If you are already registered and would like to vote early and avoid long lines, visit www.votebrevard.gov/Election-Information/Early-Voting. Voters may vote at any of Brevard's Early Voting sites regardless of their residential address. On Election Day, voters can only vote at their precinct specific polling location.

For the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary, early voting dates are March 9th - March 16th.

Early Voting sites will be open:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Secure Ballot Intake Stations (formerly drop boxes) are available during early voting hours for voters wishing to drop off their voted mail ballots. Voters can return their voted mail ballot to any of Brevard's 10 Early Voting locations.

The nearest site locations are:

Titusville Elections Office

400 South St., Titusville

Titusville Public Library

2121 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville

Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center

415 Stone St., Cocoa

Viera Regional Community Center

2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera

Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium

950 Kiwanis Island Park Rd., Merritt Island

www.votebrevard.gov also has a sample ballot for the Presidential Primary, precinct locations, request a mail-in ballot, information on the candidates, job opportunities and lots more.

PORTSTJOHN-OPOLY

The PORTSTJOHN-OPOLY game is here! Boards are on sale for \$25.00. You can see the layout and purchase your game at: <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/PORTSTJOHNOPOLY/>.



This fundraiser will help support the many events and projects planned for our community. The Port St. John Community Foundation (PSJCF) is a 501(c)3 charity. Donations are tax deductible.

Events by the Port St. John Community Foundation could not be carried out without the donations of time, money, supplies and resources of this community and

the surrounding areas. We appreciate and thank all the volunteers, businesses, partners and sponsors for participating in these community events. To read more about the Foundation and future planned community events, visit our website; portstjohncommunityfoundation.com.

All members/volunteers donate their time and services to help raise money through fundraisers to hold community events and keep our community STRONG! It does not cost anything to join as a volunteer/member. The Port St. John Community Foundation encourages residents and storefront/home business owners to attend PSJCF meetings.



Meetings are posted on our Facebook page and are usually held at the PSJ Beef O' Brady's and are posted on our Facebook site.



6360 Arborwood Ave, Cocoa FL
For more information contact:
Kyra Mecum at 321-614-2586

2024 Spring Horsemanship Camp



9:00am – 2:00pm daily

Cost is \$350/Student

Camp limited to 10 students

So reserve your child's spot today with a \$100/Deposit

Bring lunch/drinks/snacks



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Join us for our 2024 Spring Horsemanship Camp where kids will be learning and honing their horsemanship skills. Ages 7-18

Activities include grooming, groundwork, leading and lunging, games, horse care, herd dynamics riding and horse related activities. Parents invited on last day of camp for skills demonstration.



Attire – boots, long pants
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 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.**

3-2 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.

3-5 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.

3-6 Port St. John Zoning Board meets at PSJ Public Library, 6 pm.

3-6 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.

3-6 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

3-8 International Womens Day

3-8 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.

3-9 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

3-10 Daylight Savings Time Starts

3-10 Ramadan Begins

3-10 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 angelgardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

3-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

3-14 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.

3-17 St Patrick's Day!

3-18 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.

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

3-20 Spring Begins

3-20 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. Contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information. .

3-20 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.

3-23 Purim

3-23 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - Last Saturday of each month, 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.

3-24 Palm Sunday

3-26 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the

First United Methodist Church, 206 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting in April or December). Meet and greet 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.

3-29 Good Friday

3-31 Happy EASTER!

Congratulations to:

Hunter Osburn turned **18** on February 7th

Andrea Bryson turns cuter on the 1st.

Alexander Delida turns **18** on the 2nd.

Landon Townley turns **18** on the 2nd.

Sharon Bowen turns hotter on the 3rd.

Shawn Townsend turns **26** on the 4th.

Kari Grinstead is more lovely on the 5th

Doug Vick turns crazier on the 6th.

Isaac Kois turns **34** on the 6th.

Mandy Pannullo turns prettier on the 8th.

Aiden Firth turns **14** on the 8th.

Paris Ragan turns cooler on the 9th.

Jason Rockhill turns wiser on the 9th.

Brett Messer turns **28** on the 10th.

Rhonda Rockhill turns hotter on the 15th.

Daniel Henry parties wild on the 15th

Ashley Moore is the party girl on the 16th.

Paige Burris is the Queen on the 17th.

Tonya Dees rocks the night on the 18th.

Lucas Erickson turns **26** on the 18th.

Amaya Rockhill turns **17** on the 18th.

Brent Bray turns **35** on the 21st.

Alexys Sladyk turns **23** on the 24th.

Carter Niehoff turns **13TEEN** on the 27th.

Jim Carnell turns wiser on the 29th.

Norm & Sue Blum celebrate their 41st Anniversary on the 4th.

Lauren & Daniel Henry share **Happy 21st Anniversary** on the 15th.

Lisa & Cary Troxel celebrate the day Cary robbed the cradle on the 28th. Rock on!

Dave and Valerie Hannen celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on the 30th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -	321-607-6901
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	321-633-2056
Emergency Operations Center	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
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

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.

3/2 10:30 a.m.: Painting & Craft class. St. Patrick's Day sign and gnome. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 2/28. See Reference Desk for more information and to sign up.

3/4 & 3/17 1:30-5 p.m.: Community Support Advocate office hours. Can help with Housing Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Social Security/Medicare Benefits and more.

3/6 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

3/7 10 a.m.: One-On-One Tech Help. See Reference for information and to sign up.

3/14 9:30 a.m.: Children's Craft class. Ages 6+ Homeschool groups welcome! Sign ups encouraged, see Youth services.

3/21 2:00 p.m.: Spice Travelers Spice Club! Pick up a kit including this month's featured spice at the Reference Desk beginning 3/1. Join us on the third Thursday at 2 p.m. to discuss and share recipes.

4/6 10:30 a.m.: Painting & Craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 4/3. See Reference Desk for more information and to sign up.

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.

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

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

Fridays 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Storytime. Ages 3-5. Stop by for a special kids' take-home craft during the week of March 18!

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.

Space Coast Jr/Sr High School Vipers Girls' Softball Schedule

Varsity Head Coach: Donna Nero

Junior Varsity Head Coach: Candace Harlan

Date	Day	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
2/26	Mon	JV / V	Heritage	Heritage (B)	5:15 / 7:15
2/28	Wed	JV	MI JV	Space Coast	5:15
		Varsity	MCC V	Space Coast	7:15
2/29	Thurs	JV / V CCC	Titusville	Titusville	5:15 / 7:15
3/4	Mon	V CCC	Cocoa	Space Coast - LLN	6:00
3/6	Wed	JV / V	Holy Trinity/St Cloud	Space Coast	5:15 / 7:15
3/8	Fri	JV Tourney	Viera vs SC	Space Coast	4:30
			Rockledge vs Melb	Space Coast	6:00
			SAT vs Eau Gallie	Space Coast	7:30
3/9	SAT	JV Tourney	Viera vs Rockledge	Space Coast	8:00 a.m.
			Eau Gallie vs SC	Space Coast	9:30 a.m.
			SAT vs Melbourne	Space Coast	11:00 a.m.
3/9	SAT	JV Tourney	Eau Gallie vs Rklg	Space Coast	1:00
			Melbourne vs Viera	Space Coast	2:30
			SC vs SAT	Space Coast	4:00
3/12	Tues	JV / V CCC	Merritt Island	Merritt Island	5:15 / 7:15
3/13	Wed	Varsity	Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity	5:00
3/14	Thurs	JV / V CCC	Astronaut	Space Coast - BBN	5:15 / 7:15
3/18	Mon	JV / V CCC	Rockledge	Space Coast	5:15 / 7:15
3/20	Wed	JV / V CCC	Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach	5:15 / 7:15
3/21	Thurs	JV / V	Titusville	Space Coast	5:15 / 7:15
3/23 - 3/31			Spring Break		
4/2	Tues	JV / V	Astronaut	Astronaut	5:15 / 7:15
4/4	Thurs	JV / V	Christian Academy	Space Coast	5:15 / 7:15
4/5	Fri	JV / V	Heritage	Space Coast - SN	5:15 / 7:15
4/9	Tues	Var Only	Rockledge	Rockledge	6:00 p.m.
4/11	Thurs	Var Only	North vs South	Space Coast	6:00 p.m.
4/15	Mon	Var Only	Cocoa Beach	Space Coast	6:00 p.m.
4/18	Thurs	Var Only	Satellite	Satellite (B) (VR)	6:00 p.m.
4/19	Fri	Var Only	Mainland	Space Coast	6:00 p.m.
4/23	Tues	Var Only	MCC	MCC (B)(VR)	4:30 p.m.
4/30	Tues	District	Semi - Final 1 - 4	Space Coast	5:15 p.m.
		Tournament	Semi - Final 2 - 3	Space Coast	7:15 p.m.
5/2	Thurs	District Championship Game	Final	Space Coast	6:00 p.m.

* **BOLD** are home games

(B) indicates bus transportation required

VR = Van Reserved Just in case

LLN - Little League Night

BBN - Best Buddies Night

SN - Senior Night



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Fruit From The Groves

There is a new development being planned in the City of Cocoa. It will be on the south side of Canaveral Groves. We all need to stay informed by keeping on reading the Happenings. Also, pay attention to the Groves Facebook pages. The County Commission meetings, as well as the planning boards, are important to all of us. All of these developments will impact our way of life out here in the Groves somehow.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office is diligently patrolling the Groves. Please help them. If you see something questionable, let them know. It's the only way that they can keep the Groves safe.

There are still numerous animals running loose



in the Groves. These animals need to be contained. If any stray animals are found, please contact Brevard County Sheriff's Animal Services so they can get the pet returned to the owner. If you can safely contain the animal, please do until they arrive.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 (Guardians of the Groves) are always busy. There are still complaints of people not yielding to the emergency equipment while they're responding to emergencies.

Remember Florida State Statutes now includes slowing or changing lanes when there is a vehicle on the side of the road. This was done due to the number of individuals getting hit while pulled over to the side of the road. This law expanded

the rules pertaining to Police, Fire and Emergency vehicles, as well as service vehicles.

Please remember the next meeting of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners is on June 13th.

Ed Silva

President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assn.

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 March 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.



Visit Yuzumi.us for more menu options.

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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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TOP 5



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TOP 6



Lo Mein
'Fried noodles'

\$11.99

TOP 7



Singapore Mai Fun
'Rice noodles'

\$13.99

* All combo priced at \$11.95 (tax included) and come with fried rice + egg roll. Explore our diverse options: beef/chicken/shrimp/house specials, broccoli/onion/green pepper/mushrooms/mixed vegetables. Enjoy tasty snacks like wonton soup, dumplings, egg rolls, hot&sour soup, fried crab rangoon, shrimp rolls, and more Asian delights! Delivery fee is only \$3.5, and this month, orders over \$40 receive a free can of cola!

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Parrish Medical Center Becomes An American College of Surgeons Surgical Quality Partner



Parrish Medical Center's (PMC) Oncology Program has earned the American College of Surgeon's Commission on Cancer's (CoC) accreditation since 1990. As a CoC-accredited institution, Parrish Medical Center recently also became an American College of Surgeons (ACS) Surgical Quality Partner.

According to the ACS, being a Surgical Quality Partner signifies an institution's dedication to consistently improving procedures and approaches, while maintaining a critical eye on process at every step. The Surgical Quality Partner designation lets patients know Parrish Medical Center is dedicated to quality and relentless self-improvement and has been verified or accredited by the ACS. Patients can trust that the care they receive at Surgical Quality Partner hospitals adheres to the most rigorous standards in surgical quality.

"ACS Quality programs are grounded in more than a century of experience and participation is an important measure of a hospital's surgical quality. As an ACS Surgical Quality Partner, Parrish Medical Center has shown a commitment providing the best possible patient care, evaluating that care in a rigorous fashion, and dedicating themselves to continuous self-improvement," said ACS Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS.

"We value transparency and routinely invite rigorous evaluations of the care provided by our dedicated, expert teams of Care Partners from independent organizations like the ACS to constantly challenge ourselves in the pursuit of excellence," said Parrish Healthcare President/CEO George Mikitarian. "As a Surgical Quality Partner and a nationally certified integrated care organization, we stay focused on the future

of health care, reducing duplication, improving quality, and reducing health care costs."

Parrish Medical Center's surgical services team are experienced in urgent, emergent, inpatient and outpatient surgeries from general surgery procedures to the very latest in robotic-assisted surgical procedures. For more information, visit parrishhealthcare.com/services.

Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny

Bring your pet and children, too, and join Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., for Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny, at the Dirty Oar Beer Company in Cocoa Village, on Sunday, March 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 the Easter Bunny. Photo sign-in ends at 2:15 p.m. Donate \$5.00 and collect Magic Easter Eggs filled with raffle tickets for chances to win fabulous prizes. Raffle Prize Drawings will take place at 3:15 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 more information, call (321) 305-4584.



Join us for the EIGHT YEAR Anniversary Celebration of Tails at the Barkery, 14 Oleander Street, Cocoa Village, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3.

There will be refreshments and raffles!

Donate \$10 and have your special furry companion "create" their very own one-of-a-kind, Easter-themed designer piece of art.

All proceeds to benefit Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue, www.midflsheltierescue.com, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help with the rehabilitation, fostering and placement of homeless Shetland Sheepdogs. Many of the Shelties are recovering from being neglected, abused or abandoned by people they loved. MFSR's primary concern is placing each Sheltie into a loving, FUREVER home.

All pets are welcome and must be on a leash or in appropriate carriers and have current vaccinations and county tags.

For additional information, please visit Tails at the Barkery, or call (321) 305-4584.

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