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## Hurricane Milton Blasts Central Florida & Brevard County

Aided by a system that blew in from the Pacific and across Mexico, Hurricane Milton reached wind speed above 185 mph as it crossed the Gulf of Mexico before touching land near Siesta Key on Florida's central west coast, the National Hurricane Center said.

Thankfully, Milton had sustained winds of "only" 120 mph at landfall. As the storm crossed, it launched a stream of tornadoes across the state and its strength diminished to Category 1 as it continued eastward until finally blowing through North Brevard and exiting near Cape Canaveral. We did get to spend some eerily quiet time in the eye of the hurricane in the early a.m. hours.

In Port St. John, traffic lights were out at the Fay Blvd./Carole Ave. intersection and the Grisom Pkwy./Kings Hwy. intersections, and oddly the light at Homestead Ave./Fay Blvd. had one light dangling while the others were all showing red lights... both directions.

More than 3.3 million customers were without power in Florida and power was out to more than 115,000 FPL customers in Brevard County early Thursday, according to utility tracker Pow-

erOutage.us. FPL had a small army of their own men and women out working on repairs, and they also brought in linemen and linewomen from other areas to help restore power quickly.

Most of the damage reported stemmed from the tornadoes, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency head Deanne Criswell. Sarasota County, where Milton made landfall, suffered the most storm surge, according to Criswell. "The evacuation orders saved lives," she said, noting that more than 90,000 residents went to shelters.

Some 45 tornadoes were reported throughout the day, mostly in the central and eastern parts of the state, the National Weather Service said. They confirmed two tornadoes had hit ground in Brevard County. At least eleven deaths have been reported in the state so far, and there's still a risk of more damage from flooding as the St. John's River continues to rise.



PSJ Boat Ramp - docks are underwater



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## Good Day!

I hope everyone came through Hurricane Milton safe and without major damage to property.

The following is from the League of Women Voters Florida Chapter:

### 2024 Non-Partisan Voter Guide

“Dangers of Mis- and Disinformation in 2024

As we head into the 2024 election, mis- and disinformation are more prevalent than ever, threatening to undermine our democracy and the value of every person's voice. With the rise of social media and instant communication, false information can spread rapidly, often coming from our own friends and family. Learning to recognize and combat these threats is crucial to ensuring a fair and informed electoral process.

WHAT IS MIS- AND DISINFORMATION?

Misinformation: Sharing false information without the intent to harm. Example: Your sister says a trusted friend told her that a local ballot measure will raise taxes.

Disinformation: Spreading false information with the intent to deceive. Example: Your sister lies to you about a local ballot measure, telling you that it will raise taxes, because she knows that's the only way you won't support it.

While disinformation may seem worse, misinformation can be just as damaging. Remember the game "telephone"? Every day, we inadvertently play this game in conversations and online, often distorting important political information.

In 2024, we face a particularly challenging election landscape. With numerous high stakes races across the country, political tensions are at an all-time high. This environment makes it easy for misinformation and disinformation to thrive, often spreading through personal networks. Information shared by friends and family is often trusted more than content from anonymous online sources, making it more likely for misinformation to be accepted and further spread. Social media algorithms often create echo chambers, where we are exposed to information that aligns with our existing beliefs. This can make it harder to recognize false information, especially when it comes from people we know and trust. Mis- and disinformation can be emotionally charged, designed to provoke strong reactions. When this information comes from close contacts, it can feel more personal and impactful.

HOW CAN YOU SPOT MIS- AND DISINFORMATION?

We're all susceptible, but these steps can help you spot false information before it spreads:

- Research the Source: Who is sharing this information? If it's online, does the website seem reputable, or does it have known political affiliations? If it's in person, is this individual known for exaggeration, or do they have relevant expertise?

- Check the Date: Don't get incensed over old articles that no longer apply. Always check the publication date.

- Cross-Check: Are reliable news sources reporting the same information? If not, it's unlikely your smaller source has a scoop others don't.

- Read Past the Headline: Headlines can be misleading. Make sure to read the entire article for context.

Question Emotionally Charged Content: Is the person or outlet using emotionally manipulative language to provoke a reaction? That's a red flag. Reliable sources let facts drive the narrative, not emotions. Be aware of loaded language.

HOW TO STOP MIS- AND DISINFORMATION

Once you've identified false information, follow these steps to prevent its spread:

- Don't Engage: It might be tempting to comment on an inaccurate post, but engagement only increases its visibility. Avoid liking, clicking, sharing or commenting on such content.

- Share Correct Information: For every piece of misinformation you encounter, try to share accurate information. Redirect the conversation towards facts.

- Report When Needed: If you see disinformation online, report it to ReportDisinfo.org. You can also report misleading social media posts directly to the platforms.

By recognizing and combating mis- and disinformation, we can ensure that our democracy remains strong and that every person's voice is heard accurately and fairly.”

Reference:

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/fighting-mis-disinformation-democracy-truth-project>

The following is directly from Edward Ellegood's October 7, 2024 SPACeREPORT:

**Late November Still FAA's Target for SpaceX's 5th Texas Flight**

(Source: San Antonio Express-News)

SpaceX's beefs with regulators over policies, timelines and recent environmental and safety violations have spawned broad speculation about when Starship could next fly from South Texas. The Federal Aviation Administration has said Starship won't be approved for its fifth flight until late November and has held firm despite jabs from Elon Musk and SpaceX execs, calls for congressional intervention and a nod from former President Donald Trump, who late last month said, “Elon, get those rocket ships going because we want to reach Mars before the end of my term.”

Is the growing pressure campaign having an impact? “We are not issuing launch authorization for a launch to occur in the next two weeks — it's not happening,” an FAA spokesman said Wednesday afternoon (10/4). “Late November is still our target date.”

**Breaking Down Elon Musk's Big Beef With The FAA (Source: Forbes)**

The latest salvo in an escalating battle between Elon Musk and the FAA is about launch dates and fines related to alleged SpaceX launch violations over unauthorized plans: SpaceX sent a letter to the heads of both Senate and House committees overseeing commercial space regulation, aiming to rebut each penalty. When SpaceX posted the letter on X, the company noted that it has been voicing concerns against the FAA for nearly two years for its “inability to keep pace with the commercial spaceflight industry.”

Adding another layer to the spat: Musk could hypothetically become a regulator himself. Donald Trump has floated the idea of tapping Musk to run a new committee on government efficiency. The body would perform internal performance and financial audits on the federal government.

SpaceX's feud with the FAA may be core to Musk's interest in government efficiency. “Unfortunately, we continue to be stuck in a reality where it takes longer to do the government paperwork to license a rocket launch than it does to design and build the actual hardware,” the company wrote in a blog post that slammed the FAA for the launch delay. “This should never happen and directly threatens America's position as the leader in space.”

Musk's accusations contrast from past criticism of the agency, which has been called out for



lax regulation of the aircraft industry. The FAA seems to be taking a different tack with SpaceX, which is a welcome change, said Jim Hall, a former NTSB chairman. “We don’t need another bully like Boeing,” he said. “It’s time for the FAA to do its job. It hasn’t in the past, particularly as it has pertained to Boeing.”

### **Big Government’s License to Kill Space Travel (Source: National Review)**

If the world’s richest man falls victim to government abuse of a regulatory tool, what chance do the rest of us have against it? Something strange is intercepting our trajectory into space. The obstacle isn’t space debris, old satellites or meteors. Rather, it’s licensing. The FAA has not yet granted a license for the launch of Elon Musk’s SpaceX Starship, and even the Fish and Wildlife Service is still evaluating whether to permit it. Licensing is thus delaying not only his rocket, but also our interstellar progress.

Are the previous articles showing aggravation between our space contractors and various areas of our government?

Reference: <https://spacereport.blogspot.com/2024/10/october-7-2024.html>

### **Vote No on Florida Amendment 2**

Florida’s Amendment 2 states it’s a right to fish and hunt. Florida already has a right to hunt and fish in Florida State Law, so the amendment is unnecessary. The amendment does things that shouldn’t happen and is dangerous. It says the right will be by traditional means, but since traditional isn’t defined, “Traditional Methods” could include the use of steel-jawed leghold traps and strangling wire snares to trap animals, methods which are excruciating and can cause immense suffering for the animals. Florida Amendment 2 could also be used to override protections or limits for fish stocks and basically nullify the prohibition on using gill nets that have harmed sea turtles and dolphins. Florida Amendment 2 also threatens to enable hunters to trespass onto private property in pursuit of the animals they are hunting.

Amendment 2 would prohibit any bans on hunting and fishing, even when appropriate to preserve a threatened species. Hunting and fishing is popular in Florida, with over 200,000 people with hunting licenses, and over 1.7 million with fishing licenses, but both are privileges that should not be abused by having a vague and potentially

dangerous and harmful change to our Florida Constitution.

Reference: <https://noto2.org/>  
**You Vote on November 5th, 2024**

Last but not least, this is an important election and everyone should educate themselves on the candidates and issues and vote .

Cheerio,  
~ Maureen Rupe  
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**YOUR VOTE  
IS  
YOUR VOICE**  
**November 5, 2024 Vote!**

### **Free Entrance Day in National Parks**

Come experience the national parks! On November 11, 2024 - Veterans Day - all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone, including Canaveral National Seashore Park and more than 400 parks.

## **Fay Lake FestiFALL & Chili Cook-Off**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

The PSJ Community Foundation is getting ready for some COOLER WEATHER and HOT CHILI! We are sure your family will have a memorable time! There will be food vendors, craft and business vendors, bounce houses, hay ride, petting zoo, Chili Cook-Off, Kid Zone, Bubble Foam Fun and more! If you enjoyed our food vendors at Thunder Over the Indian River, many are back for FestiFALL, along with a few new ones offering a great variety of gourmet tastes for any foodie.

The Chili Cook-Off has 10 amazing cooks bringing their best chilis:

Amvets Post 2415 PSJ Family-Dena Lonneville  
Bardwell’s Bangin’ Chili-Wendy Michelle  
Bardwell

Black Beard’s-Jason Roberts-Smoked Brisket  
Chili

Drumsmoke-Mike Barker-Smoked Chili

IDK Chili-Victor Waltos

Katie Greet, Realtor-Katie Greet

Reel Cajun Cookin’-Sheena Rocque

The Foodies-John Gaugler-Pumpkin Chili



Uncle John’s Family Chili-Michael Allen-Original & Spicy Beef Chili

Walt’s Chili-Michelle Waltos-White Chicken  
Chili

Perry’s Pot of Gold - Christian Perry

Smokin’ Armadillo Competition BBQ Team-  
Clay Messick

Twelve of our Food Truck favorites are registered, including Amazing Italian Ice, Country Kettlers Korn, Fruity Licks, Just Cupcakin’ Around, Kona Ice, Notorious Pig, Pop’s Chicago Style Eats, Reel Cajun, Rineboi Churrasco Grill, SLO-BONACOB, Taste Budz and The Shermanator.

To kick off the PSJCF Fay Lake FestiFALL, we will be partnering with the Space Coast Thanksgiving Basket Brigade with a Food Drive. We are asking local businesses to place a basket (supplied by the Space Coast Basket Brigade) in their business to collect the items needed for this year’s Space Coast Basket Brigade to make it as successful as in years past. Many families in need depend on these non-perishable food items so they will be able to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Hundreds of families in Port St. John receive these baskets. Please contact us if you would like to help those in our community and throughout Brevard have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING. Email us at: [Admin@PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com](mailto:Admin@PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com). If you would like to join us as a volunteer and work with us on this event, visit [www.facebook.com/groups/psjcfvolunteers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/psjcfvolunteers).

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

**COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!**

## On the Road With Rose



### Shopping locally

As we go into the time of the year we should remember to be the most thankful of all months, we are once again facing hatefulness, danger and illnesses in our country and around the world. One of my most fervent conversations with the Big Guy will be to bring everyone's loved ones home safe and sound, whether military or just living abroad. Myself, my family and friends will be adding more verses to our daily prayers and invite all reading this to do so also.

I know most of us are looking forward to enjoying each other's company and obscene amounts of food this month, and preparing for the shopping frenzies. I also know many of us will be making lifelong friends of the delivery people.

Even during these very busy days we would be doing ourselves and our community a big favor if we could manage to carve out an afternoon or two to shop locally.

Unless you have been residing under a large piece of coquina, you know about the Port Saint John FestiFALL to be held at our own Fay Lake Wilderness Park on November 3rd. Besides some of the best food anywhere, there will be many of our own very talented local vendors with something for everyone infants to great-Grammys. I have always treasured hand-made or home-made gifts. My family knows my style, (and unfortunately, my size), but since I have been forced to downsize with a vengeance, gift cards and certificates have brought many a smile to this old mug. I'm scheduling my dinner river cruise I received last year the moment I finish pecking at this little black box.

Hard-to-buy-for Aunt Alice or Grampa Greg becomes much less problematic. Everyone has to eat and who doesn't love a good play?...in this instance, you're on your own at the dinners.

There will also be a Craft Fair with a wide variety of vendors held at Fox Lake Park in Titusville on November 17th. The park is right off

Fox Lake Road, has loads of trees, pavilions with picnic tables and a large playground. It is perhaps perfect for one parent to shop for a couple of hours while the other joins in the fun at the playground. Sand Point Park is also hosting a Craft Fair on November 23, also with a variety of vendors, trees, pavilions and playground. I have been informed that many of the vendors also have their wares in some of the beautiful little shops in Cocoa Village and Dusty Rose in Titusville.

There seems to be new shops, bakeries, restaurants and co-ops for humans and pets popping up in our wonderful little Cocoa Village and Downtown Titusville, not to mention the theaters. Most of the places I have contacted are happy to offer gift certificates and accept all kinds of credit cards. In past years I have purchased a bundle of theater tickets, pizza and ice cream gift certificates with babysitting thrown in. The recipients advised the nice evening out was much welcomed, especially during the down time after the holidays.

A quick check of Great God Google will reveal the myriad of talented Port Saint Johners living and doing business among us. We have crafters, artists, coffee shops, ice cream shops, many varieties of restaurants, even a hardware store for the handy people. Again, most are willing to offer gift certificates.

While scrolling and clicking is so much easier and saves so much time, the reward of admiring a fellow human being's handiwork or well-run business and sharing a smile is so much worth the extra effort.

~ Rose Padrick

## Helping Local Families

It is that time of year again when Space Coast Jr/Sr High School reaches out to faculty, staff, clubs, teams and business partners to make a difference in our community. We know that it can be especially difficult during the holiday seasons for our families. I know how busy we all are and wanted to give you plenty of time if you wanted to participate in our Thanksgiving program. We won't need the baskets until the Thursday before Thanksgiving, November 16th.

Please contact Keri Weeks, Guidance Clerk / P.I.E. Coordinator at 321-638-0750, ext. 27009 if you are interested in making a Thanksgiving basket for a family or families in need. We had several business partners and clubs find it easier to donate gift cards to Walmart, Publix or Winn

Dixie for the families. Whatever works best for you, works for us.

Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life. Thank you in advance,  
~ Keri Weeks

## Hopeful Hearts Donation Drive

November 1 - November 30th

Donate today to the Winter Hopeful Hearts Drive, a community initiative dedicated to supporting those in need. Parrish Medical Center is partnering with LifePointe and Under the Bridge Ministries to make a significant impact on the lives of our homeless neighbors. We are seeking donations of essential items to assist these valuable organizations in their mission. Your contributions will make a real difference, providing vital support and hope to individuals facing difficult times. We are requesting:

- Reusable Water bottles
- Jackets/Coats Men and Women (Used In good condition)
- Blankets Or Insulated Blankets
- Lip Balm
- Wipes (unscented)
- Knitted Caps
- Gloves/Mittens Size: M/L
- Long Socks
- Hand Warmers
- First Aid supplies-ban-aids, antibiotic ointment
- Garbage Bags (Large)
- Back Packs
- Deodorant
- Non-perishable food items with Pop Tops Lids

Drop-off Locations:

- Titusville - Parrish Medical Center Main Entrance Recognition Room  
951 Washington Avenue, Titusville
  - Titus Landing Parrish Healthcare Lobby  
250 Harrison Street, Titusville
  - Port St. John Parrish Healthcare Lobby  
5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John
- Donation Period: November 1st through November 30th.

We encourage you to bring items to any of the collection bins located at the above-mentioned areas. Your generosity will directly benefit those in need and contribute to improving our community. Thank you for your support and for joining us in this important cause. Together, we can make a meaningful difference.



# Parrish Healthcare and Marine Resources Council Share Commitment to Restoring Indian River Lagoon and Protecting Public Health

Parrish Healthcare and Marine Resources Council (MRC) maintain a decade long community partnership that is a testament to their collective commitment to restoring and protecting the Indian River Lagoon.

The Marine Resources Council coordinates lagoon-wide efforts to save the Indian River Lagoon by holding government workshops, coordinating diverse stakeholder groups and working with businesses and individuals to encourage actions that will help in lagoon-saving efforts.

LagoonWATCH, MRC's signature citizen water quality monitoring program, currently monitors 42 sites covering the entire stretch of the Indian River Lagoon by collecting weekly data on a dozen water quality parameters including pH, salinity and dissolved oxygen levels to support restoration and preservation endeavors.

The Indian River Lagoon currently occupies 40% of Florida's East Coast and contains more than 4,400 species of plants and animals. Maintaining water quality is not only important to the

lagoon's ecosystem, but also to protect public health. Water quality is essential to human life and the health of the environment.

Marine Resources Council Executive Director, Dr. Laura Wilson stated, "Parrish Healthcare has been a tremendous community partner to MRC. Our organizations overlap in their missions and the work we are able to do collectively in the community, environmental health impacts human health. Together, we can bring the Indian River Lagoon back to health."

"Parrish Healthcare is proud to support the Marine Resources Council and their continuous efforts to preserve the Indian River Lagoon; one of our most valuable community resources," said Maureen Rupe, member of the Parrish Medical Center Board of Directors. "The vital collaboration of our organizations is not only contributing to our mission—Healing Experiences for Everyone All the Time®, but also furthering our vision of Healing Families—Healing Communities® for generations to come."



Since 2013, Parrish Medical Center has supported the work of the Marine Resources Council to protect, restore and promote the Indian River Lagoon, one of east central Florida's most valuable natural resources.

To learn more about the work the Marine Resources Council is doing to protect and restore the Indian River Lagoon, please visit [www.lovetheirl.com](http://www.lovetheirl.com) or email [council@mrcirl.org](mailto:council@mrcirl.org).



Planning has begun for the 35th Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on December 21, 11 a.m., 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. Due to the storm stopping many groups last year, the parade theme will again 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 Jeremy Higginbotham, 321-576-2818 or [Jhigginbotham@orionconnectivity.com](mailto:Jhigginbotham@orionconnectivity.com) or Randy Rodriguez, 321-863-7499 or [happenings1@bellsouth.net](mailto:happenings1@bellsouth.net).

## 2024 PSJ Christmas Parade

### Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

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

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

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

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

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

## Hurricane Milton Recovery

Brevard EOC has created a Hurricane Milton Recovery Resources Flyer. To view the flyer, go to [https://member.everbridge.net/892807736724796/event/1817872288453547?event\\_id=73164](https://member.everbridge.net/892807736724796/event/1817872288453547?event_id=73164). The flyer has contact information for FEMA, HOPEFLORIDA, CRISIS CLEANUP, American Red Cross, 211 BREVARD, Business Recovery Resources, FLORIDA COMMERCE and SBA.

FPL's website shows that power has been restored to all homes and businesses in Brevard County.

### Operation Blue Roof

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced the start of the Operation Blue Roof Program on Tuesday. USACE is tasked by FEMA to assist eligible homeowners with temporary roof repairs. The Operation Blue Roof Program provides temporary blue covering with fiber-reinforced sheeting to help reduce further damage to property until permanent repairs can be made.

Operation Blue Roof is a free service to homeowners. The counties currently identified for the program include Brevard County. **The initial sign-up period is set for 21 days and ends November 5.**

Residents impacted by Hurricane Milton can sign-up at [www.bluroof.gov](http://www.bluroof.gov), calling 888-ROOF-BLU (888-766-3258), or visiting an ROE collection center throughout the affected areas. ROE collection center locations are listed on the website [www.bluroof.gov](http://www.bluroof.gov). There you can sign up for Blue Roof assistance using a Right of Entry (ROE) form, which gathers information about your residence.

ROE forms submitted by residents grant the government and its agents permission to go on individual properties to install the temporary roof.

Operation Blue Roof protects property, reduces temporary housing costs, and allows residents to remain in their homes while recovering from the storm.

**This program is for primary residences or a permanently occupied rental property with less than 50 percent structural damage. Vacation rental properties are not eligible.**

Not all roof types qualify for the program.

Roofs that are flat or made of metal or clay, slate, or asbestos tile do not qualify. The roof must be standard roof shingles, or similar material that will allow contractors to nail the tarp in place. **Contractors will consider repairs to metal roofs and mobile homes on a case-by-case basis and will install the cover if possible.**

Operation Blue Roof will remove homeowner tarps installed and minor debris to allow for proper installation. **Any large items of debris, such as a tree, must be removed from the roof by the homeowner to be eligible for the program.**



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

It's already November and we are looking forward to Thanksgiving followed by Christmas. Remember to pray for all those who are alone this Thanksgiving or who have lost someone. Having lost someone myself during the holiday season, I know what it can mean to have someone pray for me or just call to say I am thinking of you. Reach out to those who are hurting or call our church office and we will add you to our prayer list.

We are beginning to plan our Christmas activities and we hope that everyone in Port St. John takes advantage of these opportunities to prepare and celebrate Christmas.

Our 5th Annual Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 14th in front of the church from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Come and experience the "WALK" and start a new family tradition. A variety of Christmas cookies, traditional favorites, homemade and 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. Pre-reservations and acceptance are required, tables are limited and we will not duplicate types of vendors.

In November and December, we will have our monthly Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group get-together on the 3rd Monday of the month

(November 18th & December 16th) from 6-8 p.m. Bring a craft or come and learn a craft (snacks and drinks provided). I know that I am working on some Christmas crafts I was unable to complete last year. For more information on the Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group, please check our website or Facebook page.

We are continuing our Adult Bible Study on Sundays between services from 9:00-9:40 a.m., as well as our Children's and Teen Sunday School during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service.

Our Veteran's and First Responder Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 a.m. All Veterans, Spouses of Veterans, Police, Fire and EMTs are welcome.

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

Christmas Eve Services will be Tuesday, 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 Wednesday, December 25th will be at 10:00 a.m. Please see our website for service information ([www.stpatrickspsj.org](http://www.stpatrickspsj.org)) or call our church office at 321-802-1311.

## Holiday Craft Fair, Market and Food Truck Event

Come out and do some Christmas shopping, find some treasures and enjoy some good food while you're at it! The event will include handmade crafts & gifts, holiday items & decor, home sale vendors and Food Trucks!

The Fair event will be at Edgewood Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, December 14th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 180 E. Merritt Ave., Merritt Island. Free Admission, Free Parking! Everyone is invited.

Edgewood's Project Graduation will be hosting this event to support their graduating seniors. Get more information at [EPGCraftFair2@gmail.com](mailto:EPGCraftFair2@gmail.com) or email Clinita Lynch at [Brevardschools.org](http://Brevardschools.org).





## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



Sometimes it looks like the terribleness in this old world just keeps going. Just when we think we have a handle on things and there may possibly be a light at the end of the tunnel, we find the light just may be an oncoming train. If you or a loved one is suffering at this moment, whether from something man made or an act of nature, please know you are not alone and prayers are being sent.

Family time is upon us! The two busiest (and most expensive) months of the year are barreling at us like a full-sized steam engine leaving Mount Everest. This year promises to be more stressful, considering the need to take time and brain power for our duty to exercise our freedom to choose which of our leaders we will be complaining about for the next four years. As witnessed by the previous paragraph, we are truly blessed to be able to do so; a right given to us and fought for by our ancestors. A good time to offer a heartfelt thank you would be the 11th, a day set aside to honor all those who have contracted to protect the rest of us. This is where the old adage, "If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you are reading it in English, thank a veteran." I am button-busting proud that I have the absolute right to hug and fawn over quite a few handsome/beautiful active military and veterans. The fact that they are close members of my gene pool just keeps me out of the creepy old lady category...in this instance.

As our celebration of the first true day of sharing and thankfulness approaches, most of us are lucky enough to have visions of company, (hopefully lots of it), meal planning, (hopefully lots of them), and just being with loved ones. Many of us will be dealing with the age-old problems of how and when to gather, where to put everyone, how to feed everyone, when to schedule the big meal and how to keep everyone (especially the

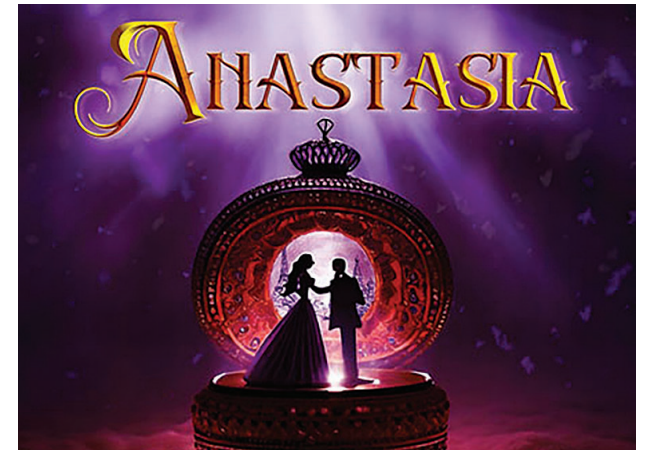
very young and the very judgmental) entertained.

My family can attest that the older I am lucky enough to become, the less I am able to give a \*%&\$ about how things should be done. The one thing I center my holidays and my life around is family and friends. My co-workers and frenemies mumbled "uh-huh" with a weak smile when I first took up the idea of Thanksmas - combining Thanksgiving and Christmas - but they were used to me batting a curve ball and just quickly changed the subject. My already frazzled children, trying to work through their children's school and social schedules, in-law visits, sibling and cousins' parties and visits, swore undying gratitude. (Of course I know their gratitude is not totally undying and fully expect to take advantage ASAP, but that's another column.)

After record busting numbers of phone calls, in person conversations and texts, Thanksmas arrived that first year on January 15th, again bringing weak smiles and mumbled comments - both of which meant absolutely nothing to me. We rented a room at a close park with a kitchen and lots of folding tables and chairs. Several of my more talented offspring decorated and we all brought dishes. The first year we had the traditional turkey and all the other goodies that we already had so much of. We were kind of blasé, but mighty grateful we had it. The second year we all picked a country and made a traditional dish. We also had to learn to say "Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas" in the language of the country we picked. Since I am blessed to have such a large family with heritages encompassing most of the countries of our wonderful planet, that meal was immensely interesting! The fact that some of the ingredients - yak and ostrich - were not readily available, it kept things within somewhat normal bounds. However, I have been hearing mumbblings of being better prepared this year...I'm sure Google and Amazon will be very busy.

The main item on my agenda, (besides becoming very friendly with Mrs. Stouffer, as my country is Sicily), is just loving and enjoying the company of any and all who are able to attend.

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Inspired by the beloved films, Anastasia transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Her past is a mystery. Her future is an adventure. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find love, home, and family. With its opulent settings, dazzling costumes, and a soaring score including the song favorites from the hit animated film, "Journey to the Past" and "Once Upon a December," Anastasia is a spectacular musical about discovering who you are and defining who you're meant to be.



### 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. 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 or to purchase tickets, visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/> or call 321-268-1125. Season tickets are available.



## Fruit From The Groves

I would like to thank Brevard County Sheriff's Dept., Brevard County Fire Dept. and all the people working on repairing utilities: internet, cell service and electricity who got the Groves back to normal. I realize that some areas of the Groves did not have power right away and there was some flooding of streets and properties. Overall, we did good compared to other parts of the county and state.

Remember that Waste Management needs to be called if you have large piles of yard waste at the road so they can pick it up. Construction and damaged items also need to be called in to Waste Management or a private contractor. Tree companies and landscapers are NOT supposed to place tree parts on the sides of the road. They are a commercial business and need to take it directly to Brevard County landfill as soon as possible. We need to make sure the ditches are clear in case of another storm.

Please make sure that your animals are secure when a storm is coming. All pets should be chipped so they can be returned to their owners. Remember that we live in a Wetlands area and wildlife such as snakes, boars and gators, as well as other wildlife, may be looking for higher ground. Keep your area safe.

I would like to thank Green Acres Lawn Ser-

vice Group for donating a load of sand on the north end of Pine St. that could be used for sandbags.

The speeding and other traffic violations continue out here in the Groves. Brevard County Sheriff's Office is out here handing out tickets. So slow down and obey the traffic laws.

Please go out and vote for the candidate of your choice. This is a very important election both nationally and locally.

Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assoc.

## Space Coast Flute Orchestra 2024-2025 Concert Season

The Space Coast Flute Orchestra is thrilled to unveil its concert season for 2024-2025, featuring a series of free performances designed to captivate and inspire music lovers throughout the community. All concerts will take place at the Suntree United Methodist Church, located at 7400 N Wickham Rd., Melbourne.

**December 15, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.:** Enjoy a festive holiday performance filled with seasonal favorites and charming melodies in the spirit of the season.

**May 4, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.:** Experience a springtime concert featuring a diverse repertoire that reflects the vibrancy and renewal of the season.

**July 27, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.:** Conclude the season with a concert featuring solo and ensembles.

Join us for a season of enchanting music and celebrate the art of the flute. All concerts are open to the public and free of charge. While admission is complimentary, donations are gratefully accepted to support the orchestra's ongoing efforts and future performances.

For more information about the Space Coast Flute Orchestra's 2024-2025 season, please reach out to Jamie Woods, Publicity Chair, at [jwoods120719@gmail.com](mailto:jwoods120719@gmail.com).

## Parrish Medical Center Board of Directors Vote No Taxes

For the 30th straight year, no taxes will be assessed to support operations of the North Brevard County Hospital District d/b/a Parrish Medical Center (PMC). PMC's Board of Directors voted unanimously during a public hearing on September 23, 2024 to establish the millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

PMC is an independent, public, not-for-profit hospital and state law gives the North Brevard Hospital District (d/b/a Parrish Medical Center) the authority to set a tax rate to support hospital operations. However, unlike most public hospitals, the PMC Board of Directors has for 30 years voted not to use tax dollars as a means of funding the hospital.

"Parrish Medical Center takes pride in being recognized as one of the nation's finest healing environments and is committed to providing exceptional healthcare services without relying on taxpayer funding," said Robert Jordan, PMC Board Chairman. "We are pleased to continue to take this position on behalf of the community we serve while also investing tens of millions of dollars back into North Brevard each year through various philanthropic opportunities. We remain grateful for a community that continues to support Parrish Medical Center. Just as our community supports us, we will continue to support the community and residents we have the honor of caring for," concluded Jordan.

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

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## PARRISH HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS SCHEDULE

### **Amputee Support Group of Titusville**

*Meets the second Tuesday monthly, 3-4:30 PM*  
Parrish Healthcare Center, Manatee Conference Room 5005  
Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John  
*Contact Matthew Julian at 239-850-4117*

### **A.W.A.K.E. Sleep Support Group**

*Meets the second Monday monthly, 6-7:30 PM*  
Parrish Healthcare Center, Manatee Conference Room 5005  
Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John  
*Contact the Sleep Center team at 321-268-6408*

### **Cancer and Survivor Support Group**

*Meets the third Wednesday monthly, 4-5:30 PM*  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-3544*

### **Caring for Caregivers Support Group**

*Second and fourth Thursday monthly, 9:30-11:30 AM*  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800*

### **Diabetes Support Group**

*Meets the second Monday monthly, 3-4:30 PM*  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Peggy McLaughlin at 321-268-6699*

### **Early Steps Community Play Date**

*Meets the fourth Wednesday monthly, 9-10:30 AM*  
The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Mary Cancel at 321-292-1370*

### **Fearless Café**

Presented by St. Francis Reflections Life Stages Care and Parrish Medical Center.

*Meets the first Wednesday monthly, 10-11 AM*  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800*

### **Kidney Smart Class**

*Meets last Thursday monthly, 1-2:30 PM*  
Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Jackie Torres at 321-383-1245*

### **Mom's Support Group**

*Meets Mondays, 10-11 AM*  
The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Melinda at Melinda.Hodges@parrishmed.com*

### **Stroke and Heart Failure Survivors Support Group**

*Meets the third Tuesday monthly, 2-4 PM*  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800*

### **Tools to Quit - Quit Smoking**

*Meets the last Tuesday monthly, 5:30-7:30 PM*  
Parrish Medical Center, Conference Room 6  
951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
*Facilitated by Jennifer Wolowitz, Tobacco Free Florida  
407-889-2292 ext. 102*



Visit [parrishhealthcare.com/events](http://parrishhealthcare.com/events)  
for information and to register

## 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.**

### 11-1 All Saints Day

### 11-2 All Souls Day

#### 11-2 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.

### 11-3 Daylight Savings Time Ends

### 11-5 ELECTION DAY

**11-5 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.

**11-6 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.

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

**11-8 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.

**11-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

**11-10 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.

### 11-11 Veterans Day

**11-14 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.

**11-18 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday each month at the N. Bre-

vard Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**11-20 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.

**11-26 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.

## 11-28 THANKSGIVING

**11-30 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.



## Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

**11-6 Sons of Amvets 2415** General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**11-9 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

**11-9 Bike Night!** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

**11-13 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**11-14 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.

**Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?**

### Congratulations to:

**Trey Darville** turns **16** on the 1st.

**Elias Bennett** turns **7** on the 1st!!

**Heather Burris** turns **30** on the 5th.

**Steve Sweeney** turns stronger on the 5th.

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

**Joey Hilde** turns **32** on the 9th.

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

**Kayla Erff** has a spanking day on the 12th.

**Mary Prentiss** turns **33** on the 12th!

**Chelsea Balparda** turns **32** on the 13th.

**Tyler Thomas** turns **26** on the 13th.

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

**Rita Stanton** has a party day on the 14th.

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

**Anthony Wagner** turns **18** on the 15th!

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

**Jennifer DiCandio** parties wild on the 18th.

**Tyler Mangiacapra** turns **30** on the 19th.

**Joe Guarine** turns **59** on the 19th.

**Fred Bradshaw** turns crazier on the 19th.

**Cassie Lyerly** turns **27** on the 20th.

**Olivia Brackin** turns **30** on the 20th!!

**Cathryn Santoso** turns **34** on the 21st.

**Amy Arnone** turns **44** on the 22nd.

**Kristin Svandriik** turns **25** on the 22nd!

**Holly Turner** rules the world on the 23rd.

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

**Christopher Allison** turns **21** on the 25th.

**Kim Tyner** dances all night on the 28th.

**Aaron Patrinostro** turns **41** on the 29th.

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

**Roger and Jennifer Brunet** celebrate their 18th anniversary on the 6th!

**Kurt and Linda Bird** celebrate **52 years** on the 12th.

**Jeff & Betty Couch** celebrate their 43rd anniversary on the 15th.

**David and Laura Keefe** celebrate 31 years on the 15th.

**Mark and Helen Dezendorf** will have been happily married for **44 years** on the 16th.

Email your inputs to email to:

happenings1@att.net.





## Post 359 - American Legion

**11-2 Bike Days at the Tiki** - 1st Saturday of the month, 1 - 5 p.m.

presented by American Legion Riders. Good food on the grill with Fixin's, \$10. Listen to live music, take part in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

**11-6 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting** - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

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

**11-17 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting**- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, 321-210-6234 or visit our website, alr359.org.

**11-20 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.

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

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.



Central Brevard Art Association is proud and pleased to return to the Cocoa Beach Library. Conveniently located close to downtown Cocoa Beach, this Art Show will have free admission and free parking. The Space Coast attracts hundreds of art lovers each year and this year's CBAA Holiday Art Show promises to bring exciting new art for gift giving and enjoyment to anyone!

The Central Brevard Art Association's Holiday Art Show is Friday, November 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 24, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Cocoa Beach Public Library, 550 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Beach.

You can get more information by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/events/8497281050315553/?ref=newsfeed>.

## PSJ Community Center Schedule - November, 2024

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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 p.m. - 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

Home School Class P.E. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
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.  
6th & 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.  
Dancing Little Stars, 10 – 11:45 a.m. and 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 - 6 p.m.

**Zumba - Coming Soon** - Every Monday

**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. This program runs every other Wednesday. The focus is on developing foundational skills to carry into your kitchen at home. \$22.00 per child. Adult must accompany child and you must preregister at [www.floridakelkitchen.com](http://www.floridakelkitchen.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. Tuition is \$65 per month with the recital costume included with tuition. Register online at [www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com](http://www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com) <http://www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com>.

**About Yoga With Diane** -

Gentle Yoga - Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Gentle Yoga with Diane - 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](http://www.psjyoga.com) for further information.

**About Homeschool Class P.E.**

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
This is a great opportunity for exercise and socialize in a fun nature. Price is \$2 per class. Call 321-603-2118 for more information.

## SNAP Recipients May Apply Benefits To Cover Hurricane Losses

Florida residents who receive benefits through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) may now apply those benefits to replace food lost during power outages caused by Hurricane Milton, according to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), which facilitates the program in Florida. To qualify, residents must report losses by Oct. 19. Additional information about qualifications and reporting is available on DCF's Hurricane Milton webpage.

As the principal investigator of the UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program, Florida's SNAP education program, UF/IFAS associate dean and registered dietician Karla Shelnett teaches SNAP-eligible families about healthy nutrition and physical activity choices. Shelnett is available for interviews.

To learn more, please contact Meredith Bauer at [meredithbauer@ufl.edu](mailto:meredithbauer@ufl.edu).

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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
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
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The end of the year is almost here. Last month was not very good for many states, including the State of Florida, with the impact of two hurricanes. Due to these hurricanes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced the tax relief for the individual income tax returns and businesses for the areas affected by the hurricanes. As a result, individuals and businesses that previously did not qualify for relief under either Hurricane Debby or Hurricane Helene will receive disaster tax relief beginning Oct. 5, 2024, and concluding on May 1, 2025. They are Broward, Indian River, Martin, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. In addition, individuals and businesses in 20 counties previously receiving relief under Debby, but not Helene, will receive disaster tax relief under Hurricane Milton, from August 1, 2024, thru May 1, 2025. These counties are Baker, Brevard, Clay, DeSoto, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lake, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia counties. The IRS automatically extended the extension due date of October 15th, 2024, to May 1st, 2025 as the deadline for filing 2023 returns. The IRS will still charge penalties and interest for the tax liability due to taxpayers from April 15th, 2024, until the payment is received.

Additional relief may be available to affected taxpayers who participate in a retirement plan or individual retirement arrangement (IRA). For example, a taxpayer may be eligible to take a special disaster distribution that would not be subject to the additional 10% early distribution tax and allows the taxpayer to spread the income over three years. Taxpayers may also be eligible to make a hardship withdrawal. Each plan or IRA has specific rules and guidance for their participants to follow.

Many victims of the hurricanes lost their documents and financial records to prepare their tax returns and apply for federal assistance or insurance reimbursement. Here are some tips to help you reconstruct important records. You can request your wages and income records online from IRS.gov, or by calling the IRS 800-908-9946; Financial statements - these can be downloaded from your credit card, bank account or by contacting these institutions to get paper copies by mail; Property records - property documents can be obtained by contacting the title company, escrow company or bank that handled the purchase of your home or other property; For home improvements - contact the contractor(s) who did the work and request statements to verify the work and cost. Also, get written descriptions from friends and relatives who saw the house and improvements.

Do not miss the opportunity to receive assistance from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). You may qualify for FEMA assistance even if you have insurance. By law, FEMA can't provide benefits for losses covered by your insurance. So, you need to file an insurance claim as soon as possible. You can apply for federal disaster assistance available to the State of Florida by three ways: visiting online disasterassistance.gov, calling 800-621-3362, or download the FEMA app.

Remember, this is a very brief overview. It is your responsibility to discuss any tax and financial changes with your professional advisor for assistance in evaluating your situation. For details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, call us at your earliest convenience or

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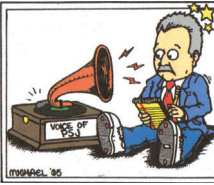
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