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Thank You to Our Amazing Community Leaders for a Successful Back to School Bash!

As Space Coast Jr. Sr. High School, Atlantis Elementary, Challenger 7 Elementary and Enterprise Elementary reflect on the incredible success of our recent Back to School Bash, we are filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity of our local community leaders. This event would not have been possible without the collective efforts of so many dedicated individuals and organizations.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the local fire department and Brevard County Sheriff's Department. Your presence not only ensured the safety and security of the event, but also provided an exciting opportunity for our children to interact with real-life heroes. The donation of bikes by BCSO was a highlight for many kids, bringing joy and excitement as they prepare for the new school year.

We are also deeply grateful to Katie Shearer from the Local Hair Company who spent over three hours giving free haircuts. Your dedication and generosity made a significant difference, helping our students start the school year with confidence and style.

A special thank you goes out to all the community members and local businesses; Coastal Community Church, First United Methodist Church, Second Harvest Food Bank, Mutter Realty, Space Coast Bounce, Brian's Barber Shop and Wal-Mart, who donated school supplies, food, gift cards and treats. Your contributions ensured that every child had the necessary tools to succeed academically. The smiles on the faces of our students as they received their supplies were truly heartwarming.

To all the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to organizing and running the event, thank you. Your hard work and commitment to our community are deeply appreciated.

This Back to School Bash was a testament to the incredible spirit of our community. Together, we have shown that when we come together, we

can make a real difference in the lives of our children. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an integral part of our community.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Space Coast Jr Sr High School, Atlantis Elementary, Challenger 7 Elementary and Enterprise Elementary.



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Good Day!

~ by Maureen Rupe

Miami-Dade Waste-to-Energy Facility

Miami-Dade is doing what we need to do in Brevard County, or the county at least needs to work with other counties to have one of these nearer. Miami-Dade is building the largest Waste-To-Energy Facility in the county, (\$1.5 billion) converting 4,000 tons a day of trash into electricity and alternative fuels. They are even trying to add carbon capture technology to make it a “net zero” facility, reducing emissions that fuel climate change. I’m not saying we need to spend that much, but combining resources from multiple counties and dividing the cost according to the amount of trash each send to the facility, we could possibly do something nearby.

Eventually Brevard County has to figure out how to get rid of their trash without building another trash mountain. I hope we start looking at this solution or start discussing a regional facility to handle all of our garbage.

Reference: <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/environment/climate-change/article290763954.html>

SpaceX Starbase Under Investigation

According to an article in the August 5th SPACE rePORT, SpaceX submitted an application to allow them to discharge a deluge water system into the wetlands and Rio Grande River near their launch site in Texas. The article stated water deluge systems are a type of fire protection system that uses water to quickly extinguish fire by releasing large amounts of water. The bad thing is, SpaceX sprays the launch site with fire retardant containing a variety of chemicals that also gets washed away when the deluge system is activated. This could affect their commercial fishing as well as health of their seagrasses and wildlife.

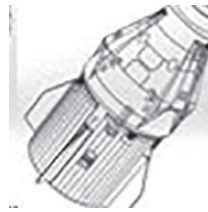
I’m worried that if this is done here at KSC/ Cape Canaveral SFS, how much of this water could make its way into our Indian River Lagoon? I’m not even talking about just SpaceX, which is launching almost daily with the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy, before even the planned launching of multiple Starship launches starting in the not so distant future. Don’t we have enough problems with the IRL? One problem is NASA/FAA is continually building Environmental Impact Statements and the findings seem to always be "Of No

Significant Impact."

More August 5th SPACE rePORT News

Since SpaceX started having the Falcon Crew Dragon spacecraft (shown below), it separates the lower trunk before de-orbit burn. They hoped the trunk would burn up as it goes through earth’s atmosphere reentering passively weeks to months later. Unfortunately, the Dragon trunk debris has survived reentry and landed in places such as Australia, Saskatchewan (Canada), North Carolina, and many other places. Because of this, NASA has been trying to work out alternative solutions to stop all the debris, and SpaceX has stated they can’t redesign the spacecraft or trunk. That being the case, SpaceX has been told they can’t land on the east coast anymore and must move landings to the west coast.

SpaceX has also been looking at alternative sites such as in Australia. This might be good from an environmental perspective, but I’ve heard this might cause a lot of contract renegotiations due to various companies working on processing various payloads. This is due to additional costs for various trips and shipping experiment results back to the east coast from who knows where.



Trunk and Crew Capsule

Reference: <https://mailchimp/1f71bcd97cbc/florida-spacereport-16534025?e=fe07b1cd51>

Septic tanks

In 2023, the Florida legislature passed HB 1379 with a load of new requirements for septic tanks. Per Florida Department of Environmental Protection, they state the following:

- “Effective July 1, 2023, HB 1379 requires that in all impacted areas applicants for new septic systems serving lots of one acre or less, must install a nitrogen-reducing system (ENR-OSTDS) instead of a conventional septic system.
- Effective January 1, 2024, HB 1379 requires (in the Indian River Lagoon Protection Program area only), applicants for new septic systems serving lots of all sizes to install a nitrogen-reducing system (ENR-OSTDS). By July 1, 2030, any commercial or residential property with an exist-

ing OSTDS located within this area must connect to central sewer if available or upgrade to a nitrogen-reducing system or other wastewater treatment system that achieves at least 65 percent nitron reduction.”

The link to the impacted areas: “<https://fdcp.maps.arcgis.com/?appid=dbb5433133db4012a4355a08cacaoa12>.”

For Port St. John, the impacted area is pretty much east of the railroad tracks except a small area south of Fay & Curtis Blvds. For Canaveral Groves, the impacted area is halfway between U.S.1 and the railroad tracks.

For residents in the impacted area, there is a “Water Quality Improvement Grant Program” to help cover the cost of program connection or installation of an advanced nitrogen reducing system. Information can be found at: <https://floridadep.gov/wra/wra/content/water-quality-improvement-grant->

Reference: <https://floridadep.gov/water/onsite-sewage/content/permitting-enhanced-nutrient-reducing-onsite-sewage-treatment-and>

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

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Enchanted Forest 5K/10K Trail Run

Come spend a morning with us at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary! The Enchanted Forest 5K/10K Trail Run will take place on Sunday, September 22nd at 7:00 a.m. at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 444 Columbia Blvd. Titusville. There will also be a free Kids Fun Run.

Runners must yield to wildlife.

The Enchanted Forest is the flagship sanctuary of the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program. The Forest consists of 480 acres with hiking trails, an environmental education center and great opportunities to see the natural Florida.

NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST. This is by county ordinance. Littering is strictly prohibited. In addition to the permanent trash cans in the Enchanted For-



est, there will be trash cans at both aid stations.

Sponsor Packages are now available upon request! All donations are greatly appreciated! Full details, fees and registration are available at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Titusville/FriendsOfTheEnchantedForest5K10K>

There will also be onsite registration.

Volunteers will be on location directing traffic. Parking on race day will be along the entrance road.

Come on out and enjoy a great run!

Tips From A Former Elementary Teacher

...for moms and dads who are picking up the little ones from school.

1. First and foremost, smile at them when you see them. I know your days aren't always perfect, but let them know you're happy to see them. I can't tell you the amount of times that kids are picked up that their parents or guardians never look over and smile. Let that first look from you be one that welcomes them, because more than likely your smile is the only one they care for right now.

2. Please, please, please do not let the first thing out of your mouth be "What color did you get on?" or, "Did you have to move your pin today?" There are so many more important things to ask than that. Ask what made them laugh, or did you make a new friend or what did you learn.

3. Understand that, especially on these first few days, they are exhausted...mentally and physically. Their worlds have been rocked. They have new expectations from a new teacher...expectations they probably do not have at home. Have grace. They will need it.

4. They're probably starving. Have a little snack waiting for them. Sometimes kids eat as early as 10:50 for lunch. And unless the school provides a snack or you've sent one for them, they may not have eaten since then.

5. Even though they're tired, they have a lot of bottled up energy! They've been asked to sit and get quiet off and on for 8 hours. They need to be able to talk and fidget and just be kids! Let them!

Remember these days will not last. Pretty soon they'll be grown and you won't have these moments. Find joy in the journey. The better we treat our babies, the better our future will be.

They're only little once!

Brevard County Fire Rescue Offers Hurricane Tips

Brevard County Fire Rescue reminds residents that hurricane season runs through November 30. The following safety tips help ensure that your family is prepared before a hurricane strikes, during the storm and in the aftermath.

Before a storm:

Develop an emergency plan and practice how and where you will evacuate if instructed by local emergency management officials.

Create and maintain a disaster supply kit complete with enough water, non-perishable food and medications to last several days.

Learn how to properly secure your home against hurricanes. If your home is equipped with hurricane shutters, ensure that they are in proper working order before a storm threatens.

If you have a generator, get fuel for it - at least enough for three days.

Monitor local weather forecasts and obtain a NOAA Weather Radio.

During a storm:

Stay inside your home away from windows and glass doors. Find a safe area such as an interior room, closet or bathroom.

If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker.

If your home loses power, turn off the air conditioner and water heater to reduce damage.

Do not go outside. Weather conditions change rapidly with lightning, wind and other hazards.

After a storm:

Remain indoors until an official "all clear" is given. Do not touch fallen or low-hanging wires of any kind under any circumstances. Call police or utility companies immediately to report downed power lines, broken water or gas mains.

Once power is restored, ensure refrigerated food has not spoiled.

Do not operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves or generators indoors for any reason. This includes inside garages, screened enclosures or near open doors and/or windows.

If you are taking prescription medications, try to have a 30-day supply on hand. This is not as easy as it sounds - many insurance companies will not authorize the filling of additional days or months worth of a medication unless ordered by

the state to do so in emergency situations, such as natural disasters.

Make your medication plan now. This plan should include speaking with a health insurance representative, pharmacist or your physician about options to acquire extra medications.

If you are on dialysis, call your dialysis center to make a plan for your care. Don't count on them being open. Power outages may happen. Don't miss a treatment prior to bad weather. Make sure to follow your doctor-ordered diet very closely.

The hospital is not a county shelter. County shelters are designated throughout the county, mostly in elementary schools. The hospital is not a designated shelter and does not take evacuees. For more information, visit www.brevardcounty.us/emergencymanagement/preparedness/shelters.

Make shelter arrangements if you are oxygen dependent. Be sure to get your oxygen tanks filled.

More information and ideas can be found at www.embrevard.com or www.ready.gov/hurricanes. Go to <http://www.floridadisaster.org/family/> and create your own family disaster plan.

Shop, Sniff then Sip

Join Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., for a special fundraiser, Shop, Sniff then Sip. Sponsored by Tails at the Barkery, Shop, Sniff then Sip will help raise much needed funds for Great Dane Love, an all-volunteer, non-profit rescue whose mission is to help with the re-homing of displaced Great Danes and providing ongoing education regarding responsible Dane ownership and care.

At Tails at the Barkery, donate \$25 and receive a Shop, Sniff then Sip map, tote bag, raffle ticket and your choice of a free beer crowler from The Dirty Oar Beer Company or a bottle of wine from The Wine Lady. Visit the Cocoa Village merchants listed on the map and receive raffle tickets for every \$10 you spend to win fabulous prizes that have been graciously donated by each of the participating Cocoa Village merchants. Prize drawings will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14th. You don't have to be present to win. Winners will be notified by telephone. Proceeds from each ticket sold will be donated to Great Dane Love.

Your 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.

On the Road With Rose



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Many of us are holding our collective breaths hoping the tiny bit of light at the end of this terrible tunnel we are in is not the metaphorical oncoming train. Once again, if you or your friends and family are going through a hard time at this time, please know many of us are sending prayers.

On the rare occasions I find myself with a day or even a half day to myself, I can usually be found on the road heading to one of the many 'almost hidden gems' in and around Central Florida. Possibly because I am of a certain vintage or maybe because I grew up in pre-air-conditioned Florida, I tend to be most interested in all the wonderful history to be found all around us. But, like the proverbial bad penny, there is no telling where I'm liable to turn up. I am most happy to share my finds and if there is a place you would like to hear more about, please contact me at rosepadrick@gmail.com.

A couple of weeks ago my traveling cohort and I wound up at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement. The Settlement is located about 20 miles west of I-95, ¼ mile past the Hwy. 17 and I-40 intersection on the left.

There is ample parking and lots of shade trees to escape the summer sun. Entrance fees are Adults \$10.00, Seniors \$9.00, Children under 4 free. They are closed Sunday and Monday.

Driving into the settlement, we were greeted by the Past Time Tour Boat, built in 1910 for tourists, then on to the museum in the Astor Bridge Tender's house. We enjoyed speaking with the very helpful museum curator and watching a video of the wildlife in the area.

We toured the 18 historical structures on the property, most of which are always open to the public. My favorite was the original Pierson Railroad Depot and Caboose. The depot is home to a miniature train and village, and the caboose is very kid friendly. My travel cohort's favorite was the barn housing farm machinery, corn meal grinder, canning stove and a litter of kittens with Kelly green eyes. We were able to pet the farm animals, see the sugar cane field just as it used to be and machinery to make molasses.

We were lucky enough to visit the Blacksmith Shop while he was teaching. He and his assistants gave us a short tutorial on making knives.

First Responders will enjoy the Firehouse, the old equipment and its two antique fire engines. Cooks will certainly appreciate not having to use the summer kitchen and we all will appreciate indoor plumbing after touring the Lewis house.

Automobile aficionados will love the Ford Model A Day presented by the Crankin' A s of Daytona Beach on October 5th. If you're not into cars, there's plenty to take in, eat and drink. This year's Fall Country Jamboree will showcase food, arts and crafts, and many musicians on November 2nd and 3rd. December 14th brings "A Florida Christmas Remembered" as only Barberville could bring it. There will be demonstrations and perhaps even a little tasting, not to mention the wonderful Christmas decorations, traditions, aromas and hopefully a nice snap in the air.

We could not leave the area without a stop at the Barberville Yard Art Emporium! I wondered at the full-size giraffes and Sasquatch wedged between prize winning racehorses and gorillas beckoning from the road, making it difficult to concentrate on the THREE acres of everything from windmills to lamp posts to bar stools shaped like cowboys' derrieres. The rustic wood furniture is amazing and the very small, (by my standards), brightly colored outdoor decor actually jumped into my arms to be taken home.

Ya' gotta' love Florida! ~ Rose Padrick

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Congratulations to:

Cooper Campbell turns **17** on the 1st.
Sheila Grenet - On the 2nd, Happy Heavenly Birthday Momma!

Liz Montes turns wilder on the 2nd.
Teri Bynum turns more lovely on the 2nd.
Corabeth Ridgely turns **20** on the 3rd.
Derek Rickard has a party day on the 3rd
Mary Hornsby turns cuter on the 4th.
Diane Sangalang on the 10th.

Sue Bray gets kisses on the 13th
Michelle Walker is more beautiful on the 16th.

Shane Orend turns **28** on the 16th.
McKenzie Mounts turns **14** on the 17th!
Jayne Hannon turns hotter on the 18th.
Jennifer Brunet - Celebrates Big this year on the 18th!.

Mitchell Hannon turns buffer on the 20th.
Carol Drabek is the party girl on the 20th.
Teresa Higginbotham is Queen on the 21st.
Cloyd Manuel will be a hot **77** on the 21st
Belinda Crouse parties wild on the 21st.
Lincoln Unrue turns **7** on the 22nd.
Naomi Beasley rocks the night on the 22nd.
Vance Gaddy and Charles Samples turn cooler on the 22nd.

Kyle Troxel is the King on the 24th.
Kathy Patterson turns cuter on the 24th.
Brooke Brunet Happy 18th Birthday on the 27th! I Love you Big! Mom
Henry Snavelly turns **10** on the 28th!
William Taylor turns **74** on the 28th
Colton Orvis turns **25** on the 30th.
Sam & Keri Weeks celebrate **28** happy years this month.

31 happy ones for **Sandy & Joe Thomas** on the 4th.

Ronni & John Hansen celebrate **31** happily married years on the 5th.

Jim & Dolores Scott celebrate **50** on the 15th.

James & Kathleen Ballinger celebrate their **51st** anniversary on the 15th.

Steve & Lisa Sweeney celebrate their **25th** anniversary on the 19th.

Aaron and Sharon Hightower celebrate their **37th** anniversary on the 20th.

We have lots of room for more good news.
Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.



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

Happy September to everyone. It's hot, but all the Brevard County schools are back in session. When I walk and drive early in the morning and afternoons, I am always mindful of the care we need to take with children on bikes, skateboards and school buses. Make sure you add a little extra time to make sure everyone arrives safely.

We are starting our Student Sunday School on September 8th during the 10:00 a.m. service. We will be concentrating on Old Testament heroes, Saints and the parables of Jesus.

September 15th is also the beginning of our Adult Bible School lesson on, "What it means to be an Anglican." This is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not at St. Patrick's. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and finishes at 9:40 a.m. Bring your bible and we will supply the coffee.

Mark your calendars for our annual Blessing of the Animals, which is Saturday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m. We will be also holding a fund-raising spaghetti dinner for Change Destiny, which does missionary work in Kenya. Change Destiny's goal is to get orphaned boys and girls off the streets in Kenya and into a Christian-based residential school. Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. and the founder of Change Destiny will be speaking about his ministry to these children. Call the church office for more information.

Please check out our Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group on the third Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a craft to work on and join us for a great fellowship and a light snack.

Veterans' and First Responder Breakfast will be Saturday, September 28th in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m., 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. (no music), 10:00 a.m. (in person and Facebook Live - www.facebook.com/StPatspsj) and Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. (In Person and Facebook Live - www.facebook.com/StPatspsj).

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.

(available through Facebook Live only) <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>).

Are you interested in finding out more about the Anglican Church and St. Patrick's Anglican Church. If so, feel free to contact us at: St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John, 321-802-1311 or stpatrickspsj@gmail.com.

Updated event information and services are available on our website: <https://stpatrickspsj.org>.

September Tax Article

Here is the September news. The most important item for this month is the extension due date for corporations and partnerships. The due date is September 16th, 2024, because September 15th, 2024 is a Sunday. Filing timely will prevent the penalty for late filing on Partnerships and S-Corporations tax returns, which is \$235 per month times the number of shareholders or partners, up to 12 months. The penalty will be calculated from March 15th, 2024 until the tax return is filed after September 16th, 2024. This could impact a S-Corporation with a maximum penalty of \$2,820 with one shareholder and a penalty of \$5,640 for a partnership with a minimum of two partners.

Another due date on September 16th, 2024, is the third quarterly estimate payment for your personal tax return, especially tax payers with business reported on their personal tax returns, and income received during the year with not enough withholdings.

Next, the IRS urged businesses that have received Employee Retention Credit payments to recheck eligibility requirements and consider the second Employee Retention Credit (ERC) Voluntary Disclosure Program (VDP) to resolve incorrect claims without penalties or interest. The second ERC-VDP will run through Nov. 22, 2024 and allow businesses to correct improper payments at a 15% discount and avoid future audits, penalties and interest.

The reopening of the ERC Voluntary Disclosure Program is designed to help businesses with questionable claims to self-correct and repay the credits they received after filing ERC claims in error. Many of these claims were driven by aggressive marketing from unscrupulous promoters. To help businesses caught in this situation, the IRS urges businesses to review important warning signs and eligibility requirements, and to talk to a trusted tax professional to see if the VDP is

a good option.

The IRS's ERC Eligibility Checklist can also help businesses understand eligibility requirements and suggest next steps. As the IRS continues intensifying compliance work involving improper ERC claims, the VDP can protect businesses from potential costly compliance action in the future, such as audits, full repayment, penalties and interest.

Applications for the second ERC VDP is for employers who already received the ERC for a tax period in 2021 for which they weren't entitled. It can apply if the following are also true:

- The employer hasn't already applied to the first ERC VDP for the same tax periods.
- The IRS is still processing VDP applications from the first program. Taxpayers should not reapply for the same periods.
- The employer isn't under criminal investigation.
- The employer isn't under an IRS employment tax examination for the tax period for which they're applying to the VDP.
- The employer hasn't received a Letter 6577-C, Employee Retention Credit (ERC) Recapture, or an IRS notice and demand for repayment of part or all of its ERC claim.
- The employer hasn't already filed an amended return to eliminate their ERC.
- The IRS hasn't received information from a third party or directly from an enforcement action that the taxpayer is not in compliance.

To apply, employers must file Form 15434, Application for Employee Retention Credit Voluntary Disclosure Program. Employers are expected to repay their full ERC, minus the 15% reduction allowed through the VDP. Under certain conditions, employers who aren't able to pay the amount in full will have the option to set up an installment agreement.

More good tax stuff next month. 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 contact your tax advisor.

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



Port St. John Public Library

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Shelley Macon, Library Director

Library hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday 12-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

The Port St. John Public Library will be closed on September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

Adult Programs:

Bookworms Book Club on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. This is a Friends of the Library sponsored book club. This month's selection is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Paint Party with the Friends of the Port St. John Library on Saturday, September 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join the Friends of the Port St. John Public Library for a paint party the first Saturday of every month. During this class you will create custom wooden door hangers. Adults and teens ages 16+. \$40/per person. Payment is due at sign up. Deadline to register at the Reference Desk by Wednesday, September 4.

Community Support Advocate - Mondays, September 2 and 16 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate provides assistance with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources.

Port Readers Book Club, Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. This book club meets on the fourth Wednesday each month. Books are available at the Reference Desk.

Family Programs:

Spice Travelers Spice Club - Friday, September 20 at 3:30 p.m. Pick up a kit including this month's featured spice at the Reference Desk. September we are featuring the East African Spice mix Berbere. This is a family program and all are welcome.

Decorative Japanese Gift Boxes - Saturday, September 21 at 2 p.m. Come join us to make decorative Japanese gift boxes. There are fourteen spots available. Please register at the Reference Desk.

Community Puzzle - This month come visit the

library and check out our community puzzle. The puzzle is called 'Mayhem in the Library' and features 101 book depictions of famous books to find.

Youth Services:

Sensory Sundays: Every Sunday from 2:00-3:00 p.m., children can join the library staff for quiet time with sensory bins and activities. Sensory bin activities are exciting and engaging ways for kids to explore different textures, colors, and materials. Designed for children ages 6-12, these activities help develop fine motor skills, encourage imaginative play and offer a hands-on learning experience. This event requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

Young Adult Book Club: Saturday, September 28th from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Port St. John Public Library in the small meeting room. Teens ages 14 through 17 can select one or more of the books from the monthly Hoopla Young Adult Crossover digital book club titles and discuss their choice at the meeting.

STEAM Activity Time - Every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room. Come build and make things with us! We will have activities centered around science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. This event is for ages 6-11 and requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

NEW! STEAM kits are available in Youth Services!

Plushie Sleepover: Wednesday, September 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the youth services area. Kids ages 3-12 can wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal or toy to the library for popcorn, juice, and special pillow-making craft. Kids can leave their stuffed animals at the library and can pick them up the next day with photos of your plushie friend's fun adventure!

Read Your Way to K: Babies: Baby Story Time at the Port St. John public library is from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. every Friday morning in the meeting room. Join us for some songs, short stories and surprise activities. This story time is for babies ages 3 and under and requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

Read Your Way to K: Toddlers: Toddler Story Time at the Port St. John public library is from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. every Friday morning in the meeting room. Join us for songs, stories, and a craft. This story time is for toddlers ages 3 to 5

and is intended to prepare toddlers for preschool with active listening, group participation, developing fine motor skills, and socializing with others. This event requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

Friends of the Library:

The Friends of the Library are looking for people to join and participate in their activities that help grow and support the Port St. John Public Library. Membership fees are \$5 a year for adults.

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.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September 11th 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 - September

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, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 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, September 4, 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, September 9, 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, September 9, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Where: Manatee Conference Room, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John
- 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, September 12 and 26, 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, September 17, 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, September 25, 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, September 18, 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, September 24, 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, September 10; 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, September 26, 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.

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.**

9-2 Labor Day

9-3 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.

9-4 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

9-4 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.

9-7 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.

9-8 Grandparents Day

9-8 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.

9-8 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

9-11 Patriot Day

9-12 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.

9-13 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.

9-16 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.

9-18 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. .

9-24 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.

9-28 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.

9-29 Selichot

Food For Thought

Together at the Table: The Surprising Benefits of Family Mealtime

Many factors affect children's dietary patterns, such as your child's social environment, one of the most impactful factors being parental dietary practices at home. When was the last time that you and your family sat down at the dinner table without having the TV on, cell phones in your hands or tablets in front of the kids?

Did you know that there are many benefits of eating a meal together as a family without distractions? Eating meals together not only teaches better dietary habits and behaviors in your children, but has also been shown to lower the risk of developing obesity and improves communication skills.

Due to work, school and other activities filling up your schedule, it can be hard to find the time to eat together as a family. However, parents or other primary caretakers are the number one role models in a child's life, so it's important to incorporate family mealtime into your routine. Research shows that modeling healthy eating behaviors can lead to higher consumption of fruits, vegetables and other nutrient-rich foods. Have you ever noticed your child wanting what's on your plate instead of their own? What you eat influences what your child is willing to eat. Next time your

child is reluctant to eat their vegetables, you eat yours! Talk about how much you love the healthy foods you are eating.

Can't make time to have family meals daily? Interestingly enough, having just three family meals per week has been shown to improve children's and adolescent's eating habits. Those who ate at least three meals with their family per week were in the normal BMI range for their age. This is extremely important as obesity is one of the most common health concerns in our youth and is linked to dietary intake in terms of meal frequency, volume, diet quality and snacking habits. Poor diet choices made in childhood can increase the risk of obesity and obesity-related complications well into adulthood.

Parents set the standard for foods served at mealtime. Always make healthy options available and share well-balanced meals with your family to help develop positive relationships with a variety of foods.

Like much in life, communication skills have to be practiced. When distracted by screens or opting to eat alone, we don't have the chance to improve our communication. Children especially need increased opportunities to practice their communication and mealtime is the perfect time. You'd be surprised by how much mealtime conversation can help children develop vocabulary, listening skills and the ability to articulate their ideas. Adults benefit from this, too by serving as a reminder to be attentive and responsive listeners, which is essential in fostering effective communication with family.

If you are struggling to find time to have meals together as a family, here are some tips...

- Commit to eat at least three meals together a week as a family. Add more mealtimes as it becomes easier.

- Schedule activities so that they do not interfere with mealtimes.

- Make it a family event. Have the family prepare the meal together. Involving the children in the planning and preparation can be more exciting and make it more enjoyable.

Interested in growing a community garden? Contact me! amandamahaleris@yahoo.com

~ Amanda Mahaleris and

~ Hillary Hass

Lighthearted Nutrition

Post 359 - American Legion



9-4 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

9-7 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.

9-9 Sons of the Legion, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

9-15 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.

9-18 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.

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

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 September meeting will be on the 9th. 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Saint Patrick's Church, Port St. John

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

East off Grissom Pkwy.

Sunset Group Meeting

(C) Sunday 5:00 Closed topic

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

Women's AA meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.

PSJ Community Center Schedule - September, 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

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.
11th & 25th - 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 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Coming soon on Monday evenings:

Zumba Fitness with Diana

About Kel's Kitchen (starting in August)

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. \$20.00 per child. Adult must accompany child and you must preregister 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. Tuition is \$60 per month with the recital costume included with tuition. Register online at 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 for further information.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



9-4 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

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

9-12 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

9-14 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

9-14 Bike Night! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

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.

Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



Be Careful of Free Breakfasts

I want to thank all my friends and readers who sent prayers and offered strong shoulders to me and my family at this time when it was so needed. It was very appreciated and I hope if I'm ever needed I could be of the same comfort.

My children would probably disagree, but I believe I am fairly accepting and understanding of all my children's and grandchildren's choices, no matter how absurd they are, but sometimes they just outdo themselves. At a recent breakfast held at daughter number two's home, my grandson excitedly announced the best gift he ever received was a new pet. It had finally arrived and could I guess what it was? The hint was it slithered.

My feet involuntarily left the floor and became nestled in the chair with me, as my now wide eyes left R.J.'s dear little face and landed on his mother's. Taking a deep breath to steady myself, I began with "Animals must have fur or feathers and feet to be classified as a pet, and slithering definitely puts it in a whole different category. What ever happened to puppies and kittens as pets? Can this reptile cover my grandson's face with kisses, learn tricks or wag its tail when it sees you coming?" "Wouldn't a cute little feline ball of fluff chasing a string be more adorable than a darting tongue and a set of evil eyes staring at you from behind a flimsy glass wall?"

She countered with, "Puppies leave little 'remembrances' all over the house, lick themselves in places not spoken of in polite society just prior to licking your face, and don't you remember our last little ball of fluff had a shredding party on my new satin curtains and reduced them to shards of thread?"

She quickly continued, "R.J. has been asking for a pet of his own for a while now and I'm not

sure how responsible he would be, so an "alternative" pet seems to be a good compromise. This one only feeds twice a month, which is about how often R.J. remembered to feed the dog, and doesn't get fleas."

Sometimes I really hate it when my kids sound so mature and reasonable. But then the child I know and love came through loud and clear when she added, "And besides, he is great for getting me out of situations and conversations I don't want to be in. All I have to do is mention the snake seems to have gotten out of his pen, and all of a sudden people realize they have other places to be."

There was nothing left to do at this point but bring out the big guns. I ask, "Remember who it was that persuaded Adam to eat the apple?"

I didn't miss the sarcasm when she answered, "I promise if this snake ever whispers in anyone's ear, you will be the first to know. Would you like coffee?"

The next few moments were filled with great laughter and glee. As she left the room, I absent-mindedly glanced around, so lost in trying to formulate a workable argument for snake exorcising that it took me a moment to realize the large aquarium between the dining area and living room did not contain fish or water, but sand and a warming rock, complete with a coiled mass and a set of unblinking eyes pointed in my direction. The fact that I was sitting elbows length away from it when I made this discovery evidently added to the fun. I don't remember jumping straight up from a cross legged position and hitting the floor running, but I must have because all my other children told me so at various times later that day when each called to tell me how sorry they were that I had such a fright. I appreciated the thought, but felt the sincerity of their statements was drowned in the guffaws.

I guess I should just be happy my children feel such closeness to each other that they so willingly share special family moments...

But I'm not.

SpaceX to Launch Mission Over Earth's Poles

SpaceX plans to make spaceflight history later this year by launching the first crewed mission to explore Earth's polar regions. The four-person

flight will be called Fram2, in honor of the Norwegian ship that made pioneering voyages to the Arctic and Antarctic between 1893 and 1912.



The four astronauts of SpaceX's planned Fram2 mission. (Image credit: SpaceX)

"Fram2 will be commanded by Chun Wang, an entrepreneur and adventurer from Malta," SpaceX wrote in a mission description. "Wang aims to use the mission to highlight the crew's explorational spirit, bring a sense of wonder and curiosity to the larger public and highlight how technology can help push the boundaries of exploration of Earth and through the mission's research."

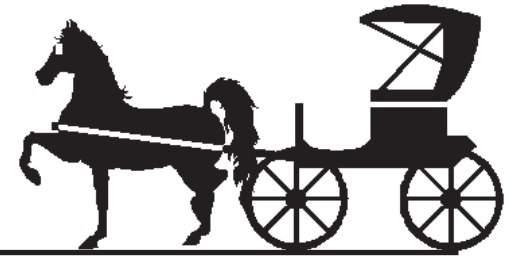
The crew will also include Jannicke Mikkelsen from Norway, who will serve as vehicle commander; Eric Philips of Australia, the vehicle pilot; and Germany's Rabea Rogge, mission specialist. According to SpaceX, all four are spaceflight rookies.

Fram2 is planned to launch atop a Falcon 9 rocket from KSC late this year in a Crew Dragon capsule. The spacecraft will orbit around the Earth poles with no stop at the International Space Station. "Throughout the 3-to-5-day mission, the crew plans to observe Earth's polar regions through Dragon's cupola at an altitude of 425-450 km [249 to 264 miles], leveraging insight from space physicists and citizen scientists to study unusual light emissions resembling auroras," SpaceX wrote in the mission description.

The Fram2 crew will also study how spaceflight affects the human body; this work will include capturing the first-ever X-ray image of a human in space, according to SpaceX.

Fram2 will be SpaceX's sixth private astronaut mission, including Inspiration4 in 2021, Ax-1, Ax-2 and Ax-3 in April 2022, May 2023 and January to February of this year, respectively, and Polaris Dawn, scheduled to launch this month. Polaris Dawn is the first of three planned missions in the private Polaris Program.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

Well folks, we're already in September. That means it's when most hurricanes form. Hopefully, we won't get hit that hard.

The National Weather Service

has predicted a higher-than-normal season. Let's hope not. Now is the time to make sure all preparations are completed. If brush and other items along the roadway are not picked up by Waste Management in a timely manner, call the Commissioner of District One and complain.

As I've said before, Fire and Sheriff's services during the storm may not be able to respond. After the storm, they will be extremely busy. So please **ONLY** call them if it is an **EMERGENCY**.

Make sure that you have all your emergency plans ready to go into effect in case a storm does hit. Remember that the Canaveral Groves Community Bulletin Board on Facebook will give out updates when possible.

There have been reports of pets being stolen, so please have **ALL** pets chipped to make sure they can be identified and returned.

We are still getting numerous complaints about speeding and other violations here in the Groves. Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been enforcing the violations when they see them. Just as a warning, the motor traffic unit is now using vari-

ous unmarked vehicles. If you're doing something dumb, they will see you before you see them. So, slow it down and obey the traffic laws.

Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves

Homeowners Association

Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at

4:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

Sales Tax Holiday

Florida's second 2024 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday begins on Saturday, August 24 and ends on Friday, September 6. During these sales tax holiday periods, tax is not due on the retail sale of eligible items related to disaster preparedness.



Downtown Art Gallery Spotlight Artist

The Downtown Art Gallery at 400 Orange Street in Titusville proudly showcases Yvette Whitmore as their Spotlight Artist from August 26th to September 27th.

Yvette has spent her summer not in leisure, but in creative pursuit, painting finely detailed works that capture the essence of wildlife and incredibly realistic still life with masterful precision. Each painting is a triumph of keen observation, reflected by her dedication to discovery and meticulous technique.

"Painting is a journey of constant learning," Yvette shares. "If you're not discovering, it loses its joy." Her camaraderie with fellow artists at the gallery enriches her creative process through which she has developed deep connections and shared insights.

Visit the gallery from August 26th to September 27th to experience her latest work, along with the creations of 20 local artists who celebrate Florida's unique beauty.

For more information, call 321-268-0122 or find them on Facebook @The Downtown Art Gallery. Open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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Won't you join us?

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Central Florida 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.

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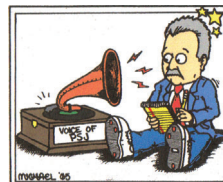
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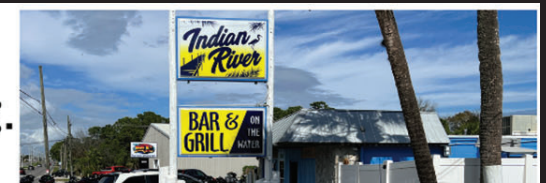
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