

# HAPPENINGS

**Weekly Edition**  
**Friday, April 22, 2022**

## **Titusville Playhouse Launches Master Planning For A Downtown Performing Arts Hub**

Titusville Playhouse wants its patrons, supporters and community stakeholders in on the next Act. The award-winning operator of the historic Emma Parrish Theatre and newly opened Shuler Stage announced today that it has begun a master planning process to support an expansion of Titusville Playhouse, Inc. (TPI) arts facilities, operations and programming in downtown Titusville.

The public outreach and community engagement will begin immediately with public workshops and an online survey instrument being sent out to TPI's patrons and community groups. To lead this effort, and assist TPI with other business and feasibility assessments, TPI has selected Theatre Projects after conducting a national search and concept development competition.

Founded in 1957, Theatre Projects is an internationally recognized group of planners, designers and innovators who have worked on more than 1,500 projects in 80 countries, including the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts (Orlando), New World Center (Miami), and the Woodruff Arts Center's Alliance Theatre Coca-Cola Stage (Atlanta), to name a few.

TPI envisions creating a community gathering space and cultural arts hub that is approachable, welcoming, and enriching to Titusville and surrounding communities. As a destination, it should support diverse, engaging, and quality experiences. A centerpiece to the development plan is a new state-of-the-art multi-use venue programmed to include a 500-seat main stage theatre and an adjoining "black box" venue that can also host special events. The historic Emma Parrish Theatre (274 seats)—acclaimed for its unique, intimate house accommodations—will be retained to allow concurrent show offerings in addition to the newly added Shuler Stage. Other community gathering and event spaces may also be developed.

"We are very enthusiastic about working in partnership with Theatre Projects and the City of Titusville," said Executive Artistic Director Steven Heron. "It is our vision to have a variety of entertainment that will reach all facets of our community here in Central Florida."

"We look forward to hearing from our home community

and all other markets that we serve, as well as our many stakeholders," said TPI Board President Katy Ball. "As we develop a master plan for this performing arts hub as a destination in our downtown, we want to ensure we have captured the dreams of all who would like to help us vision it. Having our community's support will be essential to building a cultural asset that will positively impact our city for generations to come."



### **Titusville Playhouse Shows Legally Blonde, The Musical**

Rated PG-13. May 6 – May 29, 2022

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored film, *Legally Blonde The Musical*, follows the transformation of Elle Woods when her life is turned upside down after her boyfriend dumps her to attend Harvard Law. Determined to win him back, she ingeniously charms her way into the school where she struggles with her peers and professors. With the support of new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section.

## Space X Attempting To Secure Permit For Dumping Into The Indian River Lagoon

There will be a very important public hearing regarding Space X wanting a permit to dump non-treated wastewater into the Indian River Lagoon on Monday, April 25 at the Cape Canaveral Public Library – 201 Polk Avenue – Cape Canaveral. The meeting is from 4-7 p.m. Please plan to attend.



## Port St. John Housewives Softball League

The Port St. John Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Don't let the name fool you...women of all playing abilities are invited to join our league.

As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Sign-ups will be on Saturdays and Sundays, May 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fay Park, east parking lot. Cost is \$50, which includes approximately 20 softball games, team shirt, and end of year party and awards.

The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park.

The PSJ Housewives Softball League was born from the PSJ Little League Moms league back in the 80's. They've been around a long time, always run by volunteers and players. This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league.

We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires.

For more information, call: Veronica Ordner, President, at 321-698-3863; Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605.

You can also find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/PSJHSL](http://www.facebook.com/PSJHSL).

## Charter Review Commission to Examine Home Rule Charter

The Brevard County Home Rule Charter requires that every six years, a Charter Review Commission be appointed for the purposes of reviewing the existing Charter. The Charter Review Commission is made up of 15 members, three appointees from each of the Brevard County Commissioners to represent their Commission Districts. The 2021-2022 Commission has elected Mr. Mike Haridopolos as the Chair.

The Charter Review Commission is scheduled to meet on a regular basis until its sunset date of August 12, 2022. The deadline for any new proposal submission will be on Thursday, May 12, 2022, no later than 5 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. Future meeting dates, agendas, minutes and video recordings will be posted on the Brevard County Government website on the following page: <https://brevardfl.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

If any individual, group, or organization has a desire to comment on the Charter or offer any amendments, you may appear before the Charter Review Commission during Public Comment at any of the scheduled meetings. Due to input and proposals from the public, there were three adopted amendments to the charter in November of 2010. Those items were: Charter Amendments Affecting Municipalities (Section 1.8), Citizens process for advising the County Commission (Section 2.9.10), and Analysis of fiscal impact or proposed charter amendment (Section 7.4.2).

Further information can be found at: <http://www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission/CountyCharter/Review-Commission2021-2022>

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in the proceedings, please notify Melissa Brandt no later than 48-hours prior to the meeting at (321) 301-4438.

Pursuant to 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the County hereby advises the public that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Charter Review Commission with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and that for such purpose, affected persons may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the County for the introduction or admission into evidence of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law.

***However good or bad a situation is,  
it will change. Stay strong.***

## Ingenuity Thriving On Mars

The first-ever powered flights over another planet have proved a resounding success for NASA's JPL team, which is celebrating Ingenuity's 12-month anniversary of its first helicopter hop on Mars Tuesday. Some 25 flights later, the Ingenuity helicopter — which hitched a ride to Mars on NASA's Perseverance rover — is going from strength to strength.

Ingenuity's historic first flight proved a modest beginning, a mere 10 foot high hover over the Martian surface. It was a major milestone: the very first powered, controlled flight in the extremely thin atmosphere of Mars, and, in fact, the first such flight in any world beyond Earth.

After that, the helicopter successfully performed additional experimental flights of incrementally further distance and greater altitude. Ingenuity completed its technology demonstration phase after three successful flights. The 4-pound (1.8-kilogram) Ingenuity notched up its 25th flight over the red planet on April 8, setting new personal bests for speed and distance.

Ingenuity's 25th and most ambitious flight to date proved another record-breaker. The helicopter broke its distance and ground speed records, traveling 2,310 feet (704 meters), flying for a total of 161.3 seconds at a speed of 12 mph. Previously, the helicopter had only reached speeds of about 11 mph and flew just over 2,000 feet.

Asked about his expectation on Ingenuity's capability to keep operating, Jaakko Karras, Ingenuity chief engineer said he was quietly optimistic. "The system overall is still in very good health. There isn't a single component that is looking like a limiting factor, and we can't point to any one thing as being a concern."

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## FREE Shred Days Are Back

Launch CU has scheduled six free Shred Days. Members may bring up to five boxes of paper material to one of these events and have it securely shredded and disposed of at no charge.

The local events are:

### Port St. John Branch

April 27, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### Merritt Island Branch

May 4, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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

**No material may be left at the branch.** Shred will only be accepted during the event. In order to adhere to safety measures, all shred material must be boxed or bagged, and left in your trunk.

Please remain in your vehicle and a Launch representative will remove the shred from your trunk.

## Mother's Day Charcuterie Board Class

Are you looking for a Mother's Day gift? Then consider joining us for our Charcuterie Board Basics class! Spend some quality time with mom while also learning how to mix cheeses, meats, fruits and more! In this class, we will teach you how to create your own charcuterie board to share with others. You will also be able to take home a mini cheese board! If you bring a guest, you will only receive one mini cheese board. However, a limited amount will be available to purchase for \$15 after the class.

This class is on May 3, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. and costs \$40 for individuals or \$55 if you choose to bring a guest. Please purchase a ticket upgrade to register your guest. This class will be held at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Cocoa and space is limited to 20 people. Advance registration is required. Ticket sales end on April 29, 2022, at 5 p.m. Checks are also accepted.

Register on Eventbrite today: <https://bit.ly/38yM4tJ>.

For more information, please call us at 321-633-1702 or email [brevard@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:brevard@ifas.ufl.edu).

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## 2022 Lifeguard Course

Brevard County Parks and recreation's Central Area Operations will be offering a lifeguard course May 2-14 at McLarty Park Aquatic Center, 790 Barton Boulevard in Rockledge. Course dates and times are as follows:

### Lifeguard Class - Call to schedule a swim test

- May 2, 5-9 p.m.
- May 4, 5-9 p.m.
- May 6, 5-9 p.m.
- May 9, 5-9 p.m.
- May 11, 5-9 p.m.
- May 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Participants will need access to the internet as this course has online components. All classes must be attended. The cost is \$253 per participant and must be paid upon successful completion of a skills test. Those who commit to working for Brevard County Parks and Recreation this summer can qualify for a reduced fee. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is recommended with a minimum of five participants to hold the class.

Interested candidates must be 15 years of age, able to swim 300 yards nonstop (front crawl and breaststroke), complete a timed 10-pound brick retrieval, and tread water for two minutes using legs only.

Upon successful course completion, participants will receive American Red Cross certification in Lifeguard, First Aid, and CPR for Professional Rescuer.

For additional information and to schedule a swim test, call Debbie Bowling at 321-633-1870 or email [debbie.bowling@brevardfl.gov](mailto:debbie.bowling@brevardfl.gov).

## Cooking In An Instant & Air Frying Class Now Available

Do you want to learn how to make delicious recipes using a pressure cooker or an air fryer? Then join us for our Cooking in an Instant & Air Frying class! This cooking class is a fun hands-on experience where you can learn four new recipes for your pressure cooker and air fryer. The recipes for this class are inspired by Mediterranean cuisine!

We will be hosting this class at the UF/IFAS Extension office in Cocoa on April 27, with two time slots to choose from. Space is limited to 12 people per time slot. Materials are provided in class and you will be able to eat what you make! Tickets are \$15 per person and ticket sales end on April 22 at 5 p.m.

Register on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/38PL1px>.

For more information, please call 321-633-1702 or email [brevard@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:brevard@ifas.ufl.edu).

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### Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

321-633-1867

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.. Wednesday 12-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

**All Brevard County libraries will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.**

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.

5/4 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

5/7 10:30 a.m.: Americana Door Hanger craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 5/3. See Reference Desk for details and more information.

5/9 5:30 p.m.: Port St. John Library Advisory Meeting.

5/14 & 5/28 10 a.m.-noon: Pokemon Club of Port St. John. All ages welcome.

5/21: Community Baby Shower. See Youth Services desk for more information!

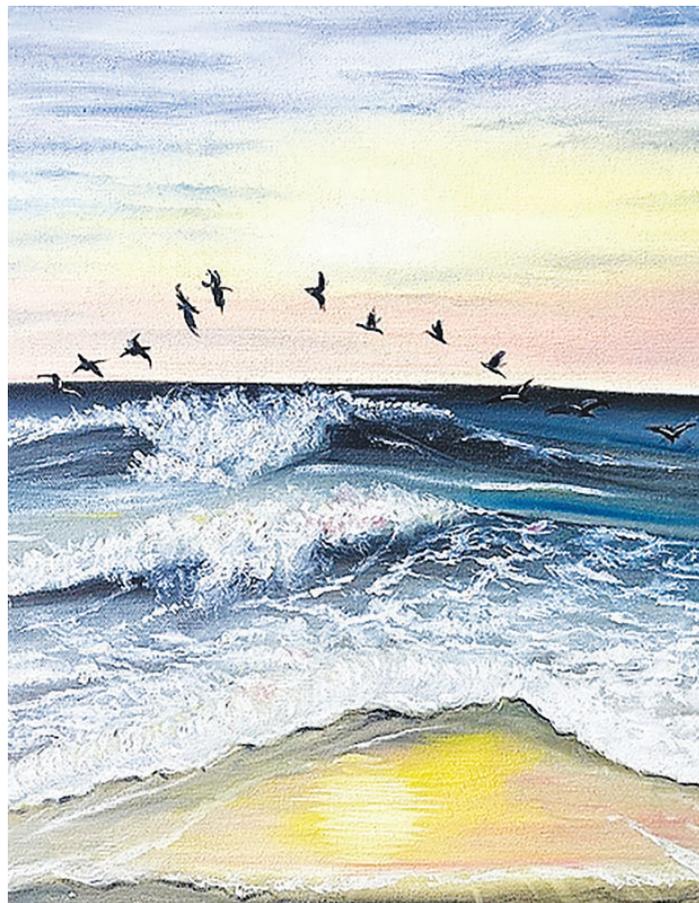
5/25 6 p.m.: Friends of the Port St. John Library Membership meeting.

Tuesdays 10-11 a.m.: Humanatee Yoga for Beginners or Intermediate. \$5 Instructor Fee.

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

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

There will be no story times the last two weeks of May as we prepare for the Summer Reading Program! Registration Kickoff for Summer Reading begins June 2nd.



### Oil Paintings by Elena Tchistiakova

The Studios of Cocoa Beach's April exhibit features the "Oil Paintings by Elena Tchistiakova." Elena will display many of her nature paintings. She uses oil paints to create soft, tropical colors creating warm, inviting images of the Florida landscape. "I paint to explore my passion for our beautiful nature. For example, walking on the beach gazing out on the ocean I see so many colors. I put them on canvas in hopes that the viewer may enjoy them too."

Originally from Russia, Elena earned an art degree in Moscow. She then moved to New York and studied CAD drafting classes at Cooper Engineering School. She graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) and worked in the fashion industry for over 20 years.

The Studios of Cocoa Beach, is located at 165 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. The gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on Elena, other artists and classes, visit the website: [www.studiosofcocoa-beach.org](http://www.studiosofcocoa-beach.org) or follow the Studios on Facebook and Instagram.

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