

HAPPENINGS

Weekly Edition August 23, 2024

Disaster Preparedness 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. Sales tax holidays do not apply to:

- Commercial purchases of pet evacuation supplies.
- Sales within a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment or airport.
- The rental of any of the eligible items listed below.

Sales price of \$20 or less:

- Reusable ice (reusable ice packs)

Sales price of \$40 or less:

- Any portable, self-powered light source* (powered by battery, solar, hand-crank, or gas):
 - Candles • Flashlights • Lanterns

Sales price of \$50 or less:

- Any gas or diesel fuel container, including LP gas and kerosene containers Batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only (excluding automobile and boat batteries):

- AAA-cell • AA-cell • D-cell
- 6-volt • C-cell

- 9-volt Portable Radios* (powered by battery, solar, or hand-crank)

- Two-way • Weather band

* Eligible light sources and radios qualify for the exemption even if electrical cords are included.

Sales price of \$60 or less:

- Coolers and ice chests (food storage; nonelectrical)
- Portable power banks

Sales price of \$70 or less:

- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Smoke detectors or smoke alarms

Sales price of \$100 or less:

- Bungee cords • Ground anchor systems
- Ratchet straps • Tarpaulins (tarps)
- Tie-down kits

- Visqueen, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths and other waterproof sheeting

Sales price of \$3,000 or less:

- Portable generators used to provide light or communications, or to preserve food in the event of a power outage

Eligible Pet Evacuation Supplies

Sales Price of \$10 or less per can or pouch (or the equivalent if sold in a box or case):

- Wet cat or dog food

Sales Price of \$15 or less per item:

- Cat litter pans
- Collapsible or travel-size food or water bowls

- Hamster or rabbit substrate
- Manual can openers
- Pet waste disposal bags

Sales Price of \$20 or less per item:

- Collars • Muzzles
- Leashes • Pet pads

Sales Price of \$25 or less per item:

- Cat litter weighing 25 lbs. or less

Sales Price of \$40 or less per item:

- Pet beds

Sales price of \$100 or less per item:

- Bags of dry cat or dog food weighing 50 lbs. or less
- Pet carriers
- Portable kennels
- Over-the-counter pet medications



PSJ Community

Foundation Spirit Night

Take advantage of the PSJCF Spirit Night at the PSJ Beef O' Brady's on Tuesday, the 27th and get your PortSt.John~OPOLY game for a discounted price of \$15.00. They make great keepsake gifts and fun for a Family Game Night! Enjoy dinner at Beef's between 5-8 and the PSJCF will receive a portion of the profits (Dine in or Take-Out). See you at Beef's!





Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Board-Certified Gastrologist Rahul Chaudhari, MD

Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group are pleased to welcome Board-Certified Gastrologist Rahul Chaudhari, MD, to the Brevard community.

Dr. Chaudhari joins the Parrish Medical Group Gastroenterology practice, located inside Parrish Healthcare Center at 250 Harrison Street, Titusville, FL (Titus Landing).

Dr. Chaudhari received his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from SMT NHL Municipal Medical College in Ahmedabad, India. He completed fellowship training at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia and his residency at Pennsylvania Hospital of University of Pennsylvania Health Systems in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Civil Hospital in Gujarat, India. He has been in practice since 2011, specializing in preventing, diagnosing and treating digestive tract, liver and pancreatic disorders with a special interest in gastrointestinal motility disorders (disorders affecting your body's ability to move food and nutrition through your stomach, intestines and other organs).

New patients are welcome. Most insurance plans accepted. To schedule an appointment, please call 321-268-6868.

For more information about Dr. Chaudhari, Parrish Medical Group, or Parrish Healthcare, visit parrishhealthcare.com/chaudhari.



Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Occupational Health and Primary Care Physician Anitesh Jaswal, MD

Parrish Medical Group is pleased to welcome Occupational Health and Primary Care Physician Anitesh Jaswal, MD, to the Brevard community.

Dr. Jaswal joins Parrish Medical Group's Occupational Health and Primary Care practice, located at 494 North Washington Avenue, Titusville. Dr. Jaswal offers a range of services including annual physicals, drug screenings, injury prevention education, health coaching and health risk assessments. He has an active interest in community health and ensuring quality access to healthcare for all.

Dr. Jaswal earned his medical degree from Trinity Medical Sciences University in St. Vincent, Grenadines. Following his studies, Dr. Jaswal completed his residency at The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education in Scranton, Pennsylvania

Parrish Medical Group and Dr. Jaswal are currently accepting new patients, most insurance plans accepted. To schedule an appointment, call 321-267-8311.

To learn more about Dr. Jaswal, Parrish Medical Group or Parrish Healthcare, visit parrishhealthcare.com/jaswal.

***A day without laughter
is a day wasted.***

Space Coast Airport, also known as Spaceport West

Space Coast Airport is also known as Titusville – Cocoa Airport (TI-CO Airport). The Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) is working on a new site plan for Space Coast Regional Airport. It states the following:

EXPLORATION SPACEPORT

@ Space Coast Regional Airport

Director: Kevin Daugherty, A.A.E.

Address: 51 Bristow Way, Titusville, FL 32780

Phone Number: 321-267-8780

www.explorationspaceportf.org (website doesn't work)

MISSION

- To provide unique opportunities for diverse aerospace business growth, unparalleled customer experiences and a destination for global aerospace research, testing, assembly and potential launches.

SPACEPORT HIGHLIGHT

- 1,500+ developable acres
- Development of 1.9 million square feet of leasable space
- Future “point-to-point” launch terminal

MASTER/LONG-TERM PLAN

- Rehabilitation of runway 18/36 and Safety Area enhancements
- Extension of Challenger Avenue to S.R. 407
- Replacement of current Air Traffic Control tower
- Taxiway A reconstruction and extension
- Development of 1.9 million square feet of build-to-suit space
- Horizontal launch/landing; future “point-to-point” excursions
- FTZ (Foreign Trade Zone) 136

NEW FEATURES OF THE SPACEPORT

- Development of new facilities that may contain clean rooms, high bays and SCIFs, as well as capabilities for manufacturing, assembly, research and development, and flexible office space

LOCATION ADVANTAGE

- Spaceport Territory tax-related and fiscal benefits
- Close proximity to major arteries - I-95, U.S. 1, S.R. 528, S.R. 407, and S.R. 405 (NASA Causeway)
- FEC Railway
- Within one hour of several international airports
- 6 miles from Kennedy Space Center
- 8 miles from Port Canaveral
- Foreign Trade Zone 136 (duty-free trade, shipping, etc.)
- Florida weather provides opportunities for year-round outdoor activities
- Pristine beaches
- Indian River Lagoon (boating, fishing)
- 40 minutes from Orlando and its legendary theme parks and amenities

SPACEPORT ACCESSIBILITY

- Multi-modal transportation gateway, including roadways and highways, railways, maritime, air travel, and space capabilities and highways, railways, maritime, air travel, and space capabilities.

It still seems to be named Space Coast Regional Airport, but it's gained another name - Spaceport Florida West.

EmpowerU Program Now Available



Are you concerned about local issues and feel compelled to do more? Then consider taking part in our EmpowerU course! This 6-week course will provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed to impact change in their community. The EmpowerU program is for concerned individuals or groups interested in local issues who want to grow their skills to engage decision-makers about problems they are worried about meaningfully.

As you work through 8 hours of self-paced online learning activities and live workshops, participants will:

- Gain an understanding of the roles and levels of government and who to contact.
- Learn to use persuasion, framing, questioning, and listening skills in decision-making.
- Know where to find reputable information on local issues.
- Create an engagement plan and experience practicing it in a safe, peer-learning environment.
- Build your confidence to see yourself as a resource to decision-makers.
- View engagement with decision-makers as a norm and encourage others to do it. Network with other passionate people who share your concerns for Brevard County.

This EmpowerU course will run from September 9 – October 16, and the cost is \$95 per person. This is a hybrid course with five live workshop sessions that are taught via Zoom and in-person. Registration will close on August 31, or when all spots are filled. In-person workshops will be held at the UF/IFAS Extension office in Cocoa (3695 Lake Dr., Cocoa).

To register and view the schedule, visit: https://loom.ly/mtvG_1g.

If you have any questions, please call us at (321) 633-1702 or email Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu.

The University of Florida is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. For disability accommodations such as sign language interpreters and listening devices, please contact the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office at Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu or (321) 633-1702 at least 2 weeks in advance. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some accessibility needs.

New Jobs In Brevard

Hot Jobs Lists - The newest job openings in Employment Florida are posted on our website, careersourcebfv.com.

Hiring Events & Job Fairs

Open to the public & Walk-ins welcome!



Meet the hiring managers and learn about their jobs. Interviews are available on-site!

Orion 180 Insurance - Filling multiple positions for:

Senior Insurance Accountant, Customer Experience Specialist, Marketing Operations Specialist, Lead Software Developer - Data/BI

Wednesday, August 21, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Palm Bay career center

LF Staffing - Filling multiple positions for:

Insurance Agent, Maintenance Worker, Grounds Maintenance Worker

Wednesday, August 21, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Palm Bay career center

Thursday, August 22, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Rockledge career center

Aerospace / Aviation Job Fair -

Meet more than 25 employers ready to hire! Here is a partial list:

Dassault, ASRC, Semi Pack, Vaya Space, Northrop Grumman, STARCOM, Piper, Acara, AAR, Embaer, Jacobs, RG Next, Blue Origin, Craig Technologies, Herndon Solutions Group, Patrick Space Force Base, EMF Engineered Components Inc., Melbourne Flight Training, and more to come!

Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sands Space History Center

100 Spaceport Way, Building 90328

Cape Canaveral

For questions or assistance, email Jobseekersupport@careersourcebfv.com.

Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

321-633-1867

Shelley Macon, Library Director

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

Adult:

Community Support Advocate - Mondays, August 5 and 19 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.

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Thursdays

1-3 p.m.: **SHINE Medicare** assistance through the Senior

Resource Alliance of Brevard.

Port Readers Book Club - Thursday, August 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. This book club meets on the fourth Thursday at 2 p.m. in the lobby meeting room.

Books are available at the Reference Desk. The selection for August is *The Engagement Party* by Finley Turner.

Youth Services

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 through 12 and requires parent or adult supervision at all times. **NEW!** - STEAM kits are available in Youth Services!

Baby Story Time - Every Friday from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. 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

Toddler Story Time - Every Fridays from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the meeting room. Join us for songs, stories, and a craft. This story time is intended to prepare toddlers for preschool with active listening, group participation, developing fine motor skills, and socializing with others. This story time is for toddlers ages 3 to 5 and requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

Family:

Family Craft Pressed Flower Bookmark - Thursday, August 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. Make a bookmark using pressed flowers and vintage paper. Ages 10 and up. Bookmarks using various stickers for the little ones, 10 and under. Please register the week before the craft to reserve your seat. Please see the reference desk for more information.

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.

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