

# HAPPENINGS

**Weekly Edition**  
**November 15, 2024**

## **Disaster Recovery Center Established for Those Impacted By Hurricane Milton**

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) has opened at 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, for Brevard County residents impacted by Hurricane Milton who need help with FEMA disaster assistance. Located in the UF/IFAS Brevard Extension Service parking lot, the center is easily accessible from I-95 and centrally positioned within the county. Hours are Monday–Sunday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Services include:**

- Application status updates
- Disaster recovery guidance
- Clarification on FEMA correspondence
- Housing assistance info
- Answers, problem resolutions and referrals to other agencies

If your application has been denied or is facing complications, the center can provide detailed support.

New to FEMA assistance? Register first at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov) or call 800-621-3362 before visiting the center.

### **Documents to bring for registration:**

- Contact info (phone, address, SSN)
- Household income
- Damaged address details
- Description and photos of damaged items
- Insurance info
- Bank account/routing numbers for direct deposits

For more information on recovery resources and hurricane season information, visit [www.EMBrevard.com](http://www.EMBrevard.com).

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## **Voyager 1, Phone Home!**

Voyager 1, which launched in 1977, is currently exploring the farthest edges of the solar system. After having recent communication issues that resulted in silence, NASA and Voyager 1 resorted to using a backup radio transmitter that has been inactive since 1981.

The interstellar explorer initially experienced a brief pause in communications after putting itself in a protective state to conserve power. The mission's flight team first realized there was an issue with Voyager 1 in October when the spacecraft failed to respond to a command. According to NASA officials in a statement on October 13, “The transmitter shut-off seems to have been prompted by the spacecraft's fault protection system, which autonomously responds to onboard issues. The team is now working to gather information that will help them figure out what happened and return Voyager 1 to normal operations.”

After sending instructions to Voyager 1 on October 16th, the team expected to receive data back from the spacecraft within two days. It normally takes about 23 hours for a command to travel more than 15 billion miles to reach the spacecraft in interstellar space, then another 23 hours to receive a signal back. However, on October 18th, the team was unable to detect Voyager 1's signal on the X-band frequency that the DSN antennas were listening for.

The spacecraft's fault protection system had lowered the rate at which its radio transmitter was sending back data to use less power. The flight team located a signal later that day, but on October 19th, communication with Voyager 1 stopped entirely when its X-band transmitter was turned off. The spacecraft's fault protection system is believed to have been triggered twice more, causing it to switch to the S-band radio transmitter, which hadn't been used since 1981.

The spacecraft is located much farther away today than it was 43 years ago. The flight team was not sure a signal on the S-band frequency could be detected, especially because it transmits a significantly fainter signal while using less power. However, the team didn't want to risk sending another signal to the X-band transmitter and triggering the fault protection system again. Instead, a command was sent to the S-band transmitter. Two days later the team was finally able to reconnect with Voyager 1.

When Voyager 1 launched, it became the first spacecraft to cross the boundary of our solar system. Its time in deep space has taken a toll on its instruments and caused an increasing number of technical issues, but Voyager 1 continues to return vital data from beyond the solar system.

- Thanx to Samantha Mathewson

# Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Exceeds Fundraising Goal At Dancing In The Moonlight Gala

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation's (JPMF) annual benefit gala Dancing in the Moonlight was a tremendous success, raising more than \$125,000 in net proceeds to benefit the advancement of innovative healthcare technologies and services in support of the healing mission of Parrish Healthcare. Presented by the law firm of Zumpano Patricios, the event was held October 5, at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex's Apollo/Saturn V Center.



*Dancing in the Moonlight* was an enormous success thanks to an outpouring of support from every corner of the community.

More than 300 guests dined and danced amidst the iconic Saturn V rocket to music from the sixties and seventies along with a special selection of tunes from the Apollo 11 moon landing mix tape. Throughout the evening, guests relived the first crewed Saturn V mission into space and experienced the Apollo era through interactive exhibits and artifacts.

Parrish Medical Center's Medical Director of Total Joint Replacement, Matthew Musto, DO, the event's keynote speaker, shared updates on the newest innovations at Parrish Medical Center. Musto highlighted VELYS, a robotic-assisted surgical system that utilizes technology to aid knee replacement procedures that are tailored to each patient. Dr. Musto presented guests with a live VELYS demonstration and then provided all the opportunity to try the robotic system through a hands-on experience.

Judy Allender, Winnie Brewer, Kelley Broome, Mary Coleman, Jessie Kirk and Rachel Terry were co-chairs for the event. The winner of the \$1,000 chance drawing was Linda Almeida. "We are overjoyed by the tremendous support we have received for Dancing in the Moonlight and are thrilled to have so many organizations and community partners joining us to make a difference in the health of our community," stated Melissa Lugo, chair, JPMF board of directors.

In addition to presenting sponsors Zumpano Patricios, this year's event partners included the following. Celestial-level Sponsors: GrayRobinson/William and Laura Boyles, Injury Centers of Brevard / Dr. Nick and Jennifer Trastelis, and UBS Financial Services / Susan Morse and Daniel Levy. Galaxy-level Sponsors: Jerry and Judy Allender / Allender & Allender Attorneys at Law, Apogee Physicians, Central Florida Spine & Pain / Dr. Nicholas Giordano, M.D., Coastal Health Systems of Brevard, Jessie Kirk in memory

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"On behalf of the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation board of directors and staff, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who supported our 2024 gala and contributed to its success. We have been inspired by the tremendous generosity from every corner of our community. Generosity that will allow us to continue to provide innovative healthcare technologies and services at Parrish Medical Center," said Lugo.

For more information about Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, how to get involved or how to support future efforts, please visit [parrishmedfoundation.com](http://parrishmedfoundation.com).

## Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Accepting Scholarship Applications for Students Pursuing Careers in Healthcare

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) has launched its 2025 scholarship application period and is now accepting applications from high school seniors and college undergraduate students who plan to pursue a career in a medical or healthcare field related to human health.

Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students who reside in the Parrish Medical Center service area and are attending an accredited two- or four-year college/university. Students must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher, based on a 4.0 scale. Students who have been awarded a JPMF scholarship in previous years may reapply provided they are continuing in a medical/healthcare field and have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. Graduate students are not eligible to apply.

High school students who attend Astronaut High School, Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School and Titusville High School may obtain an application from the guidance office at their school. Others may obtain an application by calling the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or by visiting [parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships](http://parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships).

The number and amount awarded for scholarships will be recommended by the Foundation's scholarship committee with final approval by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 7, 2025. Scholarship award recipients will be announced in May 2025. To date, JPMF has awarded more than \$535,000 to 485 students, supporting future generations of healthcare professionals.



### MEN OF MOTOWN

NOVEMBER 15 & 16 - RATED PG

On a starry summer night, don't miss the engagement of Men of Motown on the new Titusville Playhouse Stage. This cabaret will pay tribute to musicians like Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, The Temptations,

Smokey Robinson, The Jackson 5 and countless others who graced this label that stands for the sophistication, soul and intelligence of the black man. We Heard It Through the Grapevine these Men of Motown will have you Sittin' on the...edge of your seat and Dancing in the Streets. #menofmotown

### Stage 2

STAGE 2 is located in an outdoor, but covered pavilion. Performances will occur rain or shine. The gates are located at 316 South Palm Avenue and open 30 minutes before your show. Please dress and be prepared for the weather. For show times, more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/>.

## FestiFALL Chili Cook-Off Winners



FestiFALL had its biggest crowd ever and most of the adult participants enjoyed the great food in the 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off while the kids played on Bounce Houses. 10 of the area's best chili cooks competed and there was a wide variety of flavor profiles - and all of them were good!

At the end of the day, and a lot of eating and voting, the winners were:

### Judge's Choice

- 1st Place - Mike Barker
- 2nd Place - Knights of Columbus Council 11348
- 3rd Place - Bardwell's Bangin Chili

### People's Choice

- 1st Place - Mike Barker
- 2nd Place - Bardwell's Bangin Chili
- 3rd Place - White Chick's Chili



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## Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., PSJ

**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.**

### Adult Programs:

**Community Support Advocate:** Mondays, November 25 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, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.: This book club meets on the fourth Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m.. November's featured book is *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. Books are available at the Reference Desk.

### Family Programs

**Spice Travelers Spice Club:** Friday, November 15 at 3:30 p.m.: Spice Travelers Spice Club! Pick up a kit including this month's featured spice at the Reference Desk. The November featured spice is Filé powder. This is a family program and all are welcome.

**This month come visit the library and check out our community puzzle.**

### Youth Services:

**Bats! by the Florida Bat Conservancy:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.. Join us for a presentation courtesy of the Florida Bat Conservancy about the importance of bats in the ecosystem, what this organization does for the community, and what you can do for your local bat population. All are welcome to attend this family-friendly event!

**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, November 23rd from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.. Teens ages 14 through 17 can select one of the books from the monthly Hoopla Young Adult Cross-over digital book club titles and discuss their choice at the meeting. Snacks will be provided and all books are available as ebooks or audiobooks through the library's free Hoopla app.

**STEAM Activity Time:** STEAM is every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Port St. John public library 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.

**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.

STEAM kits are available in Youth Services!

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## Be a Part of Something Special. Be a Parrish Care Partner!

### Open interviews - every Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon

Full Time, Per Diem or Part Time jobs available!

- Registered Nurses
- RN Clinical Coordinators
- RN Charge Nurses
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Emergency Medicine Technologist
- Respiratory Technologists
- CT Technologists
- EKG Technologists
- Quality Improvement
- MRI Technologists
- Radiology Technologist
- Phlebotomist
- Identity Access Management Analyst
- Paramedic
- Sterile Processing Technician
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
- Athletic Trainer

Main Hospital: 951 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville  
Career Site: [www.Parrishhealthcare.com/careers](http://www.Parrishhealthcare.com/careers)

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