

# HAPPENINGS

**Weekly Edition**  
**September 20, 2024**

## **Brevard Humane Society's 13th Annual Tuxes & Tails Gala**

The Brevard Humane Society announces its 13th Annual Tuxes & Tails Gala on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year, this fabulous event will take place at the Radisson Resort at the Port, located at 8701 Astronaut Blvd. in Cape Canaveral.

This year's Gala marks a significant milestone, not only celebrating the Brevard Humane Society's 72 years of dedicated service in providing shelter and a safe haven for homeless animals, but more importantly, the evening will underscore the power of community solidarity and the positive impact of collective efforts toward a shared cause as the proceeds from this event will help rebuild the aging 62-year-old animal shelter on Cox Road in Cocoa.

The gala is generously presented by Subaru of Melbourne and supported by esteemed sponsors including Lite Rock 99.3, Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, Jon's Fine Jewelry, Victory Casino Cruises, among others. Various sponsorship packages are available, such as the "Titanium Sponsor" and "Tail Wagger" tiers, offering benefits like reserved and VIP seating, sponsorship recognition and pet tickets. Attendees can also become a "Fur-lanthropist" to enjoy premiere seating for two guests and two pets, along with special swag bags.

The evening's proceedings will be once again hosted by Mindy Levy from Lite Rock 99.3 FM, who will serve



as the Master of Ceremonies, and the Wasdin Family will serve as honorary hosts. Many special appearances will be presented throughout the evening, such as community philanthropist auctioneer Johnny Wiedmann of Wiedmann Roofing & Construction. Entertainment will include the Showtime Band among many other surprise performers!

For the first time ever, guests will have the opportunity to purchase one (of only 100) \$50 premium bottles of wine from Jon's Fine Jewelry's Private Reserve, some of which will include a \$500 gift certificate or a loose gem!

Join us for an evening of elegance and compassion while supporting the Shelter re-build for the vital work of the Brevard Humane Society in making a difference in the lives of countless animals. For further details on sponsorship packages, please contact 321-636-3343, ext. 204 or visit <https://brevardhumanesociety.org/tuxes-tails/>. Get your tickets now before they sell out!

## **September Soiree: A Palette of Seasons at The Downtown Art Gallery**

As Autumn approaches, The Downtown Art Gallery, located at 400 Orange St. in Titusville, celebrates the changing seasons with a "September Soiree: A Palette of Seasons" on Friday, September 27th from 5 to 9 p.m. While Florida may not experience the vibrant fall colors of northern states, the 20 artists at the Downtown Art Gallery have incorporated autumnal hues and themes into their work, filling five beautiful showrooms with seasonal surprises. The gallery will showcase paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, fiberworks and more!

This event also marks the gallery's 22nd anniversary. Join owners Heidi and Jeff Thamert, along with the artists, to toast both the season and their success with a selection of artisan wines, delicious hors d'oeuvres and an autumnal charcuterie array.

The Downtown Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 321-268-0122 or visit them on Facebook or Instagram.



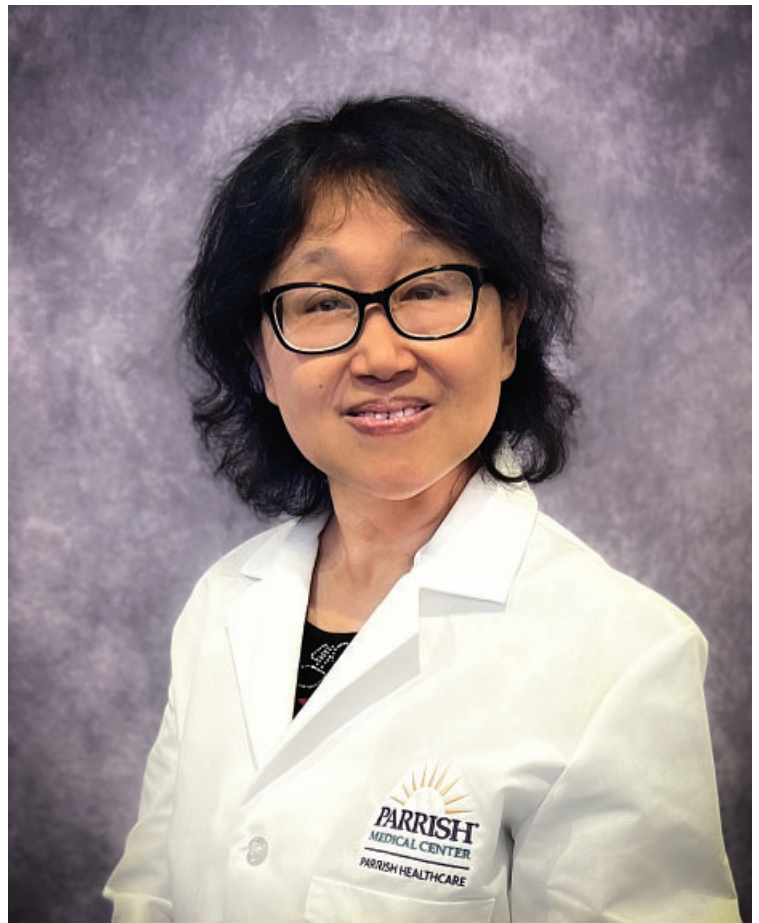
## **Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Board-Certified Neurologist Yanchun Zhang, MD**

Parrish Healthcare is pleased to welcome board-certified neurologist Yanchun Zhang, MD, to Parrish Medical Group. Her office is conveniently located in the Parrish Healthcare Center (Titus Landing) at 250 Harrison Street.

Dr. Zhang received her Master's Degree in Neuroscience from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and her Doctor of Medicine Degree from Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China.

With more than 40 years of experience, Dr. Zhang specializes in diagnosing and treating conditions that affect the brain as well as disorders that impact the nervous system. Her areas of expertise include, but are not limited to: migraines, multiple sclerosis, non-Alzheimer dementia, nerve damage, Parkinson's disease, seizures (abnormal and uncontrolled electrical activity in the brain), epilepsy (a chronic brain disorder that causes seizures), sleep apnea, narcolepsy (a chronic neurological disorder that impacts the body's ability to regulate sleep cycles), substance addiction and stroke.

Dr. Zhang is accepting new patients. Most insurances accepted. To schedule an appointment, please call 321-268-6868. For more information about Dr. Zhang, Parrish Medical Group Neurology or Parrish Healthcare, please visit [parrishhealthcare.com/zhang](http://parrishhealthcare.com/zhang).



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### **Creating Without a Net**

The Space Coast Weavers and fiber artists will meet on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Merritt Island Public Library., 1195 N. Courtenay Parkway. Following a business meeting and member show and tell, Judy Schwab will present a program on "Creating Without a Net."

Judith is a multi-talented artist who was trained in metal smithing and jewelry making, and has turned to the fiber arts, as well as mixed media. This workshop will address what every artist faces when they just can't seem to get started on their next project. Whether you are in your studio and creating every day or find a forgotten creation that you put aside and now have dusted off, it's always a good idea to have a practice warm up to get your creative juices flowing. No judging. No competition. No right or wrong. No worries, and actual fun!

Judy will be bringing all sorts of interesting materials for you to experiment with as well as a lifetime of creative starters. Please bring scissors, white glue or glue sticks, a needle and thread, and whatever markers, pencils and pens you may like. There is a \$5 supply fee.

The guild helps fiber artists, beginning or advanced, learn through workshops and the informal exchange of ideas. They also work to educate the public about the fiber arts. For more information, call Jeanie McCormack at 321-266-1610.

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### **Brevard County Libraries Introduces New Mobile App**

Getting content and information from the Brevard County Public Libraries is even easier with the launch of a new mobile app, BCL Go.

Brevard County Public Libraries has launched the BCL Go in the App Store and Google Play Store. The new BCL Go app puts the power of the library in your hands. Library patrons just need their library card number and last name to use the app for self-checkout, place holds, stay up to date on library events, receive account notifications and more.

Now you can:

- Borrow your items directly with self-checkout
- Place item holds on the go
- Search for items with text or barcode
- Receive account and due date notifications
- Find your closest Brevard County Library
- Find events and programs at your library
- Access digital content while you're on the go, including books, databases and learning resources like LinkedIn Learning

If you'd like to learn more about the BCL Go app, check out our video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI4v\\_OypVY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI4v_OypVY) or visit the Brevard County Public Libraries website at [www.brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries](http://www.brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries).





# HIRING EVENT

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

10AM-1PM AT COCOA CIVIC CENTER  
430 DELANNOY AVENUE, COCOA, FL 32922

Parrish Medical Center is currently looking for exceptional candidates to fill the following positions and more! Join us for an opportunity to explore the benefits of being a Parrish Care Partner. Light refreshments will be provided!

- Charge Nurse
- Registered Nurses
- CNAs
- Medical Assistants
- CT Technologist
- Social Worker
- RN Clinical Coordinator
- EMT
- Paramedics
- MRI Technologist
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist

Explore Current  
Open Positions

SCAN ME!



# Launch Credit Union and Community Credit Union of Florida to Merge



Launch Credit Union and Community Credit Union of Florida are excited to announce their plans to merge, pending regulatory approval and a membership vote. This strategic merger comes after extensive consideration and will combine the strengths of both credit unions, creating a unified financial institution committed to enhancing products and services for members, and expanding community outreach across local Florida communities.

Both Launch Credit Union and Community Credit Union of Florida have rich histories of providing exceptional financial products and services to their members. This strategic alliance aims to optimize operational efficiencies, broaden product offerings and deliver enhanced value to members through leveraging shared resources and expertise while maintaining a strong commitment to the members, employees and communities they serve.

With the approval of the merger set to be finalized by the middle of 2025, this partnership represents a member-focused effort that would allow the combined organization to enhance the credit union's commitment to greater access and convenience and increased member value. Overall, the combined assets would be more than \$2.7 billion, serving more than 143,000 members with 22 branches throughout Brevard and Volusia counties.

“We are thrilled to announce our plans to join forces with Community Credit Union of Florida”, said Joe Mirachi, Launch's President/CEO. “This collaboration demonstrates the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People,” because together our combined resources and shared commitment enable us to offer enhanced products and services to our members while maintaining the high level of personalized service our members have come to expect. We are excited about the opportunities this merger will bring and the positive impact it will have on our communities.”

Laurie Cappelli, President/CEO of Community Credit Union, agreed. “By joining together, we will create a stronger, more resilient financial institution dedicated to serving our members, employees and communities with excellence. Our members will gain access to more than 20 branch locations. Together, we will build on our legacies of trust, integrity and exceptional service to empower our members towards financial success. We look forward to a very bright future together.”

Following the anticipated July 2025 merger approval, Joe Mirachi will continue as the combined credit union's

President/CEO and Laurie Cappelli will move forward with her planned retirement and will serve in a consultant role as needed through system integration.

As member-owned cooperatives and under the guidelines of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a full merger approval is contingent upon member approval. As the merger process moves forward, both credit unions will provide information to their respective memberships via their websites and other applicable communication channels.

## Launch Credit Union

Established in 1963, Launch Credit Union has provided quality financial products and exceptional service to its members. From their start at Kennedy Space Center to their growth into Volusia County and into the present day, their goal has always been to serve members with a wide variety of excellent products, great rates and exceptional member service. Launch Credit Union offers many online and electronic services to access your money anywhere, any time. But for those who prefer face-to-face service, their doors are always open. Launch Credit Union was recently named to Newsweek's “America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions” for 2024. For more information, visit Launch online at [www.LaunchCU.com](http://www.LaunchCU.com).

## Community Credit Union of Florida

Established in 1953, Community Credit Union is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative. It was formed under a state charter by a group of ten teachers in Titusville and was originally known as the Brevard County Teacher's Credit Union. Today, Community Credit Union serves all residents of Brevard, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Volusia and Indian River counties. The cooperative was formed to encourage savings by offering a stronger return on the members' savings than they could find elsewhere. The Credit Union then used those savings to make loans to other members at competitively low interest rates. This is still the basic concept of their operation. Community Credit Union has maintained its strong financial stability even during economic downturns. They strive for a high level of operational efficiency in order to provide the maximum return to members. Forbes has recognized Community Credit Union of Florida as one of America's Best-In-State Credit Unions in 2024.

For more information, visit [www.ccuflorida.org](http://www.ccuflorida.org).

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