

# HAPPENINGS

## Weekly Edition April 25, 2025

### **Parrish Medical Center Partners with Brevard Prevention Coalition to Host Free Medication-Assisted Treatment Training**

In a powerful collaborative effort to combat the opioid crisis, Parrish Medical Center recently hosted the Brevard Prevention Coalition's Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Training, a free comprehensive educational event aimed at equipping professionals with the tools and knowledge needed to support individuals struggling with opioid use disorder. This training was part of the national Move Into Light® initiative spearheaded by Brevard Prevention Coalition to reduce addiction stigmas and promote harm reduction principles. Other event collaborators included Central Florida Treatment Center and Indivior.



*From left to right: Cambridge Hampshire, Megan Weeks, David Kneessy, Lara Chicone and Stanley Brizz.*

The training was specifically designed for a wide range of professionals working on the front lines of substance misuse including law enforcement officers, healthcare providers, social service personnel and others dedicated to improving the health and safety of our communities. The aim was to educate attendees on MAT, now more commonly referred to as medication-assisted therapy, utilizing medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD).

Attendees received foundational insights into the science and application of MAT, a proven approach to treating opioid use disorder using FDA-approved medications combined with counseling and behavioral therapies. Many of the medications and approaches have been around for decades. Still, the goal of the training was



*Megan Weeks, Community Outreach Liaison with University Behavior Center, presents information on the continuing education units to all.*

to break down stigma, foster understanding and promote effective intervention strategies.

“People should know all their options for treating addiction. The path to recovery is not the same for everyone,” said Stanley Brizz, MS, Executive Director of Brevard Prevention Coalition. “Unfortunately, stigma and inaccurate information have prevented people with substance use disorders from exploring options like MAT that could have been effective for them. We are so grateful that the City of Titusville saw this as a priority and we thank them for utilizing their opioid settlement funds to sponsor this training for Titusville.”

Expert presenters included: Stanley Brizz, MS, Executive Director of the Brevard Prevention Coalition and Addictions Counselor; G. Davy Kneessy, MS, MAC, MCAP, Central Florida Treatment Center and Cambridge Hampshire, PharmD, Medical Outcomes and Value Liaison at Indivior. Their combined expertise offered attendees a rich perspective on the role of medication in recovery, emerging trends and how to best support those on the path to wellness. In recognition of the professional development value of the event, two Continuing Education (CE) credits were offered to all attendees through University Behavioral Center (UBC).

## PMC Partners..., cont.

“We are proud to partner with the Brevard Prevention Coalition to host such an impactful event,” said Lara Chicone, Senior Behavioral Health Program Specialist at Parrish Medical Center. “Providing training and expanding access to evidence-based approaches like MAT is essential in addressing the opioid epidemic, reducing stigma and empowering professionals across all sectors.”

For more information on future training opportunities or other Brevard Prevention Coalition’s initiatives, please visit [brevardprevention.org](http://brevardprevention.org). For more information on Parrish Healthcare, please visit [parrishhealthcare.com](http://parrishhealthcare.com).

## China Launches Astronauts To Tiangong Space Station



*(Image credit: China Central Television (CCTV))*

China's latest human spaceflight mission headed for orbit on Thursday morning. A Long March 2F rocket topped with the Shenzhou 20 crew spacecraft lifted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China at 5:17 a.m. EDT. Shenzhou 20 carried 3 astronauts. The Shenzhou 20 spacecraft is scheduled to rendezvous and dock at the Tiangong space station around 6.5 hours after launch.

They will be greeted by the incumbent Shenzhou 19 crew. They will hand over control of Tiangong to the incoming Shenzhou 20 astronauts, who will begin their six-month-long mission aboard the space station. The Shenzhou 19 astronauts will then depart for Earth in their own spacecraft.

Shenzhou 20 is the ninth crewed mission headed for Tiangong and will be the sixth visit since the three-module orbital outpost was fully assembled in October 2022. Shenzhou 20 will be the fifth mission of what China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) terms the application and development stage of China's space station. China plans to keep Tiangong permanently inhabited for at least a decade. The country also wants to expand the space station with new modules and open the outpost to commercial activities.

CMSA and Pakistan are currently working together in preparation for the first foreign astronaut to fly to Tiangong.

## Brevard County Implements Burn Ban

Due to ongoing dry weather conditions Brevard County is favorable to the risk of wildfires, Brevard County has implemented a ban on open burning, such as bonfires, campfires, trash burning and other incineration, throughout the county. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) now exceeds 500 (out of a scale of 800), due to the dry conditions and little rain in the forecast. Under a County ordinance approved in 2017, the burn ban automatically goes into effect.

**The burn ban does not include state-permitted burns, the use of barbecue grills, authorized public fireworks displays and fireworks sales, which are authorized by state law.**

## Moms and Mimosas



Join us for a sparkling Saturday filled with mimosas, Mother’s Day specials, and one-of-a-kind gifts moms will LOVE. “Moms and Mimosas” is the Downtown Art Gallery’ annual Mother’s Day celebration. Sip, shop and celebrate on May 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gallery, 400 Orange St., Titusville.

Bring your mom, your girlfriends or come treat yourself. We’ll have complimentary mimosas, beautiful art and handmade treasures from local artists. Find handcrafted jewelry, pottery, original artwork, home décor, and more—gifts as unique as the moms in your life.

Can’t make the event? Stop by early to shop. We’ve got the perfect gifts for Mom! Let’s toast to love, laughter and local art!

Details are on our Facebook page or call 321-268-0122.

## Veterans and First Responder Breakfast

The Veterans and First Responder Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Patrick’s Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. in Port St. John. It is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire and emergency services individuals.

For more information, call 321-802-1311 or email the church at [stpatrikspsj@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrikspsj@gmail.com).

# Parrish Medical Center Recognized as a 2025 Sustainability Leader by the City of Titusville

Parrish Medical Center has been named a 2025 Sustainability Leader by the City of Titusville in recognition of its outstanding dedication and demonstrated efforts in alignment with the Titusville Sustainability Action Plan. This award celebrates Parrish Healthcare's long-standing commitment to building a healthier, more resilient and sustainable future for the North Brevard community. The award was presented during the city's annual Sustainability Leadership Awards Program on Monday, April 21, Earth Day.

In acceptance of the award, Natalie Sellers, Senior Vice President of Communications, Community & Corporate Services at Parrish Healthcare, commented, "We are honored to receive this award and sincerely thank the City of Titusville for making sustainability a priority and for bringing the many ways our North Brevard community is making sustainability a shared priority. Together, we share a deep respect for our community and for the beautiful environment that surrounds us."

This recognition underscores Parrish Healthcare's belief that sustainability is essential to its mission: Healing Experiences for Everyone All the Time®. With stewardship as a guiding value, Parrish Healthcare remains committed to going beyond what is required and integrates environmental sustainability into many aspects of its operations including facility design and community partnerships. Notable highlights of Parrish Healthcare's sustainability efforts include:

- **LEED Silver-Certified Facility:** Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John was the first outpatient center in Florida to achieve LEED Silver Certification for its energy efficiency, water conservation and environmentally responsible materials. The center was named Project of the Year by the U.S. Green Building Council of Central Florida in 2008.

- **Healing Environments:** Since 1996, Parrish has designed its facilities around the principles of healing environments, integrating elements like natural light, color, nature and cultural expression to promote wellness and conserve resources.

- **Recognition for Healthy Design:** The American Society of Healthcare Engineers recognized Parrish Medical Center's dedication to healthy building design with a Vista Award in 2004.

- **Community Partnerships Focused on Sustainability:** Parrish Healthcare partners with numerous environmental organizations, including the Marine Resources Council's Save Our Lagoon initiative and the Brevard Zoo's Endangered Seagrass Restoration Project.

- **Environmentally Conscious Cleaning Practices:**

Parrish Healthcare transitioned to cleaning products that focus on sustainability by reducing packaging waste and promoting safer formulations. Parrish also participates in reprocessing programs and uses 100% recyclable cold chain shipping materials.

- **Reducing Chemical Use with UV Light Technology:** Since 2021, Parrish Medical Center's Environmental Services (EVS) department has integrated UV light disinfecting robots into their infection prevention strategy to minimize reliance on harsh chemicals and their overall environmental impact.

- **Eco-Friendly Dining:** Parrish Medical Center's Atrium Café transitioned to several eco-friendly products to help reduce the hospital's environmental footprint and minimize waste sent to landfills. This includes the reduced use of Styrofoam to-go containers and introduction of composite boxes.

"As North Brevard's population continues to grow and community needs expand, we must continue to work together toward environmental quality and sustainability," said George Mikitarian, President and CEO of Parrish Healthcare. "We commend the City of Titusville for its promotion of environmental protection and sustainability. And, we commend every person and organization that is publicly or privately working toward the pursuit of a sustainable environmental future."

To learn more about Parrish Healthcare's ongoing sustainability efforts, please visit [parrishhealthcare.com](http://parrishhealthcare.com).

## Meanwhile, In Outer Space...

Last weekend United Launch Alliance (ULA), announced the first 27 satellites of Amazon's Project Kuiper internet constellation are scheduled to lift off aboard an Atlas V rocket on April 28th. Liftoff is set for 7 p.m. EDT from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. ULA has a two-hour launch window in which to launch Kuiper 1.

"This launch begins a new chapter in the commercial launch industry as Amazon partners with ULA to deliver the first batch of their advanced satellites to low Earth orbit (LEO)," ULA wrote on Friday afternoon, April 18th.

ULA CEO Tory Bruno wrote, "Range availability," on X when asked multiple times what was holding up the launch. He said it was waiting for an available slot on the Eastern Range (Florida) from the U.S. Space Force.

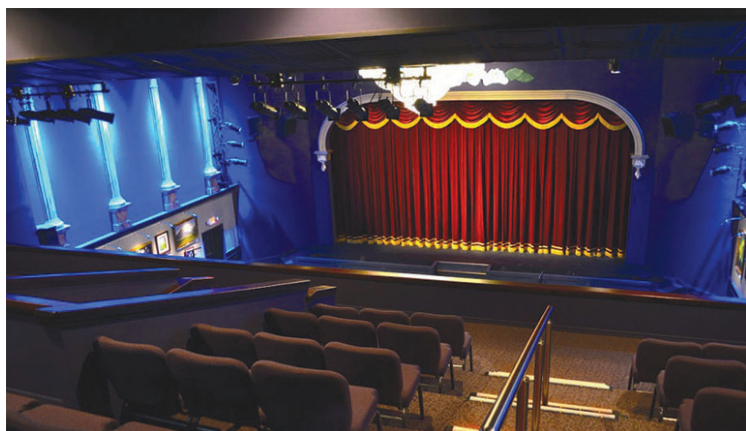
The mission is the first of a planned 83 launches for Amazon's Project Kuiper broadband constellation. While Kuiper 1 will fly on a ULA-built Atlas V rocket, Amazon will also launch Kuiper batches on Arianespace's Ariane 6 rocket, ULA's new Vulcan Centaur rocket and Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket.



### ALTAR BOYZ

May 2-25, 2025 Rated PG

Hailed as “high-octane entertainment” (Talkin’ Broadway), Altar Boyz tells the holy inspiring story of 5 small-town boys – Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham – trying to save the world one screaming fan at a time. Their pious pop act about a fictitious Christian boy band on the last night of their national “Raise the Praise” tour. With angelic voices, sinfully spectacular dancing and a touching story, Altar Boyz is destined to rock the masses of all denominations!



### Titusville Playhouse 2024-25 Season

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.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/> or call 321-268-1125. Season tickets are available.



**LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 12-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.**

#### Youth Services

#### Family Programs

**Game Day** - Every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us to meet other game enthusiasts for an afternoon of board, tabletop and card games in the main library area. Use one of the library-provided sets, or bring your own! All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event.

**Recycle Brevard** - April 26th, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Pick up FREE reusable materials, Drop off your Terracycle, learn about the work they do, help separate materials received.

**Yarn Group of PSJ Library** - The yarn group is a group of adults that enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They donate projects and meet every Friday at the Port St. John Public Library from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Youth Programs

**STEAM Time** - Every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the meeting room for children ages six through twelve. We have activities centered around science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. This event requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

**Read Your Way to K: Baby Story Time** - 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. every Friday in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs, and activities. This storytime is for babies ages three and younger and always requires parent or adult supervision.

**Read Your Way to K: Toddler Story Time** - 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. every Friday in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs and activities. This storytime is for toddlers ages three to five and always requires parent or adult supervision.

**Sensory Sundays** - Every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., children can join the library staff for sensory bin activities. This event is for ages six and up and always requires parent or adult supervision.

4/27 - Bubble Wrap Beehive Craft

**Saturday Craft Crew** - Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join us on Saturdays for a fun, hands-on craft time designed for kids ages four and up. We’ll explore a new project or activity each week, helping kids get creative with colorful materials and exciting themes! It’s the perfect way to start your weekend with a splash of imagination and fun!

4/26— Spring Lily Handprint

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***Parent of a 2 year old:  
I used to have a cute, innocent infant.  
Now I have a Toddlersaurus Rex***

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