

HAPPENINGS

Weekly Edition

February 28, 2025

Parrish Healthcare Answers A Call For Help In PSJ

It's a short story (so far) and a happy ending. The Friends of the Port St. John Library (FOTL) were raising funds for a large screen - 98" - TV to facilitate a variety of family oriented activities: movie nights, karaoke sessions, visual presentations and more to bring families in the Port St. John community closer together by providing an engaging and versatile experience for all ages - children, teens and adults.

Parrish Healthcare covered the remainder of funds needed for the purchase without asking FOTL to pay the matching funds, leaving FOTL funds to also purchase sound bar speakers so the whole room can hear what's presented on the TV, a DVD/Blu-ray player for movie nights and a karaoke machine to go along with planned dances. Our Port St. John Library is greatly enhanced by Parrish Healthcare's generous donation.



President-CEO George Mikitarian and VP Natalie Sellers of Parrish Healthcare, Janice Murray, Griselda Clarke and Shelley Macon of Brevard Libraries, Terry and Ed Mazeika, Kevin Kelley and Ashley Scott of Friends of PSJ Library, and Maureen Rupe.

Indiafest 2025 at Wickham Park in Melbourne

Indiafest will celebrate its 28th Annual Festival on Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9 at Wickham Park, located at 2500 Parkway Drive in Melbourne. It's a fun family event that brings Indian culture, history and tradition to the Space Coast. Indiafest has something of interest for everyone, from hands-on activities for the youths, games for the little ones, shopping for the adults, yoga demonstrations, all-day entertainment and mouth-watering Indian cuisine for everyone to enjoy.

The Discover India booth will feature the theme by providing information and displays of various STEM contributions by India. The stage will come alive with all-day performances by local artists dancing to traditional folk, classical and modern Indian music, while the fashion show will be the highlight of the day.

Take a chance at the raffle to win prizes - a TV, video game, dinner at a fine restaurant, movie tickets, a weekend

at a resort and more. Visit the cooking booth to observe and sample some of the recipes there. The grounds will buzz with vendors selling rich, colorful ethnic garments, jewelry, and arts & crafts. One can indulge in exotic henna designs while the aroma of the tantalizing flavors of an array of Indian cuisine will entice the taste buds.

Today, as technology makes the world more accessible, appreciation of different cultures is more apparent than ever. At Indiafest, you will take back a part of India's rich culture, be it arts and crafts, food, jewelry, music, dance or clothes. You will be get a close-up view of this culture's traditional and vibrant aspects.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free. To avoid lines, tickets can be purchased in advance online at IndiaFestBrevard.org. A portion of proceeds will benefit Aging Matters of Brevard and Children Hunger Project.

Get Ready for a Sizzling Good Time at the 10th Annual Amateur Backyard BBQ Contest!

The Sharing Center of Central Brevard is thrilled to announce the return of its 10th Annual Amateur Backyard BBQ Contest! Mark your calendars for April 5, 2025, and head over to F. Burton Smith Park in Cocoa from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to indulge in some of the best local BBQ around.

Amateur BBQ teams from across the county will compete for the coveted title of Amateur Champion Griller in three mouth-watering categories: beef, pork, and chicken. Each team will provide samples of their delicious BBQ for you, the public, to vote for the People's Choice Champion Griller. While the serious competitors are sweating it out, attendees can soak up the rays, enjoy great food, cold drinks and live entertainment.

The event's proceeds will benefit The Sharing Center's hunger relief programs, making this a fun and meaningful way to support the community.

We are currently seeking BBQ Cook teams for this year's contest. If you're interested, visit our event website at www.sharingcenterbbqcontest.com to download the registration form and BBQ Contest Rules. Don't wait too long, as the field fills up fast! For more information about the BBQ, please call David Brubaker at 321-631-4492.

Come join us for a day of delicious BBQ, community spirit and support for a great cause!

David Brubaker, President/CEO
Sharing Center of Central Brevard

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



3-5 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

3-8 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday

of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

3-8 Bike Night! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

3-12 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

3-13 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

Karaoke every Friday, 6-10 p.m.

Bingo - members - Sundays 1-?

Bingo - Public Welcome - 1st Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about Amvets, contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.



Parrish Healthcare Serves as Presenting Sponsor for 'Ride It Down' Community Bike Ride in Titusville

Parrish Healthcare was honored to serve as the presenting sponsor for this year's Ride It Down community bike ride, organized by the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce. Celebrating its sixth year, Ride It Down brought together more than 300 hundred cyclists of all ages to promote health, wellness and an active lifestyle within the Titusville community.

Beginning and ending at the Titusville Welcome Center, cyclists could elect to ride up to 40 miles roundtrip on the iconic Coast to Coast bike trail. As a champion for community health, this sponsorship reinforces Parrish Healthcare's commitment to fostering wellness initiatives that inspire people to live healthier lives.

In addition to serving as a presenting sponsor, Parrish Healthcare also had a visible presence at the event with an interactive booth and representatives from Parrish Healthcare's Health and Wellness Center. Interventional Cardiologist, Dr. Andre Gabriel, was also on-site post-bike ride to speak with community members about their heart health. In partnership with our cardiology team, Who We Play For, a nonprofit organization that exists to eliminate preventable sudden cardiac arrest in young athletes, was also onsite at the event to perform free electrocardiogram testing for anyone interested and eligible.

The Ride It Down community bike ride has become a beloved annual event in Titusville, promoting physical activity while strengthening community connections. Parrish Healthcare remains committed to supporting initiatives such as Ride It Down that align with our vision of Healing Families—Healing Communities®.

For more information about Parrish Healthcare, please visit parrishhealthcare.com.



**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

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.

3/4— Math-a-lon Race

3/11— Magnetic Tiles

3/18— Sphero Car Coding

3/25— Lego Building Contest: Racecars

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.

3/2— Nature Pre-Writing Flash Cards

3/9— Fairy Art

3/16— Flamingo Hand Painting

3/23— Planet Sponge Painting

3/30— Doily Daisies

Teen Art League - On March 1st and 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Teens ages 13 and up can join other creative-minded individuals for some time to chill and work on their personal art projects. The library will provide various art supplies, but you can bring your own. Try new projects with staff:

3/1— Clay Coil Pots

3/8— Photography and Scrapbooking

Saturday Craft Crew - Saturday, March 22nd 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!

3/1— Animal-Building Puzzle Craft

3/8— Fairy Puppet

3/22— Flamingo and Turtle Mosaic

3/29— Space Rocket Craft

Family Programs

Family Spice Travelers Spice Club - Friday, March 21st at 3:30 p.m. This is a family event. Come to the meeting to pick up a spice kit and share food, recipes, and cooking adventures. It's fun for the entire family.

Escape Room - March 23-25, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Erin go Bragh! Use the luck of the Irish to unlock clues, solve puzzles and find gold (chocolate) coins at the end of the rainbow! Please RSVP!

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.

Spring Break Bash - March 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Blast off into a day of fun at our Spring Break Bash! This family-friendly event has something for everyone, with a variety of activities designed for all ages.

Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party (All Ages)

Space-Themed Poetry Workshop (Ages 12+): Explore the wonders of the universe through creative writing in this out-of-this-world workshop!

Constellation Process Art (Ages 5 & Under): With this hands-on art activity, little ones can create their own sparkling night sky.

Rocket Craft (Ages 6-11): Kids can build and decorate their very own rockets!

Face Painting & Glittery Fairy Hair (All Ages)

Printmaking Class - March 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Collagraph and monotype printmaking class using found materials, trash, and used teabags. Ages 16+. Dress to get messy. Register at the reference desk

Adult

Community Advocate - Mondays, March 3, 17, and 31, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources.

Book Worms Book Club: Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.: Book discussion. See the reference desk for this month's selection and the next meeting date. This month, the book club will discuss Dictator by Robert Harris.

Port Readers Book Club - Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. March's title is Vampires El Norte by Isabel Cañas. Books are available at the reference desk.

**The deadline for filing for
Homestead Tax Exemption
is March 1, 2025.
Don't Forget To File!**

Parrish Healthcare Extends Job Opportunities to Healthcare Workers Affected by Rockledge Hospital Closure Announcement

Parrish Healthcare recognizes the dedication and expertise of the health care professionals affected by the planned closure of Rockledge Hospital. Parrish Healthcare is hosting several hiring events for those seeking immediate employment opportunities.

Parrish Healthcare hosts open interviews every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parrish Medical Center; 951 North Washington Avenue, Titusville. In addition, Parrish Healthcare is also offering extended open interview times on Monday, March 3, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Parrish Medical Center. And, will host a hiring event on Wednesday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cocoa Civic Center, located at 430 Delannoy Avenue in Cocoa.

For additional information regarding open positions within Parrish Healthcare, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/careers.



St. Patrick's Anglican Church
4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John
321-802-1311

Classical Christianity Engaging the World

Where does the month go? It is already March and we are looking at a very late Easter this year, and we have lots of opportunities this month to keep you fed and busy and ready for Lent.

Starting with our pre-Lent Shrove Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. This is open to anyone in the community. It is a free will donation and it's a great time to come out for great pancakes (and all the fixings) and fellowship.

Wednesday, March 5th is the first day of Lent and Lent is a 40-day period of prayer and reflection that Christians all over the world observe in preparation for Easter. It's a time to remember the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and to prepare for his resurrection.

If that wasn't enough, on March 15th we celebrate the biggest festival at St. Patrick's Anglican Church and that is the Festival of St. Patrick, who is our patron saint. This means more food, including an amazing traditional corned beef dinner with all the fixings, drink and dessert at 6:00 p.m. for \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children

This year we will be celebrating the amazing music of Campbell & Cross. Tickets are going fast and are limited – contact the church to purchase at 321-802-1311 or purchase

them online on our website: stpatrickspsj.org.

On March 16th, Bishop Bower will be performing confirmations at the church during the 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group meets on Monday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a craft to work on and we will provide the space and great fellowship.

Veterans and First Responder Breakfast will be Saturday, March 29th in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire and emergency services individuals.

Regular service schedule is: Holy Communion Service – Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday 6:00 p.m. (During Lent we will be doing Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays). Morning Prayer is 8:00 a.m. (available through Facebook Live only at <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>). You can view our Sunday 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday Communion, as well as Stations of the Cross on <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>.

Please check Alcoholics on the Space Coast: https://www.aaspacecoast.info/WnW/WW_Port_St_John.htm for current meetings.

Post 359 - American Legion Schedule

3-1 Bike Days at the Tiki - 1st Saturday of the month, 1 - 5 p.m. presented by American Legion Riders. Good food on the grill with Fixin's, \$10. Listen to live music, take part in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

3-5 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

3-10 Sons of the Legion, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

3-16 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, 321-210-6234 or visit our website, alr359.org.

3-19 General Membership Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call 321-268-1632.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

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