

# HAPPENINGS

## Weekly Edition

May 2, 2025

### Parrish Healthcare Celebrates Volunteers During National Volunteer Week

Parrish Healthcare commemorated National Volunteer Week at their annual volunteer appreciation luncheon last Thursday, April 24, at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. The luncheon is organized annually during National Volunteer Week to extend Parrish Healthcare's gratitude and to present service awards among the 150 volunteers who, this year alone, provided nearly 18,000 hours of service.

"National Volunteer Week provides us with the opportunity to shine a light on the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to help organizations like ours to fulfill their missions and, more broadly, to build stronger communities," said Parrish Healthcare President/CEO George Mikitarian.



*Front row (from left to right): Barbara Brown, James Roby and Pat Mullinix. Back row (from left to right): Connie Konefes, Beth Giardina, Connie Smith and Charlie Bell.*

Parrish Healthcare's volunteer program was formed in 1959 and has welcomed hundreds of individuals, adults and teens alike, who have collectively contributed more than three million hours of service to Parrish Healthcare and North Brevard. That's the equivalent of more than 342 years of volunteer service.

"Each member of our volunteer service has his or her own reasons for volunteering, but what each has in common is a servant's heart; a willingness to help others with humility and compassion and without expecting anything in return. Their impact is profound. We are a stronger health system because of their service to the people, patients and community we serve," added Mikitarian.



*Front row (from left to right): Pat Christian, Kris Smith, Mary Bair and Diane Jennings. Back row: Mitzi Vitucci (left) and Gloria Doerr (right).*

Parrish Healthcare awarded the following service milestone awards for 2025:

- 100 hours: Michael Cardinale, Mary Cing, Joanne Corbin, LeeAnne McGill and Patricia Mullenix
- 300 hours: Lana Burkett, Ronald Davis and Joan Fath
- 500 Hours: Betty Beachly and Sharon White
- 750 hours: Charlie Bell, Pat Braden and Mitzi Vitucci
- 1,000 hours: Kathy Gray and Carrie Schoonmaker
- 1,500 hours: Kathy Brant, Dianne Jennings and Patricia O'Shea
- 7,000 hours: Pat Christian

To learn more about volunteering at Parrish Healthcare, or to download a volunteer application, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/volunteer](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/volunteer) or send an email to [volunteerservices@parrishmed.com](mailto:volunteerservices@parrishmed.com).



*A handful of volunteers pose after receiving their service milestone awards.*

## Space Coast Flute Orchestra to Perform Free Concert

The Space Coast Flute Orchestra is excited to announce a free public concert on May 4th at 3:00 p.m. at the Suntree United Methodist Church, located at 7400 N. Wickham Rd., Melbourne.

The performance will feature a rich selection of musical pieces, all centered around the beautiful and versatile sound of the flute. The concert, open to all community members, promises to be an afternoon filled with delightful music. It will offer an opportunity for local residents to enjoy live performances in a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere.

Admission to the concert is completely free, and all are welcome to join. The event is especially open to members of local retirement communities, and organizers encourage group attendance for a unique cultural experience.

For more information or questions, please contact Jamie Woods at [scfo.publicity@gmail.com](mailto:scfo.publicity@gmail.com). Further details can be found at [www.scfo.org](http://www.scfo.org).

## Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

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.**

- 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

For additional information regarding open positions within Parrish Healthcare, please visit [parrishhealthcare.com/careers](http://parrishhealthcare.com/careers).

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## Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



**5-7 Sons of Amvets 2415** General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**5-8 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary** General Membership Meeting - 2nd

Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

**5-10 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

**5-10 Bike Night!** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

**5-14 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**Karaoke every Friday, 6-10 p.m.**

**Bingo - members - Sundays 1-?**

**Bingo- Public Welcome - 1st Tuesday, 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.

***The best this about being over 50?***

***We did all our stupid stuff before the internet,  
so there's no proof!***

## Post 359 - American Legion Schedule Post 359 - American Legion



**5-3 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.

**5-7 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting** - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

**5-12 Sons of the Legion**, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

**5-18 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](http://alr359.org).

**5-21 General Membership Meeting-** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

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.

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

# Space Coast Cars & Motorcycles Show

Come out to Titus Landing, 2520 S. Washington Ave. in Titusville on May 17th, 10:00 a.m. to enjoy a day of hot cars and cruise-ready motorcycles, or enter your own. The Registration Fee is only \$5. Your money benefits Jess Parrish Medical Foundation.

Hosted by Space Coast Cars & Motorcycle, all years, makes and models are welcome. Enjoy vendors, food, ice cream, DJ music and a bounce house for the kids. The Titusville police and fire will be displaying their cool toys, too.

For more information, email [mcjoe691@aol.com](mailto:mcjoe691@aol.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/events/s/space-coast-cars-and-motorcycl/2125466277899021](http://www.facebook.com/events/s/space-coast-cars-and-motorcycl/2125466277899021).

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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

### Amputee Support Group of Titusville

Meets the second Tuesday monthly, 3-4:30 PM  
Parrish Healthcare Center, Manatee Conference Room 5005  
Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John  
**Contact Matthew Julian at 239-850-4117**

### A.W.A.K.E. Sleep Support Group

Meets the second Monday monthly, 6-7:30 PM  
Parrish Healthcare Center, Manatee Conference Room 5005  
Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John  
**Contact our Sleep Center team at 321-268-6408**

### Cancer and Survivor Support Group

Meets the third Wednesday monthly, 4-5:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-3544**

### Caring for Caregivers Support Group

Second and fourth Thursday monthly, 9:30-11:30 AM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800**

### Diabetes Support Group

Meets the second Monday monthly, 3-4:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Contact Peggy McLaughlin at 321-268-6699**

### Early Steps Community Play Date

Meets the fourth Wednesday monthly, 9-10:30 AM  
The Children's Center, 5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Contact Mary Cancel at 321-292-1370**

### Fearless Café

Presented by St. Francis Reflections Life Stages Care and Parrish Medical Center.  
Meets the first Wednesday monthly, 10-11 AM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800**

### Kidney Smart Class

Meets the last Thursday monthly, 1-2:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville  
**Contact Jackie Torres at 321-383-1245**

### Mom's Support Group

Meets Mondays, 10-11 AM  
The Children's Center, 5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Contact Melinda at [Melinda.Hodges@parrishmed.com](mailto:Melinda.Hodges@parrishmed.com)**

### Stroke and Heart Failure Survivors Support Group

Meets the third Tuesday monthly, 2-4 PM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800**

### Tools to Quit - Quit Smoking

Meets the last Tuesday monthly, 5:30-7:30 PM  
Parrish Medical Center, Conference Room 6  
951 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
**Facilitated by Jennifer Wolowitz, Tobacco Free Florida  
407-889-2292 ext. 102**



Visit [parrishhealthcare.com/events](http://parrishhealthcare.com/events)  
for information and to register



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**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.**

### **Family Programs**

**Family Spice Travelers Spice Club** - Friday, May 16 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.

**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.

### **Adult Programs**

**Community Advocate** - Mondays, May 12 and 26, 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, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Join the group for a lively discussion of *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni and pick up the book for June: *The Couple Next Door* by Shari Lapeña. Ebook and Eaudiobook available on Libby and HOOPLA.

**Port Readers Book Club** - Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. Discussing *A God in Ruins* by Leon Uris. Books available at the reference desk. Eaudiobook available on HOOPLA. The book selection for June is *Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer.

**Decoupage framed art craft class FREE** - Saturday May 24 at 2:30 p.m. Limited space so please sign-up Saturday, May 17th at the reference desk.

**Yarn Group of PSJ Library** - The yarn group is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn, and all levels are welcome. They donate projects and meet at the Port St. John Public Library every Friday 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.

5/4— Origami Dog Craft

5/11— Mother's Day Dinosaur Craft

5/18— Cookie Hat Craft

5/25— Bath Bomb Sensory Bin

**Teen Art League** - On May 10th and 17th 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:

5/10— Watercolor Painting

5/17— Air-Dry Clay

**Saturday Craft Crew** - Saturday mornings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join us on Saturdays for a fun, hands-on craft time 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!

5/3— "Be Kind to Animals" Dog Craft

5/10— Mother's Day Wreath Craft

5/17— Pom-Pom Stamp Cookie Jar Craft

5/24— Tiara Craft

5/31— Recycled Watering Can Craft

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## **Space Coast Bulls and Barrels Rodeo**

Get ready for two exhilarating nights filled with excitement and entertainment. The action kicks off at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16, and continues on Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m., with each show lasting approximately two hours. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. each evening. Arrive early to enjoy delicious barbecue dinners and fun activities for the whole family.

Witness skilled riders challenge powerful bulls and navigate thrilling barrel racing courses. Also, the Different Strings Band will perform live during the evening, adding to the festive atmosphere. Come out, bring your friends and family, and experience the adrenaline and fun of the Space Coast Bulls and Barrels Rodeo!

Tickets are \$20 and available in advance at eventbrite.com, or for \$25 at the gate. Children under the age of 7 receive free admission, so bring the entire family for a memorable night. Parking is \$5 per car. This community event is rain or shine—please note that there are no refunds. The event is at Space Coast Daily Park, 5775 Stadium Pkwy., Viera, sponsored by Kelly Ford of Melbourne.