

# HAPPENINGS

Weekly Edition  
May 9, 2025

## Parrish Healthcare Honored as a Top 25 Most Generous Contributor to the United Way Space Coast

Parrish Healthcare was proud to be honored at the United Way Space Coast Annual Awards Ceremony on April 29, 2025, for their outstanding contributions to the 2024 fundraising campaign. Through the collective efforts of dedicated Care Partners (employees, physicians and volunteers), \$41,487 was raised to support critical programs and services throughout Brevard County. United Way Space Coast recognized Parrish Healthcare as a Top 25 Most Generous Contributor to the annual fundraising initiative.

The 2024 campaign, which ran from October 7-20, 2024, marked a continuation of Parrish Healthcare's long-standing partnership with United Way and their ongoing commitment to making a difference in the lives of local families. Funds raised will help support key community initiatives in health, education and financial stability.

"We are incredibly proud of our team for once again stepping up to support our neighbors and strengthen the community we serve," said Matthew Graybill, Assistant Vice President of Operations at Parrish Healthcare and this year's United Way Employee Campaign Manager. "The generosity and compassion demonstrated throughout this campaign truly reflect the heart of Parrish Healthcare's mission, Healing Experiences for Everyone all the Time®, and the care our team has for our community both inside and outside of hospital walls."

In addition to supporting the 2024 fundraising campaign, Parrish Healthcare also served as a "Get Fit" sponsor for the United Way Space Coast Wellness



*Members of Parrish Healthcare's 2024 United Way Fundraising Campaign at the awards ceremony. From left to right: Jessica Manning, Kristina Crabtree, Leigh Spradling, Matthew Graybill, Samantha Decker, Selina Felton, Abigail Bleam and Kelly Lusk.*

Challenge. Held annually in springtime, the challenge encourages community members to get active and build healthy habits by recording and submitting their weekly minutes of physical activity while competing against other teams. More than 1,451 individuals from 20 differing teams participated in the challenge.

For more information about Parrish Healthcare, including other impactful community initiatives, please visit [parrishhealthcare.com](http://parrishhealthcare.com).

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## Port St. John Housewives Softball League

The PSJ Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Women of all playing abilities are invited to join our league. Sign-ups will be on Saturday, May 10th and then again on Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fay Park, east parking lot. As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Cost is \$50, which includes approximately 20 softball games, team shirt and end of year party and awards.

The season starts in July and continues through mid-

October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park. This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league. **We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires.**

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/PSJHSL](https://www.facebook.com/PSJHSL) or Veronica Ordner, President, at 321-698-3863; Matt Evans, VP, at 321-360-9272; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605.



## Rib Day

### at American Legion Post 359

Bring the family, the bike, the appetite and join as the Legion serves ribs and all the fixin's every 3rd Saturday of the month - May 17th. The dinner is \$15.00 per person. Not just the great food, they also have a band from 1-5 p.m.

If you're past or present military, you might also ask for information about joining the post. Brotherhood didn't end when your active duty did. If you 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.



on their front or back.

Merfolk tails and monofins are provided. Space is limited to 10 participants and mermaid tail size. The cost will be \$28.94 per student.

For additional information, call 321-302-1658

## Merfolk Academy

Brevard County Central Area Parks and Recreation is hosting a Merfolk Academy from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, at McLarty Aquatic Center, located at 790 Barton Blvd. Rockledge.

Ever dream of being a mermaid or merman? At Merfolk Academy, we will make that dream come true. We start our Merfolk-in-training with basic swimming skills before transitioning into the monofin. Instructors will teach safe fin use and proper breathing while swimming.

Participants must complete a swim test before registering for the academy. The swim test consists of being able to swim 12 yards without stopping and being able to float

**Port St John COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
TODAY | TOMORROW | TOGETHER

**Fundraiser for Thunder Over the Indian River**

**RED WHITE & BAGS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY • MAY 17TH**

**COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532**  
**315 Florida Avenue • Cocoa**

**SIGN UP 9:00AM**  
**BAGS FLY AT 10:00 (TOURNAMENT STARTS)**  
**\$20 Per Player / Blind Draw**

**RAFFLE BASKETS & 50/50 RAFFLE**

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR:**  
**SOUTHERN KINGS CORNHOLE**

**Visit our Website**  
**For Information to Play or Sponsor:**  
[PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com/events](http://PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com/events)

**Email: PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com**  
**Contact Southern Kings Cornhole**  
**321-289-7876**



## Port St. John Public Library

# SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Starting June 1, 2025

### Weekly Events

**Take-Home Crafts**  
New Crafts every Monday  
While Supplies Last

**Movie Mondays**  
Mondays 3:00-5:00 PM  
All Ages Welcome

**STEAM Activity**  
Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

**Saturday Craft Crew**  
Saturdays 9:30-10:30  
Ages 3 and Up

**Sensory Sundays**  
Sundays 2:00-3:00 PM  
Ages 12 and Under

**Game Days**  
Sundays 1:00-2:00 PM  
All Ages Welcome

**Kids' D&D**  
Sundays 3:00-4:00 PM  
Ages 8-12

### Teen Programs

**Drone Piloting Lessons**  
**RSVP Required!**  
Ages 13-17  
June 4 & 18 | July 2, 16 & 30  
12:00-1:00 PM

**Teen Anime Club**  
Saturdays 3:00-4:00  
Ages 13-17

**"Adulting" Life Skills Course**  
Thursdays 3:00-5:00 PM  
Ages 13-17  
Professionals in the field teach teens basic life skills to help them succeed in early adulthood.

**Please RSVP for this 8-session course!**

Banking - June 5th  
Taxes and Investing - June 12th  
Resumes and Interview Skills - June 19th  
Careers - June 26th  
Sewing and Safety Tips - July 10th  
Basic Car Maintenance - July 17th  
Cooking on a Budget - July 24th  
Living on Your Own Simulation - July 31st



### Special Events

All Ages Welcome  
Registration is highly suggested, as space is limited. Registration for each event begins the week before the event. Your reserved spot may be given away if you are late.

**Bubbly Foam**  
Wednesday, June 4th 3:00-4:00 PM

**Country Line Dance Party**  
Wednesday, June 11th 3:00-4:00 PM

**Brevard Zoo**  
Wednesday, June 18th  
2:00-2:30 PM for ages 5 and under  
3:00-3:45 PM for ages 6 through 12

**Classical Movement Collective Dance Performance**  
Wednesday, June 25th 3:00-4:00 PM

**Magic Show**  
Tuesday, July 1st 3:00-4:00 PM

**Florida Wildlife Hospital**  
Wednesday, July 9th 3:00-4:00 PM

**Gator Bill and Alligator Frank Robb**  
Wednesday, July 16th 3:00-4:00 PM

**Finale Foam Party**  
Tuesday, July 22nd 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Reading Programs

#### Reading Log

Download the Beanstack app to log your reading hours on a smart device.



#### Reading For Kids

Please stop by Youth Services to collect your summer reading "brag tags." For each day that you read, earn beads for your summer reading "brag tag" necklace!

#### Reading For Adults

Track your reading on Beanstack and check with the Reference Desk for weekly reading challenges and prizes.

### Toddlers & Babies

**Read Your Way to K: Baby Storytime**  
Fridays from 9:30-10:00 AM

**Read Your Way to K: Toddler Storytime**  
Thursdays and Fridays  
from 10:30-11:00 AM



**Read Your Way to K: Little Movers & Groovers**  
Thursdays from 9:30-10:00 AM  
Ages 5 and Under



# The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

## May Events

**Nature Storytime** - Wednesday, May. 14 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. LIMITED SPACE. Geared towards ages 5 years and under. Theme: Baby Bobcats. Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Registration is required. Please call 321-264-5185 to sign up.

**Sanctuary School** - Wednesday, May. 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. - LIMITED SPACE. Geared towards ages 6 through 12. Theme: Bouncing Bobcats. Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Registration is required. Please call 321-264-5185 to sign up.

**Photo of the Month!** - We are looking for photo entries from any of our EEL sanctuaries to be featured at the EFS nature center. For more information and to enter your photos, please email [Teresa.Nick@BrevardFL.Gov](mailto:Teresa.Nick@BrevardFL.Gov)

**Forest Funday** - Sunday, May. 18 All Day!-Stop by to learn Everything about the Bobcats through our grab-and-go educational activities, and take-home crafts in the Discovery Room.

**Yoga in Nature** - Every Sunday in May, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join local yoga instructors for a traditional class for all levels on the porch! Wear loose-fitting clothing and do not eat anything an hour before class. Bring water and a mat. Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Registration required no later than the day before class, please call 321-264-5185. SPACE LIMITED.

**Guided Hikes** - Openings on Saturday and Sunday 4,17,24 & 25 at 10 a.m. Call 321-264-5185 or email [Teresa.Nick@BrevardFL.Gov](mailto:Teresa.Nick@BrevardFL.Gov) to register. Enjoy a 45-minute guided hike. Please bring a hat, water, and closed toe walking shoes. Registration required no later than the day before hike.

**Special Announcement** - We are happy to announce that our education department is now fully staffed. Rider Ridgeway will be taking over as education coordinator and Rebecca Byrd is our new naturalist. Feel free to stop by and meet our new faces.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at: Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program to stay updated on upcoming events and more!

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary was created and managed under the Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program referendum. The referendum was established by voters in 1990 to protect and preserve the rich biological diversity of Brevard County for future generations. The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary operates in partnership with the Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc. to provide hands on educational experiences for all visitors. Admission to the sanctuary and education center is free and open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come out to visit soon.

*Telling a mom to relax while her family does everything on Mother's Day is like telling a pilot to relax while the passengers fly the plane.*

**Happy Mother's Day, ladies and Thank you!**

## Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association Address Change

The Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association got a new Post Office Box. The new address and number is Post Office Box 238143, Cocoa, FL, 32923. This is in the Cocoa main post office. The cost is about half the cost of the previous post office box in the Sharpes post office.

## Brevard County UF/ IFAS Extension Upcoming May Classes

Mark your calendars for these upcoming classes and events:

**Pickling Class:** Transform fresh produce into preserved delights! Our pickling class will be held on Thursday, May 8, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Learn the art and science behind pickling.

**Canning 101:** Water Bath and Pressure Canning: Ready to safely preserve your harvests? This hands-on workshop on Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. will cover the essentials of both water bath and pressure canning methods. Perfect for beginners and those seeking a refresher!

**Backyard Chicken Training:** Ever considered raising your own flock? Join us on Wednesday, May 21, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an informative evening covering everything you need to know about raising backyard chickens.

**Adult Mental Health First Aid:** Empower yourself to make a difference in your community. Our Adult Mental Health First Aid course on Thursday, May 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will equip you with practical tools to support individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

**4-H Summer Camps:** We're offering four awesome summer camp adventures with various themes and age restrictions. Spaces are limited, so don't delay signing up here: <https://loom.ly/R5f5NII>.

Registration details and further information for each event can be found on our Eventbrite here: <https://loom.ly/RNsVbRw>.

Subscribe to our monthly newsletter here: <https://loom.ly/VgS6u6k>.

For any inquiries regarding any of our programs, please contact the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office at 321-633-1702 or email [Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu](mailto:Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu).



Visit [portstjohncommunityfoundation.com](http://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com) to read more about the Foundation and future planned community events. All members/volunteers donate their time and services to help raise money through fundraisers to hold community events - Thunder Over the Indian River, Fay Lake FestiFALL and the Christmas parade - and keep our community STRONG! It does not cost anything to join as a volunteer/member. The Port St. John Community Foundation encourages residents and storefront/home business owners to attend PSJCF meetings. Meetings are posted on our Facebook page and are usually held at the PSJ Beef O'Brady's and are posted on our Facebook site.

## Parrish Healthcare Launches Second Hopeful Hearts Supply Drive to Support Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Parrish Healthcare is proud to announce the launch of its second Hopeful Hearts Supply Drive, a heartfelt community initiative dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness in North Brevard.

In partnership with Space Coast Health Centers, LifePoint Ministries and Under the Bridge Ministries, this summer supply drive aims to collect essential items that offer relief and protection during Florida's warmer months.

Parrish Healthcare invites the public to participate by donating new and unused items now through Friday, May 30. Donation boxes are conveniently located in the lobbies of: Parrish Medical Center (951 North Washington Avenue, Titusville), Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing (250 Harrison Street, Titusville) and Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John (5005 Port Saint John Parkway, Port St. John).

Most needed items include the following:

- Bug Repellent
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Unscented Wipes
- Bicycle Reflectors/Headlamps
- Reflective Vests/Headlamps
- Hats/Caps
- Rain Ponchos
- Socks
- Men and Women's Underwear
- Sunscreen/Sunburn Remedies (Ice Packs, Aloe Vera, After Sun Lotion, Sun-Protective Clothing)
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products

“These essential supplies offer safety and comfort to those facing extremely difficult circumstances,” said Lara Chicone, Senior Behavioral Health Program Specialist at Parrish Healthcare. “We are grateful to our partners and our community for coming together once again to offer hope and compassion for those struggling in our community.”

Parrish Healthcare extends a heartfelt thank you to all who donate and/or help spread awareness of this initiative. Together, we look forward to making a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

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