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PSJ Boat Ramp Update

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First the good news: The Notice to Proceed for the construction to begin has been received. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for the last week of January, past the Happenings printer deadline date, so I have no report.

At press time a construction completion date of May 10th was expected, with a final completion date of June 9th. Construction repairs will include removing damaged structure and replacing the 3 docks with new pilings and wooden decks. The concrete area adjoining the east bulkhead will be removed, extended and replaced with new concrete.

A breakwater was requested but not approved by St. Johns River Water Management.

If you also use other local ramps, here's a quick update:

Kennedy Point boat ramp: Plans and permitting have been approved, waiting for a construction meeting.

Manatee Hammock: The concrete walk-

way along the east shore has been removed to allow access to the pier, which sustained no damage from the hurricanes. The concrete walkways will be replaced later.

Tom Statham Park: Awaiting approval from St. Johns River Water Management District before repairs/rebuild can go forward. The entire wooden boardwalk along the east shoreline collapsed and has been roped off since Hurricane Irma. The county is running into permitting problems due to the fact that there are wetlands near and under the boardwalk.

Thank to Wayne Weathers for constant updates on Facebook on the boat ramp status.

Also, anyone can attend the North Area Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month. They are the county agency in charge of the park/ramp repairs as well as operation and maintenance of local parks. The meetings are open to the public. Look for the notice of their meetings in Happenings each month.

Parrish Groups Offer Scholarships

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) and Parrish Medical Center (PMC) Auxiliary are now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in a medical or healthcare field. The organizations have combined their scholarship programs and will announce scholarship recipients in May, 2019.

Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the Parrish Medical Center service area (SR 528 north to the Brevard/Volusia county line). Students must have a 3.0 grade point average or greater, based on a 4.0 scale. Students who have been awarded a JPMF and/or PMC Auxiliary scholarship in previous years may reapply provided they are continuing in a medical/healthcare field and have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. Graduate students are not eligible.

High school students who attend Astronaut, Space Coast Jr./Sr. or Titusville High School may obtain an application from the Guidance Office at their school. Others may obtain an application by calling the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or by visiting parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 8th.

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The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays – Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mondays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6

Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.

Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6

Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.

Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop 1902, 4-5 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop 276, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6

Chair Yoga, 2:30-3:15 & Floor Yoga, 3:30-4:30

Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.

Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Billiards, 1:30-8 p.m.

Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6

Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m.

Tai Chi, 6-7 p.m.

14th & 28th - Cub Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Billiards, 1:30-6 p.m.

Community Cares After School Program, 2:30- 6

Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

YOGA - Yoga classes are informative, inspiring, and empowering. Modifications are offered for each pose. In these classes you will experience the vast benefits of Yoga by gaining strength, flexibility, balance and so much more. Classes will be held Wednesdays. Chair Yoga from 2:30-3:15, Floor Yoga from 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$8.00 per class. For more information, contact Ruby Saunders at (321)446-7063 or the Port St. John Community Center at (321)633-1904.

Tai Chi - When learned correctly and performed regularly, tai chi can be a positive part of an overall approach to improving your health. Classes are to be held on Thursdays 6-7 PM, \$6 per class (1st class free). Be sure to wear comfortable clothing. For more information, contact Tom Abbott at (321)208-7148 or the PSJ Community Center.

Community Cares – After School Program

Port St. John Community Center staff will pick up children from Challenger 7 Elementary every school day and transport children back to the community center. This program will include homework time, snack and outdoor activities. The cost of this program is \$45 per week per child. Children in grades kindergarten through 6th grade are eligible to participate. Space is limited in this program to a maximum enrollment of 13 children. Register your child by contacting the community center today at 321-633-1904!

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe

Direction of new Brevard County Commission

For the last few years, the Brevard County Commission has been on the moderate side. This majority philosophy seemed to understand the county must look at a holistic approach to managing the county, where all things are basically important, not just how cheap can we run the county by cutting out Meals on Wheels and other non-profit grants. That might have changed this election.

We had a new District 2 County Commissioner elected in November; Bryan Lober. He was recently sworn into office, seems to be aligning himself with Commissioner Tobia and Commissioner Isnardi. Commissioner Lober seems to have that same philosophy. Let me state my concerns and you can make your own decision on whether this new alliance is going to be a good thing or not.

1. Advisory Boards: Just before the November 2018 elections, Commissioner Tobia tried to eliminate the Port St. John and North Merritt Island Planning and Zoning boards, saying the boards were a waste of money and staff time, and

that he was going to be looking at all advisory boards and committees in Brevard. This would be taking away citizens' rights to speak on changes to their community. Tobia had no support at the time, but that may change now that his group is in the majority with Commission Lober joining Tobia and Isnardi. Now I don't know how much longer our advisory board, or any advisory board, will remain.

The Brevard County Commission already voted in limits on Tourist Development Council. A big thank you to District 1 Commissioner Rita Pritchett for voting against the change.

What is the motivation of Commissioner Tobia? Is the end game is to eliminate all advisory boards and committees so all citizens are left with 3 minutes at the County Commission meeting if and when the item is before them? This is terrible.

2. Environment: I was a supporter of the Environmentally Endangered Lands program voted in a 1998 referendum to establish EELs, and I am so glad it passed. Look around. Building permits in floodplains and wetlands are given at the same time our roads and properties are flooding and our wildlife is disappearing. The

EELs program is managed by the Selection and Management Committee. Members are supposed to have an advanced biological or environment degree, as all lands are studied for importance to the environment. The County Commission, led by Tobia/Isnardi and Lober, is wanting to limit the scientist volunteering and wants new appointments lowering the education standards. I sent the following email, which will give you an idea of issues involved:

To: Commissioner Rita Pritchett; D2.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov; Commissioner John Tobia; D4.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov; Commissioner Kristine Isnardi

Subject: Appointment of EELS Selection and Management Committee
Honorable Commissioners,

The environmental community should be very concerned that the Brevard County Commission seems to be trying to change the process for appointment of Selection & Management Committee (SMC) members. Option 2 is not an option allowed within the Land Acquisition Manual. (See County attachment and Environmentally Endangered Lands Manual). I hope the Brevard

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County Commission will not introduce politics into such an important committee. This committee is one of the most imperative from an environmental perspective, as you should understand from the member requirements.

The Commission does understand the importance of the Indian River Lagoon (IRL), which the environmental community thanks you for. The IRL is just one portion of a large ecosystem, which includes endangered lands such as wetlands, floodplains, woodlands and all the wildlife within.

The people assigned to this committee represent a large amount of background knowledge and a solid understanding of the environment. In addition, the present board works well with each other. If a board is successful, why would anyone want to change the members. This could apply to any board or committee. If no one volunteers with the requirements needed, what will happen then to SMC?

It is not easy to find dedicated servers. Please reconsider.

Thank you for reading,
Maureen Rupe

3. Indian River Lagoon: Commissioner Lober ran for County Commission on the importance of the health of the Indian River Lagoon. Just last year, he built a house on the Indian River Lagoon on north Merritt Island, where he put in the cheapest septic system available. He is very wealthy, funding his own campaign with no external support, so he should have invested in an advanced Aerobic System. I was given a copy of his septic permit. I don't believe he wants a clean lagoon if he's not willing to do his part. He is polluting the lagoon one flush at a time. I assume he wants the rest of Brevard residents to subsidize or pay to have his system upgraded with our tax dollars through the upgrades from the Indian River Lagoon.

In the last two years, Tobia has brought up a number of ways to save money by cutting funds from libraries and county parks, or how they can take funds from District 1 and move it south. Heaven forbid if all his half-baked ideas catch hold. District 1 will be back to a red-headed step-child status to the other county districts.

BULLETIN: I just read that Commissioner Isnardi wants to get rid of the Children Services

Council. Will the gang of three accomplish this?

Reference: <https://www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission/CountyCommissionersHome>

Willow Creek Update

I first brought this to PSJ's attention in 2015. I saw questions on Facebook and tried to give everyone information. I've added some of my earlier references to include where you can go to address any additional questions.

Willow Creek development, just north of Port St. John on Grissom Pkwy. is still alive and well. It was introduced a few years ago by Forte Macaulay Development Consultants. In December, there was an announcement by Titusville and in Florida Today that KB Home Jacksonville, LLC is asking for a federal permit to fill or convert 17.4 acres of wetlands to build this development. A permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is required, as the development affects waters linked with the middle St. John's River watershed. A Florida Today article by Jim Waymer titled "More than 1,200 homes proposed in west Titusville," states the development will have 1,277 residential units and 172

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Good Day!, cont.

acres allowing commercial and industrial uses. The attached map shows the impacts and the area involved. The entrance is about a half mile north of Kings Highway on the east side of Grissom, where all the 18 wheelers currently park north of Port St. John.

References: <https://therealdeal.com/miami/2017/12/09/major-housing-project-planned-in-titusville-as-its-space-industry-expands/>

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/2017/12/06/more-than-1-homes-proposed-west-titusville/920208001/>

<http://www.nbbd.com/Beacon/archives/040218/index.html>

www.cddsites.com/documents/Ordinances/Ordinance%20-%20Willow%20Creek.pdf

Climate Change?

A January 11th Tampa Bay.com article by Samantha Gross was beating up Governor DeSantis for talking around climate change questions at a press conference. But at the same time, Governor DeSantis was talking about taking steps to address issues like rising waters caused by changes in climate. I believe in Climate Change and was

very disappointed under our previous Governor Scott's effort to ignore the symptoms and having staff not talk about it or even using the words, assuming everything would go away if we ignore it. Whether you believe we caused it or it's cyclical, Florida sits very low to the ocean, and whether it's flooding during high tide or increasing building standards due to an increase in strength or number of hurricanes, our state needs to resolve or mitigate the symptoms caused by changes in the environment. Thank you Governor DeSantis, whether you believe in Climate Change or not!

Reference: <https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2019/01/11/does-gov-desantis-believe-in-climate-change/>

Florida Open Primaries?

According to a January 16th www.floridaphoenix.com article by Mitch Perry, a new survey by Public Policy Survey shows the majority of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents want to open the primaries where everyone can vote for whomever is running for office. The same story states Florida is one of only nine states that does not allow cross-voting during the primary election. Florida currently lets Republicans vote

in Republican primaries, and Democrats vote in Democrat primaries, but if you are an independent or would prefer to vote for a member of the other party, you are not allowed to vote. I never did like that, as I like to vote for the individual and hate that I can't help make a difference for the one I want to vote for in the General Election.

The article went on to talk about a group called "Fair and Open Primaries," that is trying to get it into the 2020 Constitution Amendments. I know from the past, neither party wants an open primary as they want to make sure they are totally in charge of who you vote for during every election.

The article states, "Florida Fair and Open Primaries is also pushing a concurrent Constitutional Amendment that would implement a specific style of open primaries, called a 'Top Two' system. In that scenario, all candidates would appear on a single ballot, and all registered voters would be allowed to vote in each primary election. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each office would then appear on the general election ballot."

Apparently 64% in the survey preferred the Top Two system. California and Washington use Top Two, and Nebraska uses it just for state positions.

Either way, I think this is well overdue. I'm tired of candidates having someone register for them as someone of the opposite party, essentially preventing half of the people in the district from voting when you have only one party running. Basically, you have half or less of the people deciding for all the people because there won't be a general election.

Reference: <https://www.floridaphoenix.com/blog/should-florida-open-up-primary-elections-new-poll-says-yes/>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2TkA24KPpM_YVBTWHINcjdVdFhLNUFtN3NUUFNIMUZaMnA4/view

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- Landshark Beer Garden by Carroll Distributing, featuring Local Craft Breweries
- Fish Lips Waterfront Bar and Grill sponsored bar service
- Live Music from Rocket City

The event will take place on February 9th at Port Canaveral Cruise Terminal 1.

In addition to sampling the area's best food, participants can take their chances on incredible packages in the chance auction, live entertainment by Rocket City, Fish Lips Waterfront Bar & Grill sponsored Bar Service, Land Shark Beer Garden by Carroll Distributing featuring sampling from local breweries Hell-N-Blazes Brewing Company, Florida Brewing Company and Intracoastal Brewing Company, demonstrations by Ed's Heads Tikis and local businesses and entrepreneurs showcasing their businesses.

General Admission Tickets with a 6 pm entry are \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door.

VIP Tickets include early admission (5 pm) for \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door.

Connoisseur Tickets for \$100 (limited) include 5 pm admission, entry to a drawing for a

Royal Caribbean cruise and a signature drink.

Tickets can be purchased online now at VisitCocoaBeach.com or CocoaBeachChamber.com

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- CVB Tourist Information Center – (3800 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach).
- Cocoa Beach Chamber office, Viera – (Avenue Viera, 2261 Town Center Avenue, Ste. 103, Melbourne).

All admissions include sample tasting of chowders and Twists entries, craft beer tasting, cash bar, chance auction, drawings, live entertainment and lots of fun!

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February is known as the month of 'brotherly love.' LOVE thy neighbor. Not in a literal sense, unless you genuinely love them, but in a kind and respectful way. There are those who test the limits on that phrase. We know all too well!

Here's my six-shooter of points to ponder... LOVE thy limits and heed them.

1. Follow the SPEED limits. They are there for a reason and that's to keep you and others safe.
2. Know the easement of property and respect it. Be respectful of others' property and maintain yours, because there are others who will hold you accountable.
3. Be mindful of land use laws. Report anyone dumping garbage or "squatting" (using property without permission or for illegal use).
4. Don't steal or take things from others. It's NOT YOURS to have and we would have a lot less theft if this was instilled.
5. LOCK it or LOSE it. Don't tempt fate or thieves in our area. They are opportunists, and we must stop giving them so many opportunities.
6. Be mindful what you post on social media. Too much information can be harmful to your health and safety, and that of your friends and loved ones!

I'd like to add that if you have a delivery person attempting to deliver something special for Valentine's Day, (or any other day), ask for identification and confirmation before accepting them. Criminals prey on your trust, and unfortunately you should confirm it to be safe. If you cannot confirm it, ask them to come back and have BCSO meet them, too.

Be safe everyone!

-Neighbor Nell

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, February 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North. The public is invited to attend.



Project Graduation

It takes a lot of work and a lot of money to put on a great Project Graduation for our graduating seniors, but the Project team is hard at work with great fun and great ideas to get it done. Here's your chance to help:

Space Coast High School 2019 Project Graduation Golf Tournament - It will be held on Saturday, March 9th at Indian River Preserve Golf Club, 3950 Walkabout Way, Mims. It's a Shotgun Start, Scramble format.

Contact Jessica Zeller, zellerj7@gmail.com, (321) 693-2635 for more information.

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Viper Project Graduation Signs - Order one for your favorite senior(s) or SCHS team(s) for as little as \$15. Contact Hyacinth Price, hprice13@gmail.com for more information.

If you have not signed up via Facebook, there is still time to do so at SCHS 2019 Project Graduation. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/schspg19/> or website - <https://viperpg2019.wix-site.com/projectgrad>.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, February 9th and 23rd. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.



For both dances, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.

Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

While there are multiple other important days this second month of the year, most of the hype (and sales pitches) focus on Valentine's Day. Personally, 'Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day' on Feb. 2nd has my attention, also.

I'm pretty sure the old Saint would be instructing that odd little flying cherub to shoot those arrows in totally different parts of our anatomy if he was around to witness all the Hoo Ha surrounding the day named for him, from heart tugging cards to the latest electronic gadget we almost feel obliged to run right out and empty our wallets to honor those we love. What happened to a single carnation, (a certain TV show has cornered the market on roses), a walk on the beach at sundown and a romantic steak dinner?

My perverted little brain also has a mental picture of where Mr. Lincoln would like to land that cherry tree the fourteen hundredth time an overly joyous sales person yelled that we can get THOUSANDS off the newest and bestest four wheeled wonder to come down the pike. I would bake him the best birthday pie he ever tasted.

I have mostly been blessed with a very odd assortment of holiday gifts... My first ever real date with my Best Beau of 52 years was on Valentine's Day and consisted of an RC Cola (I kid you not!) and a moon pie in the theater while watching Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte. Bette Davis was terrifying, but every time I see her in any old movie I can feel his protective arm around my shoulders.

Money being a very scarce commodity, the first years of marriage was fodder for some very inventive holiday gifts for the very young us. I saved for a month to buy my husband a new starter for our old bucket of bolts that he kept going with duct tape and bubble gum. He stopped at the second hand book store and did his best to find something I would like. Our 'conversation' concerning the difference between my love of autobiographies and his of western epics were not the same, even if the author did mention the hero's background lasted for two days.

A later Valentine's Day I found a beautiful card and a small box of candy from my best beau carefully placed in a cereal box which brightened my day considerably, but the handmade coupon

for one whole day of total child care gave me the vapors. I immediately began making plans for a long leisurely afternoon at the beach alone with a good book and that box of candy.

The big day arrived along with itchy spots and a fever on the three year old. By the following Sunday, all three kids were scratching and whining. The third Sunday found my husband with a fever. The one after that I was in labor. I think you get the drift; the coupon became the impossible dream.

I still have that unused coupon, but no need for child care. That day on the beach with a book is still a great idea, especially if the beach is in Bahia Honda.

I treasure the boxes of crudely cut and pasted 'I Love You's,' all the little hand prints and macaroni necklaces happily presented to me by my children and I am now able to chuckle at the memories of helping the same cherubs make the same for grandparents.

Chuckling is definitely not what was going on all the times I gathered all five siblings around the table stacked high with various supplies that I had carefully chosen, taking the last holiday debacle into serious consideration. Glitter flying in every direction - settling into the dogs fur for what turned out to be a 3 month duration - wet crepe paper molding itself to the carpet - the older kids tutoring the younger ones on the proper way of painting palms with glue so you can peel it off in one piece - A younger child failing in all attempts to get the cat to cooperate with his paw stamping resulting in red paw prints throughout the dining room and up the curtain - all resulted in a grandparent giving each kid a hug, telling them how nice the cards were and putting them in a drawer... which resulted in me going out that very day, buying a huge poster frame and arranging all the cards inside!

If I had to live with crepe paper carpet, red decorated curtain and a glittery dog, the person who cajoled for homemade gifts could share the wealth of memories... I'm still chuckling at that memory.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?"

Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company!"

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Pioneer Day Festival

The 8th Annual Pioneer Day Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Sams House at Pine Island Conservation Area and St. Luke's Episcopal Church located at 5555 & 6195 North Tropical Trail on Merritt Island. This festival will celebrate the early settlers of Merritt Island at two of their historic sites. Guests will be taken back in history through art, music, food, presentations, archaeology and nature.

This family friendly day includes activities from past festivals as well as new attractions. Parking is available at both locations for a suggested donation of \$1 with free shuttle service between the two venues.

Events at Sams House and Cabin include:

- Florida living history demonstrations and educational exhibits include archaeology and anthropology, historic reenactors, encampments with artifacts on display and spinning wool demonstrations.

- Live music throughout the day by Celery City String Band, Chris Kahl, Pine Trio and more.

- A pioneer parade through the grounds at 10:45 a.m., led by drum and fife, of those dressed in period attire.

- Local exhibitors from the Florida Historical Society, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Field Manor, Space Coast Spinsters and many others.

- Crafts Fair and Farmer's Market vendors; The Green Marketplace, Mrs. Mango and Company, Spade and Trowel Garden Club and others.

- Pine Island guided nature trail hikes throughout the day.

- 1875 Sams Cabin pioneer history exhibits and gift shop.

- 1888 Sams House exhibit featuring education and antiques on display (John Sams was the first Superintendent of Brevard's public schools)

- Children's crafts and games, such as cow milking, rope tossing and corn husk dolls.

- Pine Island Preservation Society tent with vintage pins, doilies, pioneer bonnets, hiking sticks, nature-themed t-shirts, note cards, postcards and gifts for sale.

- Food trucks

The Sams House at Pine Island is a historical complex owned and operated by the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program. The 1875 Sams Cabin onsite is the oldest standing home in Brevard County. A larger 1888 two-story home is also onsite. John Sams, a citrus-grower and the first Superintendent of Brevard County Schools, built both houses.

The Center is located at 6195 N. Tropical Trail, 1/2 mile west of SR 3 and 5 miles north of SR 528. For information please call, (321) 449-4720 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/samshousepineisland>.

Events at St. Luke's Church include:

- St. Luke's Cemetery Tour - "An Archaeologist's Perspective" - by Molly Thomas at 10:15 a.m.

- "St. Luke's Chapel: A Gem of Carpenter Gothic Architecture" (presented in the historic chapel) at 11 a.m.

- St. Luke's Cemetery Tour - "Founding Families" at 11:30 a.m.

- "Pioneer Music" - played in the historic chapel at noon.

- Homemade soups (\$5) offered at noon.

- Cemetery Stroll - meet many of the historic figures found in this early Merritt Island cemetery at 12:30 - 2 p.m.

- "Rebuilt and Remade: Florida citrus in the early 20th century" at 2 p.m.

- St. Luke's Cemetery Tour - "Through the Ages" at 2:30 p.m.

This year St. Luke's is offering an array of topics. Visitors can learn about the architecture of St. Luke's historic chapel built in 1889. This chapel is an outstanding example of Carpenter Gothic architecture, a uniquely American architecture. During the presentation of "Rebuilt and Remade: Florida citrus in the early 20th century", the audience will learn more about the heyday of the citrus groves in Florida, from its mechanization to the rise and fall of the cooperatives and the influence of African Americans in Florida citrus. Also available are guided cemetery tours, each with a unique theme. In addition to the tours, St. Luke's will also conduct a Cemetery Stroll from 12:30 - 2 p.m., where volunteers dressed in period attire talk about life in their day. Some of the volunteers are Sams' family descendants.

The historic chapel onsite was built in 1888 with the help of Sams, La-Roche, and Porcher families. Many early pioneers, including John Sams, are buried in the church's cemetery. The church is located at 5555 N. Tropical Trail, just 1.1 miles south of Sams House at Pine Island. For information please call (321) 452-5260 or visit <http://www.stlukesmi.org>.

For more information regarding this event please visit: www.mipioneerday.com and www.facebook.com/pioneerdaymerrittisland.

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Monthly Tax Update

This month I'm going to take a change and discuss Medicare Health Insurance a little bit. First, if you're not happy with your present Medicare Advantage plan, you're able to cancel and reapply for a similar plan from January 1, 2019, through March 31, 2019. Your reason could include not having your doctors participating, your medications are going to cost you more, not having coverage when you travel in the United States or abroad, or any reason, really. All you need to do is call your insurance agent or my office to discuss your options.

Next, is Medicare getting any better. The answer is yes. First, the "Doughnut Hole" associated with your prescription costs is going away. In 2019, this "Doughnut Hole" will close for brand-name drugs and it will close for generic drugs in 2020. Second, insurance companies have the option to cover meals delivered to the home, transportation to the doctor's office and even provide features such as grab bars and wheelchair ramps. However, a medical professional will need to make the recommendation for coverage.

Another item is In-Home Help. Insurance companies have been given the option to pay for assistance to help beneficiaries with their daily activities, including dressing, eating and personal care. There's more, but I only wanted to bring to light the more important items I think may interest you.

Okay, back to taxes and this is for the self-employed taxpayers. There is a new excess business loss limitation. This is where a noncorporate taxpayer's "excess business loss" is disallowed. An excess business loss is instead carried forward

and treated as part of the taxpayer's net operating loss (NOL) carry forward in subsequent tax years. The instructions for Schedule C will advise the disallowance of the loss and will not be reflected on Line 31 of the Schedule C. Instead, you will use the new Form 461 to determine the amount of excess business loss, which will be included as income on Schedule 1, Form 1040, Line 21. Okay, this is where I think anyone self-employed will need to consult with a tax professional.

Now, let's look at the possibility you have a qualified business income. This means you are entitled to a 20% of qualified business income deduction after considering various limitations. Again, this is where I think anyone self-employed, an S-Corporation shareholder, an LLC member owner, or partner in a partnership should seek the advice of a tax professional.

Now let's talk about Business Meals and Entertainment deductions. Effective December 31, 2017, all entertainment expenses are not deductible as a business expense. However, meals are still deductible at 50%, if the expense is ordinary and necessary, not lavish or extravagant, the taxpayer or taxpayer representative was present at the meal, and for a business client or potential client.

Now, have you looked at the new easier Form

1040 with its' six new schedules? Again, you may just want to seek the advice of a tax professional. I believe the effort to simplify the annual tax filing has only made it more difficult and everyone will need to rethink how their tax preparations will be handled this year and probably for years to come.

This is a very brief overview. For details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, call us at your earliest convenience or contact your tax advisor. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.



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PMC works with Mayo Clinic's Comprehensive Stroke Center in Jacksonville to provide rapid assessment of potential stroke patients through the use of advanced telemedicine technology.

When a heart attack occurs, the time it takes to get treatment makes the difference in saving heart function. That's why it's important to call 911 at the first signs of a heart attack—frequently, pain in the chest or other areas of the body (jaw, neck, back or arms), shortness of breath, and



lightheadedness or nausea. At PMC, people receive heart-saving treatment, on average, in 59 minutes or less after arriving at the emergency department. The national best practice of “time to treatment” is 90 minutes.

Most heart treatments are done in a catheterization suite (cath lab) on an outpatient basis. The team at the PMC’s Cath Lab, which opened in 2008, maintains an impeccable patient safety and quality record—among the nation’s best. That means people don’t have to travel to benefit from the latest technology; it’s here at PMC.

PMC’s integrated team of experts includes primary care providers, emergency medicine providers, cardiologists and cardiovascular specialists, pulmonologists, neurologists and radiologists.

And PMC’s affiliations with Mayo Clinic, Nemours Children’s Hospital and other partners means patients have additional access to expertise and resources for specialized surgeries and procedures, including open-heart surgery, aortic valve replacement and pediatric cardiology.

ROBOT PUTS STROKE EXPERTS IN THE ROOM

PMC was the first hospital in the region to work with Mayo Clinic Jacksonville and InTouch Health to pioneer the Remote Presence Robotic System (RP-7) to further advance its Joint Commission Gold Seal stroke program in 2009. Stroke neurology assessments are done using a robot that is remotely

controlled by a Mayo Clinic neurologist. The remote physician can view the patient fully; move the robot around the room as needed; zoom the robot’s camera in and out to assess the patient and his or her responses; and talk directly to the patient, family members and emergency department providers.



The Parrish Medical Center (PMC) Cardiac Cath Lab offers inpatient and outpatient interventional cardiovascular services as well as noninvasive procedures such as electrocardiograms, stress tests and echo vascular tests.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Sundays** at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM at 4797 Curtis Blvd. (St. Patrick's Church).

Overeaters Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Saturdays** at 9:30 AM at the PSJ Library. Visit oaspacecoast.org for other meeting locations.

Nar-Anon: Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at 1st United Methodist Church, 825 Forrest Ave., Cocoa www.naranonfl.org.

2-2 Groundhog Day!

2-3 Super Bowl!

2-4 Chinese New Year

2-5 World Cancer Day

2-5 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

2-6 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 PM at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call

President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

2-6 PSJ Startups & Founders Club, a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs, meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Port Java in Fay Plaza. We'll begin our program at 8 AM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/.

2-8 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 AM until 1 PM on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at mdean44@cfl.rr.com.

2-9 National Pizza Day

2-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

2-10 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

2-10 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

2-14 Valentine's Day

2-14 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. in the Groves.

2-15 PSJ Business Connections Luncheon, sponsored by the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12:00, PSJ Library on Carole Ave. Call Dennis Watkins at 267-3036.

2-18 Presidents Day

2-18 National Margarita Day

2-18 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 PM, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 321-505-2361.

2-20 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information. **2-26 Moonlight Quilters Guild** meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:15, meeting at 6:30 usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Call 321-720-6232 or 321-720 1584 for more info.

Congratulations to:

Kara Scott turns **8** on the 2nd.

Kyle Davis turns **25** on the 3rd.

Jack Bray turns wilder on the 3rd.

Cheyenne Marquez parties for her **15th** on the 4th!

Drake & Madison Rowell are **22** on the 7th.

Amethyst Crawford turns **18** on the 7th

Cassidy Michonski turns **21** on the 7th!

Jennifer Wilson turns **27** on the 9th.

Nicolas Wagner turns **15** on the 11th.

Segunda Leach turns prettier on the 11th.

Jamey Blevins will turn **14** on the 11th.

Joshua Wilson turns **24** on the 14th.

Missy Crawford turns cuter on the 18th.

Samantha Hurst turns **20** on the 23rd

Cely Sanchez dances all night on the 25th.

Jason Sanchez turns **19** on the 26th.

Laura Wagner parties wild on the 27th.

Kobi Ragan rocks the house on the 27th.

Ashlee Rickard turns **12** on the 27th.

Amber Nero turns hotter on the 29th.

Jack & Sue Bray celebrate their **39th** anniversary on the 1st.

Adam & Dawn Niehoff celebrate their **13th** anniversary on the 4th.

Michael & Helen Lapardo celebrate **32** this month.

Tom & Laura Wagner celebrate their **18th** wedding anniversary on the 17th.

Derek & Leslie Rickard celebrate their **15th** anniversary on the 21st.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

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Port St. John Soccer Club

The fields are lined, the goals are set, and Port St. John Soccer Club is lacing up to start our 2019 spring soccer season. Whether you are a returning player or new to the sport, Port St. John United Soccer Club has a program for you!

Our Recreational program, which is designed for those ages 3 -5, provides a fun, educational and introductory experience in a non-competitive environment for our youngest stars to excel!

Our Academy program, for those ages 6-11, focuses on individual and team growth through skills introduced by our nationally licensed trainers and coaches. Training is focused to provide individual and team growth.

Our Competitive program, for those 12 and older, offers the opportunity for players to display mastery of skills learned from our nationally licensed trainers as players compete with clubs county and statewide.



Registration - Please

visit our website at www.psjunitedsoccer.com for more information about player registration for specific program and club information. Registra-



tion is currently open and can be done through our website or you may register in person on February 23rd from 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Space Coast Soccer Complex. Keep up to date with club events and more through our Port St John United Soccer Club Facebook page.

Opening Day - Port St John Soccer Club would like to invite all current, returning and interested players to our Opening Day festivi-

ties on Saturday, February 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Here players will participate in small team games while enjoying inflatables, Kona Ice, concessions and a special appearance from Orlando City Soccer Club representatives. It will be a fun, family day of soccer, food and more!

We would like to thank all of our current and returning players and families for all of their support and dedication to the club. PSJ United Soccer Club is very excited about this upcoming season and has many special events lined up for players and their families, including a special event with the Orlando City Men's team at their home opener against New York FC on March 2nd. Please visit our website, www.psjunitedsoccer.com and Facebook page for more detailed information and points of contact. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you out on the pitch!

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I have just found my new favorite restaurant. Too bad it's not located in Port St. John, but it's not too far away. The place is Time Out Sports Bar Plus, located on Florida Avenue in Cocoa Village. I'm not sure when they opened this place, but it wasn't too long ago. They had another location in Cocoa Beach, but it closed down, I think about the same time as this location opened.

Time Out has not only the best hamburger in this area, they have the best hamburger I have ever had. And not only that, they serve real French Fries, not the coated fake tasting ones and to top it off, they have Coors Light on tap. This is why it's my new favorite restaurant.

If burgers aren't your thing, they have an extensive menu. Everything from salads, wraps, sandwiches to seafood and all types of wings. They probably have close to 20 different kinds of beer on tap. You can sit inside or outside on the deck and they have a bar inside and out for convenience.

On our first visit, I had the hamburger and my wife ordered the Cottage Pie, which is basically a Shepard's pie made with seasoned ground beef, corn, peas and shredded carrots topped with mashed potatoes. She said it was excellent.

On our second visit, I wanted to try something different, but that burger was so good I had to get it again. And it was just as good as the first time. My wife ordered the Chicken Caesar Wrap, which she said was also excellent. They grill the chicken breast and they don't skimp on the meat, either.

I highly recommend this place, but recommend you get there before 3 or 4 pm to get a table. The place seems to be a popular after work hangout and gets pretty crowded the later it gets. I couldn't find a website, but they do have a Facebook page with the menu and all their specials.

- Ken Carson

Card Party & Fashion Show

The Divine Mercy Council of Catholic Women is hosting a "New York, New York" card party - fashion show on Friday, February 8th in the church dome. The event will take place from 9:30

am to 2:30 pm and includes a fabulous luncheon, a fashion show from Fashions by Tiffany, door prizes, bingo, several auctions and fun for all.

For information and tickets, call Betty at 321-453-4180 or stop by the church office at 1940 N. Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island.

Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month.



Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.

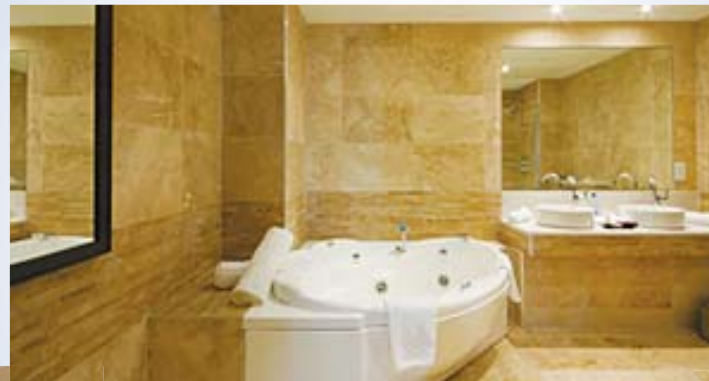
The next show will be held on Sunday, February 24th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

CFAC is a Not-for-Profit Florida Corporation, and is tax exempt under Section 501c4 of the Federal Tax Code. The club is dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion as a multi-cultural musical instrument in Central Florida. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.

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Parrish Medical Center Offers Free Community Support Groups

Parrish Medical Center is offering free support groups for community members living with various health issues. See the upcoming February 2019 support groups listed below:

- Awake Sleep Disorders Support Group, Monday, Feb. 11, 6–8 p.m., Parrish Healthcare Center, 5005 Port St. John Parkway Port St. John.
- Caregiver Support Group, Thursday, Feb. 7 and 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Care Giver Academy, Thursday, Feb. 14, 10–11 a.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Diabetes Support Group, Thursday, Feb. 14 3:30–5 p.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- MAK Gathering (Moms and Kidz) Support Group, every Monday and Wednesday (Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27), 10–11:30 a.m., The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville.

- Parkinson's Support Group of North Brevard, Friday, Feb. 15, 2–4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 3–5 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Merritt Island.
- Stroke-Heart Survivors Group, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2–4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 921 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.
- Parrish Partners Cancer Support Group, Monday, Feb. 18, 4–5:30 p.m., Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.

The support groups are free, but space is limited. For more information, and to preregister, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

Sip n' Paint Party

Everyone is creative and the Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach offers Sip n' Paint Parties for adults and families. Local artist and experienced teacher Jaymee Weinreich will guide you through a complete acrylic painting.

Two classes are scheduled for Fridays in February. From 6 to 9 pm on Friday February 8th,

students will paint a colorful school of "Caribbean Fish." On February 22nd, the painting will be a beautiful seascape, "Sunset Cruise."

No previous experience is necessary. We'll supply paint and canvas, you bring snacks and drinks and prepare for a fun experience. \$35 includes all materials. Registration is required. Contact Jaymee at jaymeeweinreich@gmail.com or 787-640-6119 (text or call). Jaymee will also schedule special sessions for 2 or more people

Playwrights Workshop

Playwrights Workshop of Brevard will present, "All the World's a Stage!," a program of three original plays by local writers on Friday, February 1 and Saturday, February 2 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 3 at 2:00 p.m. at Surfside Playhouse, 301 Ramp Road, Cocoa Beach.

The plays are "Our Treat" by William Roeder, "Early Drafts" by Ken Byrnes and, "Dr. Phil Says" by Nancy Andrews.

Tickets are \$10.00 general admission and \$5.00 for students. For information, call 321-720-1227 or go to www.playwrightsworkshop-brevard.org.

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Community Presentation on Heart Health

Parrish Medical Center is offering a free community health presentation about heart health with a panel of Parrish Healthcare cardiovascular team members as part of its HealthBridge series. We've Got Heart is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 5-7 p.m., at La Cita Country Club, located at 777 Country Club Drive in Titusville. The event is free but space is limited for this catered event. For more information and to preregister, call 321-268-6110 or visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

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Art Trading Cards Class

Elizabeth Scholder will teach a three week mixed media class at the Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach, on Tuesdays from 10 am to noon, February 15 and 22 and March 1, 2019. Students will explore a variety of media and styles in this fun class. Elizabeth will demonstrate a new technique inspired by art history. Each week you will create two art Trading Cards. Cards are 5 x 7 inches or smaller and can be used as postcards, greeting cards, traded or saved as a mini-portfolio. All materials are provided but feel free to bring materials to try with her help.

Elizabeth taught art for 25 years, including two and three dimensional design in Northern Virginia and painting at Lord Fairfax Community College. Her illustrations have been published in two textbooks. Her artwork has been exhibited in Ontario, New York, Virginia and Florida. Elizabeth has taught classes at the Cocoa Beach Library since 2015

Cost of the three week class is \$60 with a \$25 deposit due February 1, 2019. To register call 321-292-9782 or email elizrosescho@gmail.com

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is a non-profit gallery featuring the work of 30 plus local artists. The Studio is open Monday and Tuesday 10:30 am-3pm, Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 am-8pm and Sunday 11am-4 pm. For more information on exhibits, Studio artists, or the complete workshop schedule, visit the website, www.studiosofcocoabeach.org or call 321-613-3480.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their next meeting on January 9th in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at 7:30pm.

If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation, you are welcome. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.

The airport is approximately 2 miles south of SR 520 on Courtney Parkway. Turn off Courtney onto the airport and then bear right. Across from the Fire House is the club house with the EAA logo on the end of the building.

For more information, visit their website at www.eaa724.org.

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Mon., Tues., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Wed., 12 - 8 pm;
Thurs., 10 am - 6 pm; Sat., 10 am - 2 pm

Creative Writing: Mondays, 9-11 am.

Yarning for a Cause: Mondays, 10 am-12 pm.

Master Gardener: Mondays, 2-4 pm.

Senior Games: Tuesdays, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Join other seniors for a variety of card games, Rummikub, Dominoes, etc. Bring your favorite game and lunch or a snack.

SHINE - Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders: Tues., Noon-3:00 and Weds., 1-4 pm. Counselors assist seniors and the disabled with Medicare and Medicaid questions. Call for an appointment time, 321-222-7981.

STIR - Story Time for Independent Readers: Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. 1st grade and up. Pre-registration required.

Story Time: Fridays, 10:30 am. All ages welcome.

Yarn Club: Fridays, 2-4:00 pm. Knit, crochet and needle arts. Sit, talk and create. All ages and abilities welcome. Want to learn? We can help!

Overeaters Anonymous: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30.

Meetings and Events:

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| Feb. 9, 10-Noon | Port St. John Pokémon Club |
| Feb. 11, 5:30 pm | Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board Meeting |
| Feb. 13, 6:00 pm | PSJ Special District Advisory Board Meeting |
| Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 pm | Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group |
| Feb. 16, 11-Noon | Buddinwriters |
| Feb. 20, 4:30 pm | Brevard County Libraries Board Meeting |
| Feb 23, 10 am-Noon | Port St. John Pokémon Club |
| Feb. 27, 6-7:00 | Friends of the Library Adult Craft Night. For information and to register call the reference desk. |
| Feb 28, 10-Noon | North Brevard Home School Co-op |

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you!

Mardi Gras "Paws In The Park" Pet Parade

While colorful parades with costumed participants going wild are nothing new for Mardi Gras, what sets the Brevard Humane Society's festivities apart is that its exuberant marchers are... well, just a little wilder. In fact, this Mardi Gras celebration has literally gone to the dogs—with a canine court of "Royal Hairs," and, of course, its very own pet parade where "pet"-ticipants ride in everything from decorated strollers to elaborate carts and wagons. The Humane Society's 13th Annual Mardi Gras "Paws in the Park" event will roll through Riverfront Park in Historic Cocoa Village on Sunday, February 17th.

The fun kicks off at 10 am as pets don their best costumes and line up for a parade through the park. After the parade, pets may enter the "Best Trick," "Companion Look-A-Like," and "Best Costume" contests while their humans enjoy vendors, baked goods, adorable adoptables from animal rescue organizations and a silent auction. The main highlight at the "tail" end of the event; the coronation pageant when Cocoa's King and Queen of Mardi Gras crown their royal companions. Additional entertainment will be provided by "Nowhere to Rum" Band and Swift Paws Lure Course.

Mardi Gras "Paws in the Park" is open to the public and admission is free. Pre-registration of pets is strongly encouraged at: www.brevardhumanesociety.org/mardi-gras. All proceeds raised from this event will directly benefit the homeless animals of the Brevard Humane Society. For additional information or to become a sponsor and/or vendor, please call 321.636.3343 ext. 218 or email: events@brevardhumanesociety.com

Happy Valentine's Day to Port Saint John and surrounding areas!

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Master Class for Authors

In a publishing industry exploding with print, digital and audio books, writers are faced with a growing challenge: finding readers. A dynamic one-day conference for writers of all genres aims to help them do just that. This intensive program at the Space Coast Convention Center will provide tools to help them find more fans, elevate their books, and adopt effective marketing strategies to power up their writing careers.

Guests include speaker Damon Suede, author of "Verbalize" and co-author of "Your A Game," who will help writers create marketing copy that sells their stories and earns its keep.

USA Today bestselling author Eliza Knight will talk about how to use market analysis to sell more books. Author assistant Maria Connor will teach writers how to, "Put Your Money Where Your Readers Are," with valuable, practical tips. And book therapist and New York Times bestselling author Rachel Hauck will deliver the luncheon keynote speech.

A Publishing Paths panel will conclude the day. This Q&A with the experts will include a roundtable discussion of publishing options as the worlds of traditional and indie publishing collide and converge. The panel will feature Maria Geraci, Eliza Knight, JoMarie DeGioia, Rachel Hauck and Damon Suede.

The conference will take place at the Space Coast Convention Center, at the Holiday Inn Express, 301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa. Breakfast and lunch are included, as well as door prizes.

Registration is \$85, or \$65 for members of sponsoring organization Spacecoast Authors of Romance. Learn more and register at <http://authorsofromance.com/masterclass>.

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SCHS 2018-2019 Baseball Varsity Schedule

Game	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
1	2/19	Cocoa Tiger Classic	Cocoa High	7 PM
2	2/21	Cocoa Tiger Classic	Cocoa High	4 PM
3	2/26	Cocoa	Space Coast	6 PM
4	2/27	Merritt Island	Space Coast	6 PM
5	3/4	Vero Beach	Space Coast	6 PM
6	3/5	Titusville	Titusville High	6 PM
7	3/7	Astronaut	Space Coast	6 PM
8	3/12	Heritage	Space Coast	6 PM
9	3/14	Cocoa Beach	Space Coast	6 PM
10	3/18	Stewartsville High (Mn)	Palm Bay	1 PM
11	3/19	Heritage	Palm Bay	7 PM
12	3/20	Playoff Game (TBD)	Palm Bay	TBD
13	3/26	Rockledge	Rockledge	6 PM
14	3/27	Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity	4:30PM
15	3/29	Holy Trinity	Space Coast	6:00PM
16	4/1	Astronaut	Astronaut High	6 PM
17	4/2	Bayside	Bayside High	6 PM
18	4/5	Satellite	Space Coast	6 PM
19	4/9	Satellite	Satellite High	6 PM
20	4/12	Titusville	Space Coast	6 PM
21	4/16	MCC	MCC	4:30
22	4/17	MCC	Space Coast	6 PM
23	4/24	Cocoa	Cocoa High	6 PM
24	4/25	Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach High	6 Pm
25	4/26	IMG Academy	Space Coast	6 PM
26	4/30	CCC Playoff (TBD)	Space Coast	6 PM
27	5/3	Palm Bay High	Space Coast	6 PM

Junior Varsity Schedule

Game	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
1	2/26	MI	Merritt Island	6
2	3/1	Holy Trinity	Space Coast	6 PM
3	3/5	Titusville	Space Coast	6 PM
4	3/7	Astronaut	Astronaut	6 PM
5	3/13	Cocoa Beach	Space Coast	6
6	3/27	Titusville	Titusville	6
7	3/28	Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach	6
8	3/29	Holy Trinity	Space Coast	5
9	4/1	Astronaut	Space Coast	6 PM
10	4/2	MI	Space Coast	6
11	4/5	Palm Bay	Palm Bay High	6
12	4/16	MCC	Space Coast	6
13	4/17	MCC	MCC	4:30

KBB Golf Tournament

Save the date! It's that time of year to register for Keep Brevard Beautiful's 4th Annual Golf Tournament on February 22, 2019 at the Cocoa Beach Country Club.

Team sign in begins at 11 AM, with a Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM. The tournament is a four person team scramble. Entry includes a box lunch and drink ticket for each player. There are opportunities to win door prizes, contests and a 50/50 drawing at the after party!

Team Entry - \$280.00 Individual Player - \$75.00. All funds generated from this event will be used locally in support of KBB's mission of beautification, recycling and educational programs in Brevard County. For more information, contact Tammie Lizon at 321-631-0501, ext. 204.

2019 Space Coast Softball Schedule

Game	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
1.	2/16	Preseason Tourn	Port Orange	9:00/11:00
2.	2/19	Eau Gallie	Eau Gallie	5:15/7:15
3.	2/20	Merritt Island	Merritt Island	5:15/7:15
4.	2/22	Titusville	Titusville	5:15/7:15
5.	2/27	Astronaut	Space Coast	5:15/7:15
6.	3/1	Blast at the Beach	Port Orange	3:00/7:00 Var.
7.	3/2	Blast at the Beach	Port Orange	TBD Varsity
8.	3/2	Blast at the Beach	Port Orange	TBD Varsity
9.	3/4	Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach	5:15/7:15
10.	3/6	Heritage	Heritage	5:15/7:15
11.	3/8	MCC	Space Coast	6:00
12.	3/11	Rockledge	Rockledge	5:15/7:15
13.	3/13	Titusville	Space Coast	5:15/7:15
14.	3/14	MCC	MCC	6:00 Varsity
	3/14	TBD	Chain of Lakes	5:15/7:15 JV
15.	3/26	Cocoa	Space Coast	5:15/7:15
16.	3/27	Bayside	Space Coast	5:15/7:15
17.	3/29	MCC	MCC	5:00
18.	4/2	Rockledge	Space Coast	5:15/7:15
19.	4/4	Astronaut	Astronaut	5:15/7:15
20.	4/5	Satellite	Space Coast	6:00
21.	4/9	Cocoa Beach	Space Coast	5:15/7:15
22.	4/11	Satellite	Satellite	6:00
23.	4/16	Cocoa	Cocoa	6:00
24.	4/17	Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity	5:30
25.	4/22	CCC Play Off	TBD	6:00

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The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM and Saturday 10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. Call 321-433-4448 for latest information.

Mondays

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals, 3-4 p.m.
Kid's Art, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Open Gym, 5-8 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 11a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays

Tiny Tots, 10-11 a.m.
Seniors In Motion, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals, 3-4 p.m.
4-H Garden Club, 3-4 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Open Gym, 5-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

Home School Yoga, 10:15-11 a.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Thursdays

14th - Happy Valentine's Day

Tiny Tots, 10-11 a.m.
Seniors In Motion, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Home School, 10 a.m. -12 a.m.
Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.
Kids Yoga, 3-4 p.m.
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.
Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Fridays

Open Gym, 9-11 a.m.
Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Home School, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.
4-H Garden Club, 3-4 p.m.

Saturdays

Open Gym, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Middle School Competitive Basketball League,
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Co-Ed Youth Basketball League, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held at Walter Butler Community Center every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome.

For more information, contact Andrea Chestnut at 321-264-5058 or 321-264-5105.

Volleyball Fundamentals is a class which teaches proper playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike and more. Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8 p.m. For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center, 433-4448.

Basketball Fundamentals - Program designed for boys and girls ages 8 to 12. Each week the participants will learn/review basic basketball skills and apply them to a variety of drills. Games played, but primary focus will be to build on and improve the skills sets of each participant. Practice held Monday and Tuesday 3-4 p.m. For more information, contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center at (321)433-4448.

Kids in Motion - An after school program that focuses on anti-bullying and educational hands on projects that helps to stimulate learning, and growth; such as the Choice Program, 4-H Club and Stem Programs to enhance learning. Monday-Friday 2-6 p.m. \$30 a week. Discounts do apply if you live in the target area and if the child is eligible for free or reduced lunch and if the household receives any assistance. For more information contact WBCC at (321)433-4448.

Cosmic Kids Yoga - Kids (ages 5+) can practice yoga with a certified cosmic Kids Yoga instructor. Yoga is a great way to increase flexibility, lower stress and improve energy. The goal is to teach kids yoga in a fun, exciting, story-fashion while focusing on three principle ideas; think good things, say good things, do good things. This class meets twice a month. For more information contact the Walter Butler Community Center at (321) 433-4448.

4-H Junior Master Gardener Program - The Junior Master Gardner Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays 3-4 p.m. For more information contact Jan Jordan at the Walter Butler Community Center (321) 433-4448.

Buffet Breakfast

Blessed Sacrament Church, 5135 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, will be hosting a Buffet Breakfast with Omelet & Waffle Stations by Chef Marcio on Sundays from 9 am – 12 pm.

The cost will be \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children 5-12 and free for children under 5. Everyone is invited to have a great breakfast with your family!

Also, the new Food Pantry is now open Fridays, 11 am – 1 pm.

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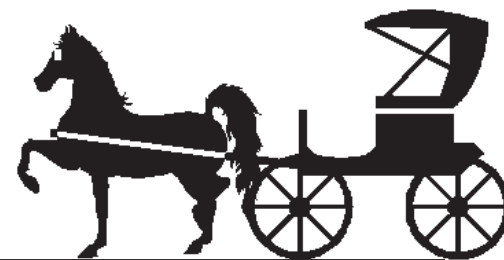
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Phone _____ May we include your phone number on our membership roster to CGHI members? Yes No

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SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

It was great to see so many new faces and some ones that have been missing at the last meeting. Also, glad to see some residents join the HOA. We held the election of the HOA officers and the Board of Directors. All the officers and directors stayed the same and will be in office for another year.

A short history of the HOA was given and what it can and cannot do. The Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assoc. is a non-profit corporation that has bylaws set up and on file with the State of Florida. The HOA has been in the Groves since the early 1970's. Its purpose is to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Canaveral Groves. It does not act as a group to report violations on people and their property. It does not enforce any rules about property and does not have any authority to issue fines.

It does bring people in to keep the group informed on issues. Since we are a not-for-profit organization, we are all volunteers. The dues monies are used to pay the expenses of the organization as are any donations. In the past, we have given out scholarships to students living in the Groves, citizenship awards for the students at Fairglen Elementary School, gave money to build a stage at Fairglen Elementary School and have donated to 4-H.

There were several subjects brought up. People listening to scanners and posting what they heard could be putting people, law enforcement and fire fighters in danger. There is a reverse 911 call system that can put out a message if needed, a message can be put over the weather radio and/or a notification on Facebook if needed by Brevard County agencies when there is a danger. Some posts have been placed on Facebook that are not factual.

There was a long discussion about Brevard County Code Enforcement using anonymous complaints and that county codes seem to be vague and/or subject to interpretation. There also was a discussion about the Conex boxes / trailers and what may be done to resolve the problem.

Some of the suggestions were to start a petition that would include all residents of Brevard County District #1 so that the County would have to treat all parts of the county the same. Since some parts of the county do not allow anonymous complaints to be followed up on, maybe it should be changed so that all parts of the county would be the same, which they are not presently. There also could be a request that the Brevard County Legal Department come up with definitions that can explain what is in the code, thus not leaving it open to interpretation. There was also a suggestion of legal action against the County if the problem cannot be resolved.

The next meeting will be February 14, 2019 at 7pm. at the Discovery Church on Grissom Pkwy. Hope to see more people in attendance and getting involved.

Ed Silva, President
Canaveral Groves HOA

Barbershop Harmony Show

The Greater Canaveral Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society will present "Everyone in Harmony!", a show of great Barbershop Harmony, on Saturday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m. at Merritt Island High School.



The show will feature The Space Coast Chorus and two outstanding guest quartets. The guest quartets are Viva!, the 2018 Sweet Adeline's Silver Medalists, and Masterpiece, the 2013 International Gold Medalists of The Barbershop Harmony Society.

Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. For tickets, search Eventbrite.com/Merritt Island, or send a check, payable to Greater Canaveral Chapter, to Tim Hanrahan, 215 Hedgecock Ct., Satellite Beach, FL, 32937.

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Credit Card Fraud Scam

This is a heads up for everyone regarding the Credit Card frauds. This one is pretty slick since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want. Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. By understanding how the VISA and MasterCard telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

The scam works like this: The person calling says - "This is (name) and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is xxxx. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?" (or something like this)"

When you say "No," the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching, and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be

sent to (gives you your address). Is that correct?"

Of course, you say "Yes."

The caller continues - "I will be starting a Fraud Investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1- 800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a random 6 digit number. Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works - The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to turn your card over and look for some numbers. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the last 3 are the Security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the last 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen and that you still have your card."

After you say no, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do',

and hangs up. You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number.

The real VISA Security Department says this is a scam and what happens is that once you provide them with the 3 digit security code, a new purchase of \$497.99 (or whatever amount they said) gets charged. What the scammer wants is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation.

The real VISA will never ask for anything on the card, as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammer your 3 digit PIN number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make and then it's more difficult to file a fraud report.

If you receive a call like this, HANG UP and call the number on the back of your card to verify if there has been any suspicious activity on your account.

It appears that this is a very active scam, and evidently quite successful.



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