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“Delta Variant” Is Serious

Just as we began to relax after the intensity of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a new concern about a resurgence due to the Delta variant of the virus. The Delta variant is deadlier and more contagious than the original strain.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention labels the B.1.617.2 variant, also known as the Delta variant, as a "Variant of Concern," which means it shows evidence of increased transmission and potentially reduced immunity in those who are vaccinated or have had previous COVID-19 infection.

The Delta variant makes up 20% of new COVID cases in the US. Currently, the Delta variant accounts for 2.8% of the strains of COVID-19 detected in Florida, according to the CDC.

The Delta mutation has infected 280 people across 34 counties across Florida, the state report shows, including some in Brevard County.

Dr. Dean Watson, chief integration officer at TMH, said, "The virus will continue to mutate and create new variants and the most important thing we can do as a community is complete the

vaccination process to limit the ability of this virus to spread." The best way for citizens to protect themselves against the Delta variant is to receive a vaccine. Currently, both mRNA vaccines are effective against the variants including the Delta variant.

The COVID-19 vaccine, both the two-dose Pfizer and Moderna vaccines as well as the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, continues to prove itself as the greatest weapon that we have in fighting this virus.

Depending on the news you listen to, somewhere between 90% and 99% of the new cases this year are unvaccinated people. 100% of reported COVID deaths this year are unvaccinated people.

You can visit <https://myvaccine.fl.gov/> to register and your place in line will be held as more vaccine becomes available. You can search for locations by county or city.

Florida seniors who cannot leave their homes but need COVID-19 vaccine can sign up for an appointment at home: Email HomeboundVac-

cine@em.myflorida.com with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you about setting up an appointment.

Walgreen's, Publix, CVS and Winn Dixie are all doing walk-in vaccine shots.

For Walmart or Sam's Club, to schedule an appointment, visit www.walmart.com/COVID-vaccine and www.samsclub.com/covid (whether you're a SAM's member or not).

Appointments can be made online at:

- Parrish Healthcare: vaccine.parrishmed.com
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Staying physically active is one of the best ways to support your heart health. Along with eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, and avoiding tobacco products—regular physical activity can help to reduce your risk for developing coronary artery disease and other conditions affecting your vascular health.

There are many ways that exercise can benefit your cardiovascular health, such as:

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- Helping you maintain a healthy weight
- Strengthening your heart muscle
- Reducing your risk of developing diabetes
- Reducing your stress levels
- Reducing inflammation
- Activities to Try this Summer



According to the American Heart Association, it is recommended that most people should get about 150 minutes (2.5 hours) of moderate-intensity physical activity each week. Some activities that can help you and your family reach your fitness goals this summer include:

- Hiking
- Nature walking
- Bike riding
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Dancing
- Gardening
- Tennis

- Swimming
- Rollerblading and roller skating
- Volleyball
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This is a HOME, not just a house! Beautiful custom pool with hot tub is ready to make summer wonderful! Country kitchen has lots of countertop and storage, including pantry. New paint outside. Sprinkler system is on a well and pump. Yard has several fruit trees, an orchid tree, several pineapple plants, jasmine, avocado tree, more! Roof done in 2015.



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PSJ Community Center Schedule - August, 2021

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 7 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturdays 10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 Zumba (adult class with Jackie), 5:30 – 6 :30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

11th & 25th 10-11am Petit Chef For preschools 3-5 years old (\$12.00 per child,accompanying adult free) Must call to register.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
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Fridays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
 Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.
 Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 14th - “Lunch Box Creations”with Chef Kelly- 12pm-1:30 pm. \$15.00 per child,accompanying

adult is free.Must call to register.

About Zumba Classes With Jackie - A total workout, combining all elements of fitness - cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

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 ~ Jackie Lewis

About Kel's Kitchen:

The “Cooking Around the World” program provides hands-on cooking classes for children in home and virtual school (6 years and up). An adult must attend with the child/children. Each class focuses on a different world cuisine. We will be cooking lunch for ourselves. Every session teaches the concept of food safety, kitchen organization and cooking skills. Cost is \$18.00 per class for child/adult pair. Register at www.floridakelskitchen.com. Call Chef Kelly for more information at (321) 506-1682.

The “Petit Chef” program provides hands-on culinary lessons for preschoolers (3 – 5 years old). An adult must attend with the child/children. Lessons are scheduled Wednesday, August 11th : Blueberry Muffins and Wednesday, August 25th : Cheesy Egg Cups. We will be “digging in” to a simple, tactile cooking experience each week and Chef Kelly will have a short read to share relating to the subject. Cost is \$12.00 per child/adult pair. Register at www.floridakelskitchen.com. For more information, call (321) 506-1682.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe A Quick History of Willow Creek/Verona

According to an article, "from staff note," in the February 18, 2004 North Brevard Beacon, the article started, "In a marathon session on February 10, Titusville City Council approved Willow Creek. The article stated, "Willow Creek is an up-scale development planned for 672 acres west of Grissom Parkway to SR-407, south of Sheppard Drive to I-95 and Port St. John.

This project's "developer's agreement" called for a detailed, multi-phase (7-10 years) plan, spelling out exactly what is to be done on the property and what improvements the developer is responsible for (like widening Grissom Parkway). Willow Creek, as now envisioned, will consist of 1,277 total homes that the developer agrees to limit to less than two units per acre. There will be a variety of housing, described as cottage homes, executive homes, estate homes, club homes, as well as duplexes and townhouses. It was likened to La Cita development.

Plans also include landscaped boulevards, up to 200 acres of undeveloped land or open spaces, a central park area for residents, as well as a com-

mercial area on Grissom Parkway." The article stated there were people attending the Council meeting from Port St. John... concerned about scrub-jay habitat, school funding and traffic on Grissom and on SR-407 at Sheppard.

I found a Titusville Ordinance in December 2005 establishing the Willow Creek Community Development District. The ordinance gave the Willow Creek District the authority to establish special assessments to make improvements.

Willow Creek has completed improvements due to the 1,277 homes, including the widening of Grissom Pkwy. between Kings Highway and Airport Road, the turn signals and turn lanes at Falcon Blvd./Grissom Pkwy. and the Curtis Blvd/Grissom Pkwy. intersections.

I found a March 20, 2013 Titusville Planning & Zoning Meeting agenda where they recommended approval of the 3-year extension to the Willow Creek Residential Development Agreement. The agreement was detailed, stating it was 672.90 acres. A minimum of 30% would remain in natural condition and 10% would be open space, including common areas, conservation areas, lakes, stormwater and pervious

waterways. Overall density would be 2 units per acre. There would be six villages. Village A, 375 homes with 1,300 square foot living area and 2 car garages on 50 or 60-foot lots. Village B, 190 homes with 1,300 square foot living area and 2 car garages on 50 or 60-foot lots. Village C, 40 estate homes with 1,800 square foot living area and 2 car garages on 80 or 90-foot lots. Village D, 375 single family executive homes with 1,600 square foot living area and 2 car garages on 75 or 80-foot lots. Village E, 64 estate homes with 2,200 square foot living area and 2 car garages on 100-foot lots or larger. Village F, 233 single family club homes with 1,350 square foot living area and 2 car garages on 50 or 70-foot wide lots, mixed with 1,300 square foot per unit duplexes, and 1,100 square foot townhouses.

A new site plan was presented at the July 13, 2021 City Council meeting, that showed all Villages except Village E. Not sure where it is going.

The Willow Creek Residential Development Agreement also said any clearing or code violation carries penalties of \$5,000 per occurrence, and no clearing can occur within a conservation easement.

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The developer asked on October 13, at a 2020 City Council Meeting, Item 9B CPA Verona Subdivision that 4.58 acres of wetlands that were originally not supposed to be developed, now wanted to allow 18 buildable lots that they illegally filled. The city is allowing a 1,277 house project in the first phase to add more buildable lots, so 1,277 homes are now 1,295 homes. The big issue is the order of approval. The City should be approving zoning up front and then St. John's River Water Management District should approve any wetland issues.

The minutes didn't state whether the developer was fined \$5,000 per occurrence, which I would think would be \$5,000 x 18 = \$90,000. Since they are selling homes for over \$300,000 each, this would still be only a drop in the bucket

to the profits made for their illegal action. I will find out.

As I've stated before, as Port St John is so close to Willow Creek for gas, groceries and schools, Willow Creek will have a major impact on our community. If there are just 2 people per home, that is an extra 2,600 people. If there are also an average of 2 children per home, that is 5,200 residents. Just the traffic on Grissom Pkwy. and Kings Highway is going to be a huge impact.

It is not a question of opposing development. It is a question of smart quality growth that has less impact on people and wildlife. Low impact development could be a great improvement and is recommended by The St. Johns Water Management District and other state entities, and is already in operation in many cities and counties

in Florida.

We must get away from the mindset of development at any price, as the consequences we are already experiencing. The economy will not be worth a thing when we are flooded like Germany or have a Cat 7 hurricane. We can do something now.

Port St. John Special District Board

The Port St John Special District was created in 1996 with ordinance 96-30 after the PSJ Homeowners Association went to the Brevard County Commission and asked if we could have our own representation. We saw that the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Board did not know our community and did not care to find out. The P&Z Board is mostly more pro-building than pro-community. Ordinance 96-30 set it up as a

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Good Day!, cont.

9-member elected board and named the board the “Port St. John Dependent Special District Governing Board.” Then in 1999, the board was changed to seven elected representatives under ordinance 99-05.

After a while, the PSJ Special District Governance Board could not get enough individuals to run for office for an unpaid position, as elected representatives are required by the state to put in a lot of information, pay required fees and create a fundraising bank account to just to be in an election. The County eventually changed it to appointed positions in February, 2005 under ordinance 05-22.

In 2015, the County passed 2015-12. This county ordinance gave additional responsibilities to the PSJ Special District Governing Board, giving them responsibility in lieu of the Planning and Zoning Board: 1) Review and provide the Board Of County Commissioners with a recommendation on rezoning applications made for property located within the boundaries of the Dependent Special District, when such application doesn’t raise the density of the property. 2) Review and provide recommendations to the Board Of County Commissioners on any issue or subject referred to the governing body of the district by the county commission which matter may include the priority, location, maintenance, and use of public improvement or infrastructure provided within the Special District. 3) Review and provide Planning & Zoning Board advisory recommendations on properties within their Special District on requests that increase density in their Special District, and 4) Review and provide to the local Planning Agency

advisory recommendations on all property applications in their district on changes to land use designations.

None of these are bad things.

The problem is the county wants to bypass the PSJ Special District Governing Board and go straight to the County Planning & Zoning Board or Local Planning Agency if PSJ does not have a quorum. The agenda for the 7/14/21 PSJ Special District Board stated “On March 23, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) granted legislative intent and permission to advertise the proposed ordinance. The proposed change allows all zoning and Comprehensive Plan changes to proceed to the Planning & Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency or a recommendation to the BCC in the event there is no quorum for the PSJ meeting, allowing requests to move expeditiously through the review process. The PSJ Board was not notified about the April 14, 2021 Building Construction Advisory Board meeting where they heard the proposal and unanimously recommended approval, so no one knew it was being presented in April, so no one attended to give comments.

I checked, and according to the county, from 2015 through 2021, we had four meetings without a quorum. 08/12/15, 08/10/16, 05.09/18, and 02/10/21 we didn’t have a quorum, and the Planning & Zoning Board/LPA had a quorum every meeting. The county Local Planning Agency will hear the proposed ordinance on Monday, July 26, 2021, which will have passed before HAPPENINGS is distributed. The Brevard County Commission will hear the proposed ordinance on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Viera Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C,



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I did find out that every seat on the P&Z Board/LPA has a designated alternate, and our PSJ Special District Governing Board has no alternates assigned, which makes it an entirely unfair comparison. We should have at least two alternates assigned who attend every meeting, and one or both being able to vote if one or two primary representatives can't attend. They could also call them representatives in training to give them a reason to attend the meetings and listen to the discussion to help them to get more up to speed on PSJ or zoning issues.

All county Citizens Advisory Boards should be made up of different areas of the community, not all related to Development and Building companies. The current Brevard County Planning & Zoning members and alternates are: Jimmy Mutter, Real Estate Agent; Ron Bartcher, Mims Homeowner's Association, Friends of Mims Library; Rochelle Lawandales, Real Estate Developer; Andy Barber, Barber Development Corporation; Brian Hodgers, Complete Choice Insurance; Ron McLellan, no known affiliation; Mark Wadsworth, Landscaping Company; Scott Langston, Real Estate Agent; Bruce Moir, Building Engineer/President, Home Builders Association; Robert LaMarr, auto sales; and representing the Brevard County School Board is Dane Theodore, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities for Brevard County Schools.

The large control over the P&Z/LPA by the building and development community is overwhelming and should not be the case. The problems the huge amount of development and the terrible toll it has had on the Indian River Lagoon can be attributed by this green light from these

committees. At least our PSJ Special District Governing Board has tried to ensure fairness to the community as a whole. Our PSJ board has one builder/developer out of seven members, which is acceptable.

Reference:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/PlanningAnd-Development/PlanningAndZoning/PSJSpecial-District>

M-CORES Update

According to the website <https://landline.media/> June 25, 2021 article by Tyson Fisher titled, "M-CORES toll program in Florida is officially dead," the infamous \$26 billion M-CORE toll road project is dead. On June 24, Gov. DeSantis signed SB100, which repealed Florida Statute 338.2278. The statute had enacted the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance program, more commonly known as M-CORES. M-CORES had established the following toll road corridors:

- Suncoast Connector, extending from Citrus County to Jefferson County.
- Northern Turnpike Connector, extending from the northern terminus of the Florida Turnpike northwest to the Suncoast Parkway.
- Southwest-Central Florida Connector, extending from Collier County to Polk County.

The trouble is, SB100 only deleted the Southwest-Central Florida Connector. However, the legislature found that the northern extension of the Florida Connector was in the "strategic interest of the state." Therefore, the remaining two connectors will continue to move forward. The Suncoast Connector was modified so it will use U.S. 19 and connect to Interstate 10 in Madison County rather than in Jefferson County.

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Good Day!, cont.

Back in the original SB7068, which was the work of former Senate President Bill Galvano, who got it signed into law in May 2019, the bill told the Florida Department of Transportation to have a task force for each corridor submit a report to the governor. In November of last year, the task forces submitted each of the final M-CORES to the governor, and all reports found there was no specific need for each of the toll roads. Even after the reports and the fury of opposition, the then Senate President Galvano said that stopping the projects could have economic consequences to rural communities as the state recovers from the damages caused by the pandemic. One area the task force had to consider was high-speed internet access in rural communities. Galvano is no longer in the Senate as he was term-limited in 2020.

The House and Senate did listen by passing SB100 and it passed the House with a 115-0 vote and the Senate by 39-1 votes. The group No Roads to Ruin, in a news release, said the repeal is not enough and will continue until all three toll roads are stopped.

Reference:

<https://landline.media/m-cores-toll-program-in-florida-is-officially-dead/>



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Boys and girls are welcome. Age groups start as young as 3 years. Visit <http://www.psjunitedsoccer.com/registration.html> to register for the fall league.

The fields are located at Space Coast Communities Sports Complex, 662 Canaveral Groves Blvd. in Canaveral Groves.

The league encourages parents to not just sit on the sidelines and let their kids have all the fun. Get involved! Volunteer as a coach, assistant coach, or team parent. Help out in the concession stand, fill an open position on the Board, or become a referee. The goal is to have your entire family get their kicks at Port St. John Soccer.

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~ Rose Padrick



With Age

Summer has hit! Slammed into us actually... We are feeling a tad more freedom these days, giving us the ability to enjoy the great outdoors and indoors and ensuing fun and laughter. While things are looking more normal, please still take a little care when in crowded places and have consideration for others. If you have been affected by the terribleness, please know we care and many prayers are being sent.

Well...this month marks another trip around the sun for yours truly. As with everyone else, I'm not happy to close the calendar, but the alternative really sucks.

They say (whoever THEY are) with age comes wisdom. I'm thinking the only ones saying that are the seniors who have the ability to remember their mistakes so they don't repeat them too often.

With age, for most of us also comes un-ending hot flashes, all of the "Itis" family - Arthritis, Bursitis, Cystitis and all their cousins. Sags and bags, wrinkles and crinkles, thin lips and thick thighs, and NOTHING WORTH WATCHING ON T.V.! Where the heck are Carol Burnett and Ed Sullivan?

And what the heck is a Sponge Bob and why are his pants square?

With age comes personality changes. While pulling weeds yesterday, a large black snake wigglywhizzed right under my hand. Ten (OK, twenty) years ago I would have leaped to my feet, done a rousing round of the snake dance and squealed, ending up on the stairs yelling for someone/anyone to do something with it. Yesterday I slapped the ground with the hand that was not holding me up, yelled at the snake that my hips were giving me way too much trouble for me to stand up until I pulled every last darn weed from this non-productive garden, and if he didn't leave he was destined to become a belt. I also made a mental note to tell my neighbor she now has a black snake in her yard, possibly because there's a small hole in the bottom of her fence. I logged this latest note in the mental file I have named 'There Is Absolutely No Chance You Will Remember To Do This.'

With age comes the unwillingness to waste time on what has become the norm to get upset about. I don't have time to fret about a small child making a little too much noise in a restaurant, as long as he is not related to me. Or to be ashamed of looking a homeless person in the eye and saying good morning, even if I don't have money to give them.

With age comes willingness to spend time the way I want to. Listening and answering a great-grandson maneuvering through various subjects and marveling at how complex a small brain can be. Why does the color red always mean stop? If your eyes freeze when you cross them too much, can you thaw them out by holding your head under water like Mom does when

she cooks chicken? How does all that money get into that little card? (My question is how does all my money come OUT of that little card so fast?)

With age comes an overwhelming urge to stop a busy young mother and tell her to stop beating herself up about not having enough hours in the day and just make the best memories possible in the time she has with her babies. And to smack the kid in the grocery store making his little sister scream and looking all innocent when mom turns around.

With age comes the universal understanding and commiseration with grandparents who are not as blessed as I am to have grands or great-grands almost within arms reach and willing to hug or hang out. And a memory good enough to ask to see the latest pictures.

With age comes many sleepless nights and also the knowledge I'll sleep sometime, so I may as well get up and finish that letter to my soldier grandson or work on the blanket for my newest great-grandson.

Which is exactly what I do...right until I remember I recorded Magic Mike.

We are all going to celebrate personal journeys around the sun this year. Let's do it with the utmost kindness.

And a dash of Magic Mike.
P.S.

I didn't smack the kid!

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World Breastfeeding Week



Pictured left to right: Heather Focht RN, CLC; Rita Jordan, RN, IBCLC and Donna Lowery RN, CLC

World Breastfeeding Week, August 1-6, 2021, aims to highlight the major benefits of breastfeeding for the health and wellbeing of moms and babies. Parrish Medical Center Lactation Consultants Rita Jordan, RN, IBCLC; Heather Focht, RN, CLC and Donna Lowery, RN, CLC, work one-on-one with mothers to build confidence and teach them how to breastfeed successfully. Follow Rita's top five breastfeeding tips below:

- Be Patient. Anything new takes time and patience. If you find yourself or your baby becoming distressed, take a break until you're ready to try again.
- Practice rooming in by allowing your baby to stay with you for 24 hours a day.
- Refrain from giving infants food or drink other than breast milk, unless medically required.

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- Feed according to your baby's need. Frequent and effective feeding will lead to consistent milk supply.
- Don't be afraid to ask for support. Mom's Group is for new and expectant moms to network on issues such as breast feeding, play, the importance of early literacy, developmental milestones and more.

Join us for sessions starting Monday, September 13. Visit our website, www.ParrishHealthcare.com/events, for more information and to RSVP.

Stormwater Improvements on Homestead Avenue Will Prompt Detours in PSJ

Detour routes will be posted on Homestead Avenue in Port St. John to allow for stormwater improvements on the roadway between Edison Street and Akers Street.

The project, consisting of replacement of three 72-inch metal pipes with a concrete box culvert, will take an estimated 69 calendar days to complete. Aspects of the project include box culvert installation, excavation and embankment, utility relocation, drainage, roadway reconstruction and maintenance of traffic. Work will be performed 10 hours per day, six days per week.

The planned detour route is to direct traffic to Golfview Avenue to the west of Homestead Avenue. Variable message boards and signage will also be in place to direct traffic in the project area.



Heroes of S.T.E.A.M. Summer Camp!

Who are the heroes behind military aviation, space exploration, firefighting and law enforcement? Search for the answers with Heroes of S.T.E.A.M. Summer Camp!

Heroes of STEAM Summer Camp is a collaborative experience between the Valiant Air Command Inc., American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville Fire Department and American Space Museum. Each agency will have an afternoon with the campers working through Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics involved in each career path. Campers will tour the facilities and work in teams to problem solve with a hands-on learning approach.

Space is Limited to 16 Heroes Entering 3rd through 5th Grades. Cost is \$60.00. Snacks will be provided. Masks will be optional, left up to the parents' discretion, but are available at no cost upon request.

The Camp is August 2nd through 5th, (just before school starts). Camp Hours are 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. **MANDATORY Check-in at 1 pm the first day only.**

Day 1 - Monday, August 2nd

- at Valiant Air Command, Inc. (660 Tico Rd. Titusville, FL 32780)

Day 2 - Tuesday, August 3rd

- at American Police Hall of Fame (6350 Horizon Dr. Titusville).

Day 3 - Wednesday, August 4th

- at Titusville Fire Department (550 S. Washington Ave. Titusville).

Day 4 - Thursday, August 5th

- at American Space Museum (308 Pine St. Titusville).

No Transportation Will Be Provided. Caregivers are responsible for all transportation to and from each location.

Visit <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07egyggkd450174933&llr=kp5ufw7ab> to register.

Questions? Email Kerri Lubeski and Angie Roberts at heroesofsteam@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook at Heroes of STEAM.

Monthly Tax Update

Wow! A lot of us are receiving the Advance Child Tax Credit funds in your checking account or by mail. This appears to be a windfall for everyone. However, you need to be aware these funds may require you to repay them when you file your 2021 tax return in 2022.

If you are receiving these advance payments, an evaluation is necessary to determine whether you are entitled to them or not.

If you claim your under age 16 child in 2020 and will not be claiming this child in 2021, you aren't entitled to these advance payments and repayment will be required. These payments will definitely reduce your 2021 refund and if repayment is required, you could end up having to cut a check for the amount of tax liability you have to pay back.

After evaluating your circumstances, there is a way to check whether you're entitled to the payments, unenroll to stop receiving the payments, or add a checking account for future payments. You will go to irs.gov and locate the icon, "Get Details on the Advance Child Care Credit." You will be redirected providing you the opportunity to establish your account access by clicking on the "Manage Payments" icon. Next, click on "Manage Advance Payments" and follow the instructions utilizing the ID.me options.

This is important and this is the way the rules are now. Who knows, later this year there may be a decision by Congress to forego the repayment requirement like they did earlier with the health insurance overpayment.

My next topic involves businesses who were eligible for the Payroll Protection Program. It is time for you to file the Form 3508, or 3805S, if you haven't already. You'll find the financial institution is where this document will be filed and most likely an email was sent to you with assistance to file the document electronically. In addition, if you received an SBA emergency loan, your payments are most likely already required and payment is coming due soon. Your review is necessary to permit you the opportunity to pay it back or prepare to make the monthly payments.

Now, let's discuss the growing concern with Where's My Refund? As of July 8, 2021, the



number of unprocessed tax returns stood at 35 million and the reason your refunds are being delayed. In May, the amount was 31 million and this means it's not getting any better. So, calling the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is only wasting your time and calling your tax preparer is of no help. They understand everyone needs their refunds and they are diligently working towards sending refunds as soon as possible.

However, you need to give consideration of the impacts the IRS has been exposed to. They have been required to send out millions of stimulus payments, now advance child tax credit funds, and dealing with the COVID shutdown, catch up without being able to acquire sufficient employees to handle their requirements, and process all the annual returns. Regretfully, the only answer available is everyone needs to have patience. I know this isn't the answer you want, but we're at their mercy to process the returns, without any recourse.

This is just a brief overview. Further details and specific questions may be obtained by contacting your tax advisor or our office.

Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

Space View Park Reopens

Space View Park, a popular viewing spot for rocket launches from Kennedy Space Center, has reopened following completion of repairs stemming from damages caused by Hurricane Irma in September, 2017.

The park is located on the shore of the Indian River Lagoon in Titusville. It reopened in mid-July and will now be open daily from dusk to dawn.

Repairs, at a cost of \$2 million, included replacement of observation docks, seawall repair and replacement, sidewalks, repair and replacement of the rock revetment, new lighting and landscaping upgrades. The contractor was Rush Construction, Inc.

The park is not only great for launches, but also includes a fishing area and boat dock, picnic areas, mission logos carved in granite and a walkthrough history of manned space exploration. It's definitely worth a visit.

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Tango for Tails

Join Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., a nonprofit, volunteer organization, for Tango for Tails, at The Tulip Restaurant & Lounge, Cocoa Village, on Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hosted by Tails at the Barkery and From Olives and Grapes, this event will help raise much needed funds for Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., whose mission is to provide a better life and second chance for companion animals. Dedicated and devoted to saving dogs that are left abandoned in shelters, surrendered by their owners, and those that are abused and neglected, Rescue Rebels rescues them, gives them the care they need, and finds them loving forever homes.

Enjoy an evening of Fine Dining (your choice of a delicious four-course meal) and a special Argentine Tango Show Presentation.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person in advance. Tickets are available at Tails at the Barkery, 308 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Village, or on-line at www.rescuerebels.org or www.facebook.com/cash4canines/.

For more information, contact:

Pam Shaia, Tails at the Barkery

308 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Village

Ph. (321) 305-4584, or

Jennifer Sorrentino

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Worship At FUMC

The First United Methodist Church of Port St. John would like to invite you to be our guest for Worship! Every Sunday at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, 8/15 we will kickoff a brand new teaching series: "Produce - The Fruit of God's Spirit." This message series will be an opportunity to engage with practical life lessons, all about how to live a life that's defined by Love.

Our worship begins at 10:00 a.m and is available in person and on-line on [Facebook.com/FUMCPSJ](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCPSJ) and [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com). FUMC Port St. John. That's three ways to worship with us. We hope to see you there.

Also, in August and September we will begin to prepare for the Pumpkin Patch and the community event of, "Walk Through Bethlehem." Please pray for and with us, and help if you are lead to.



Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents **Bike Days at the Tiki**

Saturday, August 7th

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Good food on the grill with Fixin's, \$6. Listen to live music.

Drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

7260 S. US Hwy. 1 Bellwood (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632.

Contact Joe Marino, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at info@alr359.org or visit our website, alr359.org, for more information.

Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, August 12th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321- 264-5105.

Coronavirus Information

www.parrishhealthcare.com/coronavirus

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

For information about vaccination plans for Brevard, the COVID-19 Call Center is available 24/7 at 1 (866) 779-6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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PMC Hospitalists

What is a Hospitalist?

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Working in Coordination with Your Primary Care Physician

Many primary care physicians refer their patients to hospitalists when their patients are admitted to the hospital. During your hospital stay, PMC hospitalists will communicate with your primary care physician on a regular basis. After you go home from the hospital, you will see your family doctor for follow-up.

Hospitalists keep a close eye on you. In case of emergency, PMC hospitalists are never very far. Your PMC hospitalist knows the specialists and departments at PMC and will assist you through a smooth and speedy recovery process by following up on tests and adjusting your treatment regimen throughout the day based on those test results.

At PMC, our hospitalists are here to provide face-to-face answers whenever possible. Because our hospitalists are based in the hospital, they are able to spend time talking to you and your family about your care.

By covering hospitalized patients, PMC hospitalists allow primary care physicians to be more available to you. Because PMC hospitalists cover your primary care doctor's hospitalized patients, your family doctor can be with you in his or her office with fewer delays and interruptions and can devote more time to keeping you and your family healthy. In turn, PMC hospitalists are more available to care for you when you are hospitalized.

PMC hospitalists frequently talk to primary care physicians and will make every effort to obtain pertinent records from them. At the time of your admission to PMC, your primary care physician calls the hospitalist and informs him or her of your condition, similar to what a primary care physician does when he or she refers you to a specialist for another opinion or for additional tests and treatment.

During the course of your stay at PMC, the hospitalist will communicate with your primary care physician and any physician specialists that participate in your treatment. At discharge, the PMC hospitalist will ensure that the primary physician and physician specialists are involved in the post hospital plan of care and that they receive the medical records needed for your follow-up. PMC hospitalists will work with hospital case management to make sure that you receive the prescriptions, resources and information you need after discharge.

Parrish Healthcare Support Groups

Registration is required for all classes and support groups.

Need a Health Expert to Speak to Your Group? Our experts are available to speak to your group on important health issues. To schedule a speaker for your next meeting, call 321-268-6110.

AWAKE Sleep Disorders Support Group

A health awareness group for those with sleep disorders. Meets on the first Thursday of each month at Parrish Healthcare Center at Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, in the Main Lobby, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

View a complete listing of class days and to RSVP at <https://www.parrish-healthcare.com/events-calendar/event-details/?Event=24277>.

Caregiver Support Group

First and third Thursdays each month

Call Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800 to RSVP or visit our website for a current listing of class days.

Diabetes Community Education Class

This class will cover an overview of diabetes, nutrition and meal planning, physical activity, diabetes complication prevention, making behavior changes and more.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Women's AA meets on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 AM. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

Overeaters Anonymous - Due to Covid-19 we are meeting on Zoom. For meeting times or contact info, please visit oaspacecoast.org.

Nar-Anon: Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. - www.naranonfl.org.

8-1 Friendship Day

8-6 International Beer Day

8-9 Islamic New Year

8-3 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.

8-4 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.

8-13 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 Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

8-8 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.

8-8 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa Library). Contact D.P. Clarke at lroyaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

8-8 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

8-19 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.

8-15 Assumption of Mary

8-18 Ashura Starts

8-21 Senior Citizen Day

8-24 Feast of St. Bartholomew

8-16 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, 505-2361.

8-18 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 321-268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

8-28 Selichot

8-24 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting April or December). Meet and greet

and refreshments at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:15 pm, usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

8-27 Veteran's Breakfast, 9:00 at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., PSJ on the last Saturday of each month.

Congratulations to:

Wayne Weathers turns crazier this month!

Roman Arieux turns **8** on the 3rd.

Jamie Hagar turns **30** on the 3rd.

Chase Turner turns **20** on the 4th.

Amber Santoso turns **24** on the 4th.

Cindy Kolonich turns cuter on the 4th.

Cher Turman turns more lovely on the 7th.

Nicholas Moore turns buffer on the 8th

Laura Davis turns **Sweet 16** on the 9th!

Toyia Nguyen turns prettier on the 10th.

Mason McGann turns **15** on the 11th!

Riley Arieux turns **9** on the 11th.

Brittany Osburn is the Queen on the 12th.

Dillon DeVane turns **20** on the 12th.

Angie Anthony parties wild on the 12th.

Kensli Davis celebrates her **first birthday** on October 14!

Marty Grinstead turns **58** on the 15th.

Sally Blum turns **28** on the 16th.

Austin Travis turns **39** on the 16th.

Kyle Maxwell turns **18** on the 16th.

Chase & Alex Turman turn **23** on the 18th.

Terri & Tera Nguyen turn hotter on the 20th.

Marty Kline is the Boss on the 24th.

Tommy Nguyen rocks the day on the 27th.

Ashley Mae turns **17** on the 31st.

Randy & Cathy Rodriguez celebrate **45** years on the 1st.

Sam & Sharon Brown celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year together on the 12th.

Louis and Deborah Pierce celebrate 48 years on the 18th.

Charlie and Debbie DiMaria celebrate **36** years on the 19th!

Trisha and Scott Orend celebrate **28** years on the 28th.

Brett and Patty Benoff celebrate their 23rd on the 30th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Fax your inputs to 633-4313 or email to happenings1@att.net.

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PSJ Community Center -	633-1904
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City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111
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Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750
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www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/	

Brevard County Fire Rescue Offers Hurricane Tips

Brevard County Fire Rescue reminds residents that hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. BCFR offers the following safety tips to ensure that your family is prepared before a hurricane strikes, during the storm and in the aftermath of the event.

Before a storm:

Understand how hurricanes can affect where you live and work, and how the weather could impact you and your family.

Develop an emergency plan and practice how and where you will evacuate if instructed by local emergency management officials.

Create and maintain a disaster supply kit complete with enough water, non-perishable food and medications to last several days.

Learn how to properly secure your home against hurricanes. If your home is equipped with hurricane shutters, ensure that they are in proper working order before a storm threatens to strike.

If you have a generator, get fuel for it - at least enough for three days.

Monitor local weather forecasts and obtain a

NOAA Weather Radio.

During a storm:

Stay inside your home away from windows and glass doors. Find a safe area inside your home such as an interior room, a closet or bathroom on a lower level.

If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker.

If your home loses power, turn off major appliances such as the air conditioner and water heater to reduce damage.

Do not go outside. Weather conditions can change rapidly with lightning, wind and a multitude of other hazards exist.

After a storm:

Remain indoors until an official "all clear" is given.

Do not touch fallen or low-hanging wires of any kind under any circumstances. Call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken water or gas mains and overturned gas tanks.

Once power is restored, ensure refrigerated food has not spoiled. Spoiled food is the cause

of much sickness two days to a week after the storm.

Do not operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves or generators indoors for any reason. This includes inside garages, screened enclosures, or near open doors and/or windows.

When it is safe to do so, remove hurricane shutters from windows and doors. These should not be left in place for any reason. Doing so may prevent early detection of the presence of a fire, hinder firefighting efforts or prevent your family from escaping the home in the event of a fire.

More information and ideas on how you can be a Force of Nature can be found at www.embrevard.com or www.ready.gov/hurricanes. Information on the different types of severe weather such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and floods is available at www.weather.gov and www.ready.gov/hurricanes or the Spanish-language website, www.listo.gov.

You can also go to <http://www.floridadisaster.org/family/> and create your own family disaster plan, print it out and save it.

County Residents Must Contact Waste Management for Bulky Waste Collection

Tropical Storm Elsa didn't bother most homes in Brevard, but this reminder from the Solid Waste Department is timely as hurricane season is here:

Residents in unincorporated Brevard County are being reminded that Waste Management must be contacted in advance for bulky waste collection of items such as furniture, loose bags outside of their garbage cart for normal waste collection, or large and loose yard waste piles three cubic yards or greater (about the size of a picnic table) that require a clam truck for collection service.

Clam yard waste piles are collected by a different collection truck on a different day than a resident's containerized yard waste service day.

Bulky waste includes items such as household furnishings (couch, mattress, table), white goods (household appliances) or other items too large to be placed inside your cart.

• Customers are **REQUIRED** to contact Waste Management's Customer Service Department to schedule collection for bulky waste.



• Wood, such as fencing and other construction and demolition debris, is NOT included in Brevard County's curbside collection contract. Customers may contact Waste Management's Customer Service Department for collection disposal options and pricing for such items.

Residents can reach Waste Management in three ways to schedule bulky waste collection services:

In the North County area, call (321) 636-6894. In the Central or South County area, call (321) 723-4455.

Email at CentralFloridaService@wm.com, or live chat at wm.com.

Residents are also to be aware that landscaping, land clearing and tree-trimming contractors are required under Brevard County ordinance to haul away and properly dispose of any yard waste debris they generate on residential property. Waste Management is not required to collect yard waste generated by a contractor.

Containerized yard waste and small piles are serviced on your regularly scheduled yard waste collection day and must be curbside by 6 a.m.

Large, loose yard waste piles (anything bigger than the size of a washing machine) are collected on a separate day by a different type of collection vehicle.

Customers are required to contact Waste Management's Customer Service Department to schedule collection for a large, loose yard waste pile.

Please do not bag yard waste. Bagged yard waste is not accepted at the Brevard County Landfill.

Walter Butler Community Center August 2021

Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy. 1, Sharpes

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

MONDAYS – FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

Kids in Motion, 2 pm – 6 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (3rd to 6th grade), 3– 4 pm

Summer Camp, 7 am – 6 pm

TUESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

Kids in Motion, 2 – 6 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (K to 2nd grade), 3 – 4 pm

Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Pickleball, 6 – 8 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (3rd to 6th grade), 3 – 4 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

THURSDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (K to 2nd grade), 3 – 4 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

FRIDAYS

Open Gym, 9 – 11 am

Open Computer Lab 9, am – 2 pm

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

SATURDAY

Open Computer Lab, 10 am – 2 pm

Open Game Room, 10 am – 2 pm

Youth Basketball League, 10 am – 3 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals - Teaching 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 from 5 pm – 8 pm. For more information contact WBCC at (321) 433-4448.

Seniors In Motion - Seniors in Motion will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am – 1 pm. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Thursdays are field trip day. Outings are in county and are 2 to 3 hours, depending on the outing location(s). For more information, call (321) 433-4448.

Kids In Motion - After school program that focuses on anti-bullying and educational hands on projects such as the Choice Program, 4-H club and STEM programs, and Kids Art to enhance learning. Monday – Friday 2 pm – 6 pm. Program cost is \$30 weekly. Discounts are available for households living in the target area, eligible for free or reduced lunch and/or qualifies for any other assistance offered. For more information, contact WBCC at (321) 433-4448.

ZUMBA - Let It Move You! There are a lot of ways to lose weight. Some are just more fun. Join the ultimate dance-fitness party that beats a boring old workout any day! Classes are Every Tuesday, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Half the class is Zumba Toning, the other half is Zumba. Cost is \$5 per class or \$15 for the month. Adults of all ages/fitness levels are welcome.

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and be prepared to dance! Bring a towel and water. For more information, call Debbie Kowaleuski at (321) 403-6918.

Youth Basketball League - May 1 – June 12, ages 6 – 14. Registration now open. Games played Saturdays 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. Player Evaluation on April 24, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration \$20. For more information call (321) 433-4448.

Cornhole - Cornhole on Monday's 5 p.m. – 8 pm For more information, call Dominik Lacasse @ (321)433-4448.

Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

Lena Penna, Director

(321) 633-1867

The Port St. John Library Is Open

Our new hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm. Wednesday 12-8pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

All Brevard County libraries will be closed Sunday 7/4 and Monday 7/5 for the Independence Day holiday.

Meeting rooms are now available for reservation by calling the library and study rooms are open on a first-come-first-served basis.

Computers are available, and we also offer scanning and wireless printing.

8/9 5:30pm : Port St John Library Advisory Board Meeting

8/14 10am-12pm : Port St John Pokemon League for all ages

8/26 3:30pm : Storytime for School-Age Kids

8/28 10am-12pm : Port St John Pokemon League for all ages

Master Gardener visits are paused for the summer.

~ Mary Lena Penna

Library Director

Port St. John Library

(321)633-1867

Dinner and A Prayer Service

Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., come enjoy free dinner and prayer at Walter Butler Community Center on US 1, just south of Port St. John across from Fairglens Elementary School.

Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings!

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On the Road With Rose **Bok Tower And Gardens**

1151 Tower Blvd., Lake Wales, 863-676-1408
<https://boktowergardens.org/>

It appears the little light at the end of this tunnel of illness and sadness may be getting brighter by the day. Most of us have been able to venture out more recently, and have learned ways to still be a little cautious and still enjoy the freedom. To those who have and are still suffering illness or loss, please know you are being thought of and prayers are being sent.

My focus has been on relaying information about low cost or no cost places that the entire family can enjoy safely right here in Brevard, but there are many places fairly close by that deserve a mention.

Bok Tower and Gardens in Lake Wales is an easy, less than two-hour drive. Full day tickets are fifteen dollars for adults, five dollars for ages five to twelve and under five years old are free.

This is not your grandmother's Bok. As you walk from the parking lot toward the visitor's center, look to the left-you'll see something that is sure to make you jump.

Be sure to stop at the small museum and information center. Knowing how hard it was to build and actually seeing the material used building the tower makes you appreciate it all the more.

My sister and I had an unforeseen delay, didn't arrive until after lunch and were braced for Florida heat and humidity but were pleasantly surprised. There was a cool breeze and the path that we took was shaded with small pavilions to duck out of the rain and sit for a spell, inhaling fragrance from flowering trees and bushes.

The whole property encompasses two hundred and fifty acres. The drive up passes through beautiful working orange groves and the Pine Ridge nature preserve. Either of the hiking trails have frequent furry and feathered visitors who seem to like to show off for humans. There are fifty

acres of the actual gardens, including a special place for kids to run and play.

Hammock Hollow Childrens Garden has some really unusual surprises for little ones. Kids can not only touch, but can run, climb, balance and play with everything from a huge snake you can walk on to a musical tree to fairy houses to water play.

We weren't able to check the Childrens Garden out personally, but a small visitor offered his review at the Blue Palmetto Café while Carol and I enjoyed a cooling chicken wrap. "There's all kinds of stuff to climb on and you can even pretend you're a gopher turtle!" Not sure how you can do that, but I'm sure I'd get stuck.

We meandered through flat and curved pathways that appear very wheelchair accessible, even being passed by an elderly couple using walkers. There are flower plants, flowering bushes and flowering trees of all kinds. Many were brought in from other countries and all have small plaques offering a short description. I was enthralled by the butterflies and birds flittering in and out.

The pond is a wonder in itself and the fish put on quite a show when fed. But the Tower is the real star...surrounded by a moat!

A huge brass door keeps visitors out except on special occasions, but is a masterpiece on its own. The tower has a different hue depending on the time of day and is breathtaking any time. At slightly over two hundred feet, it's a piece of majesty rising out of the green canopy. The music seems to waft through the air for a few moments every hour and longer at one and three in the afternoon. What a wonderful gift Mr. Bok left for us! His grave is across from the tower by the Peace lantern, I stopped for a moment to say thanks.

Being a coastal flatlander, I was awed taking in the vista of the surrounding orange groves and forests. There were several families putting out blankets on the grass under a huge, ancient Live Oak tree and just lying there with a book or diving into picnic baskets while little ones threw frisbees.

I believe the drive is well worth this reward and whomever chooses to visit will agree.

As always, please take only pictures and leave only good wishes.

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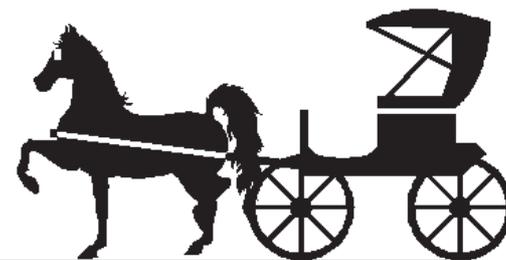


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Fruit From The Groves

It is time to start looking at our roads for damage. A couple of them started to wash out due to the heavy rains. Brevard County Road and Bridge responded and made repairs.

Dirt and tar roads can be damaged by heavy rains. Never drive across running water or flooded roads if you are not 100% sure of them and that they have not washed out. Remember, if they have been damaged they may not take the weight of your vehicle.

Brevard County Road and Bridge can be reached at 321 264 5084.

We should all be ready for hurricane season by now. There are plenty of places to look up information. Remember to look out for you neighbor.

If you put brush on the side of the road, make sure to call Waste Management (321 636 6894) to pick it up and make sure it is not in the roadway. If you have a professional tree company cut down trees, they are supposed to have the removal to the land fill in the bid. When they leave it on the side of the road, this ties up the trucks that are picking up at residential homes where people have cut down the trees and branches themselves.

There will be NO public access onto SR 528 from Pine St. Anyone caught doing it can face fines, jail time and seizure of their vehicle. Railroad property trespassing is taken seriously.

There still seems to be a number of lost and missing animals out here in the Groves. Please try and secure your pets better. The best way to have them recovered is to have them chipped.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been busy out here in the Groves answering calls, patrolling and doing traffic stops. If you see them, wave to them.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 also has been busy answering medical calls, traffic accidents

and fires, both brush and structures.

Remember; Fireworks are only legal to shoot off on July 4, New Years Eve and New Years Day. If you are doing it for agricultural use, scaring birds from crops make sure you have the crops.

- Ed Silva

How To Spot A Phishing Scam

By now, you have probably heard the term "phishing." In case you haven't, or if you just need a refresher, a phishing scam occurs when a scam artist tries to trick you into giving him or her your sensitive information such as a password, user name, bank account information, credit card details, etc. These phishing scams usually come in the form of an email. Oftentimes, they lure you into clicking on a malicious link.

3 Ways To Spot A Phishing Scam:

1). Appeal To Emotion

A phish will attempt to elicit specific emotions such as...

Greed: A phishing scam may tempt you with a monetary reward in return for clicking on a link or providing your personal information. If the offer seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Curiosity: Phishing emails will take advantage of your natural curiosity by promising to show you something exciting in exchange for clicking on a link, or entering your personal information. This is often referred to as click-bait, and is very common on social networking sites.

Urgency: A phishing scam may also try to place a sense of urgency on you to complete a certain action. This is a major red flag.

Fear: Phishing scams will often times use threats as a way to get you to act. Don't fall for this.

2). Strange Email Elements

Often times phishing scams are carried out via email. Some signs of a suspicious email include...

Odd Sender Address: If the sender's email address does not match the sender's name in his

or her signature, or if the sender's email address includes many random letters and symbols, approach with caution.

Strange Tone: If the email content does not read well, and contains multiple misspellings and grammatical errors, do not click any links, open any attachments, or provide the sender with any personal information.

3). Unexpected Attachments & Requests For Action

Always be mindful of the actions you take online. Be highly skeptical of...

Attachments: If you receive an attachment from someone you do not know, or from someone you were not expecting an attachment from, proceed with caution. If you're unsure about the validity of an attachment do not open it, as doing so could infect your device if the attachment is malicious.

Login Pages: Be highly skeptical of any email that asks you to click on a link and login to one of your accounts to avoid being locked out. If you click the link in the email, and enter your credentials, the scammer could gain access to your account.

Links: Be careful of the links you click on from an email. Malicious links could infect your computer or mobile device. Before you click a link, place your cursor over it to inspect it. If you are unsure if it is valid, it's better to not click and be safe rather than sorry.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Port St. John

Saint Patrick's Church

4797 Curtis Blvd. - East off Grissom Pkwy.

Sunset Group Meeting

(C) Sunday 5:00 BIG BOOK

(C) Tuesday 6:30 12 STEP

(O) Thursday 6:30 Beginners Mtg

Meetings are non-demoninational. All people of all faiths who want to attend are welcome.

Introduction to Stained Glass

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is hosting a 3 session "Introduction to Stained Glass" Class beginning on Wednesday August 11, 2021, from 6 to 9 pm. Jamille Haddad is the instructor. Jamille has been designing and producing stained glass and fused glass art in the central Florida area for over 40 years. " I strive for beautiful craftsmanship while pushing the material to its limits in creating art to enhance our living and working environments."

Jamille will take you through the entire process of creating a stained glass work of art! The first week will focus on glass-cutting techniques, choosing design and selecting colors. Week Two



will involve cutting the glass for the project, and includes an introduction to the copper foil technique. During the third week, students will finish cutting and foiling their projects, and prepare for soldering. Fee for the class is \$150 plus a \$50 supply fee which covers all necessary materials. Students should wear closed toe shoes and safety glasses.

For workshop information, contact Jamille at 407-718-3304 or heatwaveglass@cfl.rr.com. Register online at studiosofcocoa beach.org.

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is located at 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach.

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