*** PSJ Christmas Parade Results! ***

The weather was absolutely perfect for the 26th annual Port St. John Christmas parade. We had some of the largest entries ever in Port St. John. The Space Coast Vipers Marching Band, always a favorite of the crowd, rocked the whole mile and the cheerleaders from both the Middle School and the High School danced and performed to the music. Not to be outdone, the Rockets cheerleaders were flying through the air. We had a special guest this year: Charee White, an up and coming recording artist and songwriter brought her traveling stage and tour bus out, treating the spectators to song as she passed. She already has a song in the Country Top 40 on the radio, so expect to hear more from her and tell people about the day she was in her parade. Following her was a powerful display of Monster Trucks from T.J.’s 4x4s. For the military minded the Space Coast HS ROTC unit put on a great show and as always, looked extraordinarily sharp doing it.

Our Grand Marshall this year was Sheriff Wayne Ivey. We honor the men and women who work to protect us in turbulent times.

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And of course, a BIG THANK YOU to the Christmas Parade Committee, many of whom miss the parade every year working at staging to put the parade together. You’re AWESOME!

**Christmas Parade Winners:**

2015 Best Overall: Cub Scout Pack 704
1st Place Creativity: Challenger 7 Elementary
2nd Place Creativity: DJ Gene
1st Place Spirit: Island Healthy & Fitness
2nd Place Spirit: Challenger & Elementary
1st Place Theme: Fierce Dance & Fitness
2nd Place Theme: Puroclean Services
1st Place Marching Musical: SCHS Viper Band
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2nd Place Marching Non-Musical: Space Coast Vipers Cheerleaders
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PSJ Community Center Schedule - January, 2016
The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays – Fridays
Seniors at Lunch, 10 am - 1 pm
Mondays
18th - Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Lil’ Sports – Pre-school Athletics, 9:30-10:15 am
Senior Billiards, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 4-8 p.m.
Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.
Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.
11th & 25th - Girl Scouts Troop 471, 5:30-7 p.m.
11th & 25th - Daisy Troop 210 , 6-7:15 p.m.

Tuesdays
Senior Billiards. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Dream Weavers (knitting Club) 1-3 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.
Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.
Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.
Kenpo Karate, 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays
Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.
Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.
Lil’ Sports – Pre-school Athletics, 5:30 – 6:15
Daisy Troop 1902, 4- 5:30 p.m.
Girl Scouts Troop 835, 5:30-7 p.m.

Fridays
1st Closed For New Years Day Holiday
Outside Basketball 1-6 p.m.
Teen Billiards 4-6 p.m.

“DREAM WEAVERS” – Knitting Club, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. No Fees.
This group of middle to senior age folks meet at Port St. John Community Center to knit, crochet, and cross-stitch. We socialize, have fun, teach and involve the seniors that already come to the center. The club is looking to re-spark interest for those that may have once did this type of skill, and be looking to join the group to donate any completed project to area non-profit agency.
For more information contact moderator Karen Maureen Cooper, 321-987-5750 dreamweaverspsj@gmail.com or the Port St. John Community Center 321-633-1904.

Lil Sports Athletic Program - This program is for preschoolers ages 2 ½ - 5 years old. This program focuses on the fundamentals of Basketball, Football, Tee-ball, and Soccer. The instructor encourages sportsmanship, fitness, cheering, team play, and sharing. Classes will be held on Thursdays 5:30-6:15 p.m. The fee for this program is $30 per month. Register NOW, as classes are limited to 15 participants.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe
Happy New Year!

Brevard County Roads - On December 10, Brevard County had a workshop to discuss the county road issue and whether they would approve the Legislative Intent to approve the additional gas and local option gas tax to pay for Brevard County road improvement. Approving the Legislative Intent is the first step on any change in law and doesn’t mean it will be approved. It just starts the process to have the public hearing and at that time, if they get four votes, then it will be approved.

The agenda packet on the county website is 166 pages. I can’t explain it all, but will try to summarize the biggest issues.

The December 10th meeting was extremely controversial and unruly. The County Commissioners argued among themselves and insults were rife. The County Manager and Transportation Director were also in the line of fire from the audience. It was interesting, as quite a number of speakers didn’t really understand how government really works due to various rules, laws, County Charter or the Florida Constitution. There were also organizations that were asking for 1 cent of the tax for various non-profits. There was support for the tax, but only if Impact Fees were rescinded. People wanted to be sure the County Commission was spending wisely before taxing. This has been a huge problem since before 2007 when the County was originally behind on roads by $450 million. At the time, it was said it would have been necessary to have a revenue stream of $30 million per year for 20 years to cover that $450 million backlog.

How did we get to this point?
The county has a billion dollar budget, but if you take all the mandatory items out, like payments for debt services, balances for multi-year projects that have to be forwarded and transfers that have to be sent to other agencies, there’s only about 20% that is general revenue funds, which includes all our county officers. From that, you take away cost of County Officers, mandates like Medicaid, various debt payments and things like Veteran Services, Fire Rescue, school guards and EMS, there’s about 4.04% left ($41 million). From that, all parks and recreation, library, county government, website and other information technology, Space Coast Government TV, and many other services are paid.

There are those who want to spend less on some of those to pay for roads, but a lot of things are based on what we want. For example, we in Port St John voted for Parks and Recreation facilities, and that was followed by the same through the county. The people asked to expand those services like Environmentally Endangered Lands, so it doesn’t make sense that the county would not maintain those locations once they are built, especially considering that is what the people stated they wanted (through voter referendum). A question on the slide presentation asked the question, why don’t we just increase the mileage rate of our Ad Valorem (property taxes)? State law prevents the amount property taxes can increase to no more than the lesser of 3% or the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
Also, since it would take a vote of the people to raise property taxes, we couldn’t decide until the 2016 election. That’s still probably the best time to decide this issue, as I will explain later why they probably won’t get four votes to raise the gas tax anytime in the near term future.

The county has been in this road situation in the past. The same arguments were brought up the last time the extension of the gas tax came up in 2007. We weren’t in quite as bad shape as we are now, but when they extended the gas tax, instead of paying the cost year to year, they bonded the money so the money would be available right then instead of years in the future, so the current gas tax is used for road debt until 2036. In 2005, the Local Option Gas Tax (LOGT) was bonded for 20 years, retiring in 2014, and in 2007 the LOGT was bonded for 30 years, retiring in 2036.

I’ve brought up the issue of Impact Fees many times in the past, as I believe anything built that is going to cause more use of current roads should be billed to that construction. But our Florida Legislature has defined that Impact Fees can only be used for new capacity, not for maintaining current roads, and I’m sure any developer would argue by the definition in state law the new capacity (new roads) should be spent in the area that is generating the need for that new capacity. I even believe that areas like Viera can ask the county to pay for the new roads they are building creating capacity for the traffic they are generating. Since impact fees have to be used for new roads, not maintenance, when the county voted to bond gas tax through 2036 it reduced the amount available for maintaining roads by funding more new capacity projects with the gas tax. I assume it was done as you can patch roads and get by for an extended amount of time, but if you don’t repave it, the whole road deteriorates, and eventually you have to rebuild the road. Rebuilding a road is much more expensive than if you had just repaved it on a regular basis.

How are we doing compared with other counties? Brevard has 1096 miles of paved roads, 82 unpaved; 62 of them within District 1, grand total of 1,178.5. Volusia has 985.7, paved, 93.0 unpaved, total 1,078.7. Osceola has 876.6 paved, 137.0 unpaved, total 1,013.6. Seminole has 848.1 paved, 13.8 unpaved, total 861.9. Orange has double the miles (2600) as Brevard; Indian River has 1/2 as many (694 miles, paved and unpaved) as Brevard. But when you look at funding, you will see our county is being much more frugal or short-sighted, whichever way you want to look at it. Funding/mile for roads, including both fuel and non-fuel revenue, Brevard’s current road expenditure per mile is $19,199.02, Volusia: $29,000.02, Indian River: $28,559.18, Seminole: $31,374.84 Orange: $50,430.00, Osceola: $60,856.32. Volusia, Indian River, and Seminole is spending 1/3 more per mile than Brevard, and Osceola three times more than us. You get what you pay for, and we aren’t paying for much.

What are our options?

The County Commission put together a committee in 2014, called the Blue Ribbon Transportation Advisory Committee, to study solutions to get the roads back into shape. The committee
Good Day, cont.

recommended the following:
1. Maintain current funding - $14M annually.
   a. Pay bonds currently through 2016.
2. Levy 6 cents per gallon of additional gas tax – $7.8M annually.
   a. Before implemented, inter-local agreement committing 60% to county roads and 40% to city-maintained roads.
   b. Projected new County revenue $2,042,900 from the 9th cent fuel tax & $5,727,903 from the five-cent Local Option Gas Tax.
   c. Cities new revenue of $3,818,652 annually.
3. Collect impact fees to support capacity expansion - $3.4M annually.
   a. Work with Real Estate and Developers to set fees appropriate for capacity expansion.
4. Support a one-half cent infrastructure sales tax referendum - $17.45M annually.
   a. Inter-local agreements for Road Infrastructure only.
   b. Sunset at 15 years.
   c. Funds will be distributed based on the Department of Revenue allocation formula.
   d. Prioritize resurfacing and maintenance of existing infrastructure.
   e. Prioritized list of projects for each jurisdiction.
   f. Annual accountability report produced by each jurisdiction.
   g. No additional six cents gas tax in years infrastructure sales tax is collected.
   h. Discourage bonding (may consider limited bonding).

To finally answer the question why I don’t think they have or will have four votes to raise the gas tax; Commissioner Infantini has been very vocal on this issue. Curt Smith seems to be aligned with Infantini to cut library and park budgets if necessary, and also above all, having the taxes generated by our new Port St. John Florida Power & Light power plant pay for all county’s roads. It is generating around $12 million per year. The previous County Commissioners voted our district, District 1, could use that tax to try to bring jobs to our District due to the economic impact after the end of the Space Shuttle Program. That fact is getting up Trudie’s nose, which in turn is getting up my nose. It isn’t good enough that the majority of road projects spent every year goes to the south part of the county where they are the most populous, but they also have considerably less roads*. Now they want North Brevard to not only lose out on road projects every year, but also want North Brevard to pay for South Brevard roads.

*District 1: 374.2 paved miles, 66.7 unpaved; District 2: 255 paved, 4 unpaved; District 3: 112 paved, 3 unpaved; District 4: 216 paved, 0.5 unpaved; District 5: 139 paved, 8 unpaved.

It has been talked about many times at the County Commission by Commissioners Trudie Infantini and Curt Smith that decreases in monies to libraries, parks, Environmentally Endangered Lands (EELs, which is owned in most part by the state) have to be done to pay for higher priority county requirements, such as roads. A lot of people consider libraries, parks and our protected areas as Quality of Life issues, just as our roads are quality of life issues. Improperly maintained roads can damage car front ends and cause accidents when trying to avoid a bad road surface. Should we sue the county over the damage?

The number of times our residents have passed MSTUs for parks, ball parks and EELs have proved people will pay for things that affect our
quality of life.
If we want a nice place to live, where people want to live and work, we have to pay enough to keep it nice. My father always used to say, “Whatever the government gives you, it first takes away.” Some things never change.

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** - According to an August 12th story in the Orlando Weekly, “Florida's state parks have been recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association. The state park system, which hosts about 27 million visitors a year and generates $2.1 billion, won its third award from the organization in 2013, a feat no other state has accomplished.”

You wouldn’t know that our state park system was so great if you’ve been following what Governor Scott and his appointee, Jon Stevenson, as the head of Florida’s Department of Environmental Protection, is trying to do to make our beautiful state parks pay their way. His ideas are to expand commercial undertakings such as timber harvesting, cattle grazing and hunting.

Now Jon Stevenson has decided to hire Gary F. Clark as Deputy Secretary in charge of State Lands and Parks. Mr. Clark has zero experience in any environmental area and an online Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. According to a November 18th story at Tampa Bay Times by Craig Pittman, “He has been vice president of a rural electrical co-operative, director of a bank, co-owner of a dozen Subway sandwich shops, a college trustee and chairman of the Washington County School Board. He also owns and operates 'what's billed as "Northwest Florida's premier bobwhite quail hunting preserve." This seems to go well along with Jon Stevenson’s idea to bring hunting to Florida State Parks.

Not surprising to hear in a November 27th Tampa Bay Times story, also by Mr. Pittman, “Stevenson, in his application to be DEP secretary, listed as a reference one person who also showed up on Clark's application to be appointed to the water district board: Public Service Commission member Jimmy Patronis, a former state representative who was widely praised by industry lobbyists and reviled by environmental activists for his annual effort to repeal as many DEP regulations as he could.”

Reference:


**Amendment 1** - On December 4, 2015, a Tallahassee Court rebuked an attempt from the Florida Legislature to stop the lawsuit brought forward by the St. Johns Riverkeeper, Florida Wildlife Federation, the Sierra Club and the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida from moving forward. The Florida Legislature attempted to dismiss the lawsuit that is accusing Florida lawmakers of violating the constitution by mis-spending Amendment 1 funds.

Cheerio,
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Monthly Tax Update

I want to take a moment and express my gratitude for your interest in reading my articles. I hope the information provided is something of interest to you and look forward to continuing this in the future. With that, it is time to say good-bye to 2015 and start looking forward to 2016.

As the New Year has arrived, everyone should take a few minutes to make sure they have all of their paperwork in order for the upcoming income tax filing season. This is the time to gather the pertinent information needed to prepare your tax return. Make sure your employer has your correct address, especially if you have moved during the year, or you may have changed it with your current employer, but failed to inform your former employer(s) and this means you need to contact them.

Have you had a event change in your life, such as marriage, birth of a child, or a child starting college? You may have had to step in and take care of a loved one with medical issues who needed full time care. All these are important to your tax preparation. January is the perfect month to sit down and review the previous year changes to get yourself prepared for preparing your income tax return.

Of course, everyone starts anticipating when they will get their W2’s and when they expect to receive their refund. Most employers have the W2’s available the last week of the month. Officially, they have until January 31st to have them prepared and mailed out. It just seems natural to take the next couple of weeks and make sure you will have all the documents required to have your return prepared.

Okay, now let’s pick it up a little bit and discuss credits. There are two types of credits beneficial to the everyday taxpayer; refundable and nonrefundable. The nonrefundable will reduce the amount of tax owed on taxable income. The most widely used ones are the Child and Dependent Care, Education, Retirement and Child Tax credits. Whereas, the refundable credits may provide additional tax refund and the most popular ones are the Earned Income, the American Opportunity Education, and the Child Tax credit.

Now, let’s briefly look at each one. The Child and Dependent Care Credit provides a credit for the care of your younger than 14 year old child or handicap individual that is your dependent.

The Education credit involves the American Opportunity Education Credit, the Lifetime Learning Credit, or the Tuition and Fees Deduction provides a credit or deduction for you, your spouse or dependent to attend an accredited college course.

The Retirement Savings Contribution Credit provides for a credit when you contribute to any type of retirement arrangement.

The Child Tax Credit provides for a reduction of taxes or additional refund if you have dependent children younger than 17 years of age.

And, the Earned Income Tax Credit provides additional refund if your earned income and/or adjusted gross income falls within credit parameters. Each of these credits could be applicable to your situation.

And one last item; financial institutions have until February 15th to issue your statement for dividends and security transactions which will delay you from preparing your taxes.

A detailed reviewed of each is in order when preparing your tax return and a tax professional may be useful. If you have someone help you with your taxes, make sure they are competent. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for the return, not your preparer or friend.

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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Campus Charter Stays Open

The Brevard County School Board voted to keep Campus Charter School in Port St. John open, with stipulations.

A series of audits were done on the school, which examined its fiscal management. The Board had voted to issue a letter of termination to the school that threatened to close the school's doors if Campus Charter did not comply with audits' recommendations, but the board voted to rescind the letter of termination after the school ditched its management company, elected a new governing board and improved administrative processes.

The issues with the school arose over a loan that was not compliant with the state’s Red Book, a list of rules and regulations for Florida’s charter schools. The Red Book states that charter schools may not make any kind of loan. Follow-up audits were done with the school and Campus Charter submitted an external audit in November.

Campus Charter School serves approximately 160 students in grades kindergarten through 6th. Principal Greg Gerard thanked the Board for giving the school a second chance.

Want To Make A Difference?

Copied from Port St John Neighborhood Watch on Facebook:

“We have a very real problem in here in Port St. John with children going hungry. Currently at Challenger 7 we have 30 children that the school packs food for over the weekend. The food has been brought in by other parents. We are running out of food for these children and I, as a concerned parent, am asking the community for help.

If anyone is able to donate, please bring items to the Challenger 7 office. Businesses can help by contacting Alice from the Children’s Hunger Project. They are bound by their funding, need partners in the community and will come/speak with your [group]. You can even specify what school you would like your funds to go to.

Items needed: canned fruit, canned soups, boxed dinners, canned tuna, canned pastas, breakfast items and non-perishable snacks. I would like to thank everyone in advance who is willing and can help out for this very real problem right here in our own community.”

If you can help our neighbors, please drop non-perishable foods to Challenger 7.

Public Input Sought on Enchanted Forest Plan

The Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program is soliciting citizen input on the update to the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Land Management Plan. The Plan will be on 30 day public review from Dec. 15, 2015, to Jan. 15, 2016. Copies are available to review at the Central Brevard, Titusville, and Mims/Scottsmoor Libraries, the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, the Cocoa Agricultural Extension Office, and the EEL Program Office, 91 East Drive in Melbourne.

The Plan is also available on-line at http://www.brevardcounty.us/EELProgram/ManagementPlans/.

Public input may be provided through Jan. 15 by submitting written comments to:

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**Rose’s Room**

To paraphrase a favorite song, Gramma’s got a brand new bag!

Its big and blue and three times a week I pack it with a big grey exercise outfit and take it to the local ‘Grunt and Groan shop’ in hopes if I do it long enough the bag will stay the same size but the outfit get smaller.

It ain’t workin’.

Since my fiftieth birthday I have held to the old adage that protruding hip bones and firm upper arms are like holey underwear… If you have them, they should be well hidden. Fibromyalgia and forgetting what my feet look like have me rethinking a few things.

When I mentioned my decreased food intake and lack of weight loss to my seemingly 19 year old – 90 pound doctor, he blamed age and less active metabolism. Call me crotchety, but I just don’t take well to someone barely as old as my good shoes calling me old and slow, even if he does it so sweetly and flashes dimples. I figured it was time I became part of the health bunch.

The place I go is always jumping, (pun intended), the music has me tapping my toes the moment I open the door, everyone is friendly as family. During the session we go from stepping in place to pulling, pushing, twisting, on queue from a perky unseen voice… all a piece of cake… for the first five minutes.

At set times we stop and take our pulse and someone (also young and thin) asks how it is. They have learned my crimson-faced nod means, “Yes I still have one.” The first few times I huffed and sweated halfway through the round. I would have giggled at the hint of alarm in the kind lady’s eyes had I been able to draw the breath needed. I do appreciate no one ran for the defibrulator.

I’m aiming at getting into that itsy-bitsy-teeny-weenie-yellow-polka-dot-full length-skirt-attached bathing suit. However, at the rate I’m going I may be wearing it next Christmas Eve instead.

The trainers encouragement aside, things are getting serious. If I don’t start losing soon I might just have to give up my after class milkshakes.

Knowing my penchant for making up excuses when I begin loosing enthusiasm, especially when the project results in soreness in surprising places, I wisely (?) decided to be proactive and look for something I could do between torture days. I recently became the proud owner of a large conglomeration of metal, plastic and wires that has the appearance of being invented during the Spanish Inquisition.

The T.V. commercials show a young, blonde, 90-pound wisp of womanhood insanely happy to be pumping her legs and arms in perfect rhythm while an equally young, pony-tailed ‘rack of muscle’ cheers and applauds from the sidelines. They promise the pounds and inches will melt off if I use the machine for just a few moments a day.

The inches might melt off, but I’m sure the casts I am likely to acquire will add pounds.

The instructions sound easy enough:
1. Place your hands on the front cross bar.
2. Place your right foot on the right foot pedal.
3. Place your left foot on the left foot pedal.
4. Begin gliding.

I’m sure it comes as no surprise to my readers to learn that I do not follow instructions well. In my own defense, I must say I would be more likely to do so if they weren’t written by a masochistic foreign-exchange student.

Hanging on to the cross bar, I placed my...
right foot on the right pedal. It immediately shot forward causing the upright front bar to swing backward, thereby slamming into my chest.

Upon catching my breath, I once again placed my right foot on the right pedal – holding the upright bar this time. I then placed my left foot on the left foot pedal.

When the left foot pedal shot forward I shifted to avoid the upright bar, and the right foot pedal shot backward — my foot still in it.

Grabbing the upright bars with both hands threw my center of gravity backward causing both feet to glide forward. I quickly removed my right foot from the right foot pedal and placed it on the floor. The left foot pedal — with my foot still in it — glided backward banging into my right ankle.

I removed my left foot from the left foot pedal, quickly sat on the floor and grasped my right ankle firmly with both hands, simultaneously creating new usages for words I didn’t know were in my vocabulary.

I wonder how many calories are burned per vowel? That might be a good thing to know, I may be using a lot of them.
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What we're doing together is working! Cancer death rates have declined steadily over the last 20 years. That simply wouldn't have happened without the unbroken dedication of every single Relay supporter doing whatever they can in this fight, whether it’s for a family member, a loved one, a friend or for a future. Who have you lost?

We are proud to count Port St. John among our Relay For Life family and thank you again for making the American Cancer Society's lifesaving work possible. Relay for Life 2016 is coming soon. You may have seen some of your neighbors or our teams already starting to raise money for the 2016 Relay. Cancer never stops. Neither do we.

If you would like to help this year, whether it's by rolling up your sleeves to fight or donating to a team to help us create a great event and raise more money for Brevard county residents who are dealing with all the issues that a cancer diagnosis and the health challenges that follow can bring, call or email and we’ll find a team who will be happy to have a fellow soldier.

Jenny Lazarus, 321-213-8788
jenny.lazarus@cancer.org

Randy Rodriguez, 321-633-7499
happenings1@bellsouth.net

With gratitude,
Relay For Life
American Cancer Society

**Pancake Breakfast**

Cub Scout Pack 497 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, January 23rd from 8 am to 11 am at the 1st United Methodist Church, located at 1165 Fay Blvd. in Port St. John. The cost is $5 per person. Kids under 5 are free.

All monies taken in will go directly to the Pack to help our boys become positive members of our community!
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on Sundays at 5 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 4797 Curtis Boulevard (St. Patrick’s Church).

Overeaters Anonymous meets in PSJ on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at the PSJ Library. Visit ospacecoast.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.

Women’s Step Study on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 am, at St. Patrick’s Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. Call Jean, 321-637-1392.

Parents Network meets every Wednesday from 10 - 11:30 am at Sunrise Lutheran Church at 4775 Fay Blvd. Call Carol at 633-6312 (evenings) for more info.

1-1 Happy New Year!

1-5 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

1-6 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7 pm at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valorie Helmer at 321-693-6578.

1-7 Orthodox Christmas

1-8 Brevard Women’s Connection meets at Rockledge Country Club from 11 am until 1 pm on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For information, call Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at mdean44@cfl.rr.com.

1-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother’s Day & Nov.). 2 PM, at the Cocoa Library. Contact Kevin Kelly at 636-0235 for info.

1-13 ‘Remembering Through Sharing’ - a support group for families that have experienced a pregnancy loss, stillbirth or loss of an infant. Meetings are 7 pm - 8:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza, Cape Canaveral Hospital. Call April or Jamie at 321-799-7151 for more info.

1-14 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday each month. The Board of Directors meets at 7:00, regular meeting at 7:30 PM at the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy.

1-14 Orthodox New Year

1-15 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.

1-14 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1-18 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 pm, 3rd Monday of each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For further information call Wayne Mendeaz at 321-505-2361.

1-20 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.

1-26 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 a program or guest speaker. Call 321-567-5424 for more info.

Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) presents a musical program the last Sunday of every month. Members play accordions and sometimes other instruments with various music styles. Guests are invited to attend and participate.

The event is open to the public. Admission is free. The show is on Sunday, January 31, 2016, 2:00-5:00 p.m., at the Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa.

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.

Congratulations to:

Brandi McGann turns more beautiful on the 1st.
Nathan Weimer turns 8 on the 1st.
Brandon Crissman turns 40 on the 1st.
Angie Crissman turns prettier on the 3rd.
Haley Higginbotham turns Sweet 16 on the 4th.
Karissa Davis turns 20 on the 4th.
Brittney Parks turns 23 on the 4th.
Craig Taylor turns 35 on the 4th.
Michelle Parks is the Party Girl on the 5th.
Lisa Sarivola turns hotter on the 5th.
Tom Hunt turns crazier on the 5th.
Carl Anderson IV turns 15 on the 5th.
Lucha Hunt has a spanking day on the 6th.
Natalee Prentis turns 22 on the 7th.
RaeLynn Weathers parties wild on the 12th.
Mark Walters turns 18 on the 16th.
Jack Woerner turns 19 on the 22nd.
Makylie Taylor turns 9 on the 24th.
Joe Casey turns wilder on the 25th.
Dylan Carmichael turns 10 on the 31st.
Rob & Cheryl Wratshford celebrate their 32nd anniversary on the 29th.

The Christmas Parade Committee for a Great Job on Dec. 19th. Well done, team!! We have lots of room for more good news.

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Healing in every sense
Parrish Medical Center Ranked Top Performer for Quality

Parrish Medical Center (PMC) has been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® for the third consecutive year by The Joint Commission, the leading accredits of healthcare organizations in the United States. PMC was recognized as part of The Joint Commission’s 2015 annual report “America’s Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety,” a summary of data on 49 accountability measures reported by more than 3,300 Joint Commission-accredited hospitals in 2014.

A Top Performer attains and sustains excellence in accountability measure performance for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. PMC is one of only 435 of the 3,300 Joint Commission accredited hospitals in the United States to achieve the Top Performer distinction for the past three consecutive years.

The Top Performer program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients. To be a Top Performer, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria, including:

- Achieving cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieving performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there were at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Having at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and (within that measure set) all applicable individual accountability measures had a performance rate of 95 percent or above.

“Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of Parrish Medical Center for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions,” said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission in a letter from The Joint Commission.

“To fulfill our mission—Healing experiences for everyone all the time® we make continuous performance improvement a priority,” said George Mikitarian, President/CEO, Parrish Medical Center. “We are proud to again be named a top performer as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our integrated teams of more than 1,300 care partner employees, physicians, volunteers, and affiliated partners in care.”

For more information about the Top Performer program, please visit http://www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.aspx.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center, 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge, will host a Singles/Couples Dance on Saturday, January 9. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., ends at 10:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is $6; $5 for members.

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Dance on Saturday, January 23. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., ends at 10:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is $6; $5 for members. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.
Parrish Medical Center Recognized

Parrish Medical Center has been recognized by The SafeCare Group for excellence in quality, patient safety and efficiency in its 2014-15 “100 SafeCare Hospitals” listing. PMC ranked a full three standard deviations above the national average in patient safety, placing it within the top two percent of hospitals nationwide, and had the top score in Florida for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital-Acquired Conditions Reduction Program (HACRP).

The “100 SafeCare Hospitals” listing recognizes hospitals that excel in evidence-based areas required under the Affordable Care Act. The SafeCare Group analyzed hospital data for 40 Affordable Care Act measures for the 2014-2015 hospital ratings. The analysis identified hospitals with comparatively lowest risk-standardized 30-day mortality rates, lowest 30-day re-admissions, lowest complications rates in medical and surgical care, lowest in-hospital medical and surgical infections, highest medical and surgical processes of care measures for AMI, HF, PN, and SCIP, and highest patient satisfaction scores.

Only the 100 hospitals having between 100-400 beds with the highest scores made the 100 SafeCare Hospitals® list. If all U.S. hospitals attained the 100 SafeCare Hospitals® level, there would be improvement in the more than 400,000 preventable patient deaths and millions of preventable complications that occur each year, according to The SafeCare Group.

“Much too often, hospital reputation and performance on quality measures are divergent. We believe that a listing of outstanding hospitals in the areas of the Affordable Care Act would promote strong incentives to improve care, treatments and services,” says Dr. Yisrael Safeek, MD, MBA, Founder and Chairman of The SafeCare Group®.
Florida Master Naturalist Class

Learning more about Florida’s natural environment now is possible through the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP), an environmental education extension program being offered in partnership with the University of Florida-Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF-IFAS) and participating organizations throughout Florida. The FMNP both informs and prepares persons to share information about Florida’s natural world and environmental history.

The upcoming class is the Wetlands Module and will be available at Riverwalk-A Family Park, 5355 U.S. Highway 1, Rockledge. Completion of the 40-hour program results in registration in the UF-IFAS Master Naturalist Program database as a FMNP Wetlands Systems Naturalist. Additional modules will be available in the future, including Uplands and Coastal Systems.

The FMNP is not a degree-seeking program. The program is appropriate for both the novice and the highly skilled environmental professional.

Certified FMNP Provider: Brandon Smith will be the principal instructor. He has been teaching environmental education for Brevard County Parks and Recreation for more than 10 years and is the Environmental Program Coordinator for Riverwalk-A Family Park, a 6.37-acre nature preserve and center, located at 5355 US Hwy 1 in Rockledge. The park is open Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Nature Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on this and other programs, contact the Nature Center at (321) 433-4490 or email riverwalk@brevardparks.com.

Course Dates: Jan. 9, 16 and 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27. Refer to FMNP Web site, www.MasterNaturalist.org, and click on “Course Offerings” for specific class times.

Registration: Register by visiting www.MasterNaturalist.org and clicking on the “Registration” link. The final day for Registration is Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Cost: $225, which includes 40 contact hours of instruction, a comprehensive student reference workbook, and, upon completion, registration in the UF FMNP database as an Wetlands Naturalist. A UF-IFAS certificate of achievement, embroidered FMNP patch, and FMNP Coastal lapel pin also will be provided at completion. Certified teachers attending the course may be able to receive 40 hours of in-service credit.

Program: Training for the Wetland System Module includes classroom instruction, field trips, and practical interpretive experience related to the general ecology, habitats, vegetation types, wildlife, and conservation issues of Wetlands areas of Florida, which include field trips to marsh, swamp, and riverine systems.

In addition, the program addresses the role of society in wetlands conservation, develops naturalist interpretation skills, and discuss environmental ethics.

Target Audience: Volunteers and staff members of nature centers, preserves, sanctuaries, and other environmental education facilities. Ecotourism operators and guides, teachers seeking opportunities for environmental educational contact hours, and anyone who has an enthusiastic interest in learning more about Florida’s environment is encouraged to participate.

For more information about the Wetlands System Module training or about the FMNP in general, contact the individuals listed above or log on to the official FMNP Web site at www.MasterNaturalist.org.
How to Choose A Good Child Care Facility?

Child Care Education is very important and necessary for the growth and development of children from birth through age 5. A good child care facility can help and aid children with healthy, social and educational experiences under qualified teachers in a safe nurturing and stimulating environment.

When choosing for a good child care facility start looking as far in advance as you can this process can take some time so don’t be in a hurry and don’t settle.

Begin your search by calling your local experts - your Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency can give you the facts and a list about child care facilities in your area that may meet your needs. Get information about complaints and licensing violations?

Visit the child care facility you are considering. Ask how many children there are for each adult. You want your child to get plenty of attention. It very important not to crowd the children or classroom. Ask about the training and education of the teachers. Caregivers with degrees and/or special training in working with children will be better able to help your child learn. Are the caregivers involved in activities to improve their skills? Do they attend classes and workshops?

Find out if the child care provider has been accredited by a national organization. Providers that are accredited have met voluntary standards for child care that are higher than most state licensing requirements. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and The National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) are the two largest organizations that accredit child care programs.

Think about what you saw at each visit, and make the best choice for your child and family.

Stay Involved the work isn't over when you find a good care facility for your child. You and your child's caregiver are partners now. Have parent-caregiver meetings regularly, and ask questions. Offer to volunteer time when needed. Be involved as much as possible.

Drop in on off days, ask the caregiver how things are going, and how your child is doing.

Visiting and participating in events at your child's provider sends a strong message. It tells your child and your child's caregiver that you think what your child is doing and learning is important.

Frontline Child Care Center
175 Secluded Way, Titusville
(321)537-7562
Streamlined EMS Response

Brevard County Fire Rescue has implemented a Priority Dispatch Program that will streamline fire and emergency medical service response on ambulatory and non-emergency calls. The program, called ProQA Priority Dispatch, officially rolled out Monday, Sept. 21, and is designed to align emergency resources and responses with the service requested.

“This is a best-practice method of emergency response that has been implemented successfully across the country by many EMS systems over the past several years,” said BCFR Chief Mark Schollmeyer. “It has proved to be a safe dispatch system for patient care and transport based on call prioritizations.”

Until now, BCFR dispatch response for an ambulance or non-emergency situation has included 1 ambulance and 1 engine/ladder company. By improving our alignment of resources and response with the service requested, we will further improve efficiency and reduce the cost of services provided by sending only what’s needed to the scene.

“This type of response is a more efficient and cost-effective way of allocating services,” Schollmeyer said. “Dispatching emergency units with lights and sirens traveling above the speed limit to the scene of a non-emergency or low acuity patient, and going through intersections to arrive at the scene of a non-emergency request for service, is not an effective or efficient system for providing emergency services.”

Through the use of ProQA software, Brevard County’s Dispatch Center team will ascertain a caller’s emergency level and dispatch the appropriate units. ProQA includes three different priority dispatch responses:

- Alpha Response: Alpha refers to non-emergency response. This will require 1 rescue with no lights and sirens. (Cold Response.)
- Bravo Response: Bravo refers to cautious emergency response. This will require a minimum of a 2 unit response; the closest unit to the scene will respond with lights and sirens (Hot Response) and the second unit will respond without lights and sirens (Cold Response.)
- Charlie/Delta/Echo Response: Charlie refers to an emergency response by all responding units. This response requires a minimum of 2 units, both units responding with lights and sirens (Hot Response.)

The ProQA Dispatch Program will be routinely evaluated to ensure the department is truly aligning its resources appropriately and preparing for future challenges.

Port St. John Public Library
January Calendar of Events
(321) 633-1867

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

The library will be closed Jan. 1 & Jan. 18.

Yarning for a Cause: Mondays, 10 am-1 pm.

Master Gardener’s Garden Clinic: Monday, 2-4 pm. Our master gardener will answer your plant questions. Bring samples.

Senior Games: Tuesdays, 11:00-3:00 pm. Card games, Rummikub, Dominoes, etc. Bring your favorite game and lunch or a snack.

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

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

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


Meetings and Events:
Jan. 6, 5:30pm Special District Advisory Board
Jan. 7, 10:00am iPad basics Tablet Class. Free! Space is limited, call 633-1867 or sign up at Reference Desk.
Jan. 7, 11:30am Android basics Tablet Class. Free! Space is limited, call 633-1867 or sign up at Reference Desk.
Jan. 9, 10am-Noon Port St. John Pokémon Club
Jan. 11, 5:30pm Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board meeting
Jan. 15, 11:45am Titusville Chamber of Commerce
Jan. 20, 1:00-3:00pm Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group.
Jan. 20, 6-7:45pm Sunrise Village
Jan. 23, 10-1:45pm Port St. John Pokémon Club
Jan. 27, 5:30pm Friends of the Port St. John Public Library membership meeting.

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Patriotic Art Scholarship

VFW Auxiliary #4534 is excited to announce the kick-off of the VFW Auxiliary’s annual Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Local students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to compete for $21,000 in national scholarships and a trip to the 2016 VFW Auxiliary National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Students must submit an original piece of artwork on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil may be used. Digital art is not accepted.

The entry must have been done during the current 2015-2016 school year and must include a teacher’s signature. Students begin by competing at the local VFW Auxiliary level. The 1st place winner from each Auxiliary advances to District competition (if applicable) with District winners advancing to the state competition. State 1st place winners compete for their share of $21,000 in national awards and the national 1st place winner is awarded a $10,000 scholarship and a 2-night trip (including airfare and 2 nights’ lodging) to attend the VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

Approximately 3,500 students participate each year and Auxiliaries throughout the nation award more that $100,000 in patriotic scholarships every year.

Student entries must be submitted to your local VFW Post 4534, 3250 U.S. 1, Rockledge, FL 32955 by March 31, 2016.

New “Bone Builders” Site

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a service of Aging Matters in Brevard, announces a partnership with Titusville YMCA to expand its Bone Builders exercise program. Bone Builders is a volunteer led osteoporosis prevention exercise and education program for older men and women. During one-hour classes that meet twice weekly, participants lift light weights to improve their bone and muscle strength while also working to better their balance and discuss healthy nutrition.

Classes are limited in size, and enrollment is required in advance. Please contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at (321) 631-2749 or RSVP@AgingMattersBrevard.org to register as a participant.

Regular classes will be held beginning from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM and continue every Monday and Wednesday thereafter.

Happy New Year to our Neighbors and Friends!

The holidays were filled with lots of joy as we caroled our way to the Firehouse to bring stuffed toys to the rescuers who often give stuffed animals to the injured to comfort them. With the help of Brevard Arts Academy, we gave away stuffed toys to children in the parade and collected cans and snacks items for our neighbors in need at Challenger 7. Challenger 7 has always supported our community parade and we wanted to give back. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time, talents, and items to make this happen!

If you haven’t joined yet, it would make an excellent new year’s resolution! Find us on FB at the Official Neighborhood Watch of Port St. John. We look forward to some upcoming local events to make our presence known in our wonderful and caring community.

- Neighbor Nell
The Lamp Stand
A monthly Church Bulletin Board for the community. Attend a Church of Your Choice!

Anchor Baptist Church
1545 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922
Dr. Donald M. Davis - Pastor 321-433-2033
Sunday Morning Worship 10 am (nursery provided)
Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm (nursery provided)
Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 7 PM.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
5135 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32927, 632-6333
www.blessedsacramentcocoa.org
Saturday Mass, 4:30 pm.
Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Reconciliation at 3:30 PM on Saturdays

Brevard Zen Center
1261 Range Road, Cocoa, Fl
Buddhist Sunday Service 9:00 am
Meditation in the Zendo 7:00 pm

Calvary Baptist Church, 636-8056
1 1/2 miles south of 528 overpass, east side of US 1
Pastor Jay Frazier www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org
Sunday Morning Service - 10 a.m. (nursery provided)
Sunday Eve. Service - 6 pm, Wed. Evening - 7 pm

Calvary Chapel Space Coast, 321-745-1585
Pastor Shane Robinson, 4725 Fay Blvd.
www.calvarylchapelspacecoast.org
Teaching the Bible line by line
Sundays at 9:30 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm
www.calvarylchapelspacecoast.org

Christian Church at PSJ, 4645 Fay Blvd.,
Pastor Larry Sparrow, ccatpsj.org
ccatpsj.org - email: ccatpsj@rocketmail.com
Sunday - Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays - Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3000 South Street, Titusville
Two wards meet in this meetinghouse:
Cocoa Ward - Sacrament Meeting, 9:30 PM
Titusville Ward - Sacrament Meeting, 1:00 PM

Coastal Community Church 639-7346
5795 Falcon Blvd., PSJ
Services on Sunday, 9 & 10:45 am.
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Web site at www.coastalcommunity.net.

Cocoa Presbyterian Church, 321-631-3956
1404 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, cocoapc@att.net
Sunday: Church school 9:15 pm/Worship 10:30 am
Nurseries and Children’s church

Cocoa 7th Day Adventist Church & School
State & County Certified Voluntary Pre-K
1500 Cox Rd, Cocoa, Pastor Tom Baker
Church 632-0640 Sch 636-2551; www.cocoa7da.org
Saturday Sabbath School classes all ages, 9:45 am.
Wednesday Evening Services, 6:30 pm weekly.

Tolerance of other faiths imparts to us a truer understanding of our own.

Glory of God Anglican Church (321)632-6812
3735 N. Indian River Dr., Reverend Paul W. Young
Sunday, Eucharist (Rite 1) at 8 am, (Rite 2) at 10:15
Children’s Church, 10 am

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2073 Garden St., Titusville, 321-267-4323
Pastor Bruce Alberts; titusvillelutherans.org
Traditional Worship, 8:30 am; Contemporary, 11:00
FREE Children’s Mentoring & Tutoring, Thu, 6-8 pm
HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250
2555 Fiske Blvd., Pastor Clarice Mitchell
Sunday School, 9 a.m. Children’s Service - 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service - 10 a.m. (w/nursery)
http://www.hopeucc.com

Ma’gen David Messianic Synagogue
Rabbi Jem Golden (321) 213-2259
3815 N. US1, Suite 123 in Cocoa Commercial Ctr.
Erev Shabbat Service - Friday, 6:30 pm

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA
Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777
400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM
Bible Study - Wed. 6:00 PM

Ministerio Un Nuevo Comienzo
(A New Beginning Ministry)
2010 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa
Domingo (Sunday); 7pm

New Life Christian Fellowship 269-7578
Pastor Larry Linkous www.findnewlife.com
Interdenominational Multi-Cultural Ministry for
Entire Family 6755 S. Washington Ave.
Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00, Wednesday - 7 pm
Youth Church - Wed., 7 pm
Nursery & Children’s Church available all services

Northwest Baptist Church, 1720 Cox Rd. 638-0890
www.nwbcfcocoa.org
Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 am
Classic/Modern Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. Nights, 7 p.m.

Pentecostals of Cocoa, 636-6560
1901 Michigan Ave., Cocoa
Sunday Worship at 10AM
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
Sunday evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm

Redeemer Presbyterian Church 264-0035
Meeting at 5005 Barna Ave., Titusville
Worship Celebration - Sundays at 10 am
Christian Education - Sundays, 11:15 am
www.myredeemer.cc

St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Church, 321-267-2545
414 Pine St., Titusville www.stgabs.org
The Rev. Rob Goodridge, Rector

- 636-8056
277x396 3900 Fay Blvd., www.
(321) 636-5455
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Sun. school 9:15; Worship & Kid’s Church 10:30 am.
Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesday
Wednesday: TeamKids & Youth, 6:30-8 pm.
Thrift Store Hours: M, T, Th, F, 10 - 4. W & Sat, 10 - 2
Food Pantry Hours: M & W, 10 am - 1 pm
First Baptist Church of Cocoa (321)636-2868
750 Brevard Ave. in Historic Cocoa Village
Worship 11 am & 6 pm, Sunday School 9:30 am
Wednesday Service/Youth Prayer & Share, 6:30 pm
http://baptist1.com/church/fl/cocoaabc
First Free Will Baptist Church
Pastor Darrell “D” Miller, 795-4780.
5311 Barna Ave. Titusville 269-4033, 268-1705
Sunday School 9:00 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm
First United Methodist Church, (321) 631-0183
Rev. David Charlton at 1165 Fay Blvd.
Sunday Worship - 8:30, 10:55, Sunday School - 9:45
Wonderful Wednesday Worship, at 7 pm
Senior (High) Youth & Jr. (High) Youth at 3 pm, Sun.
Kingdom Kids, K - 5, meet at 3 pm. Sunday
Frontenac Baptist Church (321)636-1369
5500 N. US Hwy 1 Pastor Michael Franzone
Sunday School - 9:30 am.
Morning Worship - 10:27 a.m.
Pastor Bible Study, 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Services, 6:30 pm weekly.
Sunday School 9 am, Sunday Morning 10 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm
www.victorybaptistchurchtitusville.org

**Victory Worship Center, 431-7964**
Pastors Jeff & Nancy Kleinman
Meeting Sundays, 10AM
Wednesday Mid-Week Manna & Prayer, 7-8 PM
Community Center, 4201 US Hwy 1, Cocoa

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**First Friday Rosary**
First Friday Rosary will be held on January 8th at 6 pm. All faiths are welcome to attend. A Social Hour will be held in the Church Hall following prayer service.

**St. Patrick’s Angelican Catholic church invites you to start your new year with us!**

**SPANISH MASS** - Saturdays, 5:30 pm

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**Free Caregiver Classes**
Hospice of St. Francis will be offering Caregiving Education and Resource classes for current and future caregivers, their family and friend helpers at two locations after the holidays.

Central Brevard classes will be held at Sunflower House, located in Merritt Square Mall, Merritt Island. The training program consists of six 90 minute classes that will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Class dates for this program will be January 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, and 28, 2016.

North Brevard classes will be held at Mims United Methodist Church located at 3302 Green Street, Mims. The six classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Classes will be February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, and 18.

All classes were developed nationally in response to the issues caregivers, themselves, identified. Each class focuses on different issues a caregiver will face. Hospice of St. Francis’ programs and training classes are offered free of charge to Brevard County residents.

To register, please contact Barbara Borman, RN at 321-269-4240 x3452, toll free at 866-269-4240 or e-mail her at caregiving@hospiceofstfrancis.com. assist. For more information about patient services and support programs, please call 321-269-4240, toll free 866-269-4240 or visit www.hospiceofstfrancis.com.

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**Gala Under Space Shuttle Atlantis**
The Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce (CBRCC) is pleased to announce the location of its upcoming 48th Annual Gala. The chamber will begin a new year under Space Shuttle Atlantis at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex on January 22, 2016 from 7-9:30 PM. Astronaut Winston Scott will be the Master of Ceremonies. Guests will be treated to the full Atlantis exhibit, including two emotional theatre shows highlighting our history in space exploration. Attendees will also have an opportunity to win an additional ticket to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex good for one year!

Black-tie optional, this elegant evening is part of the Chamber’s Annual Gala welcoming new members to the Chamber’s board including 2016’s new Chairman, Joe Mayer, Director of Government Relations for Lockheed Martin. “It is an honor to be assuming the role of Chair of the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce,” said Mayer. “This Chamber is doing great things and I look forward to our new initiatives in 2016 as we continue to ‘Launch New Tomorrows.’”

In addition, the Chamber will present the prestigious Distinguished Service Award; the highest honor bestowed by the CBRCC. The award is presented annually to an individual in the community who best exemplifies leadership and commitment to the Chamber and the public.

President & CEO Jennifer Sugarman will ring in a new year of leadership between her and Chairman Joe Mayer. “This Chamber has been a staple in this community since 1968 with a tremendous breadth of reach and a history of success,” said Sugarman. “I look forward to continuing our rich heritage and propelling it further with new initiatives and innovative marketing strategies, bringing further promotional opportunities for our 1,500 partners.”

Seating is limited for the event and early registration is strongly encouraged! Register for your seat by visiting the brand new www.CocoaBeachChamber.com.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. Please contact the Chamber at (321) 454-2200 for more information.

Special thank you to the Chamber’s secured Gala sponsors.
**Intro To Hospice Volunteering**

Hospice of St. Francis has begun offering monthly informational sessions on an Introduction to Hospice Volunteering. This is a free service and anyone considering being a hospice volunteer, now or in the future, is encouraged to attend. Participants will learn about the hospice philosophy and model of care, the history of Hospice of St. Francis, and the role of volunteers in supporting hospice patients and families. Participants will not be asked to commit to volunteering.

The Intro to Hospice Volunteering sessions will be offered at both Hospice of St. Francis office locations. The Melbourne office located at 4875 N. Wickham Road, Suite 104, will hold their session on the third Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Hospice of St. Francis office located at 1250-B Grumman Place, Titusville will hold their sessions on the first Tuesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information and to register, contact Vicky Hamilton, North Volunteer Coordinator, or Mary Larson, South Volunteer Coordinator, at 321-269-4240 or 866-269-4240 toll free.

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**Fruit From the Groves, Cont. from pg 28**

of hospitals along the route are on one side of the tracks while first responders are on the other, says Stephen Ryan, an attorney representing CARE.

Well, I guess that I have strained the old brain enough for today. A big thank you to Randy for covering me in December, he is the best.

**.........A Parting Shot From The Cannon.........**

Some of you may have seen these but they will still brighten your day!

The one who invented the door knocker got a No-bell prize.

No one knew she had a dental implant until it came out in a conversation.

I wrote a novel about a fellow who had a small garden. It didn't have much of a plot.

The patron saint of poverty is St. Nickleless. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)

Why did the capacitor kiss the diode? He just couldn't resistor.

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

Yesterday I accidentally swallowed food coloring. The doctor says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.

I thought she had PMS, but she was just ovary acting.

I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now.

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.

Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed.

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine.

Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy.

I was going to buy a book on phobias, but I was afraid it wouldn't help me.

All the best for a prosperous 2016. Until next month, Lord willin' and the creek don't rise, I remain your servant.

- Bill Cannon

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**1035 Jersey St.**

2 BR, 2 Bath * $90,000

Lovely concrete block home with tile floors, screened porch, fenced yard. New AC and windows in 2008, roof in 2009. Needs some interior work and paint inside, but it still has a lot of charm.
Walter Butler Community Center - January, 2016
Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy 1, Sharpe.

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

Mondays
18th - Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Open Gym, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays
Open Gym, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals 4-5 p.m.
Zumba, 6 p.m.

Wednesdays
Open Gym, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Volleyball Fundamentals 4-5 p.m.
Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays
Open Gym, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Dance It Off, 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals 4-5 p.m.
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.
Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Fridays
1st - Closed for New Years Holiday
Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Open Gym, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Karate, ages 5-Up 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Karate, ages 10-Adults 5 p.m.

Saturdays
Pickle-Ball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Program Activities, 10 am - 2 p.m.

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.

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome. For more information contact Andrea Chestnut 264-5058 or 264-5105.

Zumba Classes - Zumba is an adult dance-based fitness class that uses a fusion of Latin and International rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. It includes both cardio and resistance training components designed to tone and sculpt the entire body.

Zumba is designed for adults of all ages and fitness levels. Class participants exercise in a healthy, fun, party-like environment. Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m., $5 per class (discount punch cards available). Contact Debbie Kowaleski at (321) 403-6918 for more information.

American Kenpo Karate is offered for ages 5 years to adults Friday evenings at $30 per month.
Age’s 5-Up 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Age’s 10-Adult at 5 p.m. For more information contact Sharon Fox at (321) 632-9184.

Basketball Fundamentals - Program designed for boys and girls ages 5 to 8. Each week the participants will learn/review basic basketball skills and apply them to a variety of drills. Games will be played but the primary focus will be to build on and improve the skill sets of each participant. Practice will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-5 p.m.
For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at (321) 433-4448.

Brevard County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program - The Junior Master Gardener 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 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information contact Jan Jordan at (321) 433-4448.

Santa Gets Help for Toys for Tots
Merritt Island Airport was a busy place on Saturday, December 12th. Many of the pilots had arrived early to transform the Space Coast Aviation hangar into a Santa’s Toy Shop annex. The cooks, Kip and Larry, fired up the grill and started cooking. Don started making coffee and mixing pancake batter. Others set up the tables, chairs, plates, cups, utensils, etc. for the pancake breakfast. Ms. Mooney, Tony Yacono’s airplane, was wheeled into the hangar and made ready to receive toys.
Santa’s helpers from the Merritt Island Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, Airbourne Career Academy, Space Coast Aviation, and members of Experimental Aircraft Association chapters 866 from Arthur Dunn Airpark and 724 from Merritt Island Airport were busy elves getting everything ready. Soon after, other pilots, friends and neighbors started arriving carrying toys which they exchanged for breakfast.
By noon time, Santa’s helpers had served approximately 135 pancake and sausage breakfasts and had collected a grand total over 1,000 toys, including stocking stuffers and 3 bicycles, and $226 in cash donations for the Toys for Tots program.

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Won’t you come join us? We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Discovery Church at 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 pm. www.canaveralgroveshoa.org
Fruit From the Groves, Cont.

Speaking of Conley, his lovely wife, Merwyne is in hospice. Please keep them in your Prayers and good thoughts during this challenging time.

The following article was posted online about All Aboard Florida in November but I thought it would be informative to some:

A new passenger rail system called Brightline will connect Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando along a 235-mile route. The privately owned, $3 billion project is slated to start service in 2017.

A privately owned and operated passenger rail service is on track to begin connecting travelers in four major Florida cities by mid-2017.

Today, All Aboard Florida is slated to reveal that the new express inter-city train travel service, which will cost more than $3 billion to build, will be called the Brightline.

Brightline trains will connect Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Orlando along a 235-mile route. The stretch from Miami to Orlando will last three hours, comparable to what it takes to get to the airport, go through security and fly, developers say.

The trains, designed by the Rockwell Group, are being built in Sacramento by Siemens. Construction has begun on stations in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach and on connecting urban centers that developers hope will become dining and shopping destinations. Another station will be next to Orlando International Airport.

All Aboard Florida is a wholly owned subsidiary of Florida East Coast Industries, which is involved in a range of infrastructure, transportation and real estate businesses. The project is being funded by private investors through the issuance of $1.75 billion in tax-exempt bonds and directly from the parent company. The company expects to become profitable in the first couple of years as its adds more trains and ridership increases.

All Aboard Florida and tourism officials say the trains and their stations could transform travel throughout Florida, one of the country's most populous states. Providing trains as an alternative could ease congestion on the roads and alleviate pressure on crowded airports.

"Half of our business is international," says William Talbert, president and CEO of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. "To connect Miami and those other three communities by train makes it convenient, affordable, clean and safe to travel. It gives the visitor options that we haven't had before."

Trains were the primary mode of transportation in the USA until after World War II, when cars and airlines took over the roads and skies. Federally funded Amtrak has remained the predominant interstate passenger train system, but it does not offer the kind of high-speed service found in Europe and Asia.

The closest thing the USA has to high-speed trains is Amtrak's Acela on the northeast corridor, which can go as fast as 150 mph. Brightline trains will not be high-speed, but its express service will be able to go up to 125 mph.

High-speed rail "takes more money and fully dedicated track and electrification," says Andy Kunz, president and CEO of the U.S. High Speed Rail Association.

There's been a recent resurgence in interest in trains, particularly among younger travelers, says Jim Wallington, a train expert at America by Rail, which promotes train travel.

"This younger generation is less car prone," he says. "They are not buying cars like we used to, and they are demanding that there be alternate transportation."

President Obama's 2009 stimulus bill proposed billions of dollars in funding to create a true high-speed rail system across the nation. His efforts have stalled amid political opposition.

Privately led efforts are underway to create high-speed rail systems in Texas and between Las Vegas and Los Angeles. A publicly led high-speed rail system is under construction in California. That will eventually connect Los Angeles and San Francisco in less than three hours.

Unlike other privately led projects, All Aboard Florida won't lease rails. Its sister company, Florida East Coast Railway, owns the existing freight corridor. All Aboard Florida owns the right of way to run passenger rail along that corridor. In some areas, the company is installing second tracks that it owns.

"Every metropolitan region across America is highly congested and it's all continuing to grow worse as our population continues to grow," says the High Speed Rail Association's Kunz. "They're really not building any more major highways or new roads, so this leads to ever-growing congestion. The only way out of this downward spiral is to move thousands of people out of cars and into fast trains."

Mike Reininger, president of Brightline, says it's not just about speed. The experience matters, too. The company plans to blend train travel and hospitality in a way that hasn't been done since the heyday of passenger rail service in the 1940s and '50s.

"Everything from how you communicate with us — whether on the computer or mobile device — to the experience in our stations that we are building and operating, … the seats, the tables, the bathrooms, the food and beverage are one continuous experience bathed in this hospitality overlay," he says.

The company is still working out specifics of what the experience will be like. But there will be free Wi-Fi and multiple power outlets at every seat. Reserved seating will be available in various configurations, including single seats and tables for groups of four. Ticket prices have not been set.

Various food and beverage options will be available both at the stations and on the train, including grab-and-go meals. The service will be pet-friendly, allowing travel with dogs and cats.

Even the train's look is intended to bring the fun back into travel. In a nod to its name, each train will be painted in one of five different bright colors — red, orange, green, blue or pink — and a yellow locomotive will lead the way.

Amtrak makes stops in the cities Brightline will serve, but Reininger says his company will provide more frequent stops. Also, he says, Amtrak trains typically run at slower speeds in Florida.

Amtrak spokeswoman Kimberly Woods says the company would welcome Brightline's debut.

"Expansion of intercity passenger rail is a positive step to ensure the mobility and connectivity needed to drive the country's economic growth," she says.

Not everyone is on board with the new train service, however. Citizens Against Rail Expansion, a coalition of residents and community leaders in South Florida, argues that the rail system will compromise public safety. A number
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JANUARY, 2016 - 1/1, NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 1/18, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

WOW, did 2015 end with a flurry of excitement for me. My wellness fairy decided to go on vacation just before Thanksgiving and threw me for a loop. Two weeks at Wuesthoff and three days at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. Nice places to visit but I would not like to have to live there. No answers, but more questions and dialysis three days a week just to keep things interesting. It has been an exciting time for us here at the Cannon Patch.

Thanks to all of our friends for their best wishes and support through this challenging time. I am on the mend and moving forward with a smile on my face and a song in my heart. Boy, is that laying it on thick but I am truly blessed to have a wonderful support group in my friends, Church Family at Christ Central and Pastor Don Adkins and his wife Brenda. I hope everyone is as blessed as we are.

How about the new digital sign out front? If you are looking for a Church home, give us a try. Here is hoping that everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and were able to have some special time with family and friends. 2016 has a lot in store with the election in the fall and everything else in between. The best thing is to stay informed on current issues, especially those that effect you directly.

I had a call the other day from a concerned resident about the condition of the arterial roads here in the Groves, what the heavy trucks are doing to degrade the surfaces on their way to the County Landfill on Adamson Rd. She had contacted Road and Bridge but something of this magnitude would have to be addressed by Commissioner Fisher's office. Maybe enforcing load requirements or changing the load requirements would do the trick. It seems to be the independents who are making the shortcuts through the Groves that maybe causing the challenge but they must also have a right to make a living. What do you think? 6% gas tax?..........

Being out of the loop for a few weeks has left me at a disadvantage, but I am trying to catch up. The Great Annual Pecan Sale was a success thanks to Mr. Conley Jordan and our other members who helped with the sale. As I have said before, Conley could sell snowballs to Eskimos in January.

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