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Thunder Over the Indian River Golf Classic

Our 7th Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Indian River Preserve Golf Club, 3950 Clubhouse Dr., Mims. All proceeds benefit Thunder Over the Indian River, the Port St. John Independence Day celebration event and fireworks display.

The entry fee is \$80 per person or \$300 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the tournament officially starting at 8:00 a.m. Afterwards, please join us for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 p.m.

In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, there will be two "long drives," two "closest to the pin" challenges and a putting contest.

A hole-in-one wins \$25,000 toward the purchase of a new vehicle sponsored by Sterling Buick / GMC.

Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$125, or attend the awards luncheon for \$25.



The deadline to register online is April 3rd. For an application or additional information, email PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com or visit portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/.

Thank you to the great sponsors who make this event and Thunder Over the Indian River possible for our community: A HUGE THANK YOU to our Prime Sponsor, Parrish Medical Center; our Diamond sponsors, Freedom Air & Plumbing, HAPPENINGS, Higginbotham Companies and Orion Connectivity; and our Platinum sponsor, Englemann State Farm Insurance. We are not government operated or funded. These companies make the parade possible, along with the other sponsors and our amazing volunteers who work to make the parade happen.

Thunder Over the Indian River is already in the planning stages for Saturday, July 4 this year. Start making your plans, too, for a great afternoon of music, good food and fun, and an evening with fireworks.

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - April 2026

The center is open Mondays – Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For latest information about any of these programs and rentals, call the Center: 321-633-1904.

Mondays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk

Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Dancing Little Stars-Ballet/Tap Combo Classes, 10:45 a.m.

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.

Zumba, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk

Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.

Dancing Little Stars-Ballet/Tap Combo Classes, 4 - 4:45 p.m. / 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk

Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.

ESPORTS Club, 6 – 8 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk

Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Home School Class P.E., 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

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

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.

Gentle Yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk

Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 - 6 p.m.

SENIORS AT LUNCH - Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Seniors at Lunch is held every weekday and provides hot meals and activities for Seniors 60 years and older. Please call 321-410-9185 for more information.

ZUMBA - Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - A Zumba class is a high-energy dance fitness program that combines Latin and international music with choreographed dance moves. It's designed to be a fun and effective workout, suitable for various fitness levels. \$6 per session.

DANCING LITTLE STARS - Tuesdays 4:00-4:45 p.m./5:00-5:45 p.m. Check their

website for classes & times. Ballet, Tap and & age-appropriate Hip-Hop classes for boys and girls, ages 2-7. Classes focus on rhythm, concentration, memory and balance... while having fun! Our full-scale dance recital is held at the end of the dance season in May. Enrollment is open. Tuition is \$65 per month with the recital costume included with tuition. Register online at www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com.

ESPORTS CLUB - Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. LEARN, PLAY, HAVE FUN! \$10 (one year membership), Please call 321-603-2118, ext. 42118 for more information.

GENTLE YOGA WITH DIANE - Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Relax, rejuvenate and enjoy yoga that meets you where you are! Appropriate for beginners, all body types with alternatives offered to accommodate physical conditions. All that is needed is a yoga mat and water bottle. We recommend not eating two hours prior, but a small fruit snack is okay. Price is \$7 per class. Visit www.psjyoga.com for further information.

HOME SCHOOL CLASS P.E. - Thursdays, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. This is a great opportunity to exercise and socialize in a fun nature. Price is \$2 per class. Call 321-603-2118 for more information.

Post 359 - American Legion



4-1 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

4-4 Bike Days at the Tiki - 1st Saturday of the month, 1 - 5 p.m.

presented by American Legion Riders. Good food on the grill with fixin's, \$10. Listen to live music, take part in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

4-13 Sons of the Legion - 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

4-15 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

4-18 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

4-19 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, at 321-210-6234.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michele Aaron at 321-289-2880. The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call 321-268-1632.

Exclusive Savings For Florida Residents

Florida Four-Pack Returns

From March 9 – May 24, Florida residents can purchase four admission tickets to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for only \$167, plus tax. The offer is valid for visits through December 13, 2026. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.kennedyspacecenter.com/info/tickets/.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

4-1 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

4-8 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

4-9 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

4-11 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

4-11 Bike Night! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

Karaoke every Friday, 6-10 p.m.

Bingo - Members - Sundays 1-?

Bingo - Public - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about Amvets, contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.

Making Your Mental Health A Priority

The new year brings a fresh start and provides a natural time to reassess habits and recommit to overall well-being. Many people resolve to lose weight, exercise more or cut back on alcohol. All of these are worthwhile goals. However, one essential aspect is often overlooked: mental health.

Mental wellness is the foundation for a healthy life and the new year is the perfect time to prioritize it and seek support as necessary. Caring for your mind and body is deeply connected, but often mental health concerns go unaddressed, according to physicians and nurse practitioners at Parrish Healthcare. Many try to put on a brave face and struggle in silence. But no matter what challenges you face, support is available to help you manage stress, overcome obstacles and live life to the fullest.

Mental health in America

More people are struggling with their mental health than you might think. Statistics show almost one in five U.S. adults has a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year. Just under half of Americans (46%) will experience one in their lifetime.

Conditions include everything from anxiety and depression to addiction/substance abuse disorder and bipolar disorder. They affect people from all walks of life, ages and backgrounds.

Access to the right care is vital for those struggling with mental health issues, but many don't get it. In fact, up to 54% of people with a mental illness don't receive treatment. Left untreated, mental health challenges can harm one's physical health. For example, research shows conditions such as depression raise the risk for diseases including diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Parrish Healthcare: A path for hope and healing

Parrish Healthcare offers compassionate care that equips people with the tools they need to achieve stability, build resilience and find sustainable solutions for better overall well-being. Rather than one-size-fits-all solutions, they tailor treatment to each individual patient, offering holistic care that combines medical, emotional and

lifestyle support. Comprehensive services are available for both adults and youth, including support for:

- Anxiety, stress and panic disorders
- Depression and mood disorders
- Bipolar disorder
- ADHD and attention difficulties
- PTSD and trauma-related conditions
- Schizophrenia and psychotic disorders
- Substance use and co-occurring conditions

"Caring for mental health at Parrish Healthcare starts with personalized evaluations," said board-certified psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner Johari Faison, APRN, PMHNP-BC. "We pride ourselves on spending time understanding each person's unique situation, symptoms and needs."

Treatments may include medication management, therapeutic support, crisis care or a combination of services. "Collaboration is also key," continues Faison. "We work closely with therapists, primary care doctors and other specialists to ensure complete, seamless care for our patient's overall health. From new diagnoses to managing long-term conditions, we will help people restore balance, find clarity and begin healing."

Taking the first step to mental wellness

Parrish Healthcare's psychiatry and behavioral mental health department is staffed by experienced, dedicated providers committed to the best patient outcomes. Recently, the team welcomed Johari Faison, a board-certified psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner with more than a decade of experience in behavioral health and acute care.

Faison specializes in psychiatric evaluations, medication management and holistic therapy approaches. Known for her collaborative spirit, clinical insight and patient-first mindset, she is committed to creating supportive environments that foster personal growth.

"Mental health is the foundation for a healthy life, and no one has to struggle alone," Faison says. "Healing begins with reaching out. We're here at Parrish Healthcare offering

a safe place to be heard and professional support to guide you to lasting overall health for your mind and body."

To schedule an appointment with Johari Faison or another of Parrish's mental health care professionals, [click here](#) or call 321-268-6868.

About Parrish Healthcare

Parrish Healthcare, the first U.S. member of Cleveland Clinic Connected and America's first Joint Commission Integrated Care Certified network, includes: Parrish Medical Center, one of the nation's most recognized hospitals for clinical quality, patient safety, and healing environments; Parrish Medical Group, NCQA certified patient-centered medical homes; and Parrish Health Network, a coalition of healthcare providers, insurers and others working together to improve quality and safety and lower healthcare costs on behalf of individuals, families and businesses.



St. Patrick's Anglican Church

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

321-802-1311

Classical Christians engaging the word

As spring arrives and the Church moves through the most sacred season of the Christian year, St. Patrick's Anglican Church invites the community to join in worship, reflection and fellowship. Holy Week and Easter are the heart of the Christian faith, remembering the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Throughout this season, the parish offers a variety of services and gatherings designed to help people prepare their hearts, celebrate the Resurrection and enjoy fellowship with neighbors and friends.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 29, with Mass at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

On Wednesday, April 1, the parish will gather for a Holy Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m., continuing the journey to the Cross.

Maundy Thursday service will be held on April 2 at 6:00 p.m., remembering the Last Supper when Jesus gave the commandment

to love one another and instituted the Holy Eucharist.

Good Friday, April 3 is a solemn day of remembrance marking the crucifixion of Christ. The church will observe Meditation on the Passion from 12:00–3:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. and the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 4:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

St. Patrick's joyfully invites the community to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 5. A beautiful Sunrise Mass will be held at 7:00 a.m. in the Memorial Garden, followed by a Traditional Easter Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Families, friends and visitors are warmly welcomed as the parish gathers to celebrate the hope and new life of Easter.

Parish Fellowship and Community Gatherings

St. Patrick's also hosts several opportunities for fellowship and community support throughout the month.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group will meet on Tuesday, April 7, from 9:30–11:30 a.m. This gathering offers encouragement, conversation and shared resources for those raising the next generation.

The Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group will meet on Monday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of creativity and fellowship.

Our Veterans, Veteran Spouses and First Responder Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m., honoring those who serve and have served our country and communities. Bring a veteran to breakfast.

Regular Worship Schedule

Regular worship at St. Patrick's continues throughout the year with Sunday Mass at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and a Wednesday evening Mass at 6:00 p.m. Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Facebook Live; www.facebook.com/StPatspsj.

St. Patrick's Anglican Church welcomes all who seek worship, community, and the message of Christ's love.

Rose's Room

~ **Rose Padrick**



The voices know all...?

There are many happy reasons to celebrate this month, and there are many more learned people than I to bring those messages. My little message is more personal, but I've heard many share similar experiences.

There certainly are many reasons to be concerned about the state of the world these days. Between the goings-on between various world characters and my own little world characters, I've kept the line of communication with The Big Guy open enough to have callouses on my knees. I fully intend to continue doing so and spreading as much kindness as possible, and I invite everyone to do the same.

One of my grands is the perfect human specimen. As tall and as handsome as his cousins, he has also put in many hours at the gym and it really shows. So of course, I would tap his knowledge on my latest 'Really gonna' do it this time!' quest for weight loss and better health.

He was kind enough not to pat me on the head and tell me to just cut down on carbs, but took time to explain what different foods do for your body and which foods work well with each other. This is great stuff to know...If I could remember...and if I actually cooked. The one thing I do remember of that conversation is your body will tell you what it needs and what isn't good for it.

I don't know what language his body speaks, but mine is obviously from a different planet. I have a feeling his little body voice says "Eat a ton of protein, hit the gym for three hours and swim twenty laps."

One of my little body voices (not to be

confused with my little head voices) says, "Eat salad and walk the dog for thirty minutes."

Then another little body voice chimes in with "And when you're done, there's cookies in the pantry!"

The first voice counters with "Dispose of the cookies!"

"Happy to oblige! There are only ten of them." My head voice had to tell my mouth to stop smiling and don't dare put one chocolate chip cookie in said mouth.

Mothers' squabble-settlement training kicked in and I moved the object of contention under the spare bed, all the way in the middle with the help of the broom. I woke the dog up, carried him down the stairs (he can't do stairs) and walked three laps, carrying him the last one.

On the way back up the stairs, dog still in my arms, one of my little body voices kicked in and asked if I had lost my mind and warned I would be paying for that little escapade. The other let me know the pain would only last a little while, but the weight loss would last forever... I have to wonder if this little voice knows me at all.

I'm thinking there are going to be a lot of dialogues in this month best known for showers-bring-flowers, chocolate everything and all those darn jelly beans!

Also, in understanding my dog's penchant for long naps and short walks, I'll have to keep an eye on him lest he packs his bag and finds a more peaceful place to stay until Mama stops being crazy.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. Our meeting place is Kay's BBQ Restaurant, 1552 W. King St. (Highway 520) in Cocoa. The April meeting will be on the 13th. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

For more information about NARFE, their website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.

Brevard Humane Society Presents the East Coast Dog Surfing Festival Sponsored by Ron Jon Surf Shop



Get ready for Brevard County's most "paw-some" beach tradition! The Brevard Humane Society (BHS) is proud to present the 14th Annual East Coast Dog Surfing Festival, sponsored by Ron Jon Surf Shop. This premier coastal celebration returns to Lori Wilson Park, 1500 N. Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, on Easter Sunday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The festival offers a unique opportunity for families and their four-legged friends to enjoy a day of sun, surf and community impact. While Cocoa Beach typically restricts dogs on the sand, this event provides special beach access for participating pups for a small \$5 donation (proof of vaccinations required). Event Highlights Include:

- 9:00 a.m.: Bunny Paddle Out – A festive Easter-themed start to the morning.
- 10:00 a.m.: Doggy Easter Outfit Contest – Pups show off their best holiday finery.
- 12:00 p.m.: East Coast Dog Surfing Championship – The main event where incredible surf dogs compete for top honors.
- 1:30 p.m.: Doggy Bikini Contest – Beach-ready fashion for our furry friends.
- All Day: Intro to Dog Surfing lessons, live music, local vendors and over \$500 in prizes.

"Every splash at this festival supports the homeless animals in our care," said Theresa Clifton, Executive Director of the Brevard Humane Society. "It's a wonderful way for the community to come together, celebrate the human-animal bond, and help us continue

our mission of finding forever homes for pets in need."

Kick-Off Celebration:

The festivities begin early with a Pre-Event Party on Saturday, April 4th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cocoa Beach Fish Camp Grill. Attendees can meet the canine competitors, enjoy raffles and gear up for the big surf competition.

Founded in 1952, the Brevard Humane Society is a no-kill-for-space, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As the oldest animal welfare group in Brevard, BHS relies on community events and donations to provide compassionate care and sanctuary for displaced animals.

For more information, to register a dog for the competition, or to sign up for surfing lessons, please visit www.brevardhumanesociety.org/easter-surfing or call 321-636-3343, ext. 218.

"No more homeless pets...Spayed/Neutered...Adopted."



Community Yard and Bake Sale!

Bring the family to First United Methodist Church, 1165 Fay Blvd., on Saturday, April 25 from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and find some treasures, buy some tasty treats and your proceeds will help us keep VBS free for our PSJ community.

Community members can purchase a spot for of their own for \$15. No vendors.

Contact the church office for more information at 321-631-0183 or office@fumcpsj.com

FUMC Holy Week Services:

April 2, 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
April 3, 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
April 5 Easter Services, 7:00 a.m. (sunrise) and 10:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church - Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd. All are welcome!

Save the Date for Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School! June 22-26, 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Visit our website for more information and to register: fumcpsj.com.



Kindergarten Orientation At Enterprise Elementary

Enterprise Elementary will be hosting an Orientation on Thursday, April 16, 5:30 p.m. at the school. Come meet the new teachers and staff, tour the school and enjoy some pizza.

If your youngster(s) will be going to a different school, please check with their school as the other schools are likely to also have an Orientation to help new students.

Scan the QR code below only to RSVP to Enterprise Elementary.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 p.m. **Women's AA** meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

4-1 Passover Begins

4-1 April Fools Day

4-1 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

4-1 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

4-3 Good Friday

4-4 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1 - 5:00 PM, First Saturday of each month. 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632. Contact Wayne Fowler, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 321-307-1450 or visit their website, alr359.org.

4-5 Easter

4-7 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each 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.

4-9 Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. President Theresa N. Anderson. 321-208-7897.

4-10 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center on Hwy. 520 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., 2nd Friday of each month. Call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwco020@gmail.com.

4-12 Orthodox Easter

4-12 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

4-15 Tax Day (taxes are due)

4-15 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, 2 miles north of PSJ, 6:00 p.m. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Contact Commander Michele Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

4-18 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 359.

4-20 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday of each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 321-505-2361.

4-22 Earth Day

4-24 Arbor Day

4-25 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - Last Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans and all first responders.

5-26 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the First United Methodist Church, 206 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting in April or December). Meet and greet refreshments at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m., usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month. Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.

Shows are held on the last Sunday of each month, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

CFAC is 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:

Brianna Romans turns **31** on the 1st.
Joe Lessey is the King on the 2nd
Michiyo Hall turns prettier on the 1st.
Jeremy Rausch turns **24** on the 1st.
Vickie Wiedman is the Queen on on the 2nd.
Jennifer Maxwell turns hotter on the 3rd.
April Staner turns classier on the 3rd.
Bobby Hudspeth turns wilder on the 5th.
Lydia Hudspeth rules the world on the 6th.
Bill Aglitz turns **58** on the 8th.
Dylan Thomas turns **27** on the 9th.
Madison Thomas turns **21** on the 9th.
Lori Johnson dances all night on the 9th.
Jason Wolfe turns **24** on the 10th.
Travis Elmore has a party day on the 11th
Amanda Hosler parties wild on the 12th.
Ryland Travis turns **14** on the 12th.
Dawne Parker turns more lovely on the 14th.
Joel Smith is a party monster on the 14th.
April Blake turns cooler on the 16th.
Jamie Kline owns the night on the 16th.
Christina D'Amico turns **31** on April 18th
April Higgs has a spanking day on the 19th.
Donnie Crouse turns crazier on the 20th.
Dusty Stricker turns **32** on the 24th.
Pamela Mann is the it girl on the 25th.
Kolby Davis turns **22** on the 26th.
Wanda Daugherty gets hugs on the 27th.
Sharon Hightower is wild on the 28th.
KC, Happy Birthday on the 28th! Love, Joe.
Elizabeth Blum turns **25** on the 29th.
Jaden Travis turns **21** on the 29th.
Sonny & Gayle Wardlow celebrate **47** on the 14th. It's Party Time!
Randy & Michele DeVane celebrate their **30th** on the 14th.
Paul and Sarah Bennett celebrate their **12th** wedding anniversary on the 5th!!
Brenda and Bill Townley celebrate their **28th** wedding anniversary on the 5th.
Michael & Cheryl Rausch celebrate their **41st** on the 17th.
James and Jennifer Maxwell celebrate their **22nd** anniversary on the 26th.
Gary & Holly Turner celebrate their **48th** anniversary on the 28th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

APRIL COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support groups as a free service to the community

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

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

Cancer and Survivor Support Group

Meets the third Wednesday monthly, 4-5:30 PM
Parrish Healthcare Center, North Titusville
490 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544

Caring for Caregivers Support Group

*Meets the second and fourth Thursday monthly,
9:30-11:30 AM*
Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

Decoding Diabetes Class

Meets the fourth Monday monthly, 2:30-4:30 PM
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
931 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Josh Garsow at 321-268-6111, ext. 6265

Early Steps Community Play Date

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

Fearless Café

Presented by St. Francis Hospice and
Parrish Healthcare
Meets the first Wednesday monthly, 10-11 AM
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
931 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

Mom's Support Group

Meets Mondays, 10-11 AM
The Children's Center
5650 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Heather at heather.focht@parrishmed.com

Stroke and Heart Survivors Support Group

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

Tools to Quit Smoking Now

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



*Visit parrishhealthcare.com/supportgroups
to learn more and to register*



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If you did not attend the March meeting, you missed a good exchange of information between the residents and the District 1 County Commissioner regarding the Lakes of Cocoa Grove planned development. Agreements made between Brevard County and the City of Cocoa providing the basic construction details were established long before Commissioner Delaney took office. She is, however, staying engaged, but unfortunately may not be able to influence the City of Cocoa or the developers to provide a new community more compatible with Canaveral Groves.

This new development is located in Cocoa District #3 of the City Council, overseen by council member Patricia Weeks. If you wish to contact her to express your concerns, you can send emails to pweeks@cocoafl.gov. It should be emphasized that forcing these changes on our community is not the sign of a good neighbor.

You may have noticed cameras and solar panels mounted on black poles placed along some roadways. These are Flock cameras and are part of a larger AI-powered system used to capture license plates and other attributes of vehicles passing by. One such camera is located on the east-bound side of SR 524 just west of the Shell station approaching Walmart. Police departments use Flock cameras to track stolen vehicles, suspects or persons of interest. They're often deployed in high-crime areas, traffic corridors or entry points to neighborhoods. Organizations like the ACLU argue that continuous surveillance of public roads could lead to over-policing, false accusations or abuse of power. To learn more and see where the cameras are located,

visit on the web, <https://deflock.org/>.

A CGHI meeting has not been scheduled for April. If you wish to attend in the future, an announcement for the next meeting will be posted here in the Happenings and on the Canaveral Groves Welcome signs.

All CGHI board members volunteer their time and are not paid. Please support our homeowners' organization as it works to support our community. Membership dues are now due for 2026. See the coupon below.

Paul Kroning
Canaveral Groves
Homeowners Inc.



Bring your family out to the Earth Day Festival at The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville and enjoy games, crafts, scavenger hunts, vendors, food trucks, guest speakers, live music and more!

It will be a great day hosted by the Friends of the Enchanted Forest.

For more information, call 321-264-5185.



Car Show at Titus Landing Space Coast Cars and Motorcycles

Bring your kids, bring your family and friends and come out and enjoy the Space Coast Cars and Motorcycles Show on April 18th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Titus Landing, 2520 S. Washington Ave. Titusville.

Admission to look and admire is free to the public. Registration for a car or motorcycle to be in the show is only \$5 and 100% goes to JPMF (Jess Parrish Medical Foundation) for medical scholarships.

Bring your cars, motorcycles and good vibes — let's make it a great community event!

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

CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.

If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues. Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 238143, Cocoa, FL 32923

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Won't you join us?





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LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday 12-8
p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Community Advocate: Monday, April 13 and 27, 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare, insurance and senior resources.

Port Readers Book Club: Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss *Three Bags Full* by Leonie Swann. Pick up the book for May: *The Crow Trap* by Ann Cleeves.

Book Worms Book Club: Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Join the group for a lively discussion of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. Pick up May's title *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright.

Gentle Chair Fitness: Join us on April 6, 13 and 27 at 10 a.m. Join others for a FREE 45-minute gentle fitness and exercise class. No equipment necessary. Just wear comfortable clothes. There will not be a class on Monday April 20.

Adult D & D: Saturday, April 11 & 25, 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. Roll the dice for an adventure of a lifetime!

Yarn Club – Fridays 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Yarn Group of PSJ Library: The yarn group is a group of adults that enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They donate projects and meet every Friday at the Port St. John Public Library.

Spice Travelers Spice Club – April 16 the new spice will be available at the Reference Desk. Chimichurri!!!!

Gardening Event: Saturday, April 4, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Activities may include seed-planting, gardening tips or garden-related craft. Ages 5 and up with adult supervision. A Seed Library is sprouting at the library! Check out seeds each month to grow your own

food or flowers at home. Enjoy affordable, sustainable gardening, donate seeds to share with others and return often for new seasonal varieties and planting tips.

APRIL YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Family Movie Night – Mondays, 4:00–6:00 p.m. Have fun watching G or PG-rated movies. Adult supervision required.

- 4/6: *Sing 2* (2021)
- 4/13: *Spirit Untamed* (2021)
- 4/20: *Dolittle* (2020)
- 4/27: *Finding Dory* (2016)

Kids' D&D: Sundays, 3:00 & 3:30 p.m. A staff-led, beginner-friendly tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story for children ages 8–13. Space is limited; kids will be split into parties of five. Adult supervision required.

Game Day: Sundays, 1:00–4:00 p.m. Board, tabletop and card games in the main library area. All ages welcome. Adult supervision required.

Beginners' Chess: Saturday, April 4, 10:00–11:00 a.m. A program for kids ages 6–12 to learn the basics of chess in a no-pressure environment. Adult supervision required; held on the first Saturday of each month.

Sensory Playtime: Tuesdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m. A sensory-friendly play event for ages 3+, featuring hands-on activity bins with kinetic sand, rice, beans and more. Adult supervision required.

Read Your Way to K: Toddler Story Time, Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. For children ages 3–5. Adult supervision required.

Playdate: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m. A fun movement program for toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Little Laptime – Monday, April 13, 20 and 27, 9:30–10:00 a.m. Short stories and nursery rhymes for babies ages 1 and under. Adult supervision required.

TEENS

Chess Club, Saturday, April 18, 10:00 –

11:00 a.m. Designed for ages 13–17, Chess Club offers a relaxed, non-competitive space for teens to play friendly chess matches. Adult supervision required.

Teen D & D: Saturday, April 4 & 18, 3:00–4:56 p.m. A staff-led, beginner-friendly tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice, and collaboratively tell a fantasy story. This event is for ages 14–17. Adult supervision required.

Flip Your Fan: Direction Matters

Most people miss out on comfort and savings by running ceiling fans the wrong direction. Ceiling fans are a home's unsung hero, but only if you use them right.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, "If you use air conditioning to cool your home, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4°F with no reduction in comfort."

Here's what you need to know about how to make your fan work smarter for you:

- Fans cool people, not rooms. If you leave the room, turn the fan off. Otherwise, you're just spinning up your electric bill. This simple habit can save you up to \$7 a month, per fan.

- Let your fan help your A/C. The breeze from the fan makes you feel cooler, so you can set your thermostat a few degrees higher and still stay comfortable. A fan can make you feel up to 3 degrees cooler, so a 75-degree setting can start feeling like 72.

- Change direction with the seasons.

In the summer, the ceiling fan direction should be counterclockwise. The downward breeze, generated by counterclockwise fan spin direction, will make us feel cooler. We won't have to push the air conditioner so hard.

In the winter, the ceiling fan direction should be clockwise. The upward cold air direction generated by the ceiling fan will displace the warm air at the top of the room, and push the heated air down.

Use these tips to keep your comfort high and your energy costs lower, no matter the season. - *Thanx to FPL.*

Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Business Directory

Important Phone Numbers

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Titusville -	321-268-6111
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (PSJ) -	321-633-2056
Emergency Operations Center	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
SCAT Bus Information -	321-633-1878
Port St. John Library -	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept.-	321-433-8400
Atlantis Elementary School -	321-633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
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Monthly Tax Update

Tax season is almost done and we have some due dates in April for taxpayers who did not file past tax returns and potentially received a refund. Taxpayers generally have 3 years from the original due date of the return to file and claim a refund. For the 2022 tax return, they have until April 15th, 2026. You can consult your tax preparer to help you gather your wages and income from the IRS transcripts to complete your past tax returns.

Next, this April 15th is the due date to file and pay your tax return. If you are ready to file, but not ready to pay your taxes, you can file an extension. That extension will give you an extra 6 months to file your tax return - until October 15th - but not 6 months to pay your taxes without approximately 1.2% in penalties and monthly interest for the amount not paid from April 15th until October 15th.

Remember, after filing and paying your tax return, the IRS will send you a letter for the penalties and interest accrued from April 15th until the day of payment.

Another due date is the Annual Report with Sunbiz.org, Division of Corporations, by May

1st, so avoid paying \$400 in late fees.

In recent years, many people have not been able to deduct their charitable donations to the church and other non-profit organizations because the standard deduction has been more beneficial than using the itemized deduction. We have good news: beginning this tax year, 2026, if you were not able to itemize, you may deduct up to \$1,000, (\$2,000 for Married Filing Jointly), of your cash contributions to certain qualified organizations.

Remember, gifts to family members or individuals are not deductible. Only gifts and donations made to qualified organizations are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

For your contributions of cash, check or other monetary gift, regardless of amount, you must maintain a record of the contribution; a bank record or a written communication from the qualified organization containing the name of the organization, and the amount and the date of the contribution. Receiving a benefit in exchange for the contribution, such as merchandise, goods or services, including

admission to a charity ball, banquet, theatrical performance or sporting event, you can only deduct the amount that exceeds the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the benefit received or expected to be received. For example, a \$100 banquet ticket: the FMV of the banquet is \$40, and the charity portion is only \$60. Then your charity donation is only \$60 and not \$100.

Remember, this is a very brief overview. It is your responsibility to discuss any tax and financial changes with your professional advisor for assistance in evaluating your situation.

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 Pedro L. Baldeon, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Tax Professionals.



Brevard County & Central Brevard Art Association Present **Art In The Park**

Get ready for Spring, Art and Family Fun at Art in the Park at Riverwalk Park: A Family Park & Nature Center on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Central Brevard Art Association will be showcasing art demonstrations, free hands-on art projects for all ages and featured artists with original and unique art for sale.

Don't miss out on this fantastic event in one of Brevard County's family friendly and picturesque parks at 5355 US-1, Rockledge.

Free parking and admission. For more information, visit www.cbaaartists.com or call 321-806-8065.

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Activities are included with Zoo admission.
For more information, visit brevardzoo.org
or call 321-254-9453.

Cellar Book Club

We will be meeting at PSJ Cellar Restaurant, 3780 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John on Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. All welcome!

This month's book is available at the Port St. John Library Reference Desk.



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PSJ United Soccer Club



Our U11 Competitive Team, the PSJ United Knights, attended the Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) Commissioner's Cup (www.fysa.com/commissioners-cup/) and won the Region B U11 division! They will be traveling to Auburndale in April to play in the finals. Dates will be posted on our website when available.

Our youth (u6-u18) Spring Season (Competitive & Recreational) is underway at Space Coast Communities Sports Complex on Canaveral Groves Blvd. Most games are Saturdays. Come on out and check out a game while enjoying our delicious concession stand!

We will be holding tryouts in May (date to be determined) for the 2026-2027 u9-u18 Competitive teams. Registration for tryouts is free on our website, psjunitedsoccer.com.



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