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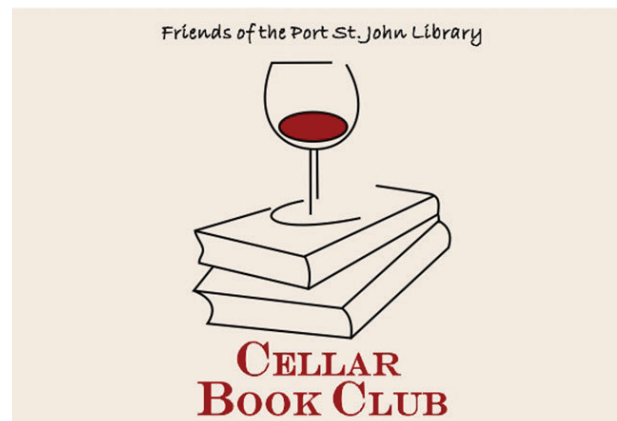


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Welcome Fall! First Baptist Church of Port St. John, 3900 Fay Blvd., will be having a Car Show, Operation Christmas Child Toy Drive and their annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 17 from 2-5 p.m. There will be lots of great looking cars, food trucks and games for the entire family to celebrate the fall season. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there.

Please contact the church office, 321-636-5455, for more information.



Cellar Book Club

Come join us at PSJ Cellar Restaurant, 3870 Curtis Blvd., PSJ on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. On September 28, we will be discussing *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristen Harmel.

For the current book selection, visit the Reference Desk at the PSJ Library.

All interested readers and guests are welcome!



HAPPENINGS was born in June, 1990 as a one page paper to cover news in the Port St. John and Canaveral Groves areas that seemed to never be covered by the Florida Today or the Titusville paper. We had youth sports, community events done by the PSJ Jaycees and elementary school events. Then the Port St. John Christmas Parade was born, then six community groups banded to bring Community Blast, (later Thunder Over the Indian River), for Independence Day. The PSJ Home Owners Association and the PSJ Seniors group joined forces and brought us a Community Center, Fay Lake Wilderness Park and the Sports Complex in Canaveral Groves. We kept on growing.

Our new website and Facebook page launched last month! Visit www.happenings.net to preview now and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for even more updates. The new website also includes our digital Weekly editions.

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SpaceX Rocket's Moon Crash Highlights 'A Tangible Operational Risk' Of Lunar Settlement

The moon dust has settled after a 4.5-ton SpaceX rocket body slammed into terrain near Einstein Crater on August 5. The leftover Falcon 9 upper stage had sent the Blue Ghost-1 lander on its way to the moon on January 15, 2025, and also sent the Hakuto-R Mission 2's Resilience, a robotic lunar lander developed by the Japanese company ispace on to the moon, then wandered through space for over a year.

The impact site was imaged by South Korea's moon-orbiting Danuri spacecraft, as well as by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO). Reportedly, a Chinese commercial space debris monitoring satellite tracked and recorded the 5,400-mph moon crash, too.

Dean Sladen, a quality manager and aerospace engineer for Accu Components, a high-precision manufacturing firm, said, "As space agencies and private companies build out permanent lunar infrastructure, uncontrolled rocket stages evolve from a minor nuisance into a tangible operational risk. A direct hit is the obvious worst-case scenario, but distant impacts also generate ground shocks and high-speed ejecta that can degrade sensitive equipment over time."

Sladen noted that lunar impacts have been a constant throughout history, with meteorites and comets bombarding the surface unhindered by an atmosphere. "Over the past 65 years, artificial objects have added a new dynamic to these events," he added. "Even modest hardware impacts permanently alter the lunar landscape. Given the moon's lack of a substantial atmosphere, there is no air resistance to slow debris down. An impact therefore hurls high-speed ejecta (fine regolith and rock fragments) across vast distances at bullet-like speeds. While this isn't a major threat to isolated missions today, as we establish permanent lunar infrastructure, high-velocity ejecta poses a genuine hazard to surface habitats, solar arrays and working astronauts," Sladen said.

To mitigate this issue, Sladen suggests

that the industry will likely need designated impact zones or strictly controlled, targeted de-orbit protocols to ensure that spent hardware lands far from active installations.

"That said, human-made debris is only half the equation. Natural meteorites remain an ongoing background threat, and, while massive natural strikes are rare, they hit at significantly higher speeds and carry far more energy. Controlling our own hardware is simply the part of the risk profile we actually have the power to manage," Sladen said

In the meantime, while the Falcon 9 impact was tough to see from Earth, several observations from our planet reported the detection of sodium and lithium gas above the crash site.

The European Southern Observatory's (ESO) Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile, saw the aftermath of the impact and reported that a chemical fingerprint of the impact was visible for five to 10 minutes, with an enormous plume of lunar material stirred up due to the hard-hitting hardware.

Also on the moon impact watch were observers using Lowell Observatory equipment in Arizona. These researchers managed to measure a response from the rocket stage impact, spotting a sizable sodium and lithium gas plume that lasted between 5 and 10 minutes after impact, reported Carl Schmidt, an assistant research professor at Boston University's Center for Space Physics.

Observers at the 4.3-meter Lowell Discovery Telescope (LDT) in Happy Jack, Arizona saw a bright lithium plume from the rocket body and fainter sodium [signature], likely from the surface itself, Patrick Lierle of Boston University said. The LDT results are also credited to Emma Lovett, a Boston University graduate student.

William Jo, a graduate research assistant at the University of Texas at Austin said he's looking forward to the release of observational data about the impact before he and colleagues can refine their lunar ejecta simulation model. "That data, combined

with our simulations, could tell us things like the composition of the lunar material, what orientation the impact hit at, and so on," he added.

Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

Parrish Healthcare hosts open interviews every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.

• **Registered Nurses (RN)**

- Emergency Department, Med/Surg
- Charge Nurses
- Cardiac-Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
- Rapid Response
- Discharge
- Labor & Delivery

• **Medical Technologists**

- CT/MRI
- Radiology

• **Surgical Scrub Techs**

• **Nursing Assistants**

• **Medical Assistants**

• **Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)**

• **Paramedics**

• **Pharmacists**

• **EMTs**

• **Surgical First Assistant**

• **Sterile Processing & Transport Technician**

For additional information regarding open positions within Parrish Healthcare, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/careers.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Port St. John

Saint Patrick's Church

4797 Curtis Blvd. - East off Grissom Pkwy.

Sunset Group Meeting

Meets on **Sundays** at 5 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Women's AA meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.



Come From Away - PG **September 11–October 18, 2026**

Experience the remarkable true story of *Come From Away*, the Tony Award–winning musical that celebrates hope, humanity and the power of coming together in the face of tragedy. On September 11, 2001, 7,000 stranded passengers found themselves in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. In a moment that would forever change lives, the locals opened their hearts and homes to complete strangers. Cultures clashed, tensions ran high, but through kindness, laughter and music, they discovered a shared humanity that transcended fear. Filled with soaring harmonies, infectious energy and genuine heart, *Come From Away* is a moving reminder that even in our darkest moments, hope, community and compassion can light the way.

Titusville Playhouse

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre, 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. There is no elevator. Balcony seats are only accessed by walking up a flight of stairs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit titusvilleplayhouse.com or call 321-268-1125. Season tickets are available.



Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

Vacation with the Grands

Hopefully by the time my pecking hits, some of the evilness around the world will have been stopped or at least lessened. While it seems like some things will never end, we can only hope for better times to come and somehow keep faith in something bigger than our mere selves. If you're reading this and have a loved one in pain, please know prayers are being sent.

I have been blessed to have been included in wonderful vacations with each of my offspring at various times. My children have been so generous with time and finances, I never failed to have so much fun that I needed a couple of days to recuperate upon arriving back home.

Actually there was a certain trip involving a cruise that took weeks to recover...but that's another column...and I learned not to let them outnumber me...

Of all those wonderful vacations this past one has to be in the running as the wonderfulest (Yes it's a word, I just used it didn't I?).

Beginning with an ambush - "You can't say no, we already paid!" - it was the only time an ambush has brought tears to my eyes. Gratefully sitting back, proudly watching my very able daughter organize lodging, outings, meals, games and much more, I was just glad I wasn't doing it.

Since my son-in-law is an engineer, of course there was a day by day spread sheet. We never learned what happened to it after the second day, but one of the toilets suddenly

got stopped up...? When asked to help look, my daughter just smiled.

Days and nights spent in the company of generations aging from four years old to 'old enough to know better' was amazing and hilarious. I was reminded of a mama duck I used to have by the way the eleven of us crossed the streets. Nonna first, then moms and dads with kids, Grammy bringing up the rear, corralling whichever child got so interested in the free-range chickens that they wandered sideways (only whooshing a wrong child once...ok, twice...followed by handsome, very protective grandson, who was continually assigned 'Grammy Duty.'

Even with the military precision of keeping our flock together, I suppose someone getting left in a restaurant bathroom could be expected. Standing outside by the road, I plainly heard my daughter's "Oh S***, WE LEFT MOM!!" from around the corner. The returning Grammy wrangler had to help me across the street when my laughter interfered with my gait.

I pray the little ones remember their bad-ass Grammy diving for a horseshoe crab to show them, pelting her with water balls in the pool, finding hidden baby chicks with her and how she saved the moment by finishing the food that was asked for, but not eaten, before mom found out.

At the moment of the ambush, my first inclination was to decline because I'm too old for all that running around and commotion. Boy am I happy and thankful they insisted! Getting left, locked out, pelted, stuffing myself, laughing to the point of exhaustion and more is what life is all about and I thank The Big Guy every day for the ability to do so, and hope to do so for many more years.

My advice to fellow 'Vintage' grandparents is to ignore aches, pains and stress levels...just go for it and enjoy!

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Blue Origin Adding Second Pad To Cape Canaveral Launch Complex

Blue Origin plans to return its Florida launch site to a dual-pad facility to support its bigger, more powerful New Glenn "9x4" rocket, which is still under development. As facility repairs continue following the May explosion of one of Blue Origin's New Glenn "7x2" rockets during tests at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station's Launch Complex-36, the company has announced its intention to expand the site with an additional pad. The company also plans to build a Vertical Integration Facility (VIF) for the New Glenn 9x4 vehicle, and a Payload Processing Facility (PPF) on land nearby.

Blue Origin plans to complete repairs at its existing LC-36 A pad in time for New Glenn 7x2 to return to launch by the end of the year.

The company did not state a timeline for the readiness of LC-36B or an expected debut of New Glenn 9x4.

New Glenn's first stage is powered by Blue Origin's BE-4 engines and the rocket's second stage uses BE-3Us. Both New Glenn first-stage configurations are designed for landing and reusability. The 7x2 flies with seven BE-4 engines on its first stage and two BE-3Us on its second stage. The taller, yet-to-debut New Glenn 9x4 will be powered by nine BE-4 engines on its first stage and four BE-3Us on its second stage. It will be capable of launching larger, heavier payloads into space.

Blue Origin took over the lease for LC-36 in 2015, began construction of its own launch facility in 2016, and launched the first New Glenn 7x2 rocket from the facility in 2025. Since that debut, New Glenn has flown two more missions, with the most recent in April. The company had planned for as many as 8 to 12 launches in 2026, but May's static test fire explosion has reduced that number to (hopefully) 1.

The fourth New Glenn rocket was planned to deliver Amazon Leo wireless internet satellites to orbit before its destruction during testing in May, which also resulted in extensive damage to LC-36 facilities. Blue Origin CEO Dave Limp provided a repair

update with the assurance that New Glenn would fly again before the end of 2026. He also outlined some early upgrades that would be integrated into LC-36 as a result of the unexpected repairs, including the replacement of New Glenn's transporter erector with "an alternative vertical conop (operational concept)," for transporting the rocket to the pad. A separate team is beginning work on LC-36B.

"LC-36 has served as a cornerstone of American spaceflight for decades, supporting a broad range of missions for NASA and commercial partners," Blue Origin said in a statement. "Now, this historic site is entering a new era, furthering New Glenn operations. Proud to honor the legacy of Launch Complex 36. Rebuilding LC-36A and flying again this year remains our priority."

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Happy September, everyone!

The weather may still feel like summer, but schools throughout Brevard County are back in session. As we travel in the mornings and afternoons, please be especially mindful of children walking, riding bicycles and skateboards, and getting on and off school buses. Allow a little extra time and help keep everyone safe.

September also brings the heart of hurricane season. Keep an eye on the tropics, review your storm preparations and remember to check on friends and neighbors when severe weather threatens.

Here at St. Patrick's, September begins another busy season of worship, learning, fellowship, and service!

Our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next gathering is Tuesday, September 1 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's. Grandparents and other relatives raising children are invited to come

for encouragement, helpful resources, conversation and fellowship.

First Friday Family Fun Night returns on Friday, September 4, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Come enjoy a relaxed evening of fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

On Saturday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m., we will hold a special Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Mike and Lee Brady, who lost their home to a fire earlier this summer. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased online: stpatrickspsj.org/mike-and-lee-brady

Our growing Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group meets Monday, September 21, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Join the fun as we begin preparing for our 7th Annual Cookie Walk & Vendor Fair on December 12. Vendor applications are available online: stpatrickspsj.org/cookie-walk-information.

Our monthly Veterans Breakfast will be held Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. Veterans, Veteran Spouses, Veteran Families, First Responders and Adult Crossing Guards are warmly invited for breakfast and fellowship.

Student Sunday School is back in session! Students in grades 4–8 are beginning a twelve-week study of the Saints, leaving after the announcements during the 10:00 a.m. service and returning for Holy Communion.

Adult Sunday School & Christian Education continues Sundays from 9:00–9:45 a.m., with Fr. Michael Kerouac leading a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Come for coffee, fellowship and a deeper encounter with God's Word.

Looking ahead, our annual Blessing of the Animals will be held Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m., as we celebrate St. Francis and give thanks for God's creation and our beloved pets.

Our regular worship continues with Mass/Holy Communion Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. with Fr. Tim on Facebook Live (facebook.com/StPatspsj).

We look forward to sharing September with you as we grow in Christ, care for one another, and serve our community together.

On the Road With Rose



Space Coast Field of Dreams Park

3053 Fell Rd, West Melbourne

321-200-0725

www.spacecoastfieldofdreams.org

Once again we seem to have a tiny light of hope that the terribleness around us may be coming to an end. That would be a wonderful thing. It has been a long time coming. I pray it arrives very soon.

This month may be at the end of what the folks north of the Mason-Dixon line call summer, but we in our little piece of paradise know better.

Space Coast Field of Dreams is a wonderful playground nestled inside Max K. Rodes Park, built specifically for kids with special needs to be able to play side by side with kids of all kinds. The story goes that Jim Tapp saw such a park on a visit back home and knew Brevard would benefit from such a place, and he pushed for it a very long time. Everyone who enjoys this result of his hard work will appreciate his ten-year journey to fruition.

This is not your run of the mill swing and monkey bars. My co-pilot and I watched two beautiful little girls not take turns on the zip line swings. The little squabble was about one particular swing, even though there were several for sitting on and several for sitting in, a scenario I remember very well. I was going to warn the little girl the older sister always wins, but I think she figured it out.

The front portion of a boat hides a Jungle Gym, easily accessible to most children. Around the corner is a four-person teeter-totter with seats to keep little bottoms from sliding out. There's an almost full-size fire engine with all kinds of cool things to turn, twist and pound on, the front of a tank attached to various play things, mushrooms,

a leather bridge to walk on and more. The splash pad is large with an abundance of tall and short water features. A mother who has used it for years told me she is happy the water area and the parents seating area finally got covered.

We spent some time watching two intrepid souls challenge the skate park. It wasn't until we were on our way home that one of us remembered today was a school day and why weren't they in school?

We wandered around the adaptive use baseball field, soccer field, basketball court and the huge chess and checker board on a concrete pad surrounded by benches for kibitzers. It looked like so much fun it made me wish I had learned to play chess...my checker game is very not mentionable.

An amphitheater faces part of the large grassy area with plenty of room for just running, somersaulting or kite flying. I wasn't able to find any information on what shows will be upcoming, but I intend to keep an eye on the website.

There are five large pavilions with BBQ grills and two bathrooms, a pond with a wooden overlook and another on the west side where we watched someone pull out a good-sized fish. All of the pavilions are available to rent for parties.

Other parks I have visited offer food trucks or sandwiches in a gift shop, but Promise in Brevard runs a bakery and ice cream shop right in the park. Called Aves Place, it serves gourmet bakery items, hot dogs and ice cream. Proceeds go to Promise in Brevard's programs. Had I done better research, my taste buds would not have been all set for chocolate chip soft serve and been disappointed as we walked up to the "Closed during the week" sign.

Drive time is less than an hour and much worth it. There's no entrance fee and there's so much to do for every member of the family you'll want to plan to spend the whole day. There is ample parking and pets other than service dogs are not allowed.

We do need to remember we live in Florida and be sure to wear and pack insect spray, sun screen and lots of water. Please respect

Mother Nature and the park keepers by taking only pictures and leaving only footprints.

Seeing More Armadillos This Summer?

Florida residents who spot a nine-banded armadillo this summer are witnessing a unique species during its annual breeding season, according to UF/IFAS scientists.

While not native to Florida, the species of armadillo — whose name translates from Spanish as "little armored one" — can be found in every county throughout the Sunshine State. A familiar backyard visitor, the mammal's unique biology, impressive digging skills and unusual reproductive strategy make it one of the state's most fascinating and misunderstood mammals.

"The nine-banded armadillo is one of Florida's most recognizable mammals, yet many people know very little about it. Beneath the armored exterior, its journey into Florida serves as a fascinating wildlife success story," said Hance Ellington, assistant professor of wildlife ecology and conservation at the UF/IFAS Range Cattle Research and Education Center in Ona. "Seeing more armadillos during the summer is normal. By understanding their behavior and habitat needs, residents can better appreciate these unique animals," said Ellington. "Armadillos are important ecosystem engineers whose burrows provide shelter to a variety of other wildlife species."

The nine-banded armadillos are excellent diggers that may maintain numerous burrows within their home range. They can't roll into a ball, despite popular myths, but can leap into the air to surprising heights. They are strong swimmers and can increase buoyancy by swallowing air. They are the only vertebrates known to routinely produce four genetically identical offspring from a single fertilized egg.

For residents concerned about armadillo digging on their property, try reducing food sources such as grubs and earthworms through careful watering practices, remove fallen fruit and install fencing or barriers around sensitive landscape areas.

Parrish Medical Center Earns Transparency Award from Leading American Health Care Safety Organization for Publicly Reporting Patient Safety and Quality Information



A leading American health care safety advocacy organization has presented Parrish Medical Center (PMC) a transparency award for the hospital's public reporting of patient safety and quality information.

The Leapfrog Group - the name of which means taking giant leaps to improve patient safety - has awarded PMC the Full Transparency Badge, earned by hospitals that "complete, affirm and submit all sections of the Leapfrog Hospital Survey."

"Parrish Medical Center provides patients and families safe, high-quality care in a healing culture of transparency and continuous improvement," said George Mikitarian, Parrish Healthcare president and CEO. "This award spotlights our PMC staff - who we call Care Partners - and how they ensure patients and families have the information they need to make confident decisions about their health care. Everyone is gratified that living PMC's mission, vision, and values has led to this national recognition for a critical aspect of patient quality and safety."

"Patient safety is improved when hospitals are transparent and voluntarily share clinical information with The Leapfrog Group," Mikitarian said. "Not all hospitals do it, possibly because they're afraid of what their numbers would show. It's further evidence of PMC's transparency."

Founded in 2000, The Leapfrog Group is an independent national nonprofit organization created to improve the quality, safety and transparency of U.S. health care. Through its annual Leapfrog Hospital Survey, Leapfrog publicly reports hospital performance on key measures of patient safety, quality and outcomes.

"We applaud Parrish Medical Center for its commitment to transparency," said Leah Binder, The Leapfrog Group president and CEO. "Transparency is one of the most powerful drivers of improvement in health care. By fully participating in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey, Parrish Medical Center is helping patients and families access meaningful information about the safety and quality of their care."

"PMC's mission is healing experiences for everyone all the time; its vision - healing families, healing communities; its values are safety, loyalty, integrity, compassion, excellence and stewardship. Putting these into practice daily is what has earned PMC extensive national, and even international, recognition," Mikitarian said.

"It starts with our Board of Directors and extends throughout the entire organization," Mikitarian said. "Health care is a calling as much as it is a profession, and PMC's Care Partners understand that it's a great privilege and great responsibility. The Leapfrog Group's award is a testimony to Care Partners' ability and effectiveness."

To learn more about Parrish Medical Center or Parrish Healthcare, visit parrishhealthcare.com.

Friends of the PSJ Christmas Parade Float

~ Terry Mazeika

Believe it or not, the Friends of the Port St. John Library are already planning our Christmas float in July. Our theme, (not the Christmas parade theme), this year is 'Hansel & Gretel.'

Ed has already begun re-painting the trailer from last year's colors. And volunteers have begun cutting out and painting gingerbread men to decorate it.

We had a very generous donation from Mike Hughes towards new tires for the trailer. We can't wait to see all your happy faces along the PSJ Parade route.

Another PSJ Hero Passes

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Wayne Weathers, a great husband, father, grandfather, community volunteer and friend.



For nearly 36 years, Wayne dedicated countless hours to volunteering and serving the Port St. John community with the Port St. John Jaycees, Thunder Over the Indian River, Port St. John Christmas Parade Committee and Port St. John Community Foundation.

His generosity, commitment and willingness to help others made a lasting difference in the lives of so many. Whether lending a hand at community events, supporting local projects or simply being there when someone needed him, Wayne's contributions helped make Port St. John a stronger and more connected community.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Wayne's family, friends and all who are mourning his loss. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service and community spirit will continue to inspire us for years to come. Rest in peace, Wayne.

Thank you for your nearly 40 years of dedication to Port St. John. Your service will never be forgotten.

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.**

9-1 Labor Day

9-1 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.

9-2 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.

9-2 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

9-5 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.

9-7 Grandparents Day

9-10 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.

9-11 Patriots Day

9-11 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 bwcoo20@gmail.com.

9-13 Selichot

9-13 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.

9-16 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.

9-19 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.

9-20 Oktoberfest Starts

9-21 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.

9-22 Fall Begins

9-22 to 24 Rosh Hashana

9-22 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.

9-26 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.

Post 359 - American Legion



9-2 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

9-5 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, drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

9-14 Sons of the Legion- 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

9-16 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

9-19 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

9-20 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, visit the Post, located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John).

Congratulations to:

Cooper Campbell turns **19** on the 1st.

Sheila Grenet - On the 2nd, Happy Heavenly Birthday Momma!

Liz Montes turns more lovely on the 2nd.

Teri Bynum has a party day on the 2nd.

Addison Evans turns **38** on the 2nd.

Corabeth Ridgely turns **22** on the 3rd.

Derek Rickard turns buffer on the 3rd

Mary Hornsby turns cuter on the 4th.

Diane Sangalang is the Queen on the 11th.

Sue Bray turns prettier on the 14th.

Michelle Walker gets kisses on the 16th.

Shane Orend turns cooler on the 16th.

McKenzie Mounts turns **16** on the 17th!

Jayme Hannon turns hotter on the 18th.

Jennifer Brunet turns wilder on the 18th!.

Mitchell Hannon turns crazier on the 20th.

Carol Drabek parties wild on the 20th.

Teresa Higginbotham is Boss on the 21st.

Cloyd Manuel will be a hot **79** on the 21st

Belinda Crouse is more beautiful on the 21st.

Lincoln Unrue turns **9** on the 22nd.

Naomi Beasley rocks the night on the 22nd.

Vance Gaddy and Charles Samples turn buffer on the 22nd.

Kyle Troxel dances till dawn on the 24th.

Kathy Patterson turns wilder on the 24th.

Brooke Brunet turns **20** on the 27th!

Henry Snaveley turns **14** on the 28th!

William Taylor turns **76** on the 28th

Colton Orvis turns **27** on the 30th.

33 happy ones for **Sandy & Joe Thomas** on the 4th.

Ronni & John Hansen celebrate **33** happily married years on the 5th.

Jim & Dolores Scott celebrate **52** on the 15th.

James & Kathleen Ballinger celebrate their **51st** anniversary on the 15th.

Steve & Lisa Sweeney celebrate their **27th** anniversary on the 19th.

Aaron and Sharon Hightower celebrate their **39th** anniversary on the 20th.

Have an event or birthday to add? Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.

SEPTEMBER 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

Childbirth Education Class

Meets the last Wednesday monthly, 5:30-7:30 PM
Parrish Medical Center, Conference Room 2/3/4/5
951 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
*Facilitated by Midwives Raquel Justiniano-Gonzales
and Dr. David Carter-Plake at
david.carter-plake@parrishmed.com*

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*



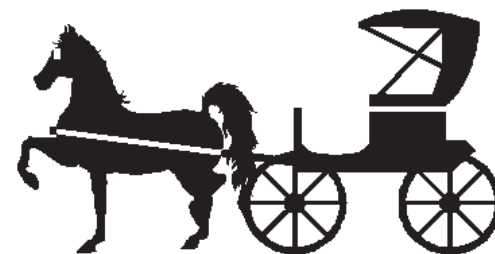
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On Saturday, October 10th at 10 a.m. Four Communities Fire Department will be celebrating 75 years of service to the community. Please come down to see the station and help celebrate. Now for some history facts about the area.

Cocoa installed the water lines west of the railroad tracks in the 1980's. Before that all the homes were on wells and no hydrants.

Over the years the Groves grew from about 125 homes to over 500 now.

There was no Grissom Parkway. 80% of the streets in the Groves were dirt and a lot of them were unnamed.

There were very few stop signs. People stopped at intersections and looked both ways.

People were seen out here riding horses daily.

US1 was one lane in each direction with some passing lanes. there were no traffic lights, only stop signs to get on to US1.

If you needed to shop you went to Cocoa or Titusville. The Frontenac Flea Market was a place to get good stuff cheap.

The park on Canaveral Groves Blvd. was an offroad park and had mud races.

There are many other things that have changed and most likely more to come. Please respect the area and remember we all live here.

Ed Silva

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Inc.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, September 12th and Saturday, September 26th. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.



For both dances, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m.

Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$8; \$7 for members.

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



Car Shows In PSJ

First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be hosting a Car Show each month. The Dixie Cruisers will be at our church the first Friday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. You are welcome to come and view the cars on display. There is no entry fee. It's all about fellowship and fun. If you need further information or have any questions, please call the church office at 321-636-5455 weekdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or visit www.firstbaptistpsj.org.

First Baptist Church of Port St. John is located at 3900 Fay Blvd.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

9-2 Sons of Amvets 2415 General

Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

9-9 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday

of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

9-10 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary

General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Annette Norris.

9-12 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415

General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Mike Brayman.

9-12 Bike Day! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

Karaoke every Friday, 7-10 p.m. Open to the public.

Bingo - Members - Sundays 1 p.m. -?

Show Me the \$\$ - every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran or family member of a veteran, stop by and visit the Post to get more information about Amvets. Thank you for your service.



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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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. Closed September 7th for Labor Day.

YOUTH SERVICES

Sensory Playtime: Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3 and up.

Tabletop Game Night: Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 p.m. All ages.

Story Time with Ms. Jo: 9/21 from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Ages 5 and under.

Family Movie Night: Mondays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. All ages.

Kids' D&D: Wednesdays from 4:00 & 4:30 p.m. Ages 8-13. Space is limited.

Teen Takeover: Junk Journaling: 9/16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 13-17.

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays from 9:30-10:00 a.m. On 9/21, class will begin at 10:00 a.m. Ages 0-1.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Ages 0-5.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Ages 3-5.

Playdate: Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ages 0-5.

ADULTS:

Yarn Group: Yarn Group of PSJ Library is a group of adults who 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 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Book Worms Book Clubz': Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 p.m. Join the group for a lively discussion of *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley. Pick up October book at the reference desk.

Cards with a Purpose: Tuesday, September 8, 1 - 2 p.m. Make a custom personal card as well as a card for charity to brighten someone's day. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month. This program is

designed for adults.

Community Support Advocate: Mondays, September 14, and 28, 1:30 - 5 p.m. The Community Support Advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources. Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. See the Reference desk for details.
Port Readers Book Club: Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. Pick up October's book club selection at the reference.

Adult Dice and Dragons: Wednesdays, September 16 and 30, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Role playing adventures with characters and dice.

FAMILY

Bookmark Bedazzle Bling-out: Wednesday, September 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 12+ with adult supervision. In this program we will use shiny beads to bling-out bookmarks, books and any other special object. This a relaxing and meditative process. Bring a bookmark or a book or choose from one provided.

Spice Travelers Spice Club: September 16. Come in and pick up this month's featured spice.

Garden Program: Saturday, September 19, 11 a.m. At this garden program we will paint terra cotta flower pots. Family fun.

Plants & Pollinators App

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program (FFL) has launched the FFL Plants & Pollinators App, a comprehensive new resource that brings together plant selection, pollinator support and sustainable landscaping guidance in one easy-to-use platform.

The new platform combines the former FFL Plant Guide, Bee Gardens and Butterfly Gardens apps into a single resource for selecting plants that support pollinators, conserve water, and protect Florida's ecosystems.

"Great landscapes begin with informed plant choices," said Claire Lewis, director of the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program.

"The FFL Plants & Pollinators App empowers Floridians to select plants that are beautiful, functional, and environmentally responsible while supporting wildlife, conserving water, and creating healthier communities."

Available across web and mobile platforms, the FFL Plants & Pollinators App provides science-based tools and information for homeowners, landscape professionals, educators, UF/IFAS Extension agents and gardening enthusiasts. New features include:

- A Guided Plant Search that recommends plants based on site conditions such as sun exposure, soil moisture, hardiness zone, and wildlife goals.
- Enhanced plant filters and expanded plant profiles featuring wildlife benefits, pollinator value, toxicity information, growing requirements and thousands of plant images.
- Integrated bee and butterfly resources, including host plant information, nectar sources, pollinator profiles, and gardening tips.
- A customizable My Lists feature that allows users to save, organize, export and share plant selections for landscape projects and educational programs.
- Information on invasive plants and Florida-Friendly alternatives to help users make environmentally responsible landscape choices.

The app supports the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program's mission to help residents make informed decisions to create attractive, sustainable landscapes that protect Florida's natural resources by bringing plant, pollinator and educational resources together in one place. The FFL Plants & Pollinators App is available at FloridaFriendlyLandscaping.com and through the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

"We wanted to make it easier for people to understand not only which plants will thrive in their landscape, but also how those plants contribute to the larger ecosystem," said Tom Wichman, Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program assistant director and horticulturist. To speak to a UF/IFAS expert on the App, please contact Tom Wichman at 352-273-4516 or twichman@ufl.edu.

Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Business Directory

Important Phone Numbers

Parrish Healthcare Center	
Port St. John -	321-268-6868
Titusville -	321-268-6868
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
Enterprise Elementary School	321-633-3434
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Monthly Tax Update

This month in September, we bring due dates.

For S-Corporations filing Form 1120-S and Partnerships filing Form 1065, the due date for their extensions is September 15th, 2026. It is important to file on time to avoid high penalties. This year, the penalty is \$255 per month, multiplied by the number of shareholders or partners, for up to 12 months. This could impact your S-Corporation with a maximum penalty of \$3,060 for 12 months for one shareholder, and a partnership with a maximum penalty of \$6,120 for a minimum of 2 partners.

Another due date, September 15th, 2026, is the third quarterly estimate payment for your personal tax return, especially for sole-proprietorship taxpayers with business reported on their personal tax returns and income received during the year with insufficient withholdings.

Next, I have been receiving information that the IRS is not taking the first or second automatic payment on time for taxpayers establishing an installment agreement with the IRS. It is important to check your bank account to ensure the payment was withdrawn from your account. If not, you may need to make the payment manually and contact the IRS to fix future automatic withdrawals and avoid having your installment agreement canceled and receiving a letter from the IRS to pay all balance due.

Last, many people are required to complete the new Form W-4 for their employers and the W-4P for their retirement distributions. Moreover, it is again confusing to fill out the forms

and could result in not withholding enough for your tax liability during the year, leading to an unexpected balance due when you file your taxes. The form includes information to be filled in about receiving qualified tips, qualified overtime compensation, qualified passenger vehicle loan interest, seniors age 65 or older and any cash gifts to charities. The problem is that qualified tips and qualified overtime compensation are not fixed amounts during the year, and it could be a disaster next year.

This is a suggestion, and it should be discussed with your tax preparer. If you file your taxes using the standard deduction (32,200 for married filing jointly, 24,150 for head of household, and 16,100 for single or married filing separately), put that amount on page 1 line 4(b), then check your next payment statement and see if your withholdings are lower than your prior month. You can use line 4(c) and get extra withholding to match your prior withholdings and expect your tax return to be the same as the prior year.

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More good business tax stuff next month. 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.



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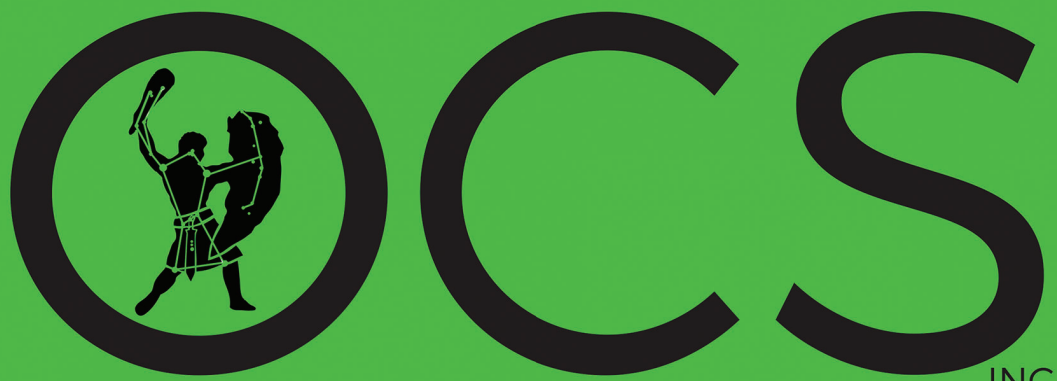
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FPL Storm Cost Refund in September

The Florida Public Service Commission has approved a one-month rate reduction for September that will result in about \$8 in savings for the typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill. The bill you pay each month is determined by the amount of electricity you use and by rates approved by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). If you typically use more than 1,000-kWh each month, your refund will be higher.

This one-time refund stems from a true-up of restoration costs from the historic 2024 hurricane season. Costs were slightly lower than original estimates and revenues from a temporary storm restoration surcharge were slightly higher than originally forecast.

It's not a refund that buys a lot, but at least FPL is giving us a return when the money wasn't needed instead of pocketing extra profit the wasn't earned.

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Bring the kids, family and friends out to First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd. They will be hosting a Fall Fair on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

The event will include vendors, crafts, food trucks, lots of fun and more.

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