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Brevard County Fire Rescue To The Rescue!





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Rising floodwaters on Monday and Tuesday as a 1,000 year rain event passed through south Brevard had Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR) crews responding to approximately twice their normal emergency call volume. Flooding impacted communities throughout Brevard County. According to Brevard County Fire Rescue, the surge in emergency calls placed additional demands on firefighters and rescue personnel as floodwaters affected residential neighborhoods and roadways across the county.

Working closely with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and other public safety agencies, as well as community members who stepped forward to help their neighbors, fire rescue crews conducted numerous water rescues, helping residents escape areas surrounded by or impacted by floodwaters. The coordinated response brought together multiple public safety agencies to assist residents facing dangerous flooding conditions and ensure those in need of help could reach safety.



Rising water on the St. Johns River, resulting from Monday's record rainfall event, reached a level of 15.41 feet by Wednesday afternoon and is expected to reach close to major flood stage. That could pose some flooding potential — water covering yards, low-lying areas and encroaching on homes — for residents living west of Interstate 95, and in areas along the St. Johns River. Residents who live in these areas should closely monitor conditions.

The heaviest rainfall from Monday's flood event topped 20-inches in the southern part of the county.

Holiday Art Show & Sale

Central Brevard Art Association will hold their annual Holiday Art Show & Sale on Friday, November 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 8, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Cocoa Beach Library, 550 N. Brevard Ave.

Admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit cbaaartists.com or contact Nancy Moore at nancym2017@gmail.com.

Parrish Healthcare Welcomes Board-Certified Family Medicine Physician Alexis Goss, MD, to North Brevard



Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group (PMG) are pleased to welcome board-certified family medicine physician Alexis Goss, MD, to the North Brevard community. Dr. Goss brings experience caring for both adult and pediatric patients, offering comprehensive primary care focused on disease prevention, wellness and the long-term health of individuals and families. Dr. Goss is passionate about delivering compassionate, patient-centered care and helping patients maintain their health through every stage of life. Her clinical expertise includes preventive care and routine wellness exams; chronic disease management; acute and ongoing medical care; ordering, performing, supervising and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; medication management; coordinating care and providing patient education. With a personalized, evidence-based approach, Dr. Goss emphasizes the importance of preventive health, early intervention and ongoing medical management. She is committed to building lasting relationships with her patients and empowering individuals and families to take an active role in their health and well-being. Dr. Goss earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She completed her residency at Waukesha Family Medicine at ProHealth Care in Waukesha, Wisconsin. As a board-certified family medicine physician, she brings a broad foundation of knowledge and experience to the care of patients across the lifespan. Dr. Goss joins Parrish Medical Group's Primary Care team, expanding access to comprehensive primary care services for individuals and families throughout North Brevard. She is committed to providing personalized care that addresses each patient's unique healthcare needs. Dr. Goss is currently accepting new patients at two convenient locations: Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John, located at 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Suite 2500, and Parrish Healthcare Center in Titus Landing, located at 250 Harrison Street, Suite 200 in Titusville. For more information about Dr. Alexis Goss or to schedule an appointment, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/alexisgoss or call 321-268-6868.

Fay Lake FestiFall Is Still On!

The 8th Annual Fay Lake FestiFall and Chili Cook-Off will still be at Fay Lake Wilderness Park on Sunday, November 8th from 1 to 5 p.m. Entry to the event and parking are free. Come out and enjoy the food vendors with delicious food and treats, craft vendors with unique items for your home or gifts for your friends and family. Or for you!



There will be bounce houses, a petting zoo and a hay ride for the youngsters, live entertainment and demonstrations, plus a Chili Cook-Off with some of the best chili cooks in the area, and there are always some creative - and delicious - new ideas among the cooks. There will also be food trucks with other meals, treats and beverages.

Fay Lake Wilderness Park is located at the west end of Fay Blvd. Drive through the gates, take the first left and follow the road to Lake View Pavilion at the end of the road. For more information, visit: PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com

The event is hosted and run by the Port St. John Community Foundation volunteers.

NASA Lays Out Plan For Artemis 3 Moon-Lander Test Flight

NASA gave a detailed look at the crucial docking test, but it's unclear exactly when it will take flight. The agency also laid out a detailed concept of operations for Artemis III last week during a press conference at Kennedy Space Center, stressing how important the flight is to its moon plans and how challenging it will be to make everything go right.

"We're launching three of the most powerful rockets in the world and undertaking what is likely the most complicated launch campaign ever undertaken," Jeremy Parsons, NASA's Artemis program manager, said. Those three rockets are NASA's Space Launch System (SLS), SpaceX's Starship and Blue Origin's New Glenn, all of which will fly from KSC.

According to the plan, New Glenn will lift off first, carrying Blue Origin's Blue Moon lunar lander to low Earth orbit (LEO). SLS will go next, launching the Artemis III astronauts — NASA's Randy Bresnik, Andre Douglas and Frank Rubio, and the European Space Agency's Luca Parmitano — aboard NASA's Orion spacecraft. SLS will deploy Orion into a highly elliptical orbit, one that gets as close to Earth as 18 miles and as far away as 1,122 miles, according to Parsons. The capsule will then maneuver itself into an orbit with an altitude of about 345 miles.

"That's really about getting thermal stability," Parsons said. "Orion was built as a deep-space vehicle, and so we're going to have to really manage the thermal environments, which are higher in a low Earth orbit."

The Artemis III crew will spend two days checking out Orion and its systems in LEO before meeting up with Blue Moon, which will take place on Flight Day 3 at an altitude of 273 miles.

"Over the next two days, the crew will conduct operations docked with Blue Moon," Parsons said. "They're going to open up the hatch and enter the lander. They're going to evaluate the environmental controls and the life support systems. We'll confirm that the spacecraft can maintain the right atmospheric pressure and we're also going to test emergency scenarios, dual vehicle control and we're going to put our Mission Control teams through their paces."

After those operations are complete, Starship will launch with a specially built docking adapter on its nose. The SpaceX vehicle will meet up with Orion in LEO on Flight Day 8, at an altitude of about 237 miles. But this will be a very different encounter than the rendezvous with Blue Moon.

"The demonstration with Starship is shorter, about two hours," Parsons said. "The crew will not enter the Starship during the mission, but it gives us critical data and allows us to really understand the forces of docking, how we're going to push, how we're going to work together."

Artemis III will continue for another six to nine days after Orion undocks from Starship before finally heading back down to Earth for a parachute-aided ocean splashdown. The nominal mission length is 14 days, Parsons said, but it could last as long as 17 days.

During that time, the crew will evaluate their survival suits and do a variety of work, from detailed health assessments to scientific experiments and technology demonstrations.

The main goal is to keep everything on track for Artemis IV. It's unclear at the moment which of these two privately developed landers — Blue Moon or Starship — will fly on Artemis IV. No matter what decision NASA makes for Artemis IV, both Blue Moon and Starship should hit the gray dirt relatively soon, according to Parsons. "Regardless of who goes first, both providers are planning for lunar landing missions in 2028," he said.

And those missions will be quite different from each other. On Blue Origin touchdowns, Orion will meet up with Blue Moon in lunar orbit. On SpaceX landings, Starship will likely dock with the NASA capsule in Earth orbit and propel it to the moon, Parsons said.

It remains unclear when exactly Artemis III will launch. NASA is targeting the summer of next year but may find it tough to meet that timeline. Last month, in an internal memo, Isaacman told agency employees that Artemis III was about 90 days behind schedule.

Some of the biggest challenges have involved the supply chain for the mission's lunar landers, Parsons said during the event. But he and Isaacman both stressed that NASA is confident in its ability to work through such issues.

"We're moving with real speed and purpose right now," Isaacman said.

Golf Scramble

Rios Family Fundraiser

Come out on Saturday, November 14 and play golf for a good cause!

The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness will be hosting the fundraiser and it will be played at Indian River Preserve Golf Course with an 8 a.m. start.

They will also have games and 50/50. For more information or to register your team for $400, call 3210698-3668 or email foundationforrak@gmail.com.

November at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

Please note events may be cancelled due to weather or staffing availability.

Interpretive Guide Training - Sunday, November 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join the education staff to become trained in leading guided hikes through the Enchanted Forest. We will teach you the basic skills of interpretation, plant and animal identification, history of the forest and the basics of group safety. Upon completion, you will be able to lead your own groups on our trails! If you cannot make it in November, we plan to offer this training again in January and March of 2027.

"Off the Path" Special Guided Hike - Tuesday, November 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. LIMITED SPACE. Join us for a special hike that will take you deep into the heart of the Enchanted Forest to see areas that few get to experience. This hike is NOT for beginners, only those who are experienced going off trail in rugged terrain. Please note that the interior of the forest contains heavy levels of mosquitoes, ticks and poison ivy.

Plant Sale - Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Florida Native Plant Societies Sea Rocket Chapter will be resuming their monthly plant sales. These sales feature native plants and some of the area's top plant experts, who can help you find exactly what your garden needs. These sales tend to sell out quickly, so arriving early is recommended. Please note that the sale does not start until 9 a.m. and we ask that you do not arrive too early.

Sanctuary School - Wednesday, November 18. 10 to 11 a.m. LIMITED SPACE. Geared towards ages 6 through 12. Theme: Black Bears! Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Classes are first come, first served, with a limit of 20 children per class.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend.

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

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 & Operating Room
  - Charge Nurses
  - 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**
- **Pharmacy Technicians**
- **EMTs**
- **EMT - Paramedics**
- **Surgical First Assistant**
- **Clinical Systems Analyst**
- **DI Sleep Technologist (RPSGT)**
- **Respiratory Therapist**

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

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