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The State of Florida Florida Seeks to Build New Space Academy Campus at Kennedy Space Center

The State of Florida submitted a bid proposal to NASA to launch the U.S. Space Academy in 2028 and deliver a permanent campus at Kennedy Space Center by Fall, 2031. NASA responded with a formal request for information. A 65 page response was returned by the State which outlined the full plan including support from the University of Central Florida and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The Space University Research Consortium is ready to host 300 students in Fall 2028, with the Academy operating as a distinct college at UCF. The permanent site would sit on 1,000 acres of NASA land at Kennedy Space Center.

Florida can launch the United States Space Academy faster, finance it smarter, and place its students at the center of America's space enterprise. Florida has already invested more than $680 million in space transportation infrastructure, most of it at or near the proposed site. Students would train where America's space enterprise operates at scale every day - Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. And many of the nation's leading commercial space companies all operate here.

For interim operations, UCF in Orlando is prepared to host approximately 300 students in Fall 2028, with the Academy operating as a distinct college keeping its federal identity while leveraging UCF's accreditation, faculty, laboratories and services. UCF would dedicate the approximately 98,000 square foot University Tower as home base, with housing and transportation to Kennedy Space Center.

Florida is in active discussions with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to support flight training.

For the permanent campus, Florida proposes a 1,000-acre NASA-owned site at Kennedy Space Center adjacent to the LLF. NASA would out grant the site by amending Space Florida's existing LLF agreement, supported by a potential Space Act Agreement.

The initial 3 million-square-foot campus would serve at least 1,200 students by Fall 2031, with capacity to expand to approximately 6.9 million square feet for 4,000 students.

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Florida's commitments include interim facilities and operating support, pathways for state-led financial assistance including in-state status for enrollees, transportation, potential flight training support, no cost design and project management, infrastructure investment, permitting coordination, and leveraging Space Florida and FDOT's financial tools including design-build-leaseback and a per pupil maintenance stipend, building on more than $680 million invested in space transportation infrastructure. Groundbreaking is targeted for 2027.

Florida brings established, funded mechanisms to support the Academy immediately. The state can use recurring transportation appropriations for horizontal capital improvements and Space Florida's financing authorities, including leasepurchase agreements, ground leases, and P3 tools, to reduce upfront federal investment.

Florida is refining additional investment models for state leadership, with the upcoming legislative session aligning with the RFI providing further opportunities to support the Academy from opening day and decades to come.

In September 2026, Senator Ashley Moody introduced the Securing The Advancement of Rising Spacefarers (STARS) Act, legislation specifically seeking to locate the U.S. Space Academy in Florida, with companion legislation by Governor-elect and Representative Byron Donalds and co-sponsored by Representative Mike Haridopolos.

Florida's pursuit of the Academy also has the support of Florida Senate President Jim Boyd and House Speaker Sam Garrison (Appendix C). This broad support reflects a unified commitment across state and federal leaders to bring the Academy to Florida and the state's readiness to make it a reality.

For more information about the U.S. Space Academy, visit www.spaceflorida.gov.

Parrish Healthcare Extends Temporary Operational Closures of Nonemergent Services Due to Severe Weather Through Sunday, November 22, 2026

Due to continued severe weather conditions, road closures and flooding throughout the region, Parrish Healthcare will extend its temporary operational closure of nonemergent services through Sunday, November 22, with plans to resume normal operations on Monday, November 23. Parrish Medical Center will remain open and fully operational to meet the emergency healthcare needs of our community, including the Emergency Department.

Effective today through Sunday, November 22, all elective procedures, surgeries, diagnostics and infusion services at Parrish Medical Center are cancelled. All Parrish Medical Group (PMG) clinic locations and The Children's Center, located at 5650 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, will remain closed through Sunday, November 23. Parrish Medical Group clinic locations include the following:

- Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John (including Parrish Healthcare Sleep Center): 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John
- Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing: 250 Harrison Street, Titusville
- Parrish Healthcare Senior Consultation Center: 836 Century Medical Drive, Titusville
- Parrish Healthcare Center, North Titusville: 490 North Washington Avenue, Titusville
- Parrish Healthcare Center Occupational Health and Primary Care: 494 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
- Parrish Health & Fitness Center Operated by the YMCA of Central Florida: 2210 Cheney Highway, Titusville
- Parrish Medical Group Obstetrics & Gynecology: 845 Century Medical Drive, Titusville
- Parrish Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine Center: 951-5 North Washington Avenue, Titusville
- Tanya Taival, DO – Gynecology: 2507 Garden Street, Suite 102, Titusville

This decision was made from an abundance of caution, with the safety of patients, Care Partners and the community remaining the organization's highest priority. We are working diligently to contact all impacted patients. Patients with appointments scheduled at affected locations are encouraged to contact their provider's office or our Call Center regarding rescheduling. To reach Parrish Healthcare's Contact Center please call 321-268-6868. Due to an increase in call volume, please leave a message if prompted.

We encourage community members to monitor Parrish Healthcare's website, parrishhealthare.com, and social media channels for additional updates. Parrish Healthcare appreciates the community's patience and understanding as we navigate these severe weather conditions. The safety and well-being of our patients, families and Care Partners remain our highest priority.



Steven's Hoop N' Holidays

December 4 & 5, 2026 - Rated G

Skip the silent night and spend the holidays with four of your favorite Playhouse stars! Steven's Hoop N' Holidays reunites audience favorites Steven J. Heron, Patrick Ryan Sullivan, Melissa Minyard and Brian Minyard for an evening of Christmas classics, dazzling vocals, playful holiday hijinks and the kind of chemistry that only comes from years of friendship both on and off the stage. Packed with talent, laughter, and enough festive cheer to make even the Grinch tap his toes, this joyful holiday celebration is perfect for the whole family. Come sing along, soak up the holiday spirit, and see why these beloved performers continue to be some of the Playhouse's brightest stars. Ugly sweaters are optional—having a great time is not!

Titusville Playhouse Stage 2

STAGE 2 is located in an outdoor, but covered pavilion. Performances will occur rain or shine. The gates are located at 316 South Palm Avenue and open 30 minutes before your show. Please dress and be prepared for the weather. For show times, more information or to purchase tickets, visit https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/.

Dealing With the Flooding

Brevard County has been through a challenging few weeks. Saturated ground, drainage conditions and the intensity of rainfall have increased localized flooding risks. Taking a few practical steps can make it easier to respond if conditions change.

- If safe to do so, make sure nearby storm drains aren't blocked by leaves or debris. Report drainage problems to the appropriate local agency.

- Prepare for possible power interruptions: charge phones, check flashlights, have extra batteries available and make sure essential medications are accessible.

- Keep important belongings, electrical equipment and documents in dry, safe areas ready to be grabbed if you must leave your home.

- Identify alternate routes to work, school and essential services.

- Never drive through standing or moving floodwater.

- Have emergency supplies, a family communication plan, make sure your property is prepared and have access to weather information.

- Check on elderly neighbors and people with disabilities. Make sure residents who may need transportation assistance have a plan.

- Share information with neighbors who may not have access to social media.

- Offer support to those still dealing with cleanup, repairs or displacement.

After the Rain Stops:

1. Before going back into your home or shed(s), check for safety hazards. If the structure looks unstable or you notice gas smells, downed power lines or standing water near electrical outlets, stay out and contact professionals. Safety always comes first.

2. If it's safe to do so, shut off your electricity and/or gas if you suspect damage. This helps prevent fires or electrical shock. If you're unsure, wait for help—better safe than sorry.

3. Take photos or videos of all damage before cleaning or throwing anything away. Clear documentation helps with insurance claims and makes the process go smoother.

4. Reach out to your insurance provider right away to report the damage. Share the documentation and ask what steps to take next. They may send an adjuster to inspect the property, or they may ask you to get a professional damage estimate.

5. Remove water quickly. The longer water sits, the more damage it causes. Use a wet/dry vacuum, mop or sump pump to remove water if you can. You could also call in a professional water removal team.

6. Dry everything out. Open windows, run fans and set up dehumidifiers to get air moving and reduce moisture. Remove wet items to help the drying process and prevent mold growth.

7. Mold can start growing in as little as 24 hours. Be on the lookout for musty smells or fuzzy spots on walls and surfaces. If you suspect mold, contact a professional to assess and treat the problem before it spreads.

8. Floodwaters often carry bacteria and other harmful contaminants. Scrub all hard surfaces with a disinfectant and throw out anything that can't be thoroughly cleaned, like soaked carpets, mattresses and paper goods.

9. Once your home is dry and clean, begin repairs. You may need to replace drywall, flooring, insulation, or wiring depending on the extent of the damage. Work with licensed professionals ensures the work is done safely and up to code.

Useful sources include:

- Sign up for emergency updates by texting BrevardEOC to 888777.

- National Weather Service Melbourne – Local forecasts, watches and warnings.

- Florida 511 – Road conditions and closures.

- 211 Brevard – Local recovery resources, food pantries, mental health assistance.

Unmanned SpaceX CRS-35 Cargo Dragon Returns

SpaceX's CRS-35 Dragon left the ISS (International Space Station) on November 18, returning research samples and hardware for NASA and its international partners. Ground controllers at SpaceX's facility in Hawthorne, California, were commanding the undocking from the space-facing port of the station's Harmony module. Splashdown was on the California coast.

The spacecraft returned thousands of pounds of cargo, according to NASA. The items the agency highlighted are:

- A 3D-bioprinted blood vessel construct used to study vascular aging and cardiovascular disease.

- Frozen tumor organoids treated aboard the station, aimed at improving cancer treatments and personalized medicine.

- Frozen microbial samples for studying how antibiotic-resistant bacteria survive, adapt and evolve in space.

- A lighting system that spent more than three years aboard the station, tested for supporting astronauts' sleep and well-being on long missions.

St. Francis Hospice Thrift Boutique Grand Opening

Celebrate the grand opening of the St. Francis Hospice Thrift Boutique onTuesday, December 1, 2026, at St. Johns Plaza, 3259 Garden Street, Titusville.

Shop gently used clothing, furniture, home décor, housewares and more while enjoying10% off storewide.

Tjr store hours will be 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m., with a special celebration from 3–4 p.m. featuring refreshments, raffles and a gift for the first 50 customers.

Join the Titusville and Accelerate Brevard Chambers of Commerce for a joint ribbon-cutting at 3:30 p.m.

Your purchases help support St. Francis Hospice patient care. Come discover a treasure, connect with your community, and shop knowing your money is going for a meaningful cause!

Storm Debris Collection Is Under Way in Unincorporated Brevard County

Residents cleaning up flood-damaged homes and property in unincorporated Brevard County are urged to move storm-related debris to the curb as soon as possible. Solid Waste Management contractors have begun debris recovery and removal operations and are actively working throughout affected areas. To ensure debris can be collected in a timely manner, residents should place all eligible storm debris at the curb immediately rather than waiting until later in the cleanup process.

The sooner debris is placed curbside, the sooner it can be incorporated into ongoing collection operations.

Residents are reminded not to bag debris and to avoid placing it near trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, utility poles, water meters or beneath overhead wires, as these obstacles can impede collection efforts.

Residents with vegetative debris that can fit into containers normally used for weekly yard waste collection are encouraged to containerize those materials. Containerized yard waste may be collected through regular weekly service and could be removed more quickly than debris placed curbside for storm collection.

Residents who live within a municipality should contact their local government for information regarding debris collection schedules and procedures.

Waste Management and other collection providers will continue routine weekly collections of household garbage, recycling, and containerized yard waste.

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Readers now have more ways than ever to keep up with what's happening close to home. The new HAPPENINGS website and Instagram link brings local news and digital Weekly editions online. To receive the digital edition of HAPPENINGS, send us an email at happenings1@att.net. Don't forget to follow us!

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**
- **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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