



HAPPENINGS of PORT ST. JOHN Inc.

Weekly Edition
October 9, 2026

October at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

*Please note events may be cancelled at any time due to weather or staffing availability.

Forest Therapy Hike - Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Experience the benefits of mindfully immersing yourself in the forest with our volunteer and certified forest therapy guide, Tammy. Escape the hustle and bustle and connect deeply with nature. This walk is all about slowing down, breathing fresh air and soaking in the peaceful vibes of the forest. Lace up your comfy shoes and get ready to nurture your nature in a beautiful, calming environment. This is a free event. Donations to the Friends of the Enchanted Forest are always welcomed. Spaces are limited. Please fill out the Google Form to register: [Sign up here](#)

Nature Storytime - Wednesday, October 14 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Limited space. Geared towards ages 5 years and under. Theme: Snakes! Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Classes are first come, first served, with a limit of 20 children per class.

"Off the Path" Special Guided Hike - Friday, October 16 from 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 experienced going off trail, in rugged terrain. Please note that the interior of the forest contains heavy levels of mosquitos, ticks and poison ivy.

Plant Sale - Saturday, October 17 from 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. Plant sales will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and tend to sell out quickly. We encourage attendees to arrive early, but no earlier than 9 a.m.

Sanctuary School - Wednesday, October 21 from 10 to 11 a.m. Limited space. Geared towards ages 6 through 12. Theme: Snakes! Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Classes are first come, first served, with a limit of 20 children per class.

Lunch in the Forest - Wednesday, October 21 from 12 to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy a special

presentation by Ethan Ergle, who will be talking about snakes. We will enjoy lunch inside of the discovery classroom.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Harvest Festival - Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Harvest festival is back! Featuring live animals, presentations from the Florida Wildlife Hospital, food trucks, creepy crawly creatures and much more. Join us for a family friendly day of activities. Costumes are highly encouraged.



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.

Parrish Healthcare and the Titusville Playhouse Bring Healing Experiences Through the Arts

Healing doesn't always happen in a clinical setting. Sometimes, it happens in a theater—through laughter shared with a loved one, a story that inspires or simply the opportunity to spend an evening together experiencing something joyful.

Parrish Healthcare is proud to continue its long-standing sponsorship of the Titusville Playhouse, a not-for-profit performing arts organization located in downtown Titusville. Originally established in 1965 and now celebrating its 61st show season, the Titusville Playhouse provides enriching theatrical, artistic and social experiences for its audiences.

Through this continued partnership, Parrish Healthcare purchases unsold tickets for performances and makes them available at no cost to patients, their families and Care Partners—physicians, employees and volunteers. This partnership reflects Parrish Healthcare's ongoing commitment to its mission, Healing Experiences for Everyone All the Time®, and its belief that healing extends beyond clinical care.

"Laughter, connection and meaningful experiences are all part of healing," said George Mikitarian, president and CEO of Parrish Healthcare. "Through our partnership with the Titusville Playhouse, we're grateful to provide opportunities for our patients, families and Care Partners to enjoy an evening together, create memories and experience the restorative power of the arts."

Research increasingly points to the connection between participation in the arts and well-being. In examining the role of the arts in improving health and well-being, The World Health Organization advises arts engagement can support mental health, social connection and overall quality of life.

For patients and families navigating illness, these connections can be particularly meaningful. An evening at the theater provides an opportunity to step outside the stresses associated with healthcare, reconnect with loved ones and experience laughter, creativity and community.

"Healthcare is about more than treating a diagnosis," Mikitarian continues. "It's also about recognizing the whole person—their emotional well-being, relationships and need for joy. Creating opportunities for those experiences is one way we can bring our mission of healing to life."

Tickets are not guaranteed for every performance, as some shows sell out. When tickets are available, Care Partners who identify a patient or family who might

enjoy a performance contact Volunteer Services.

For more information on this partnership, or to request tickets, please contact Volunteer Services at volunteerservices@parrishmed.com.



Stranger Sings! The Musical Parody - Rated PG

October 23–November 1, 2026

Have an upside down adventure with us! Take a trip back to Hawkins, Indiana: 1983... when times were simpler, hair was bigger and unsupervised children were getting snatched by inter-dimensional creatures. Stranger Sings! The Parody musical is a hilarious 'upside down' take on the hit Netflix series – and all its campy 1980's glory. Join Mike, Eleven, Lucas, Dustin, and the whole Hawkins gang for a night of adventure, thrills, pubescent angst, heavy synth, poor parenting, convoluted love triangles, cheap effects, dancing monsters and maybe, just maybe... justice for everyone's favorite missing ginger, Barb Holland.

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:

titusvilleplayhouse.com

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Friends of Port St. John Library Scarecrow Contest

Friends of the PSJ Library is sponsoring our 2nd Annual Scarecrow Contest to engage the business community. PSJ Businesses were asked to design their own Scarecrow for display at their business location. Scarecrows will be on display and voted on through the month of October. There are 21 Scarecrows on display. Creativity and competition are boundless this year!

Everyone can vote for their favorite Scarecrow on the Friends of the Port St. John Library Facebook page or in person on ballots at the Port St. John Library where photos of all the Scarecrows are on display. The "Best Scarecrow" will win \$100 cash and a 1st Place ribbon. There will also be 2nd, 3rd & 4th Place ribbons awarded. The winner will be announced on Halloween.

You can view and vote for the "Best Scarecrow" at a Port St. John business at this link:

www.facebook.com/FriendsofthePSJLibrary/posts/
It's in the Featured boxes.



at the Port St. John Library

The Port St. John Library will be hosting their 2nd Annual Fall Festival inside and outside at the Port St. John Public Library, 6500 Carole Ave, on Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The event will provide a fun, engaging experience for families in our community. Activities include: Petting Zoo, Brevard Fire & Rescue Station 26 Fire Truck, Live Music by Robbin' the Bank, many Fall crafts and games, Fall photo booths, Fall Bake Sale, many raffles and a Food Drive for our PSJ Food Pantries.

The event is geared for families of children from toddlers to teens. The library staff, as well as volunteers from Friends of the PSJ Library, welcome new and existing patrons to come out and enjoy the day with us!

For more information, visit:

www.facebook.com/FriendsofthePSJLibrary

Crew-13 Relieves Crew-12

NASA astronauts Jessica Meir and Jack Hathaway were Commander and Pilot when Dragon departed on Wednesday. Mission specialists Sophie Adenot of ESA (European Space Agency) and Andrey Fedyaev of Roscosmos also flew back to splashdown on Thursday morning. This completed NASA's SpaceX Crew-12 mission after 237 days in space. Their departure will leave seven residents aboard the orbital outpost to continue advanced space research and lab maintenance.

The station's four newest crewmates - NASA's SpaceX Crew-13 members - arrived at the station on October 1. They have begun their research duties to advance health on and off the Earth. They will live and work aboard the orbital outpost until spring 2027.

NASA flight engineer Anil Menon, along with station commander Pyotr Dubrov and flight engineer Anna Kikina, both Roscosmos cosmonauts, will also stay in space until spring.

Menon wore a sensor-packed vest and headband that measured his heart and breathing rate as he pedaled on the Destiny laboratory module's exercise cycle. Dubrov and Kikina set up hardware to test a special body-worn control device to simulate manipulating robots for the Teledroid investigation.

SurfSide
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Annual
FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 17TH
4-6PM

FREE FAMILY EVENT

BOUNCE HOUSES
Too!

HOTDOGS, POPCORN, SNOW CONES & COTTON CANDY!

FOOD, GAMES AND MUCH MORE!

Space Coast Critters
Petting Zoo

COME MEET SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FARM ANIMALS!

Bring your family and friends,
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Surfside Community Fellowship
1640 Minnie St., Cocoa

Parrish Healthcare Announces Promotion of Matthew Morak to Executive Director, Jess Parrish Medical Foundation



Jess Parrish Medical Foundation,” said Melissa Lugo, outgoing Chairman of the Board, Jess Parrish Medical Foundation. “He has earned the trust of our community and has consistently shown a genuine passion for connecting people with opportunities to make a difference through philanthropy. As a Board, we are excited to see him take on this new role and look forward to all that he will accomplish as Executive Director.”

For additional information on the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, please visit parrishmedfoundation.com or call 321-269-4066.

Parrish Healthcare is pleased to announce the promotion of Matthew Morak from Director to Executive Director of the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF).

“This well-deserved promotion is in recognition of Matthew’s effectiveness in advancing the Foundation’s mission to inspire philanthropy and volunteerism in support of Parrish Healthcare’s programs and services,” said Natalie Sellers, Senior Vice President, Jess Parrish Medical Foundation and Parrish Healthcare Communications, Community and Corporate Services.

Morak has served as the Director of the Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Parrish Healthcare, for five years and brings 14 years of experience in philanthropy to his new role.

“Matthew has played an important role in advancing the Foundation’s philanthropic efforts, strengthening relationships throughout the community and helping expand support for programs and initiatives that benefit patients, families and the communities served by Parrish Healthcare,” added Sellers.

“Matthew has demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision and dedication throughout his time with



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2 for \$25

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Salute to Brevard

October 12 – 25, 2026



Brevard Residents Save On Admission

Brevard County residents can explore the Visitor Complex for only \$21 for adults and \$16 for children ages 3-11 (plus tax)! Purchase your ticket(s) at Will Call upon arrival. Be prepared to show your proof of Brevard County residency to receive your discount, valid for up to 6 admissions. As always, we will be collecting canned goods and hygiene products for the Brevard County Sharing Centers during the event. Please consider donating to those in need ahead of the holiday season! For tickets and more information, visit: www.kennedyspacecenter.com/info/tickets

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

• Certified Surgical Scrub Technicians

• Surgical Scrub Techs

• Nursing Assistants

• Medical Assistants

• Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)

• Paramedics

• Pharmacists

• EMTs

• EMT - Paramedics

• Surgical First Assistant

• Clinical Systems Analyst

• DI Cardio PACS Specialist

• Respiratory Therapist

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

**Be A Part of Something Special.
Be A Parrish Care Partner!**



3500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

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.

Friends of the Library FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. Celebrate all things fall at the library with a book sale, bake sale, silent disco, temporary tattoos, crafts and more in this Friends of the Library sponsored event. This event for all ages and is open to the public.

YOUTH SERVICES

Teen Takeover: Junk Journaling: October 14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 13-17.

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.

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

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Class will begin at 10:00 a.m. Ages 0-1.

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

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

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

ADULTS

Yarn Group: Fridays in October, 1 - 3:30 p.m. The yarn group is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. The group donates projects and meets every Friday at the Port St. John Public Library.

Cards with a Purpose: Tuesday, October 13, 1 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, October 12 and 26, 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, October 21, 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton. Pick up the November Book Club selection, *Salt: A World History* by Mark Kurlansky at the reference desk.