

HAPPENINGS

Weekly Edition

June 5, 2026



Join Brevard County Libraries for an out of this world Summer Reading Program! You and your family will have a blast reading all summer long with cosmically fun events and activities offered at each of our libraries. Readers of all ages can also play along at home on Beanstack!

The Kick off Party will be June 6th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free, family friendly event will be hosted at the Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, 308 Forrest Avenue in Cocoa.

Check out all of the fun activities we have planned:

- Raptor Events Florida
- Blacklight Silent Disco – wear your best neons!
- Volcano-themed obstacle course
- Sensory room
- Fairy hair
- Crafts (including Shrinky Dinks!)
- Games
- Space Coast Are Transit Read to Ride Bus
- Brevard County Mobile Library



From June 6 to August 1, readers of all ages can participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. Track your reading minutes with the Beanstack app to earn digital badges. Your reading minutes can be time spent reading independently, being read to, or listening to an audiobook. To register as an individual, a family, a class or an organization, visit:

brevardcounty.beanstack.org/reader365.

Every week, your local library will have a small prize for participants to pick up! Each of our library branches will also have a unique Brag Tag to collect. Will you be able to collect all 17? Get more information on the entire Summer Reading Program and events, plus a link to each of the Brevard County libraries at:

www.brevardfl.gov/SummerReading

ASC & UF/IFAS Release Heat-Related Illness Toolkit

The Southeastern Coastal Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (SCCAHS) and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) have partnered to create an online toolkit to help protect agricultural workers from the summer heat. Last year's sweltering summer temperatures convinced SCCAHS leadership that additional promotion about heat-related illness education could save lives. Even before the summer ended, the center launched a collaborative effort with the UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education to assemble an online guide for agricultural workers and educators.

We know Florida's residents working outdoors are really vulnerable to these hot conditions. We felt offering resources to educate our workers and those supervising workers was really important.

The toolkit includes webinars and podcasts. A heat safety plan template helps people and organizations adopt procedures for monitoring the heat index and for providing hydration. Printable guides in English and Spanish advise about the length of work acclimation periods, as well as about the amount of water workers should drink.

A 2018 study examining hydration and kidney injury among 192 agricultural workers during the summers of 2015 and 2016 found about 55% of workers experienced dehydration before their shift, 81% experienced dehydration after their shift and 33% experienced acute kidney injury on at least one of the 555 workdays included in the study.

If you work outdoors, download this toolkit: www.sccaahs.org/resources/heat-related-illness-course/

Parrish Healthcare ICU Nurse Embily Smith Named a DAISY Award® Honoree as Part of an International Nurse Recognition Program



Left to right: Lisa Dickerson, Chief Nursing Officer; Embily Smith, RN, DAISY Award Honoree; and Kristie Foreman, Director of Critical Care Services.

Parrish Healthcare is proud to announce Embily Smith, RN, as this quarter's DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses Honoree. As a nurse in Parrish Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Smith is recognized for her calm, compassionate and highly skilled care. She is credited with transforming complex clinical situations into meaningful learning opportunities.

Smith's healthcare journey at Parrish Healthcare reflects a deep commitment to service and professional growth. Smith began her career at Parrish Healthcare in 2016 as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), marking 10 years as a valued Care Partner this month. After completing Parrish Healthcare's Nurse Residency Program in 2024, she transitioned into her current role as a Registered Nurse in the ICU, where she continues to exemplify excellence in patient-centered care while mentoring and supporting the next generation of nurses.

"We are proud to recognize Embily Smith as this quarter's DAISY Award® Honoree," said Lisa Dickerson, Parrish Healthcare's Chief Nursing Officer. "Her ability to remain calm under pressure while delivering exceptional patient care and mentoring a future nurse is a remarkable example of clinical excellence and compassionate leadership. Embily's dedication truly exemplifies the spirit of the DAISY Award."

The DAISY Award® is an international recognition program that honors the extraordinary skill and compassion nurses provide every day. Parrish Healthcare launched the program in January 2025 and has since received hundreds of nominations from patients, families and colleagues who want to recognize extraordinary nursing care.

In addition to honoring Smith, Parrish Healthcare congratulates each of this quarter's DAISY Award® nominees. "Being nominated for a DAISY Award® is a testament to the extraordinary impact our nurses have on the lives of others," said Dickerson. "Each nomination tells a meaningful story of compassion, professionalism and healing. We are grateful for the extraordinary dedication our nurses demonstrate every day in service to our patients, families and North Brevard community."

This quarter's DAISY Award® nominees include Royce (Allan) Beach, Amanda Biegmann, Rebecca Blickley, Tonyia Bobik, Toni Bohnert, Rosalee Bouchard, Tiara Chavez, Grace Dixon, Eileen Duffield, Melissa Gallant, Maria Gutierrez, Stephanie Hearn, Julie Hollis, 'emJza Jefferson, MaryAngela Kirk, Alexis Klingbiel, ShaWanda Lacey, Marvetta Lamar, Holly Malcolm, Andrew Martin, Charity Mills, Kristin Norquist, Leonard Probasco, Danielle Reisert, Renee Roncone, Floldely Salcedo Correa, Diandra Scale, Taylor Spangler, Sarah Streat, Rebecca Tanui, Stephan Thomas, Krystal Valdes and Leigh Ann York.

For more information about Parrish Healthcare's DAISY Award® program, or to submit a nomination, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/daisyaward.

Car Show In PSJ

The Dixie Cruisers will be at First Baptist Church of Port St. John hosting Car Shows on the first Friday of every month, (June 5th), from 5 to 7 p.m. You are welcome to come and view the cars on display.



There is no entry fee for spectators or to enter a car. It's all about fellowship and fun.

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

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.

The website is: www.firstbaptistpsj.org.

Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

www.brevardfl.gov/EELProgram/Sanctuaries/EnchantedForestSanctuary

Events may be cancelled due to weather or staffing availability.

Regular Guided Hikes - Enjoy a 45-minute guided hike. Please bring a hat, water and closed-toe walking shoes. **Registration is required** no later than the day before hike. Openings are at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, Saturday, June 13, Sunday, June 14, Saturday, June 20, Sunday, June 21 and Sunday, June 28.

Forest Therapy - Sunday, June 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.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. Perfect for moms looking to refresh their mind, body and spirit. Lace up your comfy shoes and get ready to nurture your nature in a beautiful, calming environment.

Sea Turtle Talks - Tuesday, June 9 and 16 at 11 a.m. Now that we are officially in sea turtle nesting season, join a ranger from Canaveral National Seashore to talk about the different turtles that call Brevard County beaches their homes.

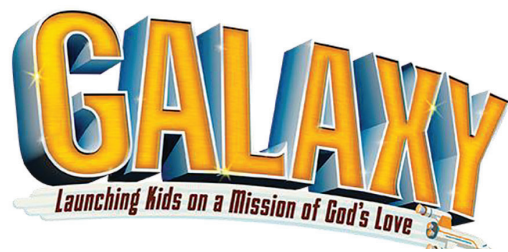
Nature Storytime - Wednesday, June 10, 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Limited space. **Registration is required.** Geared towards ages 5 years and under. Theme: Sea Turtles! Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Classes are first come, first served with a limit of 20 children per class.

Sanctuary School - Wednesday, June 17, 10 to 11 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Limited space. **Registration is required.** Geared towards ages 6 through 12. Theme: Sea Turtles! 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, June 17, 12 to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy a special presentation by our wonderful Education Coordinator. Rider Ridgeway will discuss all the amazing Sea Turtles that nest on Brevard County beaches. We will enjoy lunch inside of the Discovery classroom.

Nature Science Class - Wednesday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Introduce your little ones to the wonders of the natural world with our preK-4th grade Nature School, where each session blends education and exploration. This is a volunteer led program.

Yoga in Nature - Every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join local yoga instructors for a traditional class for all levels on the porch! Bring water and a mat.



First Baptist Church of PSJ Vacation Bible School

June 15-June 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Open to ages 5 through 6th grade

Blast off into an out-of-this-world adventure at our Galaxy-themed Vacation Bible School! Join us for a journey packed with high energy worship, interactive Bible adventures, hands on activities, games and unforgettable fun designed to help kids build a faith that shines bright wherever they go.

Register at: www.firstbaptistspsj.org/vbs.

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Florida Master Naturalist Coastal Restoration Course

Take the next step toward becoming a Florida Master Naturalist! This course offers in-depth instruction on Florida's coastal restoration habitats, ecological processes, wildlife communities and conservation efforts. The mission of the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is to promote awareness, understanding and respect for Florida's natural world among Florida's citizens and visitors. FMNP participants will increase their knowledge of Florida's natural systems as well as the plants and animals that depend upon those systems. We hope to initiate, what is for many, a life-long process of learning, observation and sharing with others. This hybrid Coastal Restoration course meets online and in person at various locations from June 9 to June 20. The registration fee starts at \$350 per person. Registration ends at 10 a.m. on June 3, 2026.

To learn more and register, please visit: conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/CR26-02hybrid.php

Not familiar with the Florida Master Naturalist program? Watch this short video about the program: www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgbuPo5vS-U

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at 321-633-1702 or email Brevard@ifas.ufl.edu. For more of our classes and programs, visit the Eventbrite page: eventbrite.com/o/ufifas-extension-brevard-county-18496539748

Hurricane Season Is Here: Be Prepared and Stay Safe

Hurricane season began June 1 and continues through November 30. At Parrish Healthcare, your health and safety remain our top priorities before, during and after any storm. Taking a few simple steps now can help ensure you and your family are prepared should severe weather impact our North Brevard community. Please review these important medical preparedness reminders:

Have a 30-Day Supply of Medications

If you take prescription medications, we encourage you to maintain at least a 30-day supply whenever possible. Now is the time to make a medication plan by speaking with your physician, pharmacist or health insurance provider about options for obtaining extra medication(s). In some cases, purchasing an additional supply out of pocket may be an option. Please note that Florida law allows early prescription refills when the Governor issues an executive order declaring a state of emergency.

If You Receive Dialysis, Plan Ahead

Patients receiving dialysis should contact their dialysis center now to develop an emergency plan of care.

- Do not miss a scheduled treatment before severe weather arrives.
- Follow your physician-prescribed diet carefully.
- Review the emergency information provided by your care team, including contact information for the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network.

Only your physician can determine whether it is medically safe to miss treatments or whether hospitalization may be necessary during a storm. Please remember that Special Needs Shelters do not provide dialysis services, and some dialysis centers may close during a hurricane. After the storm, contact your dialysis center for instructions or seek short-term care at a hospital if your center remains closed.

Know Your Shelter Options

If an evacuation is ordered, shelters are available throughout Brevard County. These include:

- Primary Evacuation Shelters
- Special Needs Shelters
- Pet-Friendly Shelters

Please note that our hospital, Parrish Medical Center, is not a designated evacuation shelter and cannot accommodate evacuees. For information about shelter locations and services, please visit Brevard County Emergency Management's website:

www.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement

**If You Depend on Oxygen,
Make Arrangements Early**

Individuals who rely on oxygen should prepare well in advance of a storm.

- Refill oxygen tanks before severe weather threatens.
- Keep at least a two-day supply of oxygen available.
- Determine whether you may qualify for a Special Needs Shelter based on your medical needs and shelter availability.

If you may need shelter assistance, contact the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management at 321-637-6670. Advance registration and planning are essential.

Take Time to Prepare Now

Preparing before a storm develops can make a significant difference during an emergency. For hurricane preparedness tips, emergency planning resources and other important information, visit the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management's website.

Stay Connected with Parrish Healthcare

If a hurricane affects Parrish Healthcare operations or available services, we will provide updates through our website, social media channels and communication with our local media partners. We encourage everyone to prepare early, stay informed and stay safe throughout the 2026 hurricane season.

Port St. John Library Events

Bring the family and friends to the Port St. John Library at 6500 Carole Ave.

Sun Catcher: Saturday, June 6, 2:30 p.m. Come and create your very own sun catcher with the supplies provided. This is a Family program.

Beginners' Chess: Saturday, June 6, 10:00 –11:00 a.m. A program for kids ages 6–12 to learn the basics of chess in a no-pressure environment. Adult supervision required.

Outdoor Foam Party: June 8, 10:00 a.m. All ages welcome. Dress in clothes that can get messy and wear shoes. **This is a weather-permitting event.**

Artist Trading Cards: Monday, June 8 at 1 p.m. Come and create your very own artist trading cards. Trade them or keep them.

Family Movie Mondays: Enjoy FREE popcorn and a movie sponsored by Friends of the Port St. John Library every Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This event features G or PG-rated movies.

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