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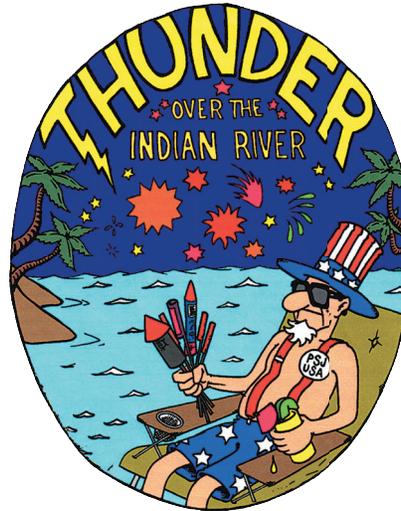
## Thunder Over the Indian River 2025

We have a new egress gate courtesy of Brevard Custom Fence & Repair so last year's attendance limit has been removed.

Enjoy an evening including inflatables, DJ, demonstrations, BBQ Competition, food/dessert trucks, raffles and of course the best fireworks show in Brevard County! Fireworks usually start about 9:15. Weather conditions may cause the fireworks to be a little early or late to avoid rain.

Thunder Over the Indian River will again be held on Saturday, July 5th at the OUC Canaveral plant, corner of Kings Hwy. and US1. The gate to the compound where all the shows, demonstrations and food will be is on Kings Hwy., right across from Capron Rd. The gate will open at 4:00 p.m..

TOIR staff will be inside the spectator



compound to help you park in an order that will make it much easier to exit after the fireworks show. There will be some spaces designated for handicap parking. Plan accordingly.

If you would like to compete in the Annual BBQ Competition, the registration form is ready on the Foundation website! First Come, First Served! The BBQ contest participants will start serving at 5:00. You'll want to have your

wristband before that!

**No fireworks or alcohol are allowed on the plant property.** You are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on, insect repellent and sun block. It's Florida in July!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, especially Parrish Medical Center, Freedom Air and Heat, Higginbotham Financial Services, Inc., Orion Connectivity, Higginbotham-Baldeon Enrolled Agents, Inc. and HAPPENINGS for making our Independence Day celebration possible.

To hold this event and others, the Port St. John Community Foundation (PSJCF) needs volunteers and sponsors to help make these great events. Businesses and residents are invited to join planning meetings and participate for all or any events. For more information on Thunder Over the Indian River, visit our Facebook site, PSJ Community Foundation (@psjcf), Instagram psjstrong, or go to [www.portstjohncommunityfoundation.com](http://www.portstjohncommunityfoundation.com).

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# PSJ Community Center Schedule - July 2025

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**For latest information about any of these programs or to register, call the Center: 321-633-1904.**

## **Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

### **Mondays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Zumba, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesdays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Dancing Little Stars-Ballet/Tap Combo Classes,  
(ages 3-6) 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. & 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

### **Wednesdays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursdays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Gentle Yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### **Fridays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## **ZUMBA with Beverly**

Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Zumba is a dynamic, dance-based fitness program that combines Latin and International music with energetic dance moves, creating a fun and effective workout for all fitness levels. It's a cardio workout disguised as a dance party, with an instructor leading participants through choreographed routines set to upbeat music.

**About Dancing Little Stars** - Tuesdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m./5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Ballet, Tap and age appropriate Hip-Hop classes for boys and girls, ages 2-7. Classes focus on rhythm, concentration, memory and balance... while having fun! Our full-scale dance recital is held at the end of the dance season in May. Enrollment is open. Tuition is \$65 per month with the recital costume included with tuition. Register online at [www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com](http://www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com) <http://www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com>.

## **About Yoga With Diane**

Gentle Yoga with Diane - Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Relax, rejuvenate and enjoy yoga that meets you where you are! Appropriate for beginners, all body types with alternatives offered to accommodate physical conditions. All that is needed is a yoga mat and water bottle.

Recommend not eating two hours prior, small fruit snack okay. Price is \$7 per class. Visit [www.psjyoga.com](http://www.psjyoga.com) for further information.

## **Summer Day Camp 2025**

Summer Day Camp is June 2- August 8 for children ages 5 years old (on or before September 1, 2024) to 12 years old. Please contact the center at 321-633-1904 for more information.

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## **Local Foundation Creates 16 New Life Funds for Students at Annual Golf Tournament**

The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness successfully raised enough funds at their 5th Annual Golf Fundraiser to establish 16 new Life Funds for local children, bringing their total impact to 93 students served since the organization's founding in 2021. The fundraising event, held at The Great Outdoors Golf Course in May, drew strong community support from sponsors, golfers, volunteers and local families committed to addressing the growing student debt crisis through proactive measures.

### **Playing Offense Against Student Debt**

"We are so blessed to have support from our sponsors, community, golfers, family and friends. We had a tremendous amount of volunteer support as well," said Sam Patel, Founder of The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness. "In total we started 16 new Life Funds for children in our community. These funds will help eliminate or reduce debt for the child's future educational needs."

Unlike traditional scholarship programs that provide assistance after students have already accumulated debt, the Foundation's Life Funds take a preventative approach. "We are playing offense, not defense!" Patel explained. "Every dollar we raised went towards starting a fund."

### **Community Impact and Growth**

Since its establishment in 2021, The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness has steadily expanded its reach throughout the local community. The organization's transparent approach ensures that donations directly fund Life Funds rather than administrative costs,

maximizing the impact of each contribution.

The success of this year's golf tournament demonstrates growing community recognition of the Foundation's innovative approach to educational funding. Local businesses, families and volunteers have increasingly rallied around the organization's mission to break generational cycles of poverty through proactive educational investment.

Looking forward, the Foundation plans to continue its annual fundraising efforts while exploring additional opportunities to establish Life Funds for deserving students. With 93 students now benefiting from the program and 16 new funds recently established, the organization is positioned to expand its impact in the coming years. "These aren't just scholarships—they're investments in breaking generational cycles of poverty," Patel noted. "Together, we're not just funding education—we're investing in the future leaders, innovators and change makers our community needs."

The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness is a certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. More information about their programs and impact can be found at [foundationforrak.org](http://foundationforrak.org).

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## **Experimental Aircraft Meeting**

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month



- 9th this month - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport. If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation, you are welcome. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.

The airport is approximately 2 miles south of SR 520 on Courtenay Parkway. Turn off Courtenay onto the airport and then bear right. Across from the Fire House is the club house with the EAA logo on the end of the building.

For more information, call 321-514-9456, email [watersdwayne@yahoo.com](mailto:watersdwayne@yahoo.com), or visit the website at [www.eaa724.org](http://www.eaa724.org).

## On the Road With Rose



### Splash Pads Nearby

As I sit pecking on this black box, another person has died for such a stupid reason. For all of you reading this, please understand that person driving the car that cut you off or the person in front of you at the fast food line who can't make up their mind may be struggling with their own inner turmoil. A smile and a silent prayer will bring peace to both of you. For those of you experiencing, or have loved ones fighting grief and fear, please know prayers are sent every day.

Well, it's July in Florida...Long, hot days, afternoon thunderstorms violent enough to make some of us (who happen to be covering in the bedroom) almost question her loyalty to the Sunshine state...Almost.

We P.S.J.-ers are lucky enough to have a number of places nearby where it is possible to spend a couple of hours cooling off, getting the kiddos tired (ha!), and enjoy all our wonderful state has to offer, and still be home before the first clap of thunder.

Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village sports a nice splash pad. The multiple geysers keep the little one's dancing, the water is cool enough to be delightful and it's large enough for several families. There are benches for watching, (or replacing sensible shoes for those of us of a certain vintage who couldn't resist joining a great grandchild), a large grassy area with trees for ball games, picnics or a favorite book and Taylor Park, which has been hosting joyful little ones for more than a hundred years.

Sand Point Park has a large splash pad. It's fully fenced in – lowering parents chase time – with 15 or so geysers, 10 or so overhead water spouting trees, whales, birds and an arch spraying cool water in every direction - there's fun for everyone. Shaded areas inside the fence for guardians to watch (or join) little ones and a large shaded playground for older ones still within sight. The park also has many open grassy areas, an exercise trail and a boat ramp. The Veterans fishing pier and Pier 220 restaurant are just down the road a ways.

There's also a beautiful splash pad and huge pool at the Cocoa Beach Aquatic Center as I mentioned in a previous column. A small charge for an all-day pass to the entire Aquatic Center is more than worth it.

West Melbourne Community Park/Field of Dreams has a large splash pad which, unfortunately, has been acting up for a little while. The very helpful person I spoke with assured me it would be up and splashing very soon. I would advise calling Melbourne Parks and Rec. before taking the trip.

Viera Town Center has a splash pad in front of the theater, I haven't

had the pleasure of visiting, but friends have told me they watched their younger kids play in the water while the older ones watched a favorite movie. Win-Win!

Water shoes worn in splash pads lessen the slip danger and sun shield is recommended for any outdoor fun time.



### Ink and Ivy Book Club

Come join us at The Plant Shack on the last Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. to discuss that month's selection. We can't wait to support this awesome new locally owned business, too! Join us as we meet each month to discuss a diverse range of books covering different genres, cultures, periods, etc., courtesy of the Friends of the Port St. John Library. All are welcome!

The Plant Shack & Beer Garden is located at 5800 N. Highway 1, Port St. John, 321-208-8001. They also have a Boutique Store, Beer Garden and Wine Bar. See their events page on Facebook.



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# Good Day!

~ by Maureen Rupe

## **Terrible News for our Roads**

Brevard County reports they need \$2.65 billion to fund future road projects. They only have \$462 million in funding, an 83% shortfall. Funding comes from motor fuel taxes. Since there are more electric vehicles (not that many) and cars are getting more fuel efficient, it is negatively affecting revenue.

The county plans to put some projects on hold until the deficit is resolved. Among the projected holds are the widening of SR528 from 4 to 6 lanes. From our perspective, we might have those metal plates on our roads for some time.

## **Titusville Moves Public Comment to End of Meeting**

At the May 27th Titusville City Council meeting, it was voted to have the "Petitions & Requests" put on at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning of the meeting. This was not advertised and could cause residents to not be heard. These issues are usually given at the 5:30 p.m. meeting and working people with questions or grievances can make their requests and then they can leave, as the meetings can last until 11:00 p.m. or later depending on the agenda. There are multiple reasons why this is not convenient, such as some elderly people cannot drive in the dark, or those who go to bed early in the night. The vote was passed by the Council. Then at the last agenda item, "the Mayor's report," he put in another motion on the floor to not have the "Petitions & Requests" recorded. Fortunately, this was denied by the full Council.

Reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jlpPJYrrXk&t=983s>

## **Study of Rocket Launch Noise & Vibration**

According to an article in Florida Today and the Edward Ellegood's May 26, 2025 SPACerePORT, the city of Cape Canaveral voted to do a study of launch impacts of the new SpaceX Starship. In a proactive move, the Cape Canaveral City Council unanimously voted to study with the Florida Institute of Technology to study the impacts of the SpaceX Starship that is to be launched in the near future at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. A Brigham Young University research team determined that a single Starship launch generated the equivalent of at least 10 Falcon 9 launches.

This study was due to a request by Cape Canaveral condominium resident Lilian Myers. She said with the increase of SpaceX launches, besides a crack in her ceiling, a crack running from the base of the building to the fifth floor has recently been repaired and she is worried that SpaceX Starship coming there may be major impacts to the city's residents.

SpaceX seeks to increase annual Falcon 9 rocket launches from 50 to 120 from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station besides SpaceX bringing Starship, the largest, most powerful rocket in history, to CCSFS in the near future.

Ventura County in California is also doing a study of rocket launch sonic booms. The story stated rocket ascent sonic booms are much lower in frequency and can feel like an earthquake.

In my opinion, Cape Canaveral City Council is the best in Brevard with the Major, Wes Morrison and Zachery, the City's Engineer. I have been at the same table as both of them and witnessed the innovative ideas they come up with to merge good sense with the workings of a well-run city to allow the environment to flourish. We need more elected officials with these qualities.

Reference: <https://mailchi.mp/451f03f7ba50/spacereport-16535859?e=fe07b1cd51>

## **Space Launch Monopoly?**

Edward Ellegood's May 26 SPACerePORT also reported that SpaceX rockets are reusable and efficient, among other positive aspects, and the United States has become very reliant on their service. Critics argue against reliance on a single company. "Heaven forbid we have a mishap with a Falcon 9 launch," Col. Richard Kniseley, an officer in the Space Force's Commercial Space Office, told The New York Times last year. "That means it is grounded, right? And that means we could be without launch." Kniseley's concern is just one among many related to SpaceX dominating the full range of space services.

Hal Singer, a professor of economics at the University of Utah, has even more concerns. Singer's tally of anti-competitive SpaceX actions includes corporate predation. Jim Cantrell of Phantom Space and Peter Beck of Rocket Lab both have said SpaceX has taken actions to undercut their company's growth.

Reference: <https://mailchi.mp/451f03f7ba50/spacereport-16535859?e=fe07b1cd51>

## **New Glenn Issues**

According to Edward Ellegood's June 16 SPACerePORT, the second flight of Blue Origin's massive New Glenn rocket won't happen until at least mid-August. The delay also puts Amazon's Project Kuiper at risk of losing their operations license. Amazon must launch 50% of its internet satellites by 2026, or Jeff Bezos' Amazon will lose its license. The way New Glenn's schedule is being delayed, it is definitely pressing Amazon for time.

## **Potential Space Conflict**

One last item from Edward Ellegood's June 16 SPACerePORT. Space Command is planning for a potential space conflict by 2027. They believe China will invade Taiwan. Apparently, the preparations include satellite communications, electronic jamming and autonomous drones. They believe China is arming its space station with drones and the U.S. is developing their missile defense shield.

Reference: <https://mailchi.mp/6aba2d3ebfd9/spacereport-16536003?e=fe07b1cd51>

## **Port St. John/Canaveral Groves MSTU**

We haven't forgotten the Port St. John/Canaveral Groves MSTU. Randy Rodriguez and I met with Brevard County Parks and Recreation, and our questions weren't really answered, as they stated we'd have to talk to County Finance to find out the answers. We are following up on that office and will hopefully have an explanation to you by next month.

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

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*This article expresses the views of its author.*

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## **Port St. John Housewives Softball League**

The Port St. John Housewives Softball League season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park. This is a great way to spend an afternoon with the family watching a game and having fun.

For more information about the league, call: Veronica Ordner, President, or Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052, or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605. You can also find us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/PSJHSL](http://www.facebook.com/PSJHSL).

## Food For Thought

### The Wonderful World of Watermelon

Watermelon, the quintessential summer fruit, is more than just a refreshing treat on a hot day. Packed with nutrients and hydrating properties, it offers a plethora of benefits that make it a must-have in your dietary routine. Let's explore the advantages of indulging in this juicy delight, learn how to pick the perfect watermelon and discover a refreshing watermelon sorbet recipe that'll keep you cool during the hot summer days.

Watermelon is composed of about 92% water, making it an excellent choice for hydration. Staying hydrated is crucial, especially during the warmer months when our bodies require more fluids. Consuming watermelon can help maintain optimal hydration levels, supporting overall bodily functions.

In addition to its high water content, watermelon is low in calories while being rich in essential nutrients. It is an excellent source of vitamins A and C, both of which are vital for maintaining healthy skin and boosting the immune system. Watermelon also contains important antioxidants like lycopene, which has been linked to reduced risks of certain cancers and improved heart health. Lycopene aids in heart health by helping to lower cholesterol and blood pressure, reducing the risk of heart disease. Additionally, watermelon contains a decent amount of potassium, which aids in regulating blood pressure levels.

Watermelon is high in fiber, which is essential for a healthy digestive system. Fiber helps in preventing constipation and promotes regular bowel movements. Incorporating watermelon into your diet can contribute to improved digestive health.

Selecting the right watermelon can be a daunting task, but with a few tips, you can pick the best one every time. To select a ripe watermelon, start by looking for a uniform shape. Choose one that is symmetrical and free of bumps or irregularities, as this indicates even growth and ripeness. Next, check the field spot, which is the area where the watermelon rested on the ground. A creamy yellow field spot suggests the fruit is ripe, while a white spot might mean it was picked too soon. Gently knock on the watermelon to listen for a hollow sound; a ripe

watermelon will produce a deep, hollow sound indicating it is full of juice. Feel the weight of the watermelon. A ripe one should feel heavy for its size, as it is mostly water.

Creating a homemade watermelon sorbet is a great way to enjoy the natural sweetness of watermelon without any added sugars. This simple recipe requires minimal ingredients and is perfect for cooling off on a hot summer day.

#### Ingredients:

4 cups of seedless watermelon, cut into cubes  
1 tablespoon of freshly squeezed lime juice  
1 tablespoon of honey (optional, for added sweetness)  
A pinch of salt

#### Instructions:

Start by cutting the watermelon into cubes. Make sure to remove any seeds to ensure a smooth texture in your sorbet.

Place the watermelon cubes in a single layer on a baking sheet. Freeze them for at least 2-3 hours or until they are completely frozen.

Once frozen, transfer the watermelon cubes to a blender or food processor. Add the lime juice and a pinch of salt. If you prefer a sweeter sorbet, you can add a tablespoon of honey at this stage. Blend until the mixture is smooth and creamy.

If the sorbet is too thick, you can add a tablespoon of water to help it blend more easily. Continue blending until you reach the desired consistency.

You can serve the sorbet immediately for a soft-serve texture or transfer it to an airtight container and freeze for another 1-2 hours for a firmer consistency. Scoop into bowls and enjoy!

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## Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month. Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.

Shows are held on the last Sunday of each month, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.



## Tuxes and Tails Greatest Show Gala Promises a Night to Remember

The Brevard Humane Society proudly announces the return of its signature fundraising event, the 14th Annual Tuxes and Tails Gala, with this year's theme, "The Greatest Show," happening on Saturday, August 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral.

Hosted by dedicated community humanitarians Tom, Susie and the Wasdin family, this elegant and energetic evening will be emceed by Mindy from Lite Rock 99.3 FM and will feature show-stopping performances by the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, thrilling surprise cirque-style acts, and a high-energy Live Auction led by Johnny Wiedmann of Wiedmann Construction & Roofing.

Presented by Subaru of Melbourne, the Tuxes and Tails Greatest Show Gala celebrates 73 years of compassionate care and advocacy for homeless pets in Brevard County. This year's event also aims to raise funds for the remodel of the Humane Society's aging Cocoa Adoption Center, helping improve care for current and future shelter animals.

"The Tuxes and Tails Greatest Show Gala is a celebration of everything we work for—rescue, compassion, and second chances," said Theresa Clifton, Executive Director of the Brevard Humane Society. "Every ticket, every bid and every kind donation helps us rebuild our shelter and create a brighter future for the animals who need us most."

Guests will enjoy gourmet dining, live performances, one of a kind auction items and the opportunity to make a real impact for animals in need.

For Sponsorship Opportunities, go to <https://brevardhumanesociety.org/tuxes-tails-sponsorship/>.

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## Post 359 - American Legion Post 359 -



### American Legion 7-2 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st

Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

**7-5 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, take part in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

**7-13 Sons of the Legion**, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

**7-16 General Membership Meeting-** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**7-19 SAL Rib Day** and all the fixin's, 1-5 p.m. \$15 per person and the band will be playing every 3rd Saturday.

**7-20 American Legion Riders** General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, 321-210-6234 or visit our website, alr359.org.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information. The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call 321-268-1632.

## Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10th, 2025 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 North Area Parks & Recreation, 321-264-5105.

***I joined a  
Procrastinator Support Group.  
It's called Wait Watchers.***

## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



### Military Coincidences

On this time of 4th of July sales, politicking, flag waving and fireworks, I find myself once again trying to remind everyone I meet what is the real reason for the day. I carry the Boomer moniker proudly, if for no other reason than we Boomers like to share the true meaning of patriotism even at the risk of eye rolling from most of today's hot dog grillers (or for some of us, to assure the eye rolling).

Anyone who knows me or has read my little pecking's knows how button-busting proud I am of all my human contributions to this old world. The Big Guy has gifted me with a very large, very unique, very colorful (almost every color of the human rainbow, plus the rainbow) conglomeration whom are recipients of my DNA or share souls with those who are. Another dark-haired, dark-eyed, eight pound twig made her appearance on the family tree just last night and there's another coming right behind her who will probably be red haired and green eyed.

I do have to add that most of my grands have also inherited a large amount of smart alec genes. I have no idea from whom! I sometimes swear my granddaughter and granddaughter-in-law who opened their home to cousins, then adopted a full set of siblings all about the same age, did so partially because they love to watch and snicker when I introduce them and get confused as to who is a grand and who is a great-grand child.

My granddaughter, who opens her heart and home to abandoned dogs, is presently spoiling four large, heavily shedding gifts from Heaven. Doing so on her own since the demise of her soul-mate, is helping to keep her world from spinning out of control. She is probably the only person on Earth who can render me speechless with just a

couple of words during what begins as an innocent phone conversation. And delights in doing so.

I'm sure the following could not have possibly been arranged, but with this group ya never know... We are proud to be a fairly military family, having at least one recent veteran, both male and female, of each of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

I'm presently in the very unique situation of having one grandson in the Army, one in the Navy and one newly signed into the Marines. Each joined their preferred branch for personal reasons, not just out of family loyalty. They are also in the very unique situation that if nothing changes, the Marine will be getting on a bus heading to Parris Island on the same day and very close to the same time that the Army soldier will be signing out after completing six years.

And this will happen on their grandfather's birthday...who was an Army veteran.

I'm not sure if there is a secret meaning to this timing, but like mothers all over the world, I'll be having many conversations with The Big Guy...

And keep 'accidentally' confusing Admirals, Generals and Tom Cruise during calls home. Annoying from afar is great!

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## 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.**

**7-1 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.

**7-2 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.

**7-2 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-** 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

### 7-4 Independence Day

**7-5 Thunder Over the Indian River** - OUC compound on Kings Hwy. Food and events start at 4:00, Fireworks around 9:15.

### 7-5 Ashura Begins

#### 7-5 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 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.

**7-10 North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation** will meet on Thursday, July 10th, at 4:00 p.m. at the North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Avenue, in Titusville. The public is welcome.

**7-10 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.

**7-11 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 bwc0020@gmail.com.

**7-13 Word Weavers Space Coast,** a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

**7-16 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 Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

**7-19 SAL Rib Day** and all the fixin's, 1-5 p.m. \$15 per person and the band will be playing every 3rd Saturday at American Legion Post 359.

**7-21 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**7-22 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.

**7-26 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.

## Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



**7-2 Sons of Amvets 2415** General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**7-9 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**7-10 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

**7-12 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

**7-12 Bike Night!** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

**Karaoke every Friday, 6-10 p.m.**

**Bingo - members - Sundays 1-?**

**Bingo- Public Welcome - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.**

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about Amvets, contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.

## Congratulations to:

**Jolene McCormick-Cooley** - 2025 High School graduate and recipient of an Associates Degree. She is off to the University of Florida.

**Emma Grenet** turns **8** on the 1st!

**Allan Woerner** turns **31** on the 2nd.

**Katarina Spears** will be **8** years old on July 3

**Rick Harmon** turns wilder on the 3rd.

**Talan Turner** turns **17** on the 3rd.

**Tyler VanSiclen** turns **27** on the 4th.

**Lori Ebbensgard** turns hotter on the 4th!

**Brayden Engelson** turns **19** on July 4th.

**Matt Halloran** turns **43** on the 5th.

**Chris Fogarty** turns cooler on the 6th.

**Jim Smith** turns **62** on the 6th.

**Jill Hill** turns prettier on the 8th

**James Bowen** turns crazier on the 8th.

**Brittani Davis** turns **29** on the 9th.

**Kelly Messer** dances till dawn on the 9th.

**Brittani Davis** will be **30** on July 9th.

**Nancy Taylor** is the Queen on the 10th.

**Michael Turner** turns **18** on the 10th.

**Jonathan Benoff** turns buffer on the 10th.

**Brittany Harmon** turns **33** on the 11th.

**Logan Helms** turns **20** on the 13th.

**Charlotte Divine** turns **7** on the 17th.

**Connor Smith** turns **21** on the 19th.

**Isabella "Bella" Orvis** turns **10** on the 20th!

**Eamon Wright** is the King on the 23rd.

**J.D. Carnell** turns **28** on the 24th.

**Savannah Bowen** is **25** on the 24th.

**Kathy LaPorte** has a party day on the 25th.

**Sarah Hannen** turns **29** on the 26th.

**Sydney McGann** turns **20** on the 26th.

**Conor Henderson** turns **19** on the 26th.

**Greg Messer** rules the course on the 26th.

**Harper Halloran** turns **1** on the 27th.

**Brett Benoff** turns wiser on the 27th.

**Madi McGann** turns **22** on the 28th.

**Roger Brunet** Happy B-day on the 29th!!

Happy 15th Anniversary to **Kari & Marty Grinstead on the 1st.**

**David & Doreen Erickson** celebrate their **29th** on the 2nd.

**Jack and Kathy LaPorte** celebrate **43** years of marriage on the 16th.

**Donny Roberts and Linda Carlton** celebrate their **12th** on the 20th.

**Lori & Rich Ebbensgard** celebrate their **12th** anniversary on the 23rd.

**Tim and Karrson Unrue** celebrate their **7th** wedding anniversary on the 24th.

Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.

# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves



July is here, which means we are now in Hurricane Season. All weather outlets predict it will be a very active season. It is now time to go over the plans and stock up on supplies. This includes:

- removing debris and items that may blow around in your yard or on your property.
- drive around so you know the streets in case one is blocked. A lot of people just know the main roads to get in and out and do not realize they may be able to use other roads to circumvent a problem in case a road is blocked.

Brevard County Fire Department is running short handed on many shifts, so please only call them if there is a real emergency. Since Rockledge Regional Hospital (Orlando Health) closed, they are being supplemented by Coastal Ambulance Service. This means that Coastal will be handling basic life support transports to the hospitals. Brevard County Fire Rescue personnel will still assess the patients' needs and if it is an Advance Life Support situation, they will transport the patients to the hospital.

The south end of Grissom Parkway is getting more crowded because the City of Cocoa is approving more commercial buildings. The newest one is a concrete plant. This will cause

more and more traffic on the south end of Grissom Parkway.

There still seems to be a lot of animals running loose and missing in the area. Please have your animals microchipped so they can be returned to you in a timely manner.

Remember: Thunder Over the River (fireworks) will be held on Saturday, July 5th. The Port St. John Community Foundation will be holding the gathering at US 1 and Kings Hwy. in Port St. John. The gates will open on Kings Hwy. at 4 p.m. There will be food trucks, BBQ contest, entertainment, bounce houses, etc. The rain date is July 6th.

Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners  
Association

## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. Our meeting place is Kay's BBQ Restaurant, 1552 W. King St., Cocoa. The July meeting will be on the 14th. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

The website address is [www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137](http://www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137).

## Magic and Dog Show

Does your dog know tricks? Attend the most adorable event of the year on Saturday, July 19th at 4:00 p.m. at Magic Dove Magic Shop in Historic Cocoa Village and help raise money for Lowrider Dachshund Rescue of Florida.

Your dog could be the 2025 Magic Dove Dog of the Year! Enter your dog in a friendly dog competition and show off your dog's tricks and skills. Each dog performance will have three minutes on the Magic Dove stage. Award winning magician Marvelous Megan and her talented friends will entertain you with magic acts in between the dog performances. Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. In addition, Tails at the Barkery, specializing in fresh baked treats, tail bites and designer wear, will be providing gift basket prizes to each of the winners.

Tickets to attend the Magic and Dog Show are \$20 per person. You can register your dog to perform for an additional \$5. All performances must pre-register. Register in person at Magic Dove Magic Shop or call them at 321-433-1130. Other fundraising opportunities will be available at the event.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to Lowrider Dachshund Rescue of Florida, an all-volunteer, nonprofit rescue organization specializing in the rescuing of dachshund and dachshund mixes. They are provided with needed medical care, emergency care, qualified foster homes and then adopted out to their forever homes all over the State of Florida.

All pets must be on a leash or in appropriate carriers and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends. Contact [Admin@lowriderrescue.org](mailto:Admin@lowriderrescue.org) or Tails at the Barkery, 321-305-4584, or Magic Dove Magic Shop, 321-433-1130 for more information.



### 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.

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Won't you join us?



## Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

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

- Registered Nurses (RN)
  - Emergency Department Med/Surg
  - Clinical Coordinators
  - Charge Nurses
  - Electrophysiology Nurses
  - CVIS Nurses
- Technologists
  - CT/MRI
  - Echo Cardiovascular
  - Interventional Radiographer
  - Radiology
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Medical Assistants
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- Paramedics
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Next virtual intro sessions:

- Wednesday, July 16, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- and
- Thursday, July 17, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## Creative Community Engagement

Over the past several months, the Foundation has diversified its fundraising approach with several community-focused events. "Some of the children in our Foundation wrote a cookbook, we sold a discount card, had a Comedy fundraiser and a casino event over the past few months. We have started 7 new Life Funds," said Sam Patel, Founder of The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness. "We wanted to recognize these children and families for their hard work!"

The cookbook project particularly highlighted the Foundation's commitment to involving the beneficiaries in the fundraising process, giving children an active role in building their own and their peers' educational futures.

The Foundation's diverse fundraising efforts demonstrate growing community engagement and creative approaches to addressing educational access. From the annual golf tournament that draws sponsors and volunteers, to cookbook sales featuring the voices of the children themselves, the organization has built multiple touchpoints for community involvement.

The success of these varied initiatives shows the community's commitment to the Foundation's mission of breaking generational cycles of poverty through proactive educational investment. Local businesses have supported the discount card program, while families and community members have participated in entertainment-focused events like the comedy and casino fundraisers.

With 93 students now benefiting from Life Funds and a proven track record of successful community fundraising, The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness continues to expand its impact through innovative approaches. The organization's ability to engage both adult supporters and the children themselves in fundraising efforts demonstrates a sustainable model for long-term growth.

The Foundation for Random Acts of Kindness is a certified 501(c)

(3) nonprofit organization. More information about their programs and impact can be found at [foundationforrak.org](http://foundationforrak.org).

## Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, July 12 and Saturday, July 26. 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.

## RIBBON CUTTING

*You are invited!*

**Tuesday, July 22 5-6:30pm**

We are proud to announce the official opening of our newest Parrish Healthcare Center in North Titusville! The new center features a cancer center, infusion services, diagnostic services and medical offices. Join us for a ribbon cutting, guided tours and light refreshments, as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

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**Take-Home Crafts:** New Crafts every Monday.  
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**Kids' Movie Mondays:** Mondays 3:00-5:00 p.m..  
All Ages Welcome. FREE popcorn and a movie.

**STEAM Activity:** Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Saturday Craft Crew:** Saturdays 9:30-10:30.  
Ages 3 and Up.

**Sensory Sundays:** Sundays 2:00-3:00 p.m. Ages  
12 and Under.

**Game Days:** Sundays 1:00-2:00 p.m. All Ages  
Welcome.

**Kids' D&D:** Sundays 3:00-4:00 p.m. Ages 8-12.

#### **Teen Programs:**

**Drone Piloting Lessons:** RSVP Required! Ages  
13-17. July 2, 16 & 30 12:00-1:00 p.m.

**Teen Anime Club:** Saturdays 3:00-4:00. Ages  
13-17.

**“Adulting” Life Skills Course:** Thursdays 3:00-  
5:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. Professionals in the field  
teach teens basic life skills to help them succeed  
in early adulthood. Please RSVP for this 8-session  
course!

#### **Reading Programs:**

**Reading Log:** Download the Beanstack app to  
log your reading hours on a smart device.

**Reading For Kids:** Please stop by Youth Services  
to collect your summer reading “brag tags.”  
For each day that you read, earn beads for your  
summer reading “brag tag” necklace!

**Reading For Adults:** Track your reading on  
Beanstack and check with the Reference Desk for  
weekly reading challenges and prizes.

**Toddlers & Babies:** Read Your Way to K: Baby  
Storytime. Fridays from 9:30-10:00 a.m.

**Read Your Way to K:** Toddler Storytime.  
Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:00 a.m.

**Read Your Way to K:** Little Movers & Groovers.  
Thursdays from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Ages 5 and Under  
Adult Programs

**Paint Party** - at the Port St. John Library.  
Saturday, July 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.:  
Join us for a paint party every first Saturday of the  
month. During this class you will create custom  
wooden door hangers. Adults and teens ages  
16+. \$40/per person. Payment is due at sign up.  
Register at the Reference Desk.

**Community Advocate** - Mondays, July 7 and 21  
from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support  
advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social  
security, healthcare and insurance, and senior  
resources.

**Book Worms Book Club:** Wednesday, July 2nd  
at 6:30 p.m.: Book discussion. See the reference  
desk for this month's selection and the next  
meeting date. This month, the book club will  
discuss *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom.

**Port Readers Book Club:** Wednesday, July 16th,  
at 6:30. The July title is *Friends, Lovers, and the  
Big Terrible Thing* by Matthew Perry. Register in  
advance at the reference desk.

#### **Family Programs**

**Spice Travelers Spice Club** - — Friday, July  
18th at 3:30 p.m. This is a family event. Come to  
the meeting to pick up a spice kit and share food,  
recipes, and cooking adventures. It's fun for the  
entire family.

**SPACE DISCO Escape Room** - July 19 – 24  
from 3 to 5 p.m. Registration required.



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legged friends during these hot months, with  
shade and plenty of water.

On Friday, July 4th, we will have our Annual  
4th of July Celebration Service at 5:30 p.m.,  
followed by our church picnic and Family and  
Fun Day at 6:00 p.m. (RSVP if you plan to  
attend).

I know it seems that the school season is a  
long way off, but we will start gathering school  
supplies in July for distribution in the first week

of August. If you have school supplies that you  
would like to donate to our children in need in  
Port St. John, please drop them off at the church  
or call the church office at 321-802-1311.

Please join us for our Ladies Fellowship and  
Craft Group on the third Monday in July - July  
21st - at 6:00 p.m. Bring a craft to work on and  
enjoy great fellowship and a light snack.

The Veterans' and First Responder Breakfast  
will be held on Saturday, July 26th, in the Parish  
Hall at 9:00 a.m. This is open to all veterans,  
spouses of veterans, police, fire, and emergency  
services individuals.

Regular Service Schedule is: Holy  
Communion Service – Sunday 8:00 a.m. (no  
music), 10:00 a.m. (In Person and Facebook Live  
- <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>), and  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. (In Person and Facebook  
Live - <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>)

Morning Prayer Services are – Monday  
through Friday – 8:00 a.m. (available through  
Facebook Live only) at <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>.

Adult Bible School and Student Sunday  
School are on hiatus for July. Student Sunday  
School will restart on Sunday, August 24th  
at 10:00 a.m. and is open to students in 1st to  
8th grade. Please contact the church for more  
information: [stpatrickspsj@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickspsj@gmail.com) or 321-  
802-1311.

Are you interested in finding out more about  
the Anglican Church and St. Patrick's Anglican  
Church if so feel free to contact us at: St.  
Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.,  
Port St. John, 321-802-1311 or [stpatrickspsj@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickspsj@gmail.com).

Are you planning an event or special event?  
Please contact the church for facility rental at  
321-802-1311.

Updated event information and services are  
available at <https://stpatrickspsj.org>.

## **Rubber Duckie Extravaganza**

First United Church of Port St. John will be  
hosting the school from 9:30 a.m. to noon on July  
26 at the church, 1165 Fay Blvd. in PSJ. For more  
information or to register, call 321-360-6222 or  
visit [vbspro.events/p/nextgenkids](https://vbspro.events/p/nextgenkids).

For more information about FUMC and events,  
visit [facebook.com/nextgenkidspsj](https://facebook.com/nextgenkidspsj).

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

### **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 Center team at 321-268-6408

### **Cancer and Survivor Support Group**

Meets the third Wednesday monthly, 4-5:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North 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, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

### **Early Steps Community Play Date**

Meets the fourth Wednesday monthly, 9-10:30 AM  
The Children's Center  
5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville  
Contact Mary Cancel at 321-292-1370

### **Fearless Café**

Presented by St. Francis Reflections Life Stages Care  
and Parrish Medical Center  
Meets the first Wednesday monthly, 10-11 AM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

### **Kidney Smart Class**

Meets the last Thursday monthly, 1-2:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
Contact Jackie Torres at 321-383-1245

### **Mom's Support Group**

Meets Mondays, 10-11 AM  
The Children's Center  
5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville  
Contact Barbara Fradkin at 321-345-1031

### **Parkinson's Support Group**

Meets the second Tuesday monthly, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM  
Parrish Health & Wellness Center  
3065 Columbia Boulevard, C-104, Titusville  
Contact Barbara Fradkin 321-345-1031 or  
[BrevardParkinsons.org](http://BrevardParkinsons.org)  
[parrishhealthcare.com/parkinsonsupport](http://parrishhealthcare.com/parkinsonsupport)

### **Stroke and Heart Survivors Support Group**

Meets the third Tuesday monthly, 2-4 PM  
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village  
931 North 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 North Washington Avenue, Titusville  
Facilitated by Jennifer Wolowitz, Tobacco Free Florida  
407-889-2292, ext. 102



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## Monthly Tax Update

Here we are in July; I can't believe half of the year is gone in the blink of an eye. I will start by wishing everybody a Happy Independence Day.

This month, I bring information about the Senate passing the "No Tax on Tips Act" (S. 129) by unanimous consent on May 20, 2025. Now it must be approved by the House of Representatives and signed by the President. It is probable that the No Tax on Tips Act will be finalized as a standalone legislation and the changes will be permanent. Right now, you will report all your tips as part of your income and they are subject to federal income tax. Your tips include cash tips, tips charged through credit or debit cards, and your share of any tips received through tip pooling or splitting arrangements. Moreover, non-cash tips, like tickets or passes, are taxable income and must be included on your tax return.

The Bill tries to eliminate certain workers' tips from federal income tax, implementing a tax deduction for reported tips with certain requirements and limitations. The tax deduction you will receive as a benefit is up to \$25,000 per year per qualified tip (cash tips). Perhaps the proposal generally includes an income limit for

claiming the deduction, such as \$160,000 for 2025. It is essential to mention that even though you will get a deduction on your tips, they will still be subject to Social Security and Medicaid taxes.

Other non-cash tips, like those from credit or debit cards, would still be taxed and subject to federal income tax. Last but not least, this Bill expands the Business Tax Credit for the portion of payroll taxes that an employer pays on certain tips to include payroll taxes paid on tips received in connection with barbering and hair care, nail care, esthetics, and body and spa treatments. (Under current law, only the Business Tax Credit for the amount of payroll taxes paid on certain tips received by an employee in connection with providing, delivering or serving food, or beverages.)

Recently, many people have received letters from the IRS for balances due from prior tax returns. Consult with your tax preparer and evaluate the letters before contacting the IRS. If your balance due for your personal tax return is \$50,000 or less, you may qualify for an installment agreement and make monthly payments for up to 72 months. However, for companies, the installment agreement is different; the balance

due should be \$25,000 or less to qualify for the installment agreement, and the monthly payments are up to 24 months.

More good 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.

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## Hurricane Season Medical Reminders

Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30. Parrish Healthcare urges our community to be prepared and stay safe. Your health and safety remain our top priorities before, during and after any storm. Following are a few important medical reminders to help you be prepared.

**Get a 30-Day Supply of Necessary Medications:** If you are taking prescription medications, we encourage you to have a 30-day supply on hand. It is important to make your medication plan now. This plan should include speaking with a health insurance representative, pharmacist or your physician about options to acquire extra medications, one of which may include paying cash for your 30-day supply.

Please note, Florida Law allows for early prescription refills in the event the Governor issues an executive order declaring a state of emergency.

**Call Your Dialysis Center for a Temporary Plan of Care:** If you are on dialysis, please call your dialysis center to create a plan of action for your care. Do not miss a treatment prior to bad weather and make sure to follow your doctor-ordered diet very closely. Read the patient care information provided to you by your doctor. It includes medical information to assist you and phone numbers to the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network. Only your doctor can recommend if it is medically safe for you to miss treatments and can advise whether you should be admitted to a hospital during a hurricane.

Please note: Special Needs Shelters do not offer dialysis and some centers may be closed during

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a hurricane. When the storm passes, contact your dialysis center for further instructions or go to your hospital for short-term care if your center is closed.

**The Hospital Is Not a County Shelter:** A shelter is a place to go in the event of an evacuation. There are three types of evacuation shelters: Primary Evacuation Shelters, Special Needs Shelters and Pet-Friendly Shelters. Shelters are designated throughout the county.

Please note: Parrish Medical Center (the hospital) is not a designated shelter and does not take evacuees.

For more helpful information regarding Brevard county shelters, please visit: <https://www.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement/BePrepared/Step3HaveAPlan/Shelters>.

**If Oxygen Dependent, Make Shelter Arrangements:** Individuals who are oxygen dependent may be eligible for a Special Needs Shelter. Eligibility is based on medical needs and availability. If you are oxygen-dependent, be sure to fill your oxygen tanks. At a minimum, we encourage you to have two days' worth of oxygen on hand. If you do not plan to evacuate, contact the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management at 321-637-6670 for more information on how to register for a Special Needs Shelter. Making prior arrangements for a Special Needs Shelter is essential.

**General Preparation for a Hurricane:** For additional information on what you can do to prepare for an emergency such as a hurricane, please visit the Brevard County Office of Emergency

Management website at <https://www.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement/BePrepared>. Here, you will find valuable information to help stay prepared and resources during an emergency situation.

Should a hurricane impact operations and services available within Parrish Healthcare, we will advise the community via our website, social media platforms and by distributing press releases to our media partners.

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