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*** PSJ Christmas Parade Results! ***

The morning of the 35th annual Port St. John Christmas Parade started cool, but warmed up quickly. The parade was larger this year with over 2 miles of dancers, music, classic cars, motorcycles, dazzling floats, golf carts and ATVs, mudders and monsters, and a huge display of tow trucks. Fay Blvd. was lined with a large crowd to enjoy it and lots of candy was shared!

The size of floats and entries was the largest ever in the PSJ Christmas Parade. Several entries had multiple vehicles and floats. Some were over 100 yards long.

We are not a county-funded parade, so please remember these businesses and people who give back to make our community a wonderful place to live. As always, a VERY BIG THANK YOU goes out to our wonderful sponsors who make the parade possible: Community Champions Parrish Healthcare, HAPPENINGS, Orion Connectivity Services, Freedom Air & Plumbing, Higginbotham Financial Services and Higginbotham-Baldeon Agency, plus Platinum sponsors Ignite Athletics, Maureen Rupe, Allen Duncan Agencies, Cowart



Tractor Services, Billy's Pressure Washing,, Florida Hat Shack, Amvets Post 2415, KSK Junk Removal, Pozzy Brothers Pizza, Higginbotham Media, Space Coast Nutrition, Port Java, Shirt Shack and ChiChi's Cosmic CrunChis.

Also, thank you to the residents of Fay Blvd. who get blocked in for 2 hours every year as the Christmas parade goes by. We appreciate you!

And of course, a BIG THANK YOU to the Christmas Parade Committee, many of whom

miss the parade every year staging the entries to create the parade, and our newest volunteers. YOU ARE AWESOME! Parade photos are on Facebook at Kati Photography and more will be available online at portstjohncommunityfoundation.com.

A big THANK YOU to Challenger 7 Elementary for allowing us to stage the parade there.

Christmas Parade Winners:

Best Overall - Enterprise Elementary

- 1st Place Creativity - Parrish Healthcare
- 2nd Place Creativity - KSK Junk Removal & Cleaning
- 1st Place Spirit - Enterprise Elementary
- 2nd Place Spirit - Orion Connectivity Service
- 1st Place Theme - Port Java
- 2nd Place Theme - Enterprise Elementary
- 1st Place Marching Musical - Space Coast Vipers Marching Band
- 1st Place Non-Musical - SCHS Vipers Cheerleaders
- 2nd Place Non-Musical - Keegan Performance

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - January 2026

The center is open Mondays – Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For latest information about any of these programs and rentals, call the Center: 321-633-1904.

Mondays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk
Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars-Ballet/Tap Combo Classes, 10:45 a.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
Zumba, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk
Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars-Ballet/Tap Combo Classes, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk
Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
ESPORTS Club, 6 – 8 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk
Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
Gentle Yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk
Pool Tables, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Home School Class P.E., 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 - 6 p.m.
SENIORS AT LUNCH - Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Seniors at Lunch is held every weekday and provides hot meals and activities for Seniors 60 years and older. Please call 321-410-9185 for more information.
ZUMBA - Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - A Zumba class is a high-energy dance fitness program that combines Latin and international music with choreographed dance moves. It's designed to be a fun and effective workout, suitable for various fitness levels. \$6 per session.
DANCING LITTLE STARS - Mondays 10:45 a.m. & Tuesdays 4:00-4:45 p.m./5:00-5:45 p.m. Check their website for classes & times. 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.

ESPORTS CLUB - Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. LEARN, PLAY, HAVE FUN! \$10 (one year membership), Please call 321-603-2118 Ext. 42118 for more information.

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. We recommend not eating two hours prior, but a small fruit snack is okay. Price is \$7 per class. Visit www.psjyoga.com for further information.

HOME SCHOOL CLASS P.E.

Fridays, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. This is a great opportunity to exercise and socialize in a fun nature. Price is \$2 per class. Call 321-603-2118 for more information.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, January 10 and Saturday, January 24. 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, you don't have to be a senior citizen.

MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. If you would like more information about our dances and the type of music and dancing, call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.



“Death at the Doo-Wop” – A 1950s Sock Hop Murder Mystery Fundraiser

The Brevard Humane Society is excited to announce the return of its highly anticipated Murder Mystery Fundraiser, Death at the Doo-Wop, taking place on January 24th at the beautiful Beachside Hotel & Suites in Cocoa Beach.

This year's theme transports guests back to the fabulous 1950s sock hop era, where poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and leather jackets set the scene for an unforgettable night of suspense, entertainment, and community support. The talented Cocoa Village Playhouse cast will once again bring the mystery to life, delivering a captivating and interactive performance—this time with a doo-wop twist.

Event Details:

The show will be on January 24, 2026 at the Beachside Hotel & Suites, Cocoa Beach

Tickets are General Admission - \$75, VIP - \$100. Dance Floor Opens: 6:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to dress in classic Sock Hop style, with a special prize awarded for Best Period Outfit. Whether you're channeling your inner greaser or rocking a retro swing skirt, this night promises fun for all while supporting a meaningful cause.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Brevard Humane Society, helping provide compassionate care, shelter, and second chances for homeless animals throughout Brevard County.

Tickets are limited and expected to sell quickly. To purchase tickets or learn more, please visit www.brevardhumanesociety.org or call 321-636-3343.

The Brevard Humane Society is dedicated to promoting the humane treatment of animals through compassionate care, adoptions, education and community outreach. As Brevard County's oldest established animal welfare organization, it relies on community support to continue providing safe shelter and loving homes for thousands of animals each year.

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January 16 -February 15, 2026

Feel the excitement and dance like nobody is watching as Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy HAIRSPRAY spins to the stage! The 1950's are out, and change is in the air! Meet Tracy Turnblad, a lovable plus-size teen with big hair and an even bigger ambition: she's determined to dance on the "Corny Collins Show" and fight for integration! With catchy hits like, "Welcome to the 60's" and "You Can't Stop the Beat," get ready for a family-friendly show packed with laughter, love and non-stop fun! Join us for a heartwarming adventure that will keep you dancing all night!



Titusville Playhouse

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre, 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast.

The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. Balcony seats are only accessed by walking up a flight of stairs. There is no elevator.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit titusvilleplayhouse.com/ or call 321-268-1125. Season tickets are available.

Parrish Healthcare Hosts Annual Gift of Gratitude Event, Donates Over 1,000 Holiday Meals to North Brevard Families



Volunteers from Parrish Healthcare and North Brevard Charities & Thrift Store unload donated hams, turkeys and pies for families in need throughout the region.

Parrish Healthcare celebrated its annual Gift of Gratitude event, a cherished tradition honoring Care Partners (employees, physicians and volunteers) while extending support to families in need throughout North Brevard County. Each year, all Care Partners are gifted a holiday ham or turkey and apple or pumpkin pie as a token of appreciation for their dedication and hard work. They are also given the option to donate their gift, transforming gratitude into generosity. Through this collective effort, Parrish Healthcare partners with local charities to ensure holiday meals reach families facing food insecurity.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Care Partners within Parrish Healthcare, this year's Gift of Gratitude event resulted in the donation of more than 1,000 hams, turkeys and pies to families across North Brevard.

This year's charitable partners included North Brevard Charities & Thrift Store, LifePointe Ministries, Under the Bridge Ministries and First Baptist of Mims, all of whom play a vital role in serving individuals and families throughout North Brevard who may otherwise go without.

"Our Care Partners truly embody the spirit of



giving," said George Mikitarian, President and CEO of Parrish Healthcare. "What began as a way to thank our family of Care Partners has grown into a meaningful opportunity to support our neighbors during the holiday season. We are incredibly proud of the compassion and generosity shown by our staff and grateful for our community partners who help make this possible."

The Gift of Gratitude event reflects Parrish Healthcare's ongoing commitment to community well-being and meaningful partnerships that make a lasting impact.

For more information about Parrish Healthcare and its community initiatives, visit parrishhealthcare.com/news.



Car Shows In PSJ

First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be hosting a Car Show each month. The Dixie Cruisers will be at our church the first Friday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. You are welcome to come and view the cars on display. There is no entry fee. It's all about fellowship and fun. 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. or visit www.firstbaptistpsj.org.

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

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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



Exercise

As we head into a new year we seem to be dragging the same old evilness with us. There seems to be nothing we can do except find ways to help whomever and wherever we can. Prayers are being sent.

As usual, the New Year will find us all resolving the same old resolves...mine certainly will not be to learn new ways to exercise so I might stick with it! The only thing sticking is the stretchy bandage.

I'm sure it comes as no surprise to my readers to learn that I do not follow instructions well. In my own defense, I must say I would be more likely to do so if they weren't written by a masochistic foreign-exchange student.

I recently became the proud owner of a large conglomeration of metal, plastic and wires that has the appearance of being invented during The Spanish Inquisition. The TV commercials show a young, blonde, 90-pound wisp of womanhood insanely happy to be pumping her legs and arms in perfect rhythm while an equally young, pony-tailed, 'rack of muscle' cheers and applauds from the sidelines. They promise the pounds and inches will melt off if I use the machine for just a few moments a day.

The inches might melt off, but I'm sure the casts I am likely to acquire will add pounds.

The instructions sound easy enough:

1. Place your hands on the front cross bar
2. Place your right foot on the right foot pedal
3. Place your left foot on the left foot pedal
4. Begin gliding

Hanging on to the cross bar, I placed my right foot on the right pedal. It immediately shot forward, causing the upright front bar to swing backward, thereby slamming into my chest.

Upon catching my breath, I once again placed

my right foot on the right pedal – holding the upright bar this time. I then placed my left foot on the left foot pedal.

When the left foot pedal shot forward I shifted to avoid the upright bar, and the right foot pedal shot backward — my foot still in it.

Grabbing the upright bars with both hands threw my center of gravity backward causing both feet to glide forward. I quickly removed my right foot from the right foot pedal and placed it on the floor. The left foot pedal — with my foot still in it — glided backward banging into my right ankle.

I removed my left foot from the left foot pedal, quickly sat on the floor and grasped my right ankle firmly with both hands; simultaneously creating new usages for words I didn't know were in my vocabulary.

I wonder how many calories are burned per vowel? That might be a good thing to know. I may be using a lot of them.

Food For Thought

Step Into the New Year: First Day Hikes at Florida State Parks

If your New Year's resolutions include moving more, spending time outdoors or simply starting the year on a positive note, Florida State Parks offer a tradition worth stepping into known as First Day Hikes. These guided hikes take place annually on January 1st and invite people of all ages to kick off the new year by enjoying nature and getting some exercise. This year's First Day Hikes are especially meaningful, as they also help celebrate America's semiquincentennial, marking 250 years since our nation's founding.

For a bit of background, First Day Hikes began in Massachusetts in 1992 and later grew into a nationwide event in 2012 under America's State Parks. Since then, all 50 states have participated, offering thousands of hikes each year that range from leisurely guided walks to more adventurous experiences. De Leon Springs may have one of the most memorable events of all. For a small fee, participants are invited to jump into the spring, followed by pancakes afterward. A cold plunge and a warm breakfast? Sounds like a solid plan to me.

There are several Central Florida parks hosting First Day Hike events this year, including De Leon Springs State Park, Gamble Rogers Memorial

Good Day!

~ by Maureen Rupe

Due to a health issue, Good Day will not be in this issue. Join us in wishing Maureen quick healing!

State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach, Sebastian Inlet State Park, Silver Springs State Park and Tomoka State Park. With Florida's diversity, each park has something a little different to offer, from bright and beachy views to crystal-clear springs and calm, shaded paths.

With more than 175 state parks across Florida, you don't have to travel far to participate. Even if you didn't make it out on January 1st, the spirit of First Day Hikes doesn't have to end there. Any day is a good day to visit a local state park, breathe some fresh air and enjoy the benefits of moving your body outdoors.

First Day Hikes are family-friendly, welcoming, and a great way to start the year on the right foot. To find a First Day Hike or other upcoming events, visit the Florida State Parks website and search for a park near you. It's a simple way to move your body, enjoy the outdoors and kick off the new year.

~ Amanda Mahaleris, MS, RDN, LDN
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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. (January 25th this 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.

CFAC is a Not-for-Profit Florida Corporation, and is tax exempt under Section 501c4 of the Federal Tax Code. The club is dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion as a multi-cultural musical instrument in Central Florida. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.

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*

Parrish Healthcare Center, North Titusville, Conference Room
490 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, 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 Healthcare

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

Mom's Support Group

Meets Mondays, 10-11 AM

The Children's Center
5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville

Contact Melinda at melinda.hodges@parrishmed.com

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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On the Road With Rose



Woodside Park

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As I'm tapping this out, the craziness swirling around this old world of ours seems to be getting darker and darker. Reaching out to our neighbors and sending prayers upward are the best ways I know to cope; easy to do and anyone can join in.

This little park is by far the best I've seen in quite a while! Set back off Murrell Road a little, it's easy to miss, but very much worth the effort.

Going through the gate, the sizable dog parks are to the right. Separated by large dogs and small dogs, the fences encompass lots of grassy areas for running and playing, cute little dog houses, their very own fire hydrants, plenty of water for drinking and lots of very comfortable seating for humans. Two beautiful gray dogs jumping and playing reminded me that at my advanced age, I have never learned to pronounce Weimaraner...

There's a very nice paved jogging path circling both parks, mostly shaded, but the main attraction is the children's' area. Access by a rock path to climb up to the twin slides caught my eye first, of course making me wish I was a tad younger or at least less 'fluffy.' My intrepid adventure partner is having back problems and I didn't want to make it worse by forcing her to guffaw should I get stuck.

The wooden bridge spanning two hills begs for small feet running, stomping and looking for trolls residing in the tunnel under the bridge. The grassy hills are just perfect for rolling down. A rope spiderweb at the bottom invites all kinds of play and there is plenty of room for running and playing. An old tree trunk is perfect for clamoring all over, and it's surrounded by rocks to balance on. The swings sit a little away from the playground, which helps to keep an active child from running in front of the swinger...something most other parks omit.

Comfortable chairs and benches inside the park and by the little lake are complete with umbrellas.

Woodside Park is a great place to spend an afternoon with your favorite little ones, with lots of ice cream places close by for the trip home.



Splash! of Watercolor Art Show 2026 is the Brevard Watercolor Society's annual member show, with original watercolors by local artists, marketplace, demonstrations, raffles and a silent auction. See this amazing exhibit of talent and join the fun Valentine Day's weekend at the Azan Shriners Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne. The show takes place on Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Splash! includes watercolor paintings on display and for sale by local artists, a juried art show, artist showcase, People's Choice awards, student exhibition, an artists' marketplace where you can shop for unique works of art, themed gift basket raffles, a silent auction, 50/50 raffles, healthy food and informative demonstrations all weekend long.

Demonstrations by our member artists fill the weekend. A highlight is the popular Paint-Around demonstration (Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon), where five artists collectively work on five paintings. Each artist comes up with an initial concept for one painting and has about fifteen minutes to start it off. Every fifteen minutes the paintings are passed to the next artist until they come back to the original artist who has the last fifteen minutes to finalize the painting.

There is plenty of free parking and admission is free. Lunch is available for purchase.

Brevard Watercolor Society, Inc. (BWS) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to spreading an appreciation of watercolor painting and the visual arts, to enrich the quality of life throughout the Space Coast by workshops, education, and exhibitions.

To learn more about BWS and all it has to offer, please visit brevardwatercolorsociety.org

For more information, contact Kimber Musacchio, Publicity Chair, at 321-446-9437 or email bwspublicity@gmail.com.



St. Patrick's Anglican Church
4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

321-802-1311

Classical Christians engaging the word

January marks the beginning of the Season of Epiphany, a time of light and discovery, commemorated by the visit of the Wise Men who followed the star to Christ (Matthew 2:1-12). This event reminds us that God's light is meant for all and continues to guide our daily lives as the year unfolds.

We invite you to join us for worship, fellowship, and learning this month.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall, offering encouragement and support to grandparents raising grandchildren.

Beginning Bridge continues on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Parish Hall, a relaxed and friendly setting for beginners or those wanting to refresh their skills.

Our Veterans, Veteran Spouse, and First Responder Breakfast will be held Saturday, January 31, welcoming those who serve and their families for fellowship and gratitude.

There will be no First Friday Family Fun Night in January, but please mark your calendar for February 6, when we are planning an outdoor family movie night.

Adult Bible Study meets Sundays at 9:00 AM, and Student Sunday School is offered during the 10:00 AM service for students in 3rd to 8th grade. Currently, we do not have a dedicated nursery.

St. Patrick's Anglican Church will again host the Robbie Burns Dinner, sponsored by the Brevard Celtic Norse Heritage Society, on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 5:00-8:00 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. For questions or credit card payment, please call Allison at 321-302-5923. Seating is limited.

Our regular worship schedule continues:

- Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist: 6:00 PM
- Weekday Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM on Facebook Live

For confidential recovery support, the Brevard Intergroup is available 24/7 at 321-724-2247.

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.**

1-1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1-3 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.

1-6 Epiphany

1-6 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.

1-7 Orthodox Christmas

1-7 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.

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

1-8 North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will meet on Thursday, January 8th, at 4:00 p.m. at the North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Avenue, in Titusville. The public is welcome.

1-8 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.

1-9 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.

1-11 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

1-14 Orthodox New Year

1-16 Lailat Al Miraj

1-17 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday of the month

at American Legion Post 359.

1-19 Martin Luther King Day

1-19 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday of each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 321-505-2361.

1-21 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 Michele Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

1-23 Canaveral Groves Golf Cart Parade - Lineup at 5:30 p.m. on Fishtail Palm. All carts and ATVs are welcome. The parade will go down Pine St., Cangro and other streets. Route will be available at staging.

1-27 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.

1-31 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.

Post 359 - American Legion



1-3 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.

1-7 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

1-12 Sons of the Legion- 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

1-17 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

1-18 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, at 321-210-6234.

1-21 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michele 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.

Congratulations to:

Nathan Piazza for enlisting in the army!

Brandi McGann is more lovely on the 1st.

Brandon Crissman turns **50** on the 1st.

Angie Crissman turns prettier on the 3rd.

Mack Grenet turns crazier on the 3rd.

Haley Higginbotham turns **26** on the 4th.

Karissa Smith turns **30** on the 4th.

Brittney Parks turns cuter on the 4th.

Craig Taylor turns **45** on the 4th.

Michelle Parks turns more lovely on the 5th.

Lisa Sarivola turns hotter on the 5th.

Tom Hunt turns cooler on the 5th.

Carl Anderson IV turns wilder on the 5th.

Luke Moser turns **14** on January 5th.

Joseph Warrick turns **11** on January 5th!

Lucha Hunt parties wild on the 6th.

Natalee Prentis dances all night on the 7th.

RaeLynn Weathers is the Queen on the 12th.

Michael Cox turns **22** on the 14th.

Mark Walters turns **28** on the 16th.

Lanny Grenet has a party day on the 16th.

Scott Orend rocks the night on the 16th.

Jack Woerner turns **29** on the 22nd.

Makylie Taylor turns **19** on the 24th.

Joe Casey turns wiser on the 25th.

Colten Lavis turns **15** on the 29th.

Brittanie Grenet gets spanked on the 31st.

Dylan Carmichael turns **20** on the 31st.

Jim & Maria O'Neill will celebrate their **60th** anniversary on January 16th.

Rob & Cheryl Wratchford celebrate their **43rd** anniversary on the 29th.

Chena & Joe Lessey celebrate **33** years on the 30th.

The Christmas Parade Committee for a Great parade on Dec. 20th. Well done, team!!

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications for Students Pursuing Careers in Healthcare

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF), the philanthropic arm of Parrish Healthcare, announces the application period for its 2026 scholarships is officially open. From now until Friday, March 6, 2026, JPMF is accepting applications from high school seniors and college undergraduate students who plan to pursue a career in a medical or healthcare field related to human health.

The annual scholarship program reflects JPMF's ongoing commitment to supporting the next generation of healthcare professionals and strengthening the future of medical care. Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, community service and a clear dedication to entering a healthcare profession.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must reside within the Parrish Healthcare's service area and have been accepted to an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Candidates are required to hold a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Previous JPMF scholarship recipients may apply again, provided they are continuing their studies in a medical or healthcare field and have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA. Graduate students are not eligible for this year's program.

High school students attending Astronaut High School, Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School and Titusville High School can obtain a scholarship application directly through their school's Guidance Office. Applicants from other schools or the community may request an application by contacting the JPMF at 321-269-4066 or by visiting parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships.

The number and value of the scholarships awarded will be recommended by the JPMF's Scholarship Committee, with final approval by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 6. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2026.

To date, JPMF has awarded more than \$567,000 in scholarships to support the next generation of healthcare professionals and advance Parrish

Healthcare vision of Healing Families—Healing Communities®.

For questions related to JPMF or the scholarship program, please contact the Foundation at 321-269-4066.



Space Coast Renaissance Fair

Experience the Magic of Renaissance with two weekends of fun, food, and festivities on January 10-11 and January 17-18 at Space Coast Daily Park, 5775 Stadium Parkway in Viera. Watch live Equus Nobilis performances and jousts, experience the thrill of medieval jousts, captivating sword fights, and talented performers that bring the renaissance era to life. Cheer on brave knights and enjoy lively theatrical shows throughout the day. Enjoy delicious food and festive games, savor hearty medieval-inspired fare and tasty treats from our variety of food vendors. Don't forget to try your luck at fun games and activities for all ages—perfect for making unforgettable memories with family and friends! Browse dozens of artisan booths filled with one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry, costumes and medieval crafts. Find special souvenirs, rare collectibles and gorgeous accessories crafted with love and skill.

To order tickets, visit brevardproduction.myticketfox.com/prod/r/tf/ticketfox/event-detail-s?evt=2009544&clear=CR&tz=-4:00.

For information about the event, visit spacecoastrenaissancefair.com, email spacecoastrenaissancefair@gmail.com or call 321-323-4460.

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, PACU and Perioperative Services
 - Clinical Coordinators
 - Charge Nurses
 - CVIS Nurses
- Technologists
 - CT/MRI
 - Radiology
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Certified Medical Assistants
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)
- Paramedics
- EMTs
- Coders
- Clinical Systems Trainer
- Care Coordination Navigator
- Pharmacists
- Pathologists

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

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Temporary Closure of Parrish Park - Titusville



Parrish Park - Titusville and its boat ramp will be temporarily closed to the public beginning Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. until Friday, January 9 at 6:00 a.m.

The temporary closure of the park is due to the repainting of the parking lot and traffic lines to keep them visible for the safety of guests in the park.

Parrish Park Titusville is located at 1 A. Max Brewer Memorial Parkway, Titusville.

For questions regarding this project, please contact the North Area Parks Operations office at 321-264-5105.

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THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 7:00 P.M. IT WILL BE LOCATED AT BREVARD COMMUNITY CHURCH ON GRISSOM PARKWAY. THIS WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING; IT WILL INCLUDE THE ELECTION OF OFFICES AND PLANNING FOR THE 2026 YEAR.

Remember this is YOUR association and without participation it cannot continue to exist. The same people have been volunteering for years and need help for this organization to continue!

The Brevard County Sherriff's Office has been busy out here with trying to control traffic, however some people don't respect the area and continue to break the traffic laws.

Brevard County Fire has also been busy with fires. Remember we are now in the dry season.

There are still a lot of pets out here running at large and they need to be contained. The weather is getting colder so please make sure your animals have a warm and safe environment.

Ed Silva

Canaveral Groves Homeowners
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Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the North Brevard

Senior Center, 909 Lane Avenue in Titusville.

The public is invited to attend. Please fill out a speaker card and turn it in to the Board if you wish to speak at the meeting.

For questions, call Jeff Davis at the North Area Parks Operations office, 321-264-5105.

The Road Next: Preparing for the Future

The United Women of Faith invite the community to attend "The Road Next," a free, educational presentation by the Estate Planning and Elder Law Center of Brevard, held at First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd. on Friday, January 9, 2026, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This informative evening will help participants better understand essential topics in estate planning and elder law — including the differences between a Will, Trust, Lady Bird Deed, Power of Attorney, Health Care Surrogate and Court-Appointed Guardian. Attendees will gain valuable insights into how proper planning can help avoid costly and time-consuming probate issues.

This event is strictly educational — no products services will be sold. The purpose is simple: to empower individuals and families with the knowledge they need before it's too late. Too many discover the importance of these legal tools only after a crisis. This session aims to help prevent that. Bring your paper and pen, take notes and come prepared to ask questions. Whether you're planning for yourself, your parents or future generations, this is an evening you don't want to miss.

For more information, call 321-631-0183 or visit fumcpsj.com.



You are invited to the 39th Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, January 17 at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village. Play Bingo to win fabulous prizes! Bring your canine companion, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from the 56@ Food Truck, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

Space Coast Frenchie Rescue is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization based in Palm Bay. They rescue, rehabilitate and rehome French Bulldogs, English Bulldogs and other at-risk dogs when resources allow. Their mission is to save dogs from shelters, neglect, abandonment or abusive situations, provide them with medical and behavioral care, and place them in loving forever homes.

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 Space Coast Frenchie Rescue, 321-389-9475 or Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584 or Dirty Oar Beer Company, 321-301-4306.

Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings!

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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.

HOLIDAY HOURS: Closed Thursday, January 1st for New Years Day.

YOUTH SERVICES

STEAM Activity - Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. A hands-on STEAM activity for ages 6-12 designed to encourage curiosity, creativity, and learning. Adult supervision required at all times.

Sensory Playtime - Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. A sensory-friendly play event for ages 3+, featuring activity bins with kinetic sand, rice, beans, and more. Adult supervision required. No event on January 13.

Family Movie Night - join us Every Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free popcorn and family-friendly fun with G or PG-rated movies. Adult supervision required. No movie on January 19.

1/5: Wicked • 1/12: Elio • 1/26: Transformers One
Kids' D&D Adventures - Sundays, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. An exciting hour of Dungeons & Dragons! This event is ideal for children aged 8 to 12. Adult supervision required. No event on January 4.

Game Day - Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Board, tabletop and card games in the main library area. All ages welcome. No event on January 4.

Saturday Morning Cartoons - Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Cartoons and movies at the library. Bring blankets, drinks and snacks! Ages 12 and under; adult supervision required. No event on January 17.

1/3: Paw Patrol • 1/10: Be Cool, Scooby-Do • 1/24: Spidey and His Amazing Friends • 1/31: Phineas and Ferb

Read Your Way to K Programs:

Toddlers Story Time - Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. For ages 3-5. Adult supervision required. No class on January 1 or 15.

Playdate - Thursdays and Fridays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers five and under. Parent or adult supervision required. No class on January 1 or 15.

Baby Story Time - Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

For ages 0-3. Adult supervision required.

Little Movers and Groovers - Thursdays from

9:30 to 10:00 a.m.. A fun movement program for toddlers five and under. Parent or adult supervision required. No class on January 1 or 15.

ADULT EVENTS

Port St. John Special District Board Meeting - Wednesday, January 7, 6 to 8 p.m.

Community Resource Advocate - Mondays, January 5 and 19, 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance and senior resources.

North Brevard Public Library Advisory Board - Thursday, January 15, 10 to 11 a.m. The North Brevard Public Library Advisory Board meets quarterly with the Library Services Department Director to discuss what is happening in the libraries.

Friends of the Library Book Sale - Friday, January 16 to Tuesday, January 20.

Book Worms Book Club: Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. Join the group for a lively discussion of Legends and Lattes by Travis Baldree and pick up the book for February: Small Great thing by Jodi Picoult.

Port Readers January book club - Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting we will be discussing Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut and then picking up What Moves the Dead by T. Kingfisher.

FAMILY EVENTS

Free Gardening Program - Saturday, January 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about creating a quality seed starting mix and plant some seeds in containers to take home. Ages 5 and up with adult supervision.

Space Travelers Spice Club - Spice extravaganza. Friday, January 16 at 3:30 p.m. We will be giving away the remaining spices from the monthly meetings.

Crewed Russian Spacecraft Meets up with ISS

Russia's Soyuz MS-28 spacecraft launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and made its final approach to the International Space Station (ISS) on November 27, 2025. Not only did Soyuz MS-28 carry three new crew members beginning their mission, but it also helped to make a historical first for the ISS. While the Soyuz program itself is historic, the Soyuz

MS-28 spacecraft helped make some history of its own. With Soyuz MS-28 docked at the International Space Station, all eight of the ISS' visiting vehicle docking ports were occupied at the same time, a first in the orbital outpost's 25-year history.

Aboard Soyuz MS-28 were three long-duration crew members: NASA astronaut Chris Williams and Russian cosmonauts Sergei Mikaev and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov. The three men will participate in an eight-month mission as part of the ISS' Expedition 73.

Though the liftoff was successful, there was a downside: during the launch, Baikonur's Pad 31/6 — the only pad that hosts Russian crew and cargo launches to the ISS — sustained serious damage and it's unclear when it will be repaired.

Want to learn more? You can learn more about the International Space Station at www.space.com/16748-international-space-station.html and the Soyuz program at www.space.com/40951-soyuz-spacecraft.html.

- Thanx to Kenna Hughes-Castleberry

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



1-7 Sons of Amvets 2415

General Membership Meeting
-1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

1-14 General Membership

Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
1-8 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

1-10 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

1-10 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.

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Emergency Operations Center	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
SCAT Bus Information -	321-633-1878
Port St. John Library -	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
Atlantis Elementary School -	321-633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
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Monthly Tax Update

The New Year has arrived. First, I would really like to thank you for your interest in my monthly articles in 2025. I hope the facts provided each month have been useful and engaging, especially given all the changes that have occurred over the past year.

With that, we bid farewell to 2025 and look forward to 2026. As we get into 2026, make sure that you have all your paperwork in order for the upcoming income tax filing season. This is the time to gather together the pertinent information needed to prepare your tax return. Make sure your employer has your correct address, especially, if you have moved during the year. You may have changed it with your current employer, but failed to inform your former employer(s).

Have you experienced a significant life change, such as marriage, the birth of a child or a child starting college?

Next, the most important due dates in January are the last quarterly payment for your 2025 personal tax return, due by January 15, 2026, and the fourth quarter payroll Form 941, including payment, which is due on January 31, 2026, and furnishing copies of Form W-2s by February 2, 2026. For companies with payments for rent, royalties and other types of payments, as well as subcontractors, the due date to provide Form 1099-NEC and Form 1099-MISC is January 31, 2026.

Okay, now let's pick it up a little bit and discuss credits. There are two types of credits beneficial to the everyday taxpayer; refundable and nonrefundable. The nonrefundable will reduce the amount of tax owed on taxable income. The most widely used ones are the Child and Dependent Care, Education, Retirement, and Child Tax credits. Whereas, the refundable credits may provide additional tax refund, and the most popular ones are the Earned Income, the American Opportunity Education Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

Now, let's briefly look at each one. The Child and Dependent Care Credit provides a credit for the care of your younger child(ren) who are under 14 years old or handicapped and your dependent. The Education Credit involves the American Opportunity Tax Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit, which provides a tax credit for

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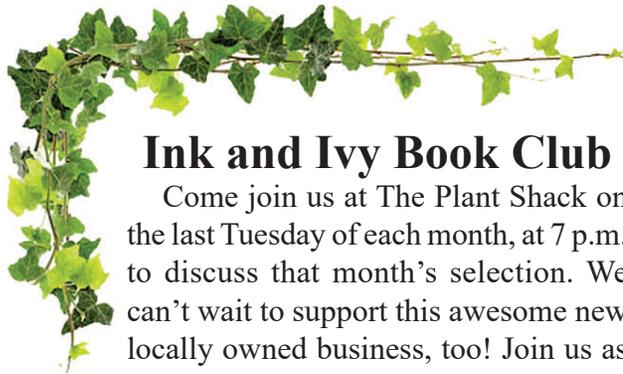


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you, your spouse or a dependent to attend an accredited college course or an approved trade school curriculum. The Child Tax Credit provides for a reduction of taxes or an additional refund if you have dependent children younger than 17 years of age. Last, the Earned Income Tax Credit provides an additional refund if your earned income and/or adjusted gross income fall within credit parameters.

More good business 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. Provided by Pedro L. Baldeon, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Tax Professionals.



Ink and Ivy Book Club

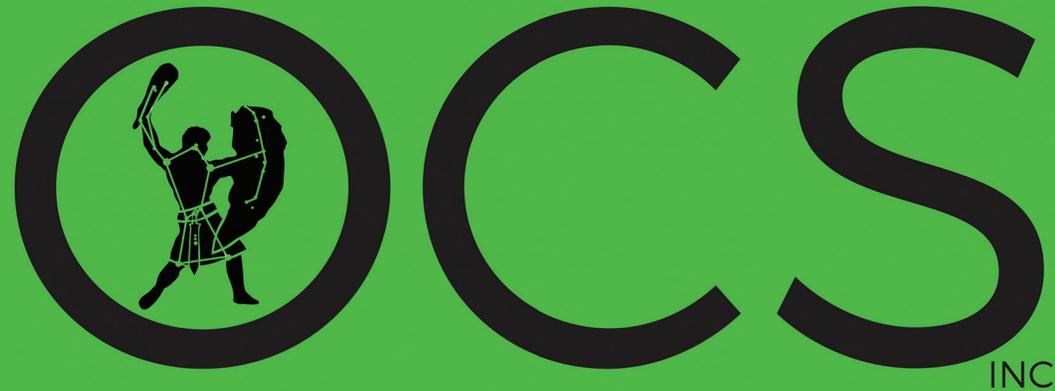
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The Plant Shack & Beer Garden is located at 5800 N. Highway 1, Port St. John. Call about the Ink

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