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## Legal Losses Mount for Craig Deligdish, Omni Healthcare; Parrish Medical Center Prevails in Court

Parrish Medical Center, an independent, public, community hospital based in Titusville, Florida has prevailed in multiple court and administrative rulings against Omni Healthcare, Inc., and its owner, Craig Deligdish. In another case, not involving Parrish Medical Center, Omni was said by a court to have taken legal action that “was clearly frivolous, clearly vexatious, or brought primarily for purposes of harassment.”

“Deligdish, and his company Omni Healthcare, have filed multiple lawsuits over the past 4-5 years against Parrish, as part of a campaign of retaliation after we discovered that Deligdish, whose company had been working with Parrish Medical Group, had caused an order for COVID-19 vaccines to be submitted under false pretenses to the State of Florida and after ending our dealings with him and his company. Neither Deligdish nor Omni has won a single case to date in their efforts to obtain money



from Parrish Medical Center,” according to Parrish Spokesperson Natalie Sellers. “Parrish Healthcare cannot allow itself to give in to parties who bring baseless lawsuits and filings with administrative agencies and who demand money to ‘settle’ for their own personal financial gain,” said Sellers.

The mounting legal losses for Deligdish and/or Omni Healthcare, according to court rulings, include:

1. Deligdish lost the breach of contract case he filed against Parrish. Deligdish and Omni sought over \$5 million for an alleged breach of contract. The Final Judgment entered by the Court was for \$0.00. In addition, a Brevard County jury found that Omni Healthcare, Inc. breached its fiduciary duties to Parrish’s physician practice and that Deligdish “aided and abetted” the breach.

2. Dismissal or gutting of his allegations of misconduct by Parrish by three separate tribunals. These are: the Department of Labor dismissed Deligdish’s case, an Administrative Law Judge gutting his case, and a Federal Judge’s throwing out almost all of his case, resulting in the parties agreeing to a Joint Stipulation with prejudice which bars the case from returning.



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## PSJ Community Center Schedule - March 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 - 4:45 p.m. / 5 - 5:45 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.

Home School Class P.E., 10:00 – 10:45 a.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.

Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 - 6 p.m.

**SENIORS AT LUNCH** - Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 1 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](http://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](http://www.psjyoga.com) for further information.

**HOME SCHOOL CLASS P.E.** - Thursdays, 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.

## **Parks & Recreation Meeting**

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10th, 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.

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

## **Post 359 - American Legion**



**3-4 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting** - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

**3-7 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.

**3-9 Sons of the Legion** - 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

**3-15 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.

**3-18 General Membership Meeting** - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**3-21 SAL Rib Day** Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

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



March 28 is our Spring Kids' Day from 10:00-12:00. Enjoy an Easter egg hunt, egg coloring, crafts, cookies and games.

### **Holy Week services:**

April 2 @ 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 3 @ 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

April 5 Easter Services @ 7:00 a.m. (sunrise) and @ 10:00 a.m.

Save the Dates for VBS: June 22-26

Come and explore Rainforest Falls with us!

Registration will be open soon. Visit our website: [fumcpsj.com](http://fumcpsj.com).

## PMC Prevails, continued



3. Insofar as Deligdish portending to be a “Whistle Blower”: Florida’s Agency for Healthcare Administration Office of Inspector General previously found Deligdish’s accusations “Unsubstantiated.”

4. As to Deligdish’s defamation case, the Fifth District Court of Appeal ruled that Parrish has “absolute immunity” from lawsuits for defamation for communications sent by its executives. According to the Opinion, “The law is clear that Hospital has absolute immunity from Doctor’s claims that are based on statements made by CEO, a public official acting within the scope of his duties.”

5. The Florida Attorney General and the United States Attorney General previously declined to intervene in Deligdish’s complaint in federal court accusing Parrish and Halifax of conspiracy.

Deligdish has been identified by others for his practice of filing multiple lawsuits. In January 2025, when Deligdish’s lawsuit against MD Spine Solutions was dismissed, MD Spine Solutions “announced the successful dismissal of a qui tam lawsuit filed by serial qui tam relator, (emphasis added) OMNI Health Care of Melbourne, FL, solely owned by Dr. Craig Deligdish.”

In that case, the court itself found that “the claim of the person bringing the action was clearly frivolous, clearly vexatious, or brought primarily for purposes of harassment (emphasis added), and “Specifically, the court found that Omni Healthcare, Inc.,

through its owner Dr. Craig Deligdish, had engaged in extremely troubling’ conduct by knowingly submitting medically unnecessary PCR UTI tests to substantiate its FCA lawsuit against the defendants” (emphasis added). The court also found that “Dr. Deligdish caused submission of false claims for PCR testing which he knew were not medically necessary...and thereby violated the [False Claims Act] himself” (emphasis added).

Additionally, the Court allowed Defendants’ motion for attorneys’ fees on the grounds that Relator [Omni] engaged in “vexatious” and “improper” conduct by knowingly causing the submission of false claims solely to substantiate a False Claims Act lawsuit and MD Spine has petitioned to seek attorneys’ fees of \$1,746,456.35 and costs of \$297,462.44, plus fees and costs incurred in connection with preparation of the fee petition.

In another legal loss involving a local Melbourne based Plumber Jeff Jackson d/b/a Dririte (“Plaintiff”), the judgement against Deligdish (“Defendant”) remains unsatisfied and the court granted permission for the Plaintiff to proceed against Defendant’s assets.

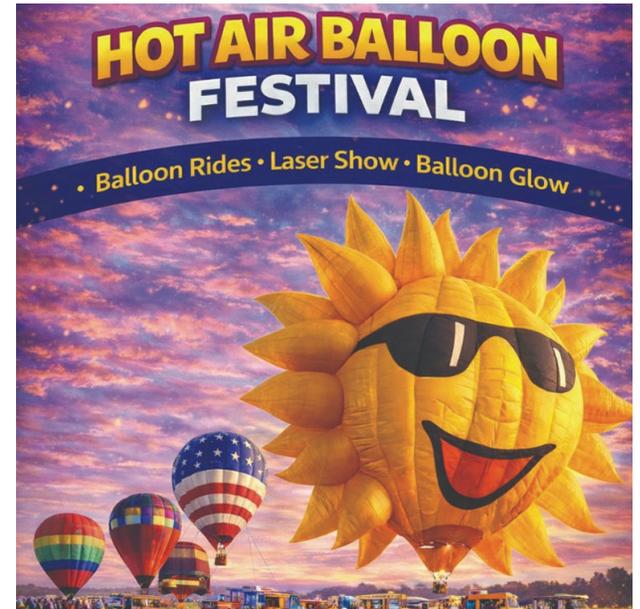
For more information and links to the court documents related to the referenced cases, visit [parrishhealthcare.com/newsroom](http://parrishhealthcare.com/newsroom).

## Car Show 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. Parking is free.

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](http://www.firstbaptistpsj.org).

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



An unforgettable weekend is coming to Brevard County. The Space Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival will be here at Space Coast Daily Park, 5775 Stadium Parkway in Viera on Friday, March 20 - Saturday, March 21, 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Hot air balloons will fill the park with color. You can ride in a REAL tethered hot air balloon!

The event will include live entertainment all night with a DJ, plus live music from multiple artists.

There will also be:

- Craft & retail vendors with unique finds
- Festival-style food you’ll love
- Tethered Balloon Rides, \$35 per person. The balloon rides have limited availability as they are weather dependent . Announcements will be made on site.
- Grand Finale – Nightly at ~9 p.m. As the sun goes down, the sky lights up!
- Hot Air Balloon Glow & Laser Show
- Music-synced visuals
- Coordinated balloon burns
- Crowd-led countdowns
- Kids Zone Fun with games, rides & family-friendly activities

Bring blankets, chairs & umbrellas. Set up your perfect viewing spot under the stars.

Buy tickets in advance at [www.freshtix.com/events/scb](http://www.freshtix.com/events/scb).

**Daylight Savings Begins March 8.  
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.**

# Good Day!

~ by Maureen Rupe

## Concerns Grow Over Proposed Blue Origin Wastewater Discharge into the Indian River Lagoon:

Blue Origin's space manufacturing facility on Merritt Island is seeking to renew a 5 year industrial wastewater permit that allows it to send nearly half a million gallons per day (about 490,000 gal/day) of "routine" industrial rinse water that would flow into a large on-site stormwater retention pond, which drains eventually into the northern Indian River Lagoon (IRL). Florida regulators note the water comes from the public drinking supply and "does not come into contact with rocket fuel or other hazardous substances." All discharges must be monitored for pH, nutrients, metals and other contaminants under DEP rules. Blue Origin says it is simply renewing an existing permit and remains "committed to maintaining responsible and compliant operations" under the original agreement. They got the first permit in 2020 during COVID, during the time everyone was masked and not attending meetings as much. Neither the Environmental Protection Agency nor the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is tracking Fresh Water contamination on their Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs).

A BMAP is a framework for water quality restoration that contains a comprehensive set of solutions to achieve the pollutant reductions established by a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which is a science-based, regulatory plan defining the maximum amount of a specific pollutant a water body can receive while still meeting water quality standards. Fresh water is a pollutant to our brackish Indian River Lagoon.

The permit request comes at a critical time for the Indian River Lagoon. This 156 mile estuary on Florida's Atlantic coast is one of the nation's most biodiverse, but it has suffered decades of pollution. Nutrient runoff from agriculture, septic systems and urban runoff has fueled chronic algae blooms and mangrove overgrowth, starving seagrass beds of sunlight. By some estimates, the lagoon

has lost over 80% of its historical seagrass cover, undermining habitats for fish, oysters, clams and other species. The U.S. EPA and state agencies have flagged the IRL as an impaired waterway, (failing to meet clean-water standards), and have spent billions on cleanup. A recent Marine Resources Council report noted the IRL's \$28 billion annual economic value – from fishing, tourism and waterfront property – and warned that restoration already exceeds \$14 billion. Any new discharge into this fragile system is being viewed with alarm by ecologists and local officials.

According to lagoon advocates, even large volumes of clean freshwater can be harmful. Freshwater inflows push down salinity and destabilize brackish habitats. "Even if it's highly filtered... too much fresh water is damaging to a healthy estuary," says Laurilee Thompson of the IRL Roundtable. Thompson notes that the lagoon "...is not as salty today as it was when I was a kid growing up in the 1950s and 1960s." In practice, adding an extra 0.5 MGD (nearly 178 million gallons per year) of freshwater could shift the salinity regime in the northern lagoon, as the Marine Resources Council warns. Lower salinity can stress species adapted to brackish water and give nitrate-rich pollutants a foothold, contributing to the kind of algal blooms that have plagued the IRL for years.

The underwater seagrass beds are essential to the IRL habitat, but highly sensitive to water quality changes. Seagrass recovery depends on stable salinity and clear water. Experts say in one study they found that in the northern IRL, (which sees little tidal flushing), prolonged salinities below ~20 ppt (about half normal seawater) can be detrimental to grass productivity. Similarly, filter-feeding clams and other shellfish struggle when salinity dips below ~25 ppt.

In a December 2025 letter to DEP, the Marine Resources Council warned that Blue Origin's plan "could add nearly 1,788 million gallons of freshwater annually... further lowering salinity and undermining seagrass and shellfish recovery." Environmental groups note that the permit is just under the

threshold for stricter nutrient controls under state law, meaning it won't require additional treatment to remove nitrogen/phosphorus. Even if the industrial effluent is relatively clean, as Blue Origin claims, the sheer volume of discharge could reduce light penetration and promote planktonic algae. Recent IRL monitoring shows that poor water clarity – from turbidity and algal chlorophyll – is already a major limit on seagrass growth. In short, adding a large new source of freshwater and any residual nutrients or chemicals runs counter to ongoing restoration.

Florida manatees are another iconic IRL species that could suffer if water quality and seagrass decline further. The northern IRL is a "crucial manatee habitat" on the Atlantic coast, but it has seen unprecedented losses. In the devastating 2021–2022 die-off, nearly 2,000 manatees - about 20% of Florida's population - died in all, many of them along the Atlantic coast. Florida's Fish & Wildlife Commission documented that a record 1,101 manatees died in 2022 alone, most from starvation after their food supply vanished. Field teams even fed lettuce to some remaining IRL manatees when restored seagrass proved insufficient.

Water Quality: Beyond salinity, activists worry about any pollutants in the wastewater. Blue Origin says its effluent is simply rinse water from parts-cleaning and facilities operations, but even low levels of chlorine, detergents or trace metals could matter in the nutrient-sensitive lagoon. DEP's draft permit requires quarterly sampling for pH, nutrients, metals, hydrocarbons and solids. However, public records show the company has stumbled on compliance before – e.g., DEP cited the Merritt Island plant for failing to collect required samples (incurring fines) and fined it over \$11,000 for past effluent exceedances. In 2023–24 the IRL watershed actually saw hundreds of sewage and stormwater spills, some up to a million gallons, underscoring that water quality is already precarious.

Even though state regulators emphasize that the water has been treated and meets standards, the IRL is already "impaired"

by nutrients and low dissolved oxygen. The lagoon, especially in the north, flushes poorly, so new discharges linger. For stable seagrass habitats, light, clear water and balanced salinity are crucial. Any extra contaminant load could tip the balance on more algae or low-oxygen zones.

In reaction to the proposal, local officials and residents have demanded rigorous review. In December, 2025, the Brevard County Commission unanimously called for a public DEP hearing on the draft permit. Online petitions against the discharge drew tens of thousands of signatures in weeks. Advocates argue that allowing a major space company to dump its effluent undermines a voter-approved half-penny tax fund that has pumped hundreds of millions into cleaning up the lagoon. Representative Anna Eskamani and other lawmakers asked DEP to require a full environmental impact review and tighter safeguards before renewing the permit.

The Florida DEP opened a public comment period run through February 6 and scheduled a public meeting for January 30. I attended that meeting and can tell you it was nothing but just to say they had the meeting. They were not seriously looking for inputs. They had a number of poster boards and DEP was giving feedback as if it was already approved. Blue Origin contractors were taking written and audio inputs and were taking some notes, but it was so crowded that only a few people could ask questions at any time. I hope they took what feedback they got seriously. If we can send people to the moon or go to Mars, we should come up with a way to recycle this waste water instead of dumping it into the Lagoon. The state is taking local control from approving development, so it will go in quicker. They are as responsible for our Lagoon getting to the way it is now as much as NASA and the Department of War. But they seem to be looking at development and the future space launch capability so hard that they all seem to be taking their eyes off of our local environment.

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## *Rose's Room*

~ Rose Padrick



### **Airport Security**

As I sit pecking at this black box, I can't help but reflect on how some portions of our lives seem to be becoming more and more surrounded by darkness. My solution is to get outside and smile at the sun, repeat my prayers and try to feel the reassurance of The Big Guy. I invite everyone to do the same.

I'm going to be traveling again, hopefully sometime soon, and while attempting to conjure up a readable column the following popped up. I can only wonder how the next person in line fared as I left at a run.

You would think at my stage of maturity I would've learned by now there are times to keep one's big yap shut. You would be wrong.

I recently found myself in a long line in the security area of a busy airport at a busy time of day behind a large group of very upset travelers. When the security person pulled all of us aside for a random special security screening, their annoyance turned to rudeness. They focused their anger on the baggage screener and I felt embarrassment for the travelers and pity for the screener.

I might have saved my pity.

After heaving the last of their large suitcases on the belt, she turned her attention to me. I smiled understandingly and said I was sorry she had such a hard time with the previous group. I deal with the people also as I used

to work for the company that does pre-employment physicals for baggage screeners.

Her eyes grew as large as the fists her hands had formed themselves into. Her stare alone could have shredded steel. Her northern accented voice was just an octave higher than a mother cougar defending her young, and just as frightening. "Oh really! The company that made me take a cardiac test and caused me to miss the deadline for the job I really wanted, so I have to do this job until another comes open? That company?"

My brain kept repeating "Shut up!" But my mouth has a lot of practice working independently of my gray matter and just kept going. "Well, at least now you know there's nothing wrong with your heart!"

Her eyebrows arched almost to her hairline as she wheezed something about a southern belle catching a flight to Ethiopia. My daughter shot me a look that said, "I'm tired, my feet hurt and I miss my baby. If you say ONE more word, I will HELP her send you anywhere she wants."

I stood perfectly still while the screener finished passing her wand over, around and through various parts of my anatomy, but try as I might, I just could not resist a parting "Y'all have a nice day now, you heah?"

I received a post card postmarked Addis Ababa this morning. I'll bet it's from my luggage.

### **Car Show at Titus Landing Space Coast Cars and Motorcycles**

Bring your kids, bring your family and friends and come out and enjoy the Space Coast Cars and Motorcycles Show on March 28th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Titus Landing, 2520 S. Washington Ave. Titusville.

Admission to look and admire is free to the public. Registration for a car or motorcycle to be in the show is only \$5 and 100% of those fees goes to JPMF (Jess Parrish Medical Foundation) for Medical Scholarships, so bring out your bike or car and show it off!

Bring your cars, motorcycles and good vibes — let's make it a great community event!

Future show dates are: April 18, May 30 & August 22.

## On the Road With Rose



### Dunlawton Sugar Mill Gardens

950 Old Sugar Mill Rd., Port Orange, FL  
[www.dunlawtonsugarmillgardens.org](http://www.dunlawtonsugarmillgardens.org)

While terribleness and hatred still swirls all around, we have to just keep on keeping on. Talking to The Big Guy while holding tight to loved ones and friends in dark times makes it possible to find smiles in unexpected places. These times are made easier for all involved by just picking up the phone and let someone know you love them.

My intrepid adventure buddy and I have visited many ancient ruins in our area - (to my offspring...ancient meets ancient... jokes will not be well received) - but I believe this may be the best so far. There's a cute little house close to the entrance gate offering brochures and more information especially about what the Eagle Scouts have completed and what they are presently working on. It was closed when we visited...we may or may not have peeked in the windows.

They have left most of the ruins themselves as they were found and added informational plaques in various places on the well-kept boardwalk that surrounds the massive cauldrons and machinery. Along with details of how everything worked and who ran which piece was really interesting histories of the various families who lived and worked on the land. Indications of old food gardens are backed up to sugar cane just as in time past.

What sets this site apart from other ruins is the garden surrounding it. We visited shortly after the freezing weather and saw damage to some of the foliage and flowers, but for the most part, the beauty abounds. Seemingly miles of cute little pathways meander through and around natural Florida foliage and some of the biggest, tallest live oaks I've ever had

the privilege of hugging.

Kids will enjoy the maze-like pathways leading over babbling brooks and under half caves highlighting various types of ferns. (Evidently a fern is not just a fern.) One of the best parts was turning a corner and coming face to face with a dinosaur! The second-best part was listening to the laughter of a couple of kids playing Marco-Polo around and under the bushes.

Judy was the eagle-eye who spotted the human sundial set up, but I found the herb garden shaped like Florida.

Spending an afternoon is well worth the short drive and stopping at a very unique chicken salad restaurant is a great way to wind down and discuss the day. Just do not glance to the right of the cash register, (are they still called that?), where the huge crispy rice S'mores will preclude any smidgen of self-control.

There is no charge for entrance, but donations are welcome. Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or dawn to dusk. Tours are self-guided, only service dogs are allowed and they must be leashed at all times. I would recommend sun and pest protection.

As usual, please take only pictures and leave only footprints.



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### March At

#### St. Patrick's Anglican Church

March is a beautiful and meaningful month at St. Patrick's as we continue our Lenten journey and prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter. We warmly invite our Port St. John community to join us for worship, fellowship and one of our most beloved traditions.

St. Patrick's Traditional Irish Dinner – Our Annual Traditional Irish Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 14. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. This festive evening includes traditional corned beef and smoked corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, onions, rolls, beverages

(coffee, hot and iced tea, lemonade) and dessert. We will also have a raffle featuring wonderful prizes. This event sells out quickly, so we encourage you to purchase tickets soon. Tickets are available online at [stpatrickspsj.org/upcoming-special-events](http://stpatrickspsj.org/upcoming-special-events) or by calling 321-802-1311 for additional information or email [stpatrickspsj@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickspsj@gmail.com). Come enjoy great food, warm fellowship and a joyful celebration of our parish heritage!

### Lent & Holy Week Services

“Walk with Christ to the Cross.”

During Lent, Stations of the Cross is offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., followed by Weekday Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday Mass on March 29 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Wednesday service will be on April 1 at 6:00 p.m. The Maundy Thursday service is on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. On Good Friday, April 3, we will observe Meditation from 12:00–3:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m., and the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified at 4:30 p.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with us on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Sunrise Mass will be held at 7:00 a.m. in our Memorial Garden, followed by a Traditional Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

### Community Events

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren meets on Tuesday, March 3, from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group will meet on Monday, March 16th, at 6:00 p.m. Our Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 28, at 9:00 a.m.

### Regular Worship Schedule

Mass Days and Times: Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.; Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.).

Morning Prayer is offered at 8:00 a.m. via Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/StPatspsj](http://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj), where you may also view our Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday 6:00 p.m. services and the Stations of the Cross.

We look forward to welcoming you this season.

## 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.**

### **3-3 Purim**

**3-3 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.

**3-4 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.

**3-4 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-** 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**3-7 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1 - 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.

### **3-8 Int'l Women's Day**

### **3-8 Daylight Savings Begins**

**3-8 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.

**3-12 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.

**3-12 North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation** will meet on Thursday, March 12th, at 4:00 p.m. at the North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Avenue, in Titusville. The public is welcome.

**3-13 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 bwco020@gmail.com.

### **3-16 Lailat al-Qadir**

**3-16 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.

### **3-17 St. Patrick's Day**

**3-18 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.

### **3-20 Spring Begins**

### **3-20 Eid al Fitr**

**3-21 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.

**3-24 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.

**3-28 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.

### **3-29 Palm Sunday**

## **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.

## **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 March meeting will be on the 9th. 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).

### *Congratulations to:*

**Andrea Bryson** turns prettier on the 1st.

**Alexander Delida** turns **20** on the 2nd.

**Landon Townley** turns **20** on the 2nd.

**Sharon Bowen** turns prettier on the 3rd.

**Chena Lessey** is the Queen on the 3rd.

**Shawn Townsend** turns **27** on the 4th.

**Kari Grinstead** turns hotter on the 5th

**Doug Vick** turns wilder on the 6th.

**Isaac Kois** turns **36** on the 6th.

**Mandy Pannullo** turns cuter on the 8th.

**Aiden Firth** turns **16** on the 8th.

**Paris Ragan** turns more lovely on the 9th.

**Jason Rockhill** turns crazier on the 9th.

**Brett Messer** turns **30** on the 10th.

**Tanner Fine** turns **12** on the 14th.

**Rhonda Rockhill** turns hotter on the 15th.

**Daniel Henry** rules the roost on the 15th

**Ashley Moore** rules the night on the 16th.

**Paige Burris** is more beautiful on the 17th.

**Tonya Dees** is the party girl on the 18th.

**Lucas Erickson** turns **28** on the 18th.

**Amaya Rockhill** turns **19** on the 18th.

**Brent Bray** turns **37** on the 21st.

**Alexys Sladyk** turns **25** on the 24th.

**Carter Niehoff** turns **15** on the 27th.

**Jim Carnell** turns cooler on the 29th.

**Norm & Sue Blum** celebrate their 43rd anniversary on the 4th.

**Lauren & Daniel Henry** share their **23rd Anniversary** on the 15th.

**Lisa & Cary Troxel** celebrate the day Cary robbed the cradle on the 28th. Rock on!

**Dave and Valerie Hannen** celebrate their 42nd anniversary on the 30th.

*We have lots of room for more good news.*

Email your inputs to [happenings1@att.net](mailto:happenings1@att.net).

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## Fruit From The Groves



The next CGHI meeting will be held on March 12, 7:00 p.m., at the Brevard Christian Church. The agenda will include further discussion on the residential development, the Lakes of Cocoa Grove. Commissioner Delaney, District #1, has accepted an invitation to attend the meeting. Be prepared to ask questions and voice your concerns regarding this development. Additional details can be found in the previous Happenings, Sleepy Hollow, [www.happenings.net/](http://www.happenings.net/).

Many plants have suffered after the past winter freeze. After giving the plants time to recover, pruning the dead foliage can begin. If the amount and size of cuttings exceed yard trash containers, they can be placed at the roadside for pickup. Waste Management must be called, 321-636-6894 or contacted via the web, [www.wm.com/us/en/home/bulk-trash-pickup/](http://www.wm.com/us/en/home/bulk-trash-pickup/) for a scheduled pickup. Large household items, furniture, mattresses and appliances must also be scheduled for pickup.

In some locations, large piles of yard trash and household items have been sitting on the roadside for extended periods. Please help keep our roadways clean by contacting Waste Management to schedule a pickup.

As of this writing, the Brevard County Commission has issued a burn ban. This measure prohibits all open burning including bonfires, campfires and yard waste incineration throughout incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county.

Traffic laws are being strictly enforced by a joint team of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and FHP on the Brevard County section of I-95. Speeding infractions are no longer

being forgiven with a warning. All speeders will be ticketed. Slow down and drive safely.

Please support our homeowners' organization as it works to support our community. Membership dues are now due for 2026.

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## Amateur Backyard BBQ Contest!

Fire up your appetite—The Sharing Center of Central Brevard is thrilled to present the 11th Annual Amateur Backyard BBQ Contest!

Join us on April 11 at F. Burton Smith Park, 7575 W. King St. (Hwy. 520) in Cocoa from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a day packed with incredible food, family fun and friendly competition.

BBQ teams from across the county will battle it out for the title of Champion Griller in three delicious categories: beef, pork and chicken. Every team will offer samples of their best BBQ and you get to choose the People's Choice Champion Griller! While the competitors work their magic at the grills, guests can relax, enjoy the sunshine, grab great food and cold drinks, and listen to live music.

All proceeds support The Sharing Center's hunger relief initiatives, including:

- Children's Weekend Feeding Program – providing nutritious weekend meals to families with school aged children.
- Emergency Food Program – distributing thousands of pounds of food each month to individuals and families in need.
- Community Kitchen Program – serving meals to the hungry 365 days a year.

Tickets are \$20, which includes event entry, one BBQ dinner, and team sampling. Guests can also enjoy live music by Classic Jurassic, enter 50/50 raffles, and compete for great prizes—including a Traeger Pellet Smoker!

Tickets go on sale February 16th at the following locations:

- Sharing Center Thrift Store – 113 Aurora Street, Cocoa
- Jennifer Neuman Dicandio's Allstate Insurance – 950 Fay Blvd., Port St. John
- Sharing Center Thrift Store – 95 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island

Tickets will also be sold at the gate on the day of the event.

Come enjoy fantastic BBQ for a great cause and help us continue supporting families in our community. For more information, visit [www.sharingcenterBBQcontest.com](http://www.sharingcenterBBQcontest.com).

### 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. Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 238143, Cocoa, FL 32923

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Spring Break Foam Party:** Monday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Celebrate spring break with an outdoor Foam Party. Open to ages 3 and up; adult supervision required. Dress in clothes that can get messy and wear shoes. This weather-permitting event requires no RSVP, but space is limited and cancellations may occur at the last minute.

**Puzzle Competition:** March 25 at 6 p.m. Join us for a jigsaw puzzle competition. Participants will race against the clock in teams of four. Call the Port St. John Public library to register your team. 321-633-1867.

**Gardening Event:** Saturday, March 28 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Activities may include seed-planting, gardening tips or garden-related craft. Ages 5 and up with adult supervision.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Adult Dice & Dragons:** Saturday, March 14th and 28th, 3 to 4:45 p.m. Roll the dice for an adventure of a lifetime!

**Community Advocate:** Monday, March 2nd, 16th and 30th from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare, insurance and senior resources.

**Port Readers Book Club:** Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss *The Broken Road* by Richard Paul Evans, and then pick up the book for April: *Three Bags Full* by Leonie Swann.

**Book Worms Book Club:** Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. Join the group for a lively discussion of *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick and pick up the book for March: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams.

**Gentle Chair Fitness:** Join us on March 9th & 23rd at 10 a.m. for gentle chair fitness. This is a free program with no need to bring

anything. Make sure to wear comfortable clothes.

### March Youth Services Events

Family Movie Night — Mondays, 4:00–6:00 p.m. Have fun watching G or PG-rated movies. Adult supervision required.

- 3/2: Ferdinand (2017)
- 3/9: Zootopia 2 (2025)
- 3/16: Despicable Me 3 (2017)
- 3/23: Raya and the Last Dragon (2021)
- 3/30: Monsters University (2013)

**Kids' D&D:** Sundays, 3:00–4:00 p.m. A staff-led, beginner-friendly tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story for children ages 8–13. Adult supervision required.

**Game Day:** Sundays, 1:00–4:00 p.m. Board, tabletop and card games in the main library area. All ages welcome. Adult supervision required.

**Beginners' Chess:** Saturday, March 7, 10:00 –11:00 a.m. A program for kids ages 6–12 to learn the basics of chess in a no-pressure environment. Adult supervision required; held on the first Saturday of each month.

**Sensory Playtime:** Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. A sensory-friendly play event for ages 3+, featuring hands-on activity bins with kinetic sand, rice, beans and more. Adult supervision required.

**Read Your Way to K:** Toddler Story Time, Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m. For children ages 3–5. Adult supervision required.

**Playdate:** Thursdays & Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

**Baby Story Time:** Fridays, 9:30–10:00 a.m. For ages 0–2. Adult supervision required.

**Little Movers & Groovers:** Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m. A fun movement program for toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

### TEENS

**Chess Club,** Saturday, March 21, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Designed for ages 13–17, Chess Club offers a relaxed, non-competitive space for teens to play friendly chess matches.

Adult supervision required. Held every third Saturday of the month.

**Teen Dice & Dragons:** Saturday, March 7 & 21, 10:00 –11:00 a.m. A staff-led, beginner-friendly tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice, and collaboratively tell a fantasy story. This event is for ages 14-17 and takes place every other Saturday. Adult supervision required.

### Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

**3-4 Sons of Amvets 2415** General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**3-11 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**3-12 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

**3-14 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

**3-14 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** - 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.

### Did You Buy A New Home in 2025? Did You File For Homestead Tax Exemption?

Don't forget to file for your \$25,000 Homestead Tax Exemption. An application may be submitted any time throughout the year, but must be submitted by March 1 of the year in which the benefit will be applied.

Visit [www.bcpao.us/exemptions.aspx?t=2.1](http://www.bcpao.us/exemptions.aspx?t=2.1) for specific information.

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Port St. John -	321-268-6868
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Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (PSJ) -	321-633-2056
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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## **Tax Update March 2026**

Welcome to March, and I'm ready for another update. The following information is for taxpayers who file Form 1120-S for S-Corporations and Form 1065 for Partnerships. Since this year, the due date is Sunday, March 15; the next business day, March 16, 2026, will be the due date. The penalty for late filing is \$255 per month per shareholder or partner, with a maximum penalty of twelve (12) months. For failure to furnish Schedule K-1 to a shareholder when due, a \$340 penalty may be imposed for each Schedule K-1 for which a failure occurs. If you want to avoid this and you need more time to gather your receipts and complete all the information necessary for your income and expenses, you'll need to file an extension for your company by March 16, 2026. The extension will allow you to complete your financial information and file your company tax return by September 15, 2026.

Next, it is crucial for taxpayers requesting that the IRS treat their Limited Liability Company (LLC) as an S corporation to file Form 2553. You must make this election no later than two months and fifteen days after the company is created or the beginning of the corporation's tax year, and the date to file is March 16, 2026, perhaps, if the company has missed the due date in the first year of operations. You can apply for late election relief; you will need to include a reasonable cause for failing to file Form 2553 on time.

Next, it is an update of credits for the 2025 tax return. The Child Tax Credit amount increased up to \$2,200 per qualifying child and the Additional Child Tax credit, the refundable portion of the Child Tax Credit, is \$1,700.

Moreover, the Earned Income Tax Credit amount will vary based on income, family size and filing status. The maximum Earn Income Tax Credit (EITC) and number of children, with maximum credits from \$649 (no children) up to \$8,046 (3+ children), and income thresholds like \$61,555 for single filers with 3+ children, or \$68,675 if married filing jointly. The threshold income limits are around \$19,104 for single filers with no

children and \$61,555 for single filers with 3+ children, with higher limits for married couples filing jointly.

Last, you must file your past tax returns and do not miss the opportunity to claim the EITC from prior years. The latest tax return you can file to claim the 2022 EITC is due on April 15, 2026.

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.

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## Cellar Book Club

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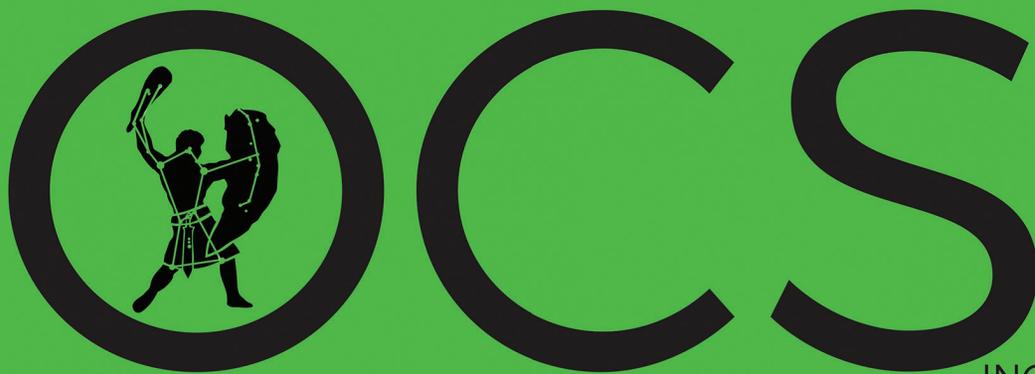
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Need to get rid of some useful items in good shape? Donations may be brought to the church office any Tuesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Thursday afternoon 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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