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Fay Lake FestiFALL & Chili Cook-Off

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The PSJ Community Foundation is getting ready for some COOLER WEATHER and HOT CHILI! We are sure your family will have a memorable time! There will be food vendors, craft and business vendors, bounce houses, hay ride, petting zoo, Chili Cook-Off, Kid Zone, Bubble Foam Fun and more! If you enjoyed our food vendors at Thunder Over the Indian River, many are back for FestiFALL, along with a few new ones offering a great variety of gourmet tastes for any foodie.

The Chili Cook-Off has 8 amazing participants bringing their best chilis:

- Bardwell's Bangin Chilli - Wendy Bardwell
- Dailey Special - Irene Dailey
- Drumsnake BBQ - Mike Barker
- Freedom Air & Plumbing - Katie and Jennifer
- Real Cajun Cookin - Sheena Rocque
- Seawall Shutters - Virgil Rincon
- Space Coast Yard Cards - Chris & Kristen Denczek
- Team Goodwin - Sammi Smoot



THANK YOU to Our Chili Cook-Off Judges - Erika O'Neal of Taste of Elegance Catering & Commissary Kitchen - Jessica Curtiss-Smith of Space X - Dana Michell, legendary Space Coast Jr/Sr High School Culinary Teacher

Twelve of our food truck favorites are registered, including Country Kettlers Korn, Fruity Licks, Cosmic Chi-Chis, Big Easy, Bangkok House, Cheers Breads, Cupcakes and Cookies, Notorious Pig, Reel Cajun Cookin', Holy Smokes BBQ, SLOBONACOB, Taste Budz and Sunshine Slush Classic Italian Ice.

To kick off the PSJCF Fay Lake FestiFALL, we will be partnering with the Space Coast Thanksgiving Basket Brigade with a Food Drive. We are asking local businesses to place a basket (supplied by the Space Coast Basket Brigade) in their business to collect the items needed for this year's Space Coast Basket Brigade to make it as successful as in years past. Many families in need depend on these non-perishable food items so they will be able to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Hundreds of families in Port St. John receive these baskets. Please contact us if you would like to help those in our community and throughout Brevard have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING. Email us at: Admin@PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com. If you would like to join us as a volunteer and work with us on this event, visit www.facebook.com/groups/psjcfvolunteers.

For more information about FestiFALL, visit our Events page: portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html.

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - November 2025

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.
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 - 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.

ABOUT HOME SCHOOL CLASS P.E.

P.E. Classes, Wednesdays 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Great opportunity for exercise and socialize in a fun nature. Price is \$2 per class. Call 321-603-2118 for more information.

START SMART SPORTS - Fridays 3 – 4 p.m. Instructional program for children ages 3-5 years of age to develop basic skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and batting. Price is \$30 per child/registration cost. Child must be age 3-5 on the first day of class. Parents must be present during the class. Please call 321-603-2118 for more information.

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: **Sunday, November 2nd at 2 a.m.** :
: **(or bedtime Saturday night),** :
: **turn your clocks back one hour!** :
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Food For Thought

Holiday Feasts Without Foodborne Illness

Ah, November, the month when kitchens turn into chaos and fridges become a battleground of Tupperware. Between roasting turkeys, whipping up mashed potatoes, and finding room for the green bean casserole, food safety can easily take a backseat. Before you dig into that glorious spread, let's make sure no one leaves your holiday table with an unwanted souvenir - a case of food poisoning.

Start with the star of the show, the turkey. Whether you're team oven, smoker or deep fryer, thawing and cooking your turkey correctly is critical. Never, seriously never, thaw your turkey on the counter. Bacteria like Salmonella love room temperature. Instead, thaw it in the fridge, allowing 24 hours for every 4–5 pounds. When in doubt, refer to the thawing instructions on the packaging. When it's cooking time, make sure your turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165°F. Check both the thickest part of the breast and the inner thigh to be sure the heat has done its job. And if you're a fan of stuffing the bird, don't forget to test the center of the stuffing, too. It also needs to hit 165°F to be safe.

Leftovers are arguably the best part of Thanksgiving, but they don't last forever. Once the feast is over, refrigerate leftovers within two hours. Leaving food out while everyone lingers at the table gives bacteria plenty of time to multiply. Use shallow containers to cool food faster, and when reheating, bring everything back to 165°F. After three to four days, it's time to say goodbye. No one wants to ring in December with a bout of foodborne illness.

Before the festivities officially kick off, prioritize the forgotten fridge check. Take a quick look inside and clear out anything expired, suspicious or just plain unidentifiable. Make sure your fridge is set at or below 40°F and your freezer at 0°F to keep food safely chilled. And if you're having a hard time letting go of those food relics, go ahead and keep the glass jar for your growing jar collection (guilty!). A clean, cold fridge is your first line of defense against bacteria.

This season, let's focus on enjoying our holiday meals with peace of mind. A few simple steps; safe thawing, proper cooking and careful storage go a long way in keeping our families and friends healthy. The holidays are meant for sharing good food and good company, not for recovering from a preventable foodborne illness. By keeping food safety in mind, you can make sure everyone leaves the table happy, healthy, and grateful.

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This year for Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for those who are still here with us to share it.

2025 PSJ Christmas Parade

Planning has begun for the 36th Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on December 20, 11 a.m., in Port St. John. The parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. We are planning for 70-80 entries this year. The parade theme will again be, "A Winter Wonderland." Floats and decorations should be planned toward the theme. All entries will be judged and plaques awarded. Categories include Theme, Christmas Spirit, Creativity, Marching Musical and Marching Non-Musical.

Floats should be no more than 17' high to clear power lines, and be 8' wide or less to travel to and from the staging area. Marching groups should plan for a 20' wide roadway.

For everyone's safety, candy may not be thrown from the floats and vehicles.

There is a \$30 entry fee for any float or vehicle which advertises a business. The fee does not go up

if there are multiple businesses on the same float. Nonprofit community support groups and public schools are \$15, unless they display banners and



logos for a business on their float or vehicle(s).

Call us to find out how to get your name on the parade shirts! Your business name will be added to all the Parade t-shirts, staff and public, for a minimum donation of \$100.00.

If there are noise considerations for your entry, please let us know immediately. We will try to spread out the bands and musical participants.

Any questions, suggestions or needs should be directed to Jeremy Higginbotham, 321-576-2818 or Jhigginbotham@orionconnectivity.com or Jamie Hermes, 321-271-7161.



Individual ride tickets: \$1 per ticket, 24 tickets for \$20, 45 tickets for \$35.

Free shows and show times subject to change:

Save Money – Specials: Veterans Day Holiday: Fair opens at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 11.

Mondays: "Mommy Mondays"

All Moms receive free admission, saving \$10 and Moms receive free unlimited rides with the purchase of a kids armband. Save \$25. (Not including Veterans Day when fair opens at 1 p.m.)

Tuesdays: "Teacher Appreciation & Student Night" (Except Tuesday, November 4 on Veterans Day) All school teachers with teacher ID receive FREE fair admission from open to close. Save \$10. All students receive FREE fair admission from 5 – 7 p.m. Save \$10.

Wednesdays: "Dads and First Responders BOGO Night": Dads and First Responders receive FREE fair admission. Save \$10,

Dads and First Responders buy one unlimited rides armband at \$25 and the second armband is FREE. Save \$25.

Thursdays: "Ladies Night": Buy one fair admission for a lady and the second lady gets FREE admission. Save \$10

Fridays: "Midnight Madness": Beginning at 8 p.m., combo admission with unlimited rides armbands go on sale at the main entrance for \$25. Rides run until 12 a.m. Save \$10.

Sundays: "Health First Health Plans Sundays": All Health First Health Plans members and Health First associates will receive free admission and free shows at the Space Coast State Fair on Sunday, November 2, Sunday, November 9 and on Sunday, November 16, courtesy of Health First Health Plans. The fair opens from 1 until 10 p.m. on those dates. Rides not included.

Members and associates may attend on multiple Sundays. Members may arrive, depart and arrive again on all Sundays.

Member ID & Government ID required. Health First Health Plans members must show current Membership ID card. Health First associates must show current ID Badge. Only current covered members and associates allowed.

We Honor Our Vets: Veterans receive Free Admission daily. Please show ID. Save \$10. Hours: Mondays – Thursdays: 5 – 10 p.m.

Veterans Day Holiday: Fair opens at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 11.

FAIR HOURS:

Mondays – Thursdays: 5 – 10 p.m.

Veterans Day Holiday: Open at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Fridays: 5 p.m. – 12 a.m. featuring "Midnight Madness"

Saturdays: 1 – 11:30 p.m.

Sundays: 1 – 10 p.m.

Smart fair-goers look at the show schedule at spacecoaststatefair.com/schedule/ and plan their time at the fair in advance, so they get to see all the shows inside the fair.

Gate admission includes all-day access, so you can leave the fair and come back during that same day as many times as you want at no extra charge. Just show your wrist band at the main entrance to return into the fair.

There is a \$10 gate admission for those who do not wish to ride the fair rides, but who just want to walk around the fair and enjoy all the shows, food, games etc.

Parking is \$5 and is also good for all day – just show your parking ticket when re-entering the parking lots.

Good Day!

~ by Maureen Rupe

SpaceX Starship

At the October meeting of the Florida Sierra Club Turtle Coast Group, the speaker was Laurilee Thompson, co-owner of Titusville's Dixie Crossroads Restaurant. She has served on a variety of tourism, growth and environmental boards, and is a lifetime environmentalist. Laurilee is a native to Titusville and has spent a lifetime in her family's fisheries. Laurilee's dedication to the waterways is legendary in Brevard and she shares concerns with others on the future of our wildlife and waterways. At the meeting she gave a presentation on the various impacts on Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and described how and why the SpaceX Starship will impact the IRL. Below, I've presented much of that information.

The SpaceX Starship Super Heavy will have huge implications on Brevard and the IRL. Reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Kennedy Space Center's (KSC) Launch Complex (LC-39), it doesn't look like the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA), or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have investigated the possible implications sufficiently. The EIS for LC-39 is very small compared to the EIS completed for their Texas Launch Complex, which indicates the issues here at KSC are not being taken as seriously. There are a large number of issues on how the Starship may or will impact our Lagoon and our county. Some examples are given below:

NASA/KSC is allowing industrial wastewater or fresh water to flow into surrounding canals or the impoundment areas which eventually flow into the IRL. The IRL requires a mixture of both fresh and saltwater, and increasing the amount of fresh water will kill the lagoon's seagrass. Between all the development in Brevard County and what is planned to come to NASA and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (CCSFS), the federal government must implement "Low Impact Development" (LID) in all the development locations to prevent any future damage from Starship or other future launch systems. LID keeps all water on the developed property, which will prevent fresh/industrial water contamination.

There is also a question of where is all this fresh water coming from? It states that millions

of gallons of water is required for every launch, I assume for sound suppression. SpaceX is asking for seventy launches in just the first year and state they want to eventually launch two to four Starships per day. Unfortunately, using that much additional potable water will surely cause potable water shortages throughout north Brevard County, impacting at least Titusville, Mims, Scottsmeer, Port St. John, Canaveral Groves, Cocoa, Merritt Island and Cape Canaveral.

All mitigation money should stay within Brevard in the protection of the lagoon for all protected species. Why is NASA/Space Command considering paying Endangered Species mitigation money to other states like Georgia or Alabama to move Gopher Turtles or to other counties in southwestern Florida for moving our Scrub Jays? There are lands available in other areas within Brevard County. It is important that all mitigation funds stay within our county, which is the one being disturbed. The SpaceX Starship Super Heavy is so much more powerful than all other previous launch systems, as it is more than double the thrust of either the Saturn V or the Space Shuttle, it will be catastrophic to our Sea Turtles. There are a large number of nests adjacent to KSC and CCSFS. The vibration is so strong for each Starship launch, it is expected to compress sand so much along the shore that it will crush all turtle eggs or any hatchlings that haven't already left their nests.

It is also justified to say the sound from the Starship will be very loud, up to 140 dB if there are insufficient water quantities for sound suppression. This sound level can damage eardrums and frequently will cause immense Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) issues on our residents. That, along with waking everyone (probably within the whole county) on every launch.

SpaceX is requesting seventy Starship launches and two hundred Falcon 9 launches in 2026. SpaceX wants to eventually launch 2 to 4 Starships every day, which would be up to 1,460 launches per year, which will impact our county even without considering the other launch systems in development within DoD and NASA that will be operational in the near future.

In addition, the number of SpaceX Falcon 9 and Starship launches alone, without considering

any other launch systems, will shut down the commercial fishing around Brevard County completely. The only commercial fishing is in hard bottom areas, all in the immediate areas just north of KSC. There are no flat hard bottom areas either north or south around Brevard, which prevents the commercial fishing fleets moving to those locations.

None of the previous is even considering the structural impacts these launches will have on our buildings. Don't forget Brevard is built on sand. Due to the vibrations, there will soon be many structural problems causing our home values to plummet. Eventually, I believe the only people living in at least North Brevard will be those working at either KSC or CCSFS.

Reference: SpaceX Starship from 09/29/2025
SPACEREPORT

Progress is rapidly being made in Florida at the Roberts Road facility, Launch Complex 39A (LC-39A) and Space Launch Complex 37 (LC-37) locations. In addition, city officials in Titusville and Cape Canaveral have voiced concerns about possible negative impacts due to future SpaceX Starship-Super Heavy launches and landings here on Florida's Space Coast.

Titusville Mayor Andrew Connors said, "We believe there must be a better balance between innovation and environmental/public interests," and, "The scale and frequency of Starship related closures go beyond previous norms and raise serious questions about long-term public access and the preservation of this protected area."

Cape Canaveral City Manager Keith Touchberry, in a letter submitted on September 22, asked the FAA to strengthen several areas of their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I assume the concerns are the same as given earlier in the presentation at the local Sierra Club.

Reference:

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Cheerio!

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This article expresses the views of its author.

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On the Road With Rose



Riverfront Park

401 Riverfront Drive, Cocoa
www.coco afl.org/facilities/facility/

I think we are all praying for a peaceful end of the year. We've taken a large step in that direction and I'm hoping it is still holding as you're reading this. I'm hoping the Big Guy places his hand on all the peacemakers.

We are lucky enough to have many real outdoor gems so close that we can just jump in the car and enjoy, and often overlooked ones are parks in Cocoa. Combining Riverfront, Taylor and Lee Wenner Parks makes for almost ten acres to enjoy. This time of year, the splash pad is not operating, but there's plenty to do for all ages. It's possible to make a whole day without ever leaving the area, I would advise you to get there early, as the parking is a little limited.

Huge areas of well maintained, lush green grass just invites barefoot running, jumping, all kinds of ball games and picnics. A Greek styled covered walkway begins and ends beside the stage and you can visit a statue of one of our local military heroes. If you wander the circle, take note of the memorial bricks.

On one side of the covered walkway there is a large amphitheater where events from Reggae to Shakespeare to life sized chess games are held. Movies in the park were particularly popular in past years, but I was not able to verify if they will continue in 2025/2026. A sand pit made for volleyball is hardly ever empty and the bathrooms are cleaned daily.

Walking along the concrete river edge walkway, I spotted a couple of dolphin herding fish against the wall. The walkway leads to St. Marks Academy in one direction and you can meander around all the way to Lee Wenner Park in the other direction. The walkway continues around to the large pavilion and bathrooms, and don't forget the

new boat trailers and boat launch. There is ample parking for vehicles towing boat trailers, making for a fun day boating, then utilizing the splash pad for kids and the pavilion with BBQ for dinner.

For little ones (and parents) tired of the stress and rush of the looming holidays, a short walk to the playground in Taylor Park is a must. This plot of land was donated to the City of Cocoa in the late 1800's. The lore is, children began playing and swinging on a rope tied to a tree limb, so someone suggested they make it a park. It has not changed much since my brothers and myself enjoyed the coolness and playground while our parents shopped in the late fifties.

Offering soft seat regular swings, baby and mama swings, monkey bars, slides and all sorts of things to climb on, over and around, the park also has many beautifully decorated benches, made for waiting for little ones to tire themselves out (ha!) and a chance to chat with others in comfort.

There are several pubs and shopping directly across the street from Riverfront Park, which may be a welcome change when the little ones wind down, (again, Ha!), and of course you're almost in the middle of Cocoa Village with its many and varied restaurants and shops.

Pets are allowed in the parks but must be leashed, but not inside the splash pad fence. Each pub and shop make their own rules as to animals inside. If you should take your fur, scaled or feathered babies, please clean up after them.

Sunscreen and pest spray is heartily encouraged, and as always, please take only pictures and leave only foot prints.



Harvest Fest

First Baptist Church of Port St. John is hosting their Annual Harvest Fest on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be bounce houses, food, games, Trunk or Treat and the ever popular Cake Walk! Everyone in the community is invited to attend this free event.

FBCPSJ is located at 3900 Fay Blvd., Port St. John. The church phone is 321-636-5455. Our website is www.firstbaptistpsj.org. Come join us for fun, food and games for the entire family!

“Roots to Work” Program for Young Adults with Disabilities

We are excited for Roots to Work, a hands-on training initiative designed for young adults (ages 18 and older) with special needs who are eager to develop workplace skills in horticulture and agriculture. This 10-week program, beginning January 9, 2026, offers participants a blend of classroom instruction, hands-on horticulture experience, and field trips that connect lessons to real-world agricultural practices. Participants who complete the course may also have the opportunity to apprentice at a local nursery, gaining valuable job experience and mentorship.

Program Highlights:

- Interactive Training: Weekly classes featuring both classroom learning and hands-on activities.
- Field Trips: Explore local horticulture operations and see agricultural careers in action.
- Apprenticeship Opportunities: Graduates may be matched with a local nursery for continued skill development.

Roots to Work helps young adults gain not just horticulture knowledge, but also confidence, teamwork experience, and job-readiness skills that support independence. The program will take place in person at the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension, 3695 Lake Dr., Cocoa.

Join Us for an Open House! Learn more about Roots to Work, meet instructors, and explore program opportunities at our open house session: Please RSVP here: <https://loom.ly/bsaj70s>.

November 7, 10:00–11:00 .am.

For more information and to register, please contact Vanessa Spero, Regional Specialized 4-H Agent. Email: vspero@ufl.edu or call 321-615-7323.

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“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” - Henry David Thoreau.



Central Brevard Art Association Art Show & Sale

The Central Brevard Art Association (CBAA) is presenting their annual Holiday Art Show & Sale at the Cocoa Beach Library showcasing the unique talents of local artists. Dozens of local artists will be displaying and selling a variety of original fine art and prints, photography, jewelry, fibers, sculptures, mixed media and much more! Gift Baskets will be raffled with 100% going to the CBAA scholarship fund.

The Cocoa Beach Library is located at 550 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Beach. Admission and parking to the show are free. Show hours are: Friday, November 14th 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, November 15th, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, November 16th, 1-4 p.m.

CBAA is a not-for-profit organization of local artists serving Brevard County for over 61 years. CBAA was created to promote community appreciation of visual arts, provide educational opportunities in visual arts to the local community, and support our members through education, instruction, encouragement and promotion. Through community support, CBAA also provides an annual scholarship award to a local graduating high school senior who wishes to pursue a college education in art and sponsors a scholarship at Eastern Florida State College for students pursuing the arts. To learn more, visit www.cbaaartists.com 321-806-8065.

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Come meet Santa at the PSJ Library Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 - 12:00pm

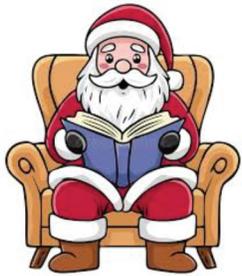


Photo with Santa
Christmas Crafts
Free Raffle for Presents (ages 1-16)
Free Christmas Book
Live Music with Carolers
Christmas Treat & Beverage

Raffles for:

Celebrate Winter Quilt ★ Beef 'O' Brady Gift Certificate
PSJ Cellar Gift Certificate ★ Something Sweet Gift Certificate
and more from our PSJ businesses!

★ Come see the Friends of the PSJ Library
★ **Winter Wonderland Float**
★ in the **PSJ Christmas Parade** on Fay Blvd.
★ on **Sat., Dec 20 at 11:00**
★ Fun Library - themed Giveaways



NORTH BREVARD
ART LEAGUE

Holiday Artisan Market

The North Brevard Art League will hold a Holiday Artisan Market on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Market will be held in the North Brevard Art League Studio located at 1421 Draa Rd., Titusville. Admission and parking are free.

The show will include holiday themed art or items for gift giving from 18 local artists. Get your holiday shopping done with unique cards, ornaments, soaps, pottery, decorations, jewelry, artwork and more. The Market will include food trucks – Big Don's BBQ, Taste Budz, Goucho Food Truck and Just Cupcakin' Around, as well as a visit from the Little Black Pony from the Wild Horse Rescue Center. Indian River Honey Co. will also be selling their products and display a portable bee observation hive.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
5135 N Highway 1, Cocoa, FL · (321) 632-6333

Christmas Tree Sales

Friday, November 28th—Tuesday, December 23rd

Mon—Fri
3pm—7pm



Saturday
9am—7pm
Sunday
12pm—6pm

ALL proceeds go to: KofC Charities which include:

**Habitat for Humanity, Brevard County Special Olympics, Food for Families,
VA "Home at Last" project, and Educational Scholarship Programs**

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 on November 7th 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., Port St. John.

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.**

11-1 All Saints Day

11-1 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.

11-2 Daylight Savings Ends

11-2 All Souls Day

11-4 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.

11-5 Election Day

11-5 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.

11-5 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

11-9 Fay Lake FestiFALL

and Chili Cook-Off, 1 to 5 p.m.



at Fay Lake Wilderness Park

11-9 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.

11-11 Veterans Day

11-13 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.

11-14 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.

11-15 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.

11-17 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.

11-19 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, 2 miles north of PSJ, 6:00 p.m. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

11-25 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.

11-27 Thanksgiving

11-29 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.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - 12th this month - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport.

If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation, you are welcome. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.

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

For more information, call 321-514-9456,

email watersdwayne@yahoo.com, or visit the website at www.eaa724.org.

Congratulations to:

Trey Darville turns **17** on the 1st.

Elias Bennett turns **8** on the 1st!

Heather Burris turns **31** on the 5th.

Steve Sweeney turns wiser on the 5th.

Richard Ebbensgard turns **62** on the 6th.

Nicole Crouse turns cuter on the 7th.

Joey Hilde turns **34** on the 9th.

Doreen Erickson turns prettier on the 12th.

Kayla Erff is the Queen on the 12th.

Mary Prentiss turns **34** on the 12th.

Chelsea Balparda turns **33** on the 13th.

Tyler Thomas turns **28** on the 13th.

James Maxwell turns stronger on the 13th.

Rita Stanton rules the world on the 14th.

Dawn Niehoff has a party day on the 15th.

Anthony Wagner turns **19** on the 15th.

Makaylee Orend is more lovely on the 16th.

David Erickson turns buffer on the 16th.

Jennifer DiCandio parties wild on the 18th.

Tyler Mangiacapra turns **31** on the 19th.

Joe Guarine turns **60** on the 19th.

Fred Bradshaw turns wilder on the 19th.

Cassie Lyerly turns **28** on the 20th.

Olivia Brackin turns **31** on the 20th.

Cathryn Santoso turns **35** on the 21st.

Amy Arnone turns **45** on the 22nd.

Kristin Svandrlik turns **26** on the 22nd.

Holly Turner has a spanking day on the 23rd.

Aurora Mayfield turns amazing on the 23rd.

Christopher Allison turns **22** on the 25th.

Kim Tyner turns more beautiful on the 28th.

Aaron Patrinostro turns **42** on the 29th.

Deborah Pierce turns **39** (again) on the 30th.

Roger and Jennifer Brunet celebrate their 19th anniversary on the 6th.

Kurt and Linda Bird celebrate **53 years** on the 12th.

Jeff & Betty Couch celebrate their 44th anniversary on the 15th.

David and Laura Keefe celebrate 32 years on the 15th.

Mark and Helen Dezendorf will have been happily married for **45 years** on the 16th.

An event or birthday to add? Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Post 359 - American Legion



11-1 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.

11-5 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

11-10 Sons of the Legion - 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

11-15 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

11-16 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.

11-19 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.



Ink and Ivy Book Club

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

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



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Parrish Healthcare Expands Access to Care with Same-Day and Next-Day Primary Care Appointments

Parrish Healthcare is making it easier for patients to see a doctor when they need one most. Beginning immediately, patients can schedule same-day and next-day appointments with their Parrish Medical Group primary care provider. These appointments are designed for those who need timely medical attention but do not require urgent care or emergency room services.

This new offering is part of Parrish Healthcare's ongoing commitment to providing convenient, patient-centered care. By increasing appointment availability, they aim to reduce non-emergent visits to the Emergency Department, improve patient access and ensure community members can get the care they need, when they need it.

"Health concerns don't always happen on a predictable schedule," said George Mikitarian, President and CEO of Parrish Healthcare. "By offering same-day and next-day appointments within our Parrish Medical Group Primary Care practices, we're helping patients who may be sick due to cold or flu, or other illness, receive timely, quality care without having to go to an urgent care center or the emergency room. With this expansion in care access, our goal is simple: make finding care easier, less expensive, faster and more convenient for the people we serve."

Same-day and next-day primary care appointments are ideal for patients who are experiencing non-emergency medical needs but may require more prompt attention to health concerns or don't have the flexibility to schedule a primary care appointment weeks in advance. Parrish Medical Group Primary Care providers can assist with the following medical needs and more:

- Minor illnesses including cold, flu, sore throat or ear infections
- Minor injuries including sprains, strains, minor cuts or burns
- Prescription refills and questions regarding medications
- Routine follow-ups for existing health conditions
- Preventive care needs

Same-day and next-day appointments are currently available at Parrish Healthcare Center in

Port St. John located at 5005 Port St. John Parkway in Port St. John, Florida. Patients can schedule a same-day or next-day appointment by calling 321-268-6868. To learn more about primary care at Parrish Healthcare, and preview all primary care providers, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/primarycare.

Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

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

- Registered Nurses (RN)
 - Emergency Department Med/Surg
 - Clinical Coordinators
 - Charge Nurses
 - Electrophysiology Nurses
 - CVIS Nurses
- Technologists
 - CT/MRI
 - Echo Cardiovascular
 - Interventional Radiographer
 - Radiology
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Certified Medical Assistants
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)
- Paramedics
- EMTs
- Coders
- Clinical Systems Analyst
- Clinical Systems Trainer
- Care Coordination Navigator

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

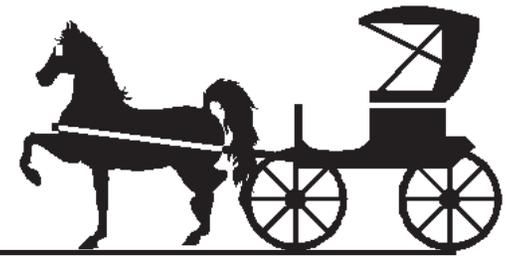
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Thanksgiving Circle of Life

As I sit pecking at this black box, my heart and head are sending so many prayers of thanks for the peacemakers that have had any part in bringing peace this last month. I know many are still suffering and still praying for healing; know you're not alone.

OK, I have stomped my feet, waved my fists and threatened to hold my breath until I turned blue...It didn't work any better than it did when I was six. The holidays are still marching toward us at warp speed.

During my recent 'Sweat and Swear' sessions, my thoughts wandered through the maze and ended at past and future Thanksgivings. Some grandparents have memories of scrubbed and starched smiling families surrounding beautifully set tables groaning under the weight of more homemade dishes than can be counted.

I don't know any of these people.

Mentally rummaging through my Rolodex of past Thanksgivings, I fluttered through the several where, as a young wife with few to none cooking skills, I was assigned baby holding duties and dishwashing. The first time I could invite family to my home, I gave each of my young children an important role in dinner preparation. The ten-year-old opted for mashed potatoes, the nine-year-old wanted to do the sweet potatoes. Not believing vegetable peelers to be lethal weapons, I agreed. I also thought I was safe with the six-year-old making fresh green beans, the three-year-old stirring the stuffing as I diced and chopped, and the two-year-old in charge of remembering and opening the cranberry sauce. When I turned to

help the three-year-old open the bag of stuffing, the first three stuck raw green beans in their ears and made faces at each other. I took my eyes off the three-year-old for just a second to warn the three "Bean Sprouts" of dire consequences, which was just enough time for her to finish ripping open the bag of dry stuffing with such flair it ripped from top to bottom, spreading breadcrumbs the width and breadth of the kitchen. At that moment the two-year-old began pounding on the cans of cranberry sauce with the can opener.

The following days we played many games of 'Who can stay still and quiet the longest,' with mom officiating from the couch. The next year began the tradition of kids doing the decorations.

Fast forward to my grown kids coming to my home with their families. I MOSTLY enjoyed days of shopping and food prep. I thoroughly enjoyed serving grandchildren only what they liked and assigning the newest spouse or significant other baby holding duties and dishwashing... also taking the following day or two to recover.

The last few years found me showing up at my kid's home, casserole in hand, gratefully accepting baby holding duties and gracefully sidestepping dishwashing duties. No recovery time needed. Yes, it is possible to intrude on a cousin's front yard football game, but not to be able to stand at a sink because of a bad knee!

The Circle of Life is sweet indeed!

Fruit From The Groves



Remember that on Sunday, November 2nd at 2 a.m., turn the clocks fall back one hour.

With the holidays coming up and everyone being busy, the next meeting of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association will be in January, 2026. At this meeting, the Board of Directors and Officers will be nominated and elected for 2026. Hopefully, in 2026 there will be more participation in the group so we can move forward. The yearly dues are still only \$15 per year. Dues are due now.

I took a short vacation into the Appalachian Mountains. In some areas, there was no cell phone coverage, which could affect calling 911. Some Emergency Services were a minimum of 45 minutes to an hour away. Fire hydrants were few and far between. Hospitals and Emergency Rooms could be over two hours away, even by helicopter. I was so glad when I returned to the Groves where Emergency Services are so close if needed!

Remember, Hurricane Season is still in effect until December - stay prepared.

Watch Canaveral Groves Community Bulletin Board on Facebook for any updates or notices.

Have a Happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners
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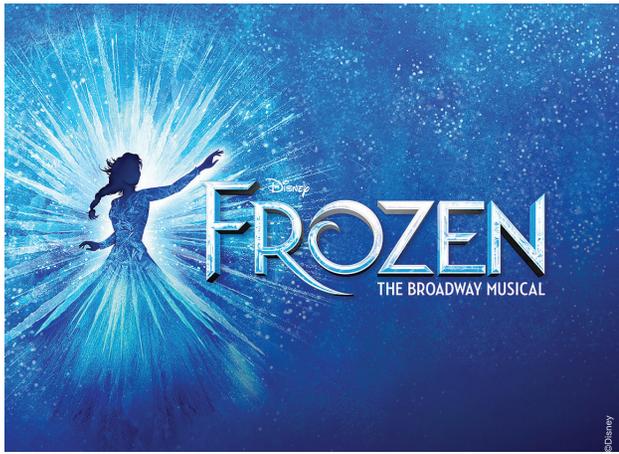
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Exciting news is on the horizon this holiday season! While we can't share all the secrets just yet, we promise this musical is going to be a must-see for all ages! Keep your eyes peeled. It's an announcement you won't want to miss!

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.

Holiday Craft Fair & Food Truck Event

Join us for the 12th Annual Holiday Craft Fair & Food Truck event on Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Edgewood JSHS in Merritt Island! There will be holiday crafts and decor, unique gifts, handmade jewelry, beachy decor, quilted items, handcrafted soaps, fused glass, Tupperware, Park Lane Jewelry, Scentsy, Color Street and much, much more! You can also enjoy some delicious food at one of the Food Trucks!

Proceeds support Edgewood Project Graduation 2026! For more details, check out our event on Facebook! www.facebook.com/share/17HSddSN4a/

Learn to Support Mental Health in Your Community In A First Aid Course for Adult Mental Health

Mental health is the bedrock of a thriving community, and the need for understanding and support has never been greater. UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County is offering an invaluable opportunity to become a knowledgeable and compassionate resource for those around you through its evidence-based mental health support training.

This course will take place on Wednesday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Palm Point Behavioral Health, located in Titusville at 2355 Truman Scarborough Way. The cost to attend this training is \$65.00 per person, with the option to purchase books. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required.

Secure your spot today by registering on our Eventbrite site at www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-mental-health-first-aid-training-tickets-1203606281789?aff=oddtcreator.

For any inquiries regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office at 321-633-1702 or email brevard@ifas.ufl.edu.



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November brings a season of gratitude and anticipation at St. Patrick's. Student Sunday School continues its study of Genesis, with a special Advent series beginning November 30th during the 10:00 a.m. service for grades 3rd - 8th. Adult Sunday School also meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall with Fr. Michael Kerouac, a time for study, fellowship and coffee (Psalm 119:105).

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our 6th Annual Cookie Walk and Vendor Fair on Saturday, December 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Homemade cookies by the pound and unique gifts from local vendors will fill the parish hall (Psalm 34:8).

This month, we also gather for fellowship: First Friday Fun Night on November 7th from 6:00-

8:00 p.m., (Acts 2:46), the Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group on November 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m., (1 Thessalonians 5:11), and our Veterans Breakfast on November 29th at 9:00 a.m. (John 15:13).

Regular worship continues with Holy Communion Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Finally, St. Patrick's hosts AA meetings weekly. For details, please contact Brevard Intergroup at 321-724-2247 (available 24/7).

Holiday Parade Registration

The PSJ Christmas Parade will take place on December 20th at 11 a.m. in Port St. John. The theme of this year's parade will be "A Winter Wonderland." The entry fee is \$30 for any entry which advertises a business. Non-profit community support groups and public schools are \$15.

Visit portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/ChristmasParade/ for information and to enter the parade! Please enter early.

For more information call Jeremy Higginbotham, 321-576-2818, or email parade@portstjohncommunityfoundation.com.

Brevard County Parks and Recreation is now taking registrations for the Merritt Island and Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parades. This year the theme for the parades is 'Rockin' Around the Holidays'. Mindy from 'Mindy and Company' on Lite Rock 99.3, an iHeartMedia station, will emcee the parades.

The Merritt Island Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, December 6, with step-off at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel from Grove Boulevard at Merritt Island High School, south on Courtenay Parkway (SR-3) to Edgewood Junior/Senior High School on Merritt Avenue.

The Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 13, with step-off at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel north on Florida Avenue at Rockledge High School to Brevard Avenue and conclude at Lee Wenner Park.

For additional information about the parades, please call the Central Area Parks Operations office at 321-633-1874 or email Delinda Griffis at delinda.griffis@brevardfl.gov.

Registration also available online at <https://registration.brevardfl.gov>.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP NOVEMBER 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

Decoding Diabetes Class

Meets the fourth Monday monthly, 2:30-4:30 PM

Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville

Contact Casey Hodgkin at 321-268-6111, ext. 7668

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

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Meets the first Wednesday monthly, 10-11 AM

Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
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Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

Kidney Smart Class

Meets the last Thursday monthly, 1-2:30 PM

Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville

Contact Jackie Torres at 321-383-1245

Mom's Support Group

Meets Mondays, 10-11 AM

The Children's Center
5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville

Contact Melinda at melinda.hodges@parrishmed.com

Parkinson's Support Group

Meets the second Tuesday monthly, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Parrish Health & Wellness Center
3065 Columbia Boulevard, C-104, Titusville

*Contact Barbara Fradkin 321-345-1031 or
BrevardParkinsons.org
parrishhealthcare.com/parkinsonsupport*

Stroke and Heart Survivors Support Group

Meets the third Tuesday monthly, 2-4 PM

Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville

Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

Tools to Quit Smoking Now

Meets the last Tuesday monthly, 5:30-7:30 PM

Parrish Medical Center, Conference Room 6
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Monthly Tax Update

November is here, and it is time to prepare for Thanksgiving and celebrate with your family and friends. I have great news for people who received rental income. In June 2025, the Florida Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 7031. Among its provisions, one of the most important was that the sales tax on commercial property was abolished. Effective October 1, 2025, the state sales tax imposed on rent or license fees for using real property (commercial rentals) is repealed pursuant to Section 212.031, Florida Statutes (FS). This means that no state sales tax or discretionary sales surcharge applies to rent or license fees for lease or occupancy periods beginning on or after October 1, 2025.

Examples of commercial rentals subject to the repeal include rentals of commercial office or retail space, warehouses and self-storage units. The repeal is not for all rentals. The repeal does not affect other types of rentals under different statutes, including the short-term residential rentals (leases for six months or less) under § 212.03, parking lots/garage spaces for motor vehicles, boat slips/docks or aircraft hangars/storage.

Also, rental of tangible personal property, (equipment, etc.), is still taxable.

Moreover, the tax applies to any lease, rental or license fee that covers periods before October 1, 2025, even if payment is made afterward. For example, if a tenant pays in October for occupancy that took place before the repeal date, the tax still applies.

Next excluded from repeal, the sales tax and any applicable discretionary income surtax continue to apply to: Rent or license charge bills for rental or occupancy periods through September 2025, even if the fee is made on or after October 1, 2025. Example: If a tenant will pay the August 2025 lease in October, the county sales tax of 2% plus any relevant discretionary sales surtax must be pronounced and remitted to the Florida Department of Revenue. For sales tax imposed beneath § 212.03, FS on rentals or rentals of living, snoozing or housework hotels for six months or less, (temporary rentals), parking or storage spaces for motor vehicles in parking masses or garages, docking or storage areas for boats in boat docks or marinas, tie-down or storage space for aircraft at airports, you must file returns for monthly and



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If you have filed and submitted the tax for October – December 2025, first refund the sales tax to the tenant before requesting a refund.

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.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



11-5 Sons of Amvets 2415
General Membership Meeting
-1st Wednesday of the month
at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck
Harrington, 321-208-7897.

11-8 Amvets Riders Chapter
2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd
Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Steve
Carman, 321-446-3394.

11-8 Bike Night! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd
Saturday of the month at the Post.

11-12 General Membership Meeting- 2nd
Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

11-13 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General
Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month
at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-
208-7897.

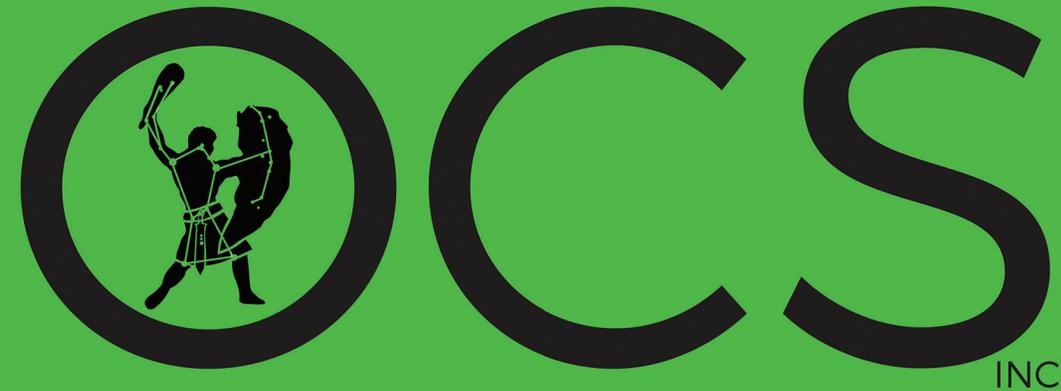
Karaoke every Friday, 6-10 p.m.

Bingo - members - Sundays 1-?

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

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent
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