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## FUMC of Port St. John Announces Opening of 2025 Pumpkin Patch

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John is excited to announce the opening of its annual Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 12 and continuing until October 31. A cherished tradition in the community, The Patch brings families and friends together to celebrate the fall season with fun, fellowship, and of course—pumpkins!

This year's Pumpkin Patch will be open daily from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with extended hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. Visitors can browse a wide variety of pumpkins and gourds, perfect for decorating, carving or cooking. Families are encouraged to stroll through The Patch, take seasonal photos and keep an eye out for the special purple pumpkins, a unique feature that adds extra excitement for children and adults alike.

"The Pumpkin Patch is one of our favorite ways to connect with the Port St. John community," said Pastor Emily. "It's more than just pumpkins—it's about creating memories, sharing joy and welcoming neighbors to our church grounds."

Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch help support



the ministries and outreach programs of First United Methodist Church, making this annual event not only a community tradition but also a way to give back.

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd., PSJ. For more information, please contact the church office at 321-631-0183 or visit [www.fumcpsj.org](http://www.fumcpsj.org).

Come find your perfect pumpkin, enjoy the season and be part of this Port St. John fall tradition!

## Fall Festival at Port St. John Library

The Port St. John Library, 6500 Carole Ave., will be hosting the 1st annual Fall Festival at the Port St. John Public Library on Saturday, October 11 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. We have a rain date of Saturday, October 25.

The event will provide a fun, engaging and educational experience for families in our local community. It will feature a range of autumn-themed activities like Fall Crafts; Games and Activity booths with game prizes; Friends' Raffles for our 'Celebrate Winter Quilt,' a telescope and Fall decor; "Cornucopia of Generosity" Food Drive sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank; Fall photo booth; and Fall food and beverage tent.

Geared for families of all ages of children from toddlers to teens. The library staff, as well as volunteers from Friends of the PSJ Library, welcome new and existing patrons to come out and enjoy the afternoon with us!

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# PSJ Community Center Schedule - October 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  
Billiards, 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  
Billiards, 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 (ages 3-6) 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. & 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

## Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, dawn to dusk.  
Billiards, 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  
Billiards, 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  
Billiards, 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](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.

**About Homeschool Class P.E.**

P.E. Classes, Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Great opportunity for exercise and socialize in a fun nature. Price is \$2 per class. Call 321-603-2118 for more information.

## Blessing of the Animals

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which honors the special role animals play in peoples' lives. Conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, a procession of animals, from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, are welcome. Deacon Joseph A. Pecko of Church of Our Saviour, Cocoa Beach, will officiate this year's special 25th annual ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5th, 1:00 p.m., at Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo) in Historic Cocoa Village.

We will also be celebrating Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey's K9 Partner Saint's first birthday. Saint is following in the footsteps of Junny, America's Top Police Dog. Junny was the first official mascot of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and because he was loved by so many people and brought awareness to so many important topics, Saint was chosen to help continue his legacy. Just like Junny, Saint is trained to help find missing children and adults.

All pets are welcome on a leash, or in appropriate carriers, and must have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends. Pet photos with Deacon Pecko will be taken immediately following the group blessings (\$5 donation).

All donations will benefit Environmental Education Awareness Research Support and Services, (EEARSS), [www.EEARSS.org](http://www.EEARSS.org), a nonprofit started by Frank "Alligator" Robb, whose mission is to educate the public on the importance of the environment, the organisms and life forms within it, while also performing and assisting in research projects that help expand that knowledge and expertise. Specific research includes alligator toxicology, endocrinology, along with the health of local ecosystems, Gopher Tortoise's, controlled fires, viruses affecting wild alligator populations in Florida, sea turtle nesting populations, and survey data for county and federal level governments.

This event is hosted by Tails at the Barkery, 14 Oleander Street, Cocoa Village. For more information, call 321-305-4584 or visit [www.tailsatthebarkery.com](http://www.tailsatthebarkery.com).

## Enchanted Forest Trail Run

Come out on Sunday, October 12th, 8 a.m. and run trails to fundraise for a new tram cart for guest tours. Registration fees and donations will go toward buying a tour cart for guided educational tours for those who cannot walk all of the Forest trails. All race finishers will receive 1.5" wood medallions. Age group awards will be 2" wood medallions.

Register to run at [runsignup.com/Race/FL/ Titusville/FriendsOfTheEnchantedForest5K10K](http://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Titusville/FriendsOfTheEnchantedForest5K10K). Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a new tram cart to be used for guided trail rides!

You can make a donation to the Tram Card Fund at [friendsoftheenchantedforestinc.wildapricot.org/Donate!](http://friendsoftheenchantedforestinc.wildapricot.org/Donate!) (Please be sure to note the donation is for the Tram Card Fund!)

Checks can be made payable to/sent to:

Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc.

Attn: Martha Pessaro

444 Columbia Blvd.

Titusville, FL 32780

Follow the event at:

[www.facebook.com/EnchantedForestTrailRun](http://www.facebook.com/EnchantedForestTrailRun)



## Pawsino Royale

The Brevard Humane Society is excited to announce its first-ever casino night fundraiser, Pawsino Royale, taking place on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Carib Brewery, located at 200 Imperial Blvd., Cape Canaveral. Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening of Vegas-style fun featuring classic casino games including Craps, Roulette, Blackjack, 3 Card Poker, Let It Ride and Texas Hold 'Em. In addition to the games, the event will include a Silent Auction, a 50/50 drawing and exciting prizes.

Adding to the excitement, the much-anticipated Car Drawing for a 1993 Honda Del Sol will be held during Pawsino Royale, with the winner announced at 8:00 p.m.

Ticket packages are available at two levels: \$50 for \$250 worth of chips or \$75 for \$400 worth of chips. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

“We are thrilled to launch our very first casino night fundraiser,” said Theresa Clifton, Executive Director of the Brevard Humane Society. “Pawsino Royale is not only a night of fun and games, but also a way for our community to come together in support of homeless pets. Every chip played helps us provide shelter, care, and love until every animal finds their forever home.”

Sponsorship details, and registration for Pawsino Royale are available online at [brevardhumanesociety.org/pawsino-royale/](http://brevardhumanesociety.org/pawsino-royale/). For additional inquiries, please call 321-636-3343, Extension 218.

All proceeds from Pawsino Royale will benefit the Brevard Humane Society.



## 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 October 3rd from 5 to 7 p.m. You are welcome to come and view the cars on display. First Baptist Church of Port St. John is located at 3900 Fay Blvd., PSJ.

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

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# 1st Annual Fall Festival

at the Port St John Library

Saturday, October 11 - 12:00 to 4:00 pm

RAIN DATE: Saturday, October 25

## Carnival Games / Treasure Chest of Prizes

Ring Toss / Corn Hole / Fishing for Apples / Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe / Paint-a-Pumpkin / Fall Craft Color-a-Children's Tote Bag / Silent Fall Disco / Face Painting / Baked Goods & Beverages Raffle table-chance to win: Telescope / Drone / Fall Decor / Gift Certificates / and more. . .

*Cornucopia of Generosity Food Drive hosted by Second Harvest Food Bank; please bring a canned good to donate.*

## Scarecrow Contest

### See Port St. John Scarecrows at:

Allstate Insurance - Dicandio & Assoc., Inc.  
 Andrew Engelmann - State Farm Insurance  
 Belles & Blossoms  
 Brevard County Fire Rescue Fire Station 26  
 Brigdawg's Pet Store  
 Community Credit Union  
 First United Methodist Church PSJ  
 Happenings  
 Launch Credit Union

My Eye Dr  
 Parrish Healthcare  
 Port Java Coffee Shop  
 PSJ Cellar  
 Rocket Bagels PSJ  
 Shipping Depot of PSJ  
 Space Coast Nutrition  
 The Plant Shack



Dr. Crow, MD  
 Parrish Healthcare  
 1st Scarecrow displayed

**Two ways to vote for the "Best Scarecrow":** Go to the [Friends of the Port St. John Library](#) FB page and 'Like' the photo of the "Best Scarecrow." Or Scarecrow photos are on display at the PSJ Library with a ballot box. **Voting ends Oct. 11. Winner announced at PSJ Library Fall Festival. Winner receives \$100 cash prize.**



# FALL FESTIVAL



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# Good Day!

~ by Maureen Rupe

## PSJ/CG Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU)

Brevard County Commission and Departments seem to be ignoring our MSTU concerns. To bring you up to speed, we are paying more than all others in District 1.

The District 1 Recreation MSTU covers all parks throughout District 1, including all 41 parks within the PSJ/CG MSTU. The District 1 Recreational MSTU Current Mileage rate: 0.4281.

PSJ/CG MSTU was created to build the PSJ Community Center, Fay Lake Park and Space Coast Community Sports Complex, Our \$5M debt was paid off in 2016. The PSJ/CG MSTU has been used by the county to cover all parks including these plus Fay, Friendship, Nicol and Beatrice G. Jackson Parks, and the PSJ boat ramp. The PSJ/CG MSTU Current Millage: 0.2682.

Port St. John and Canaveral Groves residents (all residents between Kings Highway and Canaveral Groves Blvd.) are paying both the North Brevard Recreational MSTU of 0.4281, plus the PSJ/CG MSTU 0.2681 and have been paying both MSTUs since 1994. Our area was the first area that voted to pay for area services.

The rest of Brevard County District 1 (those living south of Canaveral Groves Blvd. down to about State Road 528 and those living north of Kings Highway in PSJ to the north Brevard County line) are only paying the North Brevard Recreational MSTU of 0.4281.

We are paying at least a third more than the rest of the residents living in District 1, although any resident in Brevard County can use any park in Brevard County. PSJ/CG shouldn't be paying a millage rate of 0.6962 when everyone else in District 1 is paying a millage rate of 0.4281.

Call or email all the County Commissioners and ask for a review of this unfair practice.

District 1: Katie Delaney, 321-607-6901, Email: D1.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov

District 2: Tom Goodson, 321-454-6601, Email: D2.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov

District 3: Kim Adkinson, 321-633-2075, Email: D3.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov

District 4: Rob Feltner, 321-633-2044, Email: D4.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov

District 5: Thad Altman, 321-253-6611, Email: D5.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov

Note: an MSTU is a tax levied on the value of properties within the defined district, a property tax to fund services or improvements within a pre-defined area.

### 2025 Florida Senate Bill (SB)

Florida SB 180 had good intentions, as the Bill was sold as a post hurricane "emergency measure" to help communities rebuild faster. Unfortunately, the Bill has a number of measures that don't affect disaster recovery, but strip a lot away from local control. The biggest issue is Section 28. This Section stops all cities and counties from adopting land-use regulations deemed "more restrictive", even if they have nothing to do with disaster recovery. This law is retroactive to August 2024 and runs until October 2027, so every comprehensive plan or zoning update in the past year are open to legal challenge. SB 180 even extends for a year past any future hurricane affecting areas within 100 miles of the local government.

In an August 24, 2025 News-Press Opinion by Haley Busch, he stated 1000 Friends of Florida commissioned land use attorney Richard Grosso to perform a legal analysis of the Bill. According to him, this law "is an effective repeal of Florida's land-use planning laws." The bill also allows ANY person, not just property owners, to sue local governments over any planning decisions they dislike. Period. Those who want the bill say that it streamlines rebuilding, but critics say it strips local control and favors developers. Since the law went into effect July 1st, 2025, if you look around the county, this law probably has caused so much development to start around the county.

There's a Class Action suit to stop this bill, but until that is decided, there's not a lot local governments can say about any development. There are numerous counties and cities asking the Florida Legislature to repeal the bad parts of the Bill in 2026 and restore local planning authority.

Reference: [www.news-press.com/story/opinion/2025/08/24/florida-sb180-threatens-and-local-planning-statewide-opinion/85750450007/](http://www.news-press.com/story/opinion/2025/08/24/florida-sb180-threatens-and-local-planning-statewide-opinion/85750450007/).

### Florida Sludge

According to an article in the September 2nd, 2025 Florida Today titled, "Brevard wants a hearing on sludge," by Jim Waymer, the Brevard County Commission voted unanimously to petition Florida's Department of Environmental Protection to stop any more dumping of sewage

sludge on pastures flowing into the St. John's River, which supplies half of the county's water supply.

73% of all sludge around the state, (mainly from south Florida), is dumped in the headwaters of the St. John's River. To top that issue, because the sludge disposal company had been putting 10-12 times the permitted amount required, the land along the St. Johns River could even have 3 times the phosphorus and nitrogen in the sludge.

In 2019, Brevard County banned new land application of sewage sludge within its jurisdiction. Ordinance 2020-05 was extended. It does say it can be disposed under contracts and permits that predate the ban. That ban has been extended by Ordinance repeatedly to protect the river.

On August 26th, the Brevard County Commission voted unanimously to petition Florida's top environmental agency for a hearing to consider stopping a Clewiston company from dumping more sewage sludge on pastures that flow to the St. Johns River, which supplies half of the county's tap water.

I remember writing an article on this subject in the past and found, "The Bio-Solid Ban that Wasn't," in the October 2019 Happenings. There are a lot of issues with the ban. The ban only covers Class B sludge, which is the only class Florida DEP tracks. There are also Class A and Class AA, which contain the same amount of nitrogen & phosphorus, but can be applied as fertilizer. The ban also did nothing about the other 352 chemicals that the DEP and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection have identified as possibly harmful. I know the earlier September 2nd Florida Today article was about land across from Lake Washington in Osceola County, but we also have land that was previously permitted west of Ranch Road to the north of Space Coast High School. I don't know if there's still any dumping on that land, but there were still trucks seen on that site in the fall of 2019 even though the ban was put in place in July 2019.

A July 10, 2025 article in JAX Today by Michelle Corum, states, "A study released this week by the Public Trust for Conservation estimates that cleaning up pollution created by sewage sludge in the St. Johns River basin could cost taxpayers more than \$1 billion over the next four decades." The same article mentions John November, a Public Trust Attorney, stating,

“Now we are looking at a dozen years of [prior] application and unfortunately, even if we stopped now, the legacy nutrients, the legacy impacts of this practice are going to be felt by us for the next decades, maybe centuries.” He also stated, “This is the first study to quantify the economic impact of phosphorus pollution. It did not, however, calculate the cost of cleaning up other pollutants in sewage sludge — things like drugs, microplastics and “forever chemicals” (known as PFAS).

Note: Sewage Sludge = Bio-Solids

References: [www.floridatoday.com/](http://www.floridatoday.com/)

[jaxtoday.org/2025/07/10/sewage-sludge-in-river-basin-could-cost-1b-for-cleanup/](http://jaxtoday.org/2025/07/10/sewage-sludge-in-river-basin-could-cost-1b-for-cleanup/)

### **World’s Largest Baffle Box**

The world’s largest baffle box is being built in Melbourne, Florida. This baffle box is designed to trap pollutants before they reach the Indian River Lagoon. This baffle box is being installed near Apollo Boulevard and measures 30 by 31 by 24 feet. According to City Engineer Dani Straub, “Baffle boxes are underground structures made up of chambers that trap trash, debris and other pollutants from stormwater that flows into drains after heavy rains. They also remove nitrogen and phosphorus, which are harmful pollutants to the Indian River Lagoon. This baffle box will treat stormwater from an 854-acre basin near General Aviation Drive and should keep approximately 3,380 pounds of nitrogen and 479 pounds of phosphorus out of the lagoon every year, as well as debris from the area roadways.”

These baffle boxes must be cleaned every month to ensure they remain operational. I hope the city does a better job than the county did back in 2013 when I inquired about why a lot of baffle boxes had a lot of debris in them. The answer I got was the County had not cleaned them for nearly 2 years due to the Vac Truck needing maintenance that cost something around \$1,600. The Vac Truck was the only one in the county. Our residents pay storm water fees that would have covered the maintenance instead of allowing pollution into our dying Indian River Lagoon. I sent an email to then District 1 County Commissioner Robin Fisher, which worked to fix the problem.

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

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*This article expresses the views of its author.*

## **150th Anniversary**

### **First United Methodist Church, Titusville**

Everyone is invited to join the celebration as FUMC Titusville celebrates their 150th anniversary with a Block Party on Saturday, October 11th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. that will include free face painting, music, a free Cake Walk, a bounce house and carnival games with free prizes, courtesy of Bounce Hub as well as food vendors that include Burger Rob’s, Titusville PD, Vibes the Fruit Spot, Very Tastee and other vendors.

A special Anniversary Service will be followed by a Community Lunch on Sunday, October 12th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Both are free for all who attend. There will also be a silent auction for an authentic Thomas Kinkade print.

All activities are at 206 Hopkins Ave., Titusville. The church made a Facebook event at [www.facebook.com/events/3898536013696960/](http://www.facebook.com/events/3898536013696960/) or you can visit their website; [www.fumctitusville.com](http://www.fumctitusville.com).

Among the many things the church has done in recent years, they partnered with Undue Medical Debt (UMD), an organization made up of people who had worked in medical debt collection industry and they formed the organization to put those experiences and skills to work. Those who partner with them form a campaign. The partner would promote the campaign to solicit for donations. The campaign lasts for a certain amount of time and after that time period is complete, UMD gets to work finding medical debt within the prescribed areas requested by the partner. FUMC Titusville had them start with Brevard County, then work outward. UMD also negotiated the debt down and paid it off, then worked to get that debt removed from those people’s credit reports.

UMD focuses on medical debt that is in collection at the time of the campaign. The only thing the beneficiaries finally see is a letter stating that their medical debt was paid in full and that their credit report was cleared of that record and they name the partner that raised the funds. By using their debt reduction skills, UMD leveraged the nearly \$20,000 that FUMC Titusville raised into over \$2,000,000 in debt relief.

That’s an impressive amount for a local church to raise and an amazing amount of relief brought to people struggling with medical debt.

Bring the family out to celebrate their 150th anniversary and many more to come!

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Please bring your pets on leashes or in cages and join us on October 5th at 4 p.m. for a Blessing of the Animals at United Methodist Church, Port St. John. The event will be in the field and every-one of any denomination is welcome to attend.

## **Howl-O-Ween Petacular**

Bring your pampered pets, dressed in their very best, to Historic Cocoa Village for a Howl-O-Ween Petacular. The event, free to attend, will be hosted by Tails at the Barkery, and will cater to the pets and the ones who love them on Saturday, October 25th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Dirty Oar Beer Company in Historic Cocoa Village.

You and your pet can help make the 10th Annual Howl-O-Ween Petacular a “pawpular” success! Get dressed up, catch up with old friends and meet new ones, and help raise money for Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue, a nonprofit organization founded in 2004, whose mission is to help with the rehabilitation, fostering, and placement of homeless Shetland Sheepdogs.

Pets dressed in their favorite “Howl-O-Ween” costumes can enter the “howlingly” fun pet costume contests, which begin at 4:30 p.m. Each contest entry fee is a \$10 donation per pet in advance and \$15 at the event. Last chance to register for Costume Contests is 4:00 p.m.

### **Costumed Pet Contests:**

Best Decorated Wagon or Stroller

Best Dressed Owner/Pet Combo

Best Costume – Large Pet

Best Costume – Small Pet

1st Place Winners will be awarded a \$50 Cash Prize along with a “fang-tastic” Prize Gift Basket.

2nd Place Winners will be awarded a “fa-boo-lous” Prize Gift Basket.

For purchase, there will be delicious food from 56@, beverages and Artist Lori Prell will be on hand for caricature drawings. Join us for an afternoon of fun, including raffle baskets, a 50/50 drawing and games of Bingo.

All pets must be on a leash or in appropriate carriers and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends.

For additional information, directions to the event or to register for the pet costume contests, please visit Tails at the Barkery in Cocoa Village or call 321-305-4584.



## Port St. John Christmas Parade

**Saturday, December 20th, 2025**

The highlight of children and adults every year is the Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. This year the theme will be A Winter Wonderland. The parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Avenue to Carole Avenue.

Visit [portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/ChristmasParade/](http://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/ChristmasParade/) for information and to enter the parade!

The Event Coordinators this year are Jeremy Higginbotham and Jamie Hermes.

## Holiday Artisan Market

The North Brevard Art League will hold a Holiday Artisan Market on Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd 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.



## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



### Leftovers

As of this writing, it appears there may perhaps be a tiny light at the end of a very long, very dark tunnel. Hatfulness and destruction swirls around this place we all call home, but we still choose kindness and peace. We cannot allow ourselves to believe cooler heads will not somehow prevail, nor that our prayers will not be answered. If you or a loved one has been affected, please know you're not alone and prayers are being sent.

Those of us who have been blessed with offspring know the few pounds that are with us for life after childbirth as 'Baby Fat,' but the truth is that it is 'Leftover Fat.' When said offspring are young enough to require only liquid nutrition, we grab anything in the fridge that hasn't turned green yet, (most of the time), and shove it in our yawning mouths between wails. Leftover pizza and hard donuts are not usually on weight loss diets.

Toddlers are the absolute worse thing to ever hit our waistlines. "I want chicken nuggets." "I don't like chicken nuggets." "Macaroni and cheese, please." "I hate macaroni and cheese." This one gets screeched: "Hot dog! Hot dog! Hot dog!" "Nooooo! I want chicken nuggets!"

The last two chicken nuggets for lunch, half a bowl of macaroni and cheese for said lunch and half a hot dog for the same lunch add up to twenty adult pounds overnight. The precious little tyrant will always look underfed and hungry to one parent.

School doesn't make things better. Something has to be done with the peanut butter and jelly sandwich on its second trip to and from the lunchroom.

Teenagers just bring stress eating. (Another column indeed!)

After all that children leftover eating, I believe I have broken new ground on leftover pounds.

My four-legged baby has multiple health problems, culminating in multiple diets at multiple times. He has the doggy version of I.B.S., so per Vet's order I cooked and froze individual servings of chicken and rice until I ran out of freezer space.

He promptly developed a dislike for chicken, so per Vet's orders, I switched to cooking and freezing hamburger and rice. I added some vegetables to the chicken and rice and enjoyed casseroles.

The new diet was good for several months until he developed Pancreatic problems and said Vet ordered ground turkey and rice. I added peas and cheese to the hamburger and rice and enjoyed more casseroles. Processed doggy treats made his condition worse, so turkey meatballs became his pill hidiers. This lasted several weeks until his new medical problem preceded my pasta with meatballs. He is now on prescribed dog food with people food ingredients... If this doesn't work out, I may have to get another dog to pick up the slack while I can still buckle my car's seatbelt.

## Car Show & Craft Show

Join us on Saturday, October 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Port St. John, 3900 Fay Blvd., PSJ, for an exciting evening filled with classic cars, motorcycles, music, food, and crafts! The church parking lot will be transformed into a showcase of vintage vehicles and motorcycles, perfect for car lovers of all ages. Food trucks will be on site serving up delicious eats, and a Craft Show will feature unique handmade items from local vendors. Whether you're a car enthusiast or just looking for a fun night out, you're welcome to bring your own vehicle to display and connect with fellow enthusiasts. Come out for a night of fun, fellowship, and giving back!

We'll also be collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. All donated items must be new. Here's a few ideas of what to bring:

- Hot Wheels / Matchbox cars
- Deflated soccer balls with pump
- Small & medium stuffed animals
- Teen art supplies and adult coloring books
- School Supplies and sidewalk chalk
- Youth large & XL shirts, shorts, and sundresses
- Teen hair bows & accessories

For more information, contact:

Joe Sunday – 321-863-7702

Ginger Platt – 321-403-5886

## 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.**

### 10-1 Yom Kippur Begins

**10-1 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.

**10-1 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-** 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

### 10-4 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.

### 10-5 World Teachers Day

### 10-5 World Communion Day

### 10-6 Sukkot Begins

**10-7 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.

**10-9 North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation** will meet on Thursday, October 9th, at 4:00 p.m. at the North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Avenue, in Titusville. The public is welcome.

**10-9 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.

**10-10 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.

**10-12 Word Weavers Space Coast,** a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

### 10-13 Columbus Day

### 10-13 Shemini Atzeret Begins

**10-15 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.

### 10-16 Boss's Day

**10-18 SAL Rib Day** Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday at American Legion Post 359.

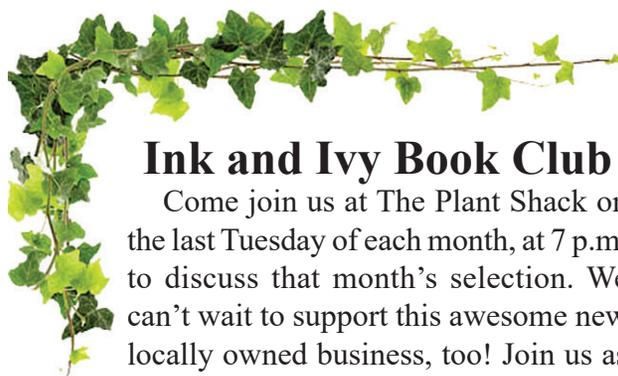
**10-20 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**10-25 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.

**10-28 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.

### 10-28 National Chocolate Day

### 10-31 Halloween



### 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.



### Congratulations to:

**Scooter** turns **18** this month - we love you!

**Ryan Kremer** turns **17** this month.

**Danny Huegel** turns **31** on the 1st.

**Stephanie Puckett** turns cuter on the 2nd.

**Lisa Troxel** keeps turning heads on the 3rd.

**Connie Partin** turns hotter on the 3rd.

**Adam Niehoff** turns **40ish** on the 3rd.

**Loni Phipps** turns wilder on the 5th.

**Gary Turner** turns buffer on the 5th.

**Happy 54th Birthday, Gracie,** on the 6th.

**Ryan Brackin** turns **32** on the 6th!

**Jimmy Scott** turns **17** on the 10th!

**Deanna Anderson** turns prettier on the 9th.

**Helen Lapardo** turns more lovely on the 10th!

**Karrson Unrue** turns **28** on the 10th.

**Caelyn Smith** will turn **20** on the 12th.

**Nicholas Snavelly** turns **9** on the 12th.

**Kensli Davis** turns **5** on the 14th.

**Nicole Long** turns **22** on the 14th.

**Kimberly Nicole Kremer** turns **18** on the 14th!

**Kenny Gow** turns crazier on the 15th.

**Sophia Kelderhouse** turns **28** on the 16th!

**Christina Crouse** turns hotter on the 16th.

**Ryan Kremer** turns **38** on the 17th.

**Susan Kadlac** dances all night on the 18th.

**Nicole Lessey** is the Party Girl on the 18th

**George Fontaine** will rock **77** on the 19th.

**Tyler Gaddy** turns **26** on October ??

**Duane Gaddy** is the Boss on the 20th.

**Danny Bowen** turns **26** on the 21st.

**Kathy Patterson** is the Queen on the 24th.

**Michelle Kolczynski** rules the world on the 25th.

**Lisa Merrell** turns **29+** on the 26th.

**Lauren Hannon** turns hotter on the 27th.

**Keith Simpson** turns **31** this month.

**Bud Simpson** turns cooler on the 27th.

**Kathy Bradley** dances till dawn on the 27th.

**Romaine Thaxton** will be celebrating her first triple digit (100) birthday on the 28th!

**Nicole Lessey** parties all night on the 28th

**Andy Bradley** is the King on the 28th.

**Austin Harris** turns **29** on the 28th.

**Rachel Erickson** turns **27** on the 29th.

**Craig Kremer** turns **66** on the 29th.

**Aislinn Leonard** turns **25** on the 30th.

**William Scheiner** is **43** on the 30th!

**Sherri Fogarty** is the Queen on the 31st. Again!

**Chris & Sherri Fogarty** celebrate their **35th** anniversary on the 6th.

**Belinda & Don Crouse** celebrate with wildness on the 11th.

**Shane & Makaylee Orend** celebrate their **2nd** anniversary on the 14th.

**Tim & Kelly Rowell** will celebrate their **36th** anniversary on the 20th.

**Bill & Carol Tyler** celebrate their **41st** anniversary on the 20th.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

The US Mail failed to deliver the September Happenings in parts of Canaveral Groves.

Brevard Christian Church located at 3925 Grissom Parkway Cocoa, is having a Fall Festival on October 4th from 1 until 5 p.m. They will have games, bounce houses, food, music and more. It would be a good time to have fun and meet some of your neighbors from the Groves.

Remember, Emergency Services, Fire and Sheriff's Dept. shut down when a storm reaches approximately 50 mph for their safety until the storm has passed or the storm has subsided. During and after a storm keep updated by listening to local radio and television stations. Above all, remember to check on your neighbors both before and after a storm.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office Motor Traffic Unit was out here in the Groves in September. Warnings and traffic citations were issued.

People have been getting too close to the school buses when they're loading and unloading. It has also been reported that a school bus was passed while it was still in motion.

Watch out for your animals, especially at night, because coyotes and other predatory animals have been roaming the area. We still are dealing with loose domestic animals (dogs & cats) running loose in the area.

Brevard County Fire Department (Guardians of the Groves) have been busy with a number of calls including medical and fatal traffic accidents. PLEASE yield to them when they are responding.

Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assn.

*Editor's note - It wasn't the local post office that caused the missed homes. The USPS website somehow dropped Route 18, mostly the area west of I-95 and north of Citrus Blvd. That problem was reported by many of us and has since been corrected.*

## Four Communities Fire Department Open House

Four Communities Fire Department-28 will be hosting an Open House in celebration of Fire Prevention Week! This is a great opportunity for families to learn how to protect their homes and loved ones. Join them on Tuesday, October 7th from 6 - 8 p.m. for an informative evening focused on fire safety. Stop in at 4870 N. US Hwy. 1 in Cocoa for demonstrations, safety tips and a chance to meet and thank these local firefighters.

For more information about the station, visit [www.fcfd28.com](http://www.fcfd28.com). The Port St. John Community Foundation thanks the Four Communities Fire Department for always being a part of almost every PSJCF event we have.

## 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](http://parrishhealthcare.com/careers).

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## Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, October 9th, 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 or information, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

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

### CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.

If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues.  
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Won't you join us?



With the Fall season here, we are getting ready for the 7th Annual Fay Lake FestiFALL & Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, November 9th, 1 to 5 p.m. at Fay Lake Wilderness Park at the west end of Fay Blvd. The event is open to everyone. Bring the kids and your friends. We have a great start and hope you will join us.

For more information or to sign up, visit our PSJ Community Foundation website Events page, [portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html](http://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html)

We thank these vendors for signing up:

Food vendors:

Bangkok House Express, Big Easy Sneaux, Country Kettlers Korn, Fruity Licks, Holy Smoke BBQ (Tray's Ice), Notorious Pig, Reel Cajun Cookin', Slobonacob, Sunset Slush of PSJ, Taste Budz

Business/craft vendors:

2 Krafting Sisters, Anomalous Obscura, Bloom Blox, Bowman's Bowtique, Cheers to You Delights, Crawford Creations, ForeVer Chains by V, Friends of the Port St. John Library, Gemini Designs, Happily Ever Homemade, Knights Custom Creations, Nana & Pappy's Treasures, Pitas Wigglets, Seawall Shutters, Silver Charm Apothecary, Space Coast Gem Mining Company, Sunshine Freshies, Vita Prep Academy



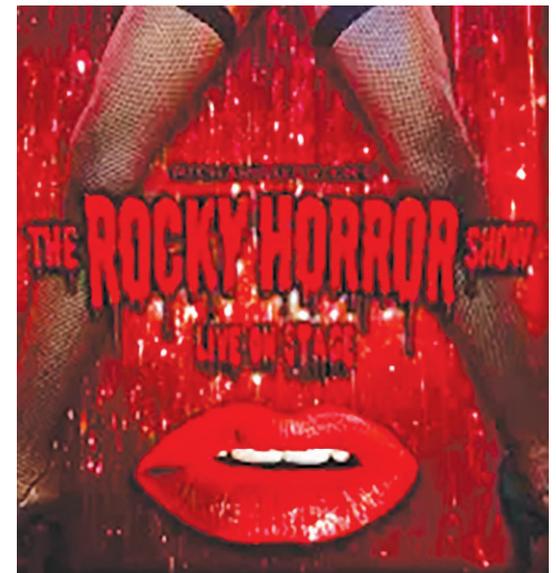
## Diamonds & Cash

October 3-4, 2025

Come immerse yourself in an evening with CHARLIE JOURDAN as he performs the songs of two of the most iconic singer songwriters of our time, Neil Diamond and Johnny Cash. Through story and song you will hear about what inspired Neil Diamond to write such hits as "Sweet Caroline" and "Solitary Man." You'll find out the history behind Johnny Cash's chart toppers like "Folsom Prison Blues" and "I Walk the Line." Charlie Jourdan has been performing live for most of his life. He began singing in local bars and restaurants on the east coast and Alaska. From there he spent fifteen years entertaining cruise ship audiences all over the world. Close your eyes and you'll believe that you're in the theatre with Neil and Johnny.

### Titusville Playhouse Stage 2 Concert Series

Stage 2 is located in an outdoor, but covered pavilion. Performances will occur rain or shine. The gates are located at 316 South Palm Avenue and open 30 minutes before your show. Please dress and be prepared for the weather. For show times, more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/>.



## The Rocky Horror Show

Rated R

October 17-31, 2025

It's time to do the time warp again at THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW! It's back and better than ever - live on stage at Stage 2! This riotous, rock 'n' roll comedy musical is an unabashed ode to all the outcasts out there. Follow innocent couple Brad and Janet as they seek shelter in a mysterious old castle on a dark and stormy night. What they find is nothing short of electrifying! They'll meet the flamboyant transvestite Dr. Frank N Furter, his perfectly crafted creation Rocky, and a host of other outlandish characters that will leave you roaring with laughter. Don't miss this celebration of letting loose, complete with callbacks from the audience and all the crazy props you can handle. If you enjoy a good campy, fun night out filled with excitement, then this show is an absolute must-see!

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**LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday 12-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

#### **Youth Services:**

**Game Day:** Sundays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us every Sunday to meet other game enthusiasts for an afternoon of board, tabletop, and card games in the main library area. Use one of the library-provided sets or bring your own! All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event.

**Kids' D&D Adventures:** Join us every Sunday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for an exciting hour of Dungeons & Dragons! This event is perfect for kids ages 8-12. Whether they want to create their own D&D character with a guide or dive into a fun, mini standalone campaign, there's something for everyone! Let your child explore the world of imagination, teamwork, and storytelling in a welcoming and supportive environment.

**Family Movie Night:** Join us every Monday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Family Movie Night, a fun and relaxing way to start your week! We'll be showing a selection of G or PG-rated movies. Enjoy the show with free popcorn, and don't forget to check with the Youth Services desk to find out what movie is playing next week. Bring the whole family—everyone is welcome!

**Read Your Way to K: Little Movers and Groovers** - Get ready to move and groove every Thursday from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.! This fun and energetic event is designed for toddlers ages 5 and younger. Little ones will enjoy dancing, stretching and playing with props like scarves, parachutes, rhythm sticks, egg shakers and more. With animal-inspired stretches, songs, and rhymes, your toddler will have a blast while developing motor skills and having fun!

**Read Your Way to K: Toddlers** - Parents and children are encouraged to participate together for a fun, enriching family experience! Enjoy silly songs, rhythm sticks, circle-time rhymes, stories read by a librarian and a simple craft. Toddler Story Time is held at the Port St. John

Public Library every Thursday and Friday from 10:30-11:00 a.m. for ages 3-5. Adult supervision is required at all times.

**Read Your Way to K: Babies** - A special lap-time for babies and their grown-ups! Join us for short stories, nursery rhymes and songs that introduce language, rhythm and new concepts; plus, a chance to meet new friends. This fun, interactive program supports early literacy in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Baby Story Time is every Friday from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room. For ages 0-3. Adult supervision is required.

**Read Your Way to K: Playdate** - Join us in the Children's Department for a fun-filled playdate designed especially for children ages 5 and under! As part of our Read Your Way to K series, this drop-in event features toys, tents, tunnels, blocks and coloring activities for babies and toddlers. It's a great opportunity for little ones to socialize, play and explore the library. Families are welcome to check out books to continue the fun and learning at home!

**Fall Festival:** Celebrate the season on October 11, 12 to 4 p.m. at the PSJ Public Library's Fall Festival! Enjoy fall crafts, games, photo ops, apple fishing, raffles and more. Join our "Cornucopia of Generosity" food drive and support the community. Hosted in partnership with the Friends of the Library, this free, family-friendly event promotes fun, learning, and connection while showcasing all your library has to offer.

**Spooky Mini Golf:** On October 27-31, get ready for a frightfully fun time at the library with Spooky Mini Golf! Patrons of all ages are invited to pick up a club at the circulation desk and enjoy a round of mini golf featuring eerie, Halloween-themed greens, glowing backlights and spine-chilling décor. Drop in any time during regular library hours for a spooky good time! Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult to play.

#### **Adult Programs:**

**Adult D&D** - Come build a character and play a campaign! Wednesday, October 1st and 15th at 6 p.m.

**Paint Party** - with the Port St. John Library. Saturday, October 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us for a paint party every first Saturday of the month. During this class you will create custom wooden door hangers. Adults and teens ages 16+. \$40/per person. Payment is due at sign

up. Deadline to register at the Reference Desk by Wednesday October 1st.

**Community Advocate** - Mondays, October 13th and 27th from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources.

**Book Worms Book Club:** Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. The book discussion this month is on Valhalla Rising by Clive Cussler. The book selection to pick up for the October discussion is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. See the reference desk for this month's selection and the next meeting date.

**Port Readers Book Club:** Wednesday, October 15th, at 6:30 p.m.. The October title is Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury.

#### **Family Programs:**

**Spice Travelers Spice Club:** Friday, October 10th at 3:30 p.m. This is a family event. Come to the meeting to pick up a spice kit and share food, recipes, and cooking adventures. It's fun for the entire family. This month the featured spice isn't a spice at all! It is a unique tangy ingredient. Tamarind is originally from Africa but has spread throughout much of the tropics and has since become a staple ingredient.

**Yarn Group of PSJ Library:** The yarn group is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn and all skill levels are welcome. They donate projects and meet at the Port St. John Public Library every Friday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The yarn club also accepts donations of yarn.

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## **Harvest Festival**

You are invited to the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary on Saturday, October 25th at 10:00 a.m. for Harvest Festival at The Enchanted Forest!

Dress up in costume or your favorite fall clothes and enjoy a day of family fun! Dive into exciting games, hands-on crafts and delicious bites from local food trucks. Get creative with pumpkin painting, scarecrow making or explore the creepy-crawly building, but don't forget to visit the vendors' booths for some unique gift and food ideas! The event will be FREE ENTRY to all at 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

### **A.W.A.K.E. Sleep Support Group**

*Meets the second Monday monthly, 6-7:30 PM*

Parrish Healthcare Center, Manatee Conference Room  
5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John

*Contact our Sleep Center team at 321-268-6408*

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

*Meets the third Wednesday monthly, 4-5:30 PM*

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

*Contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544*

### **Caring for Caregivers Support Group**

*Meets the second and fourth Thursday monthly  
9:30-11:30 AM*

Heritage Hall, 931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville

*Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800*

### **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**

Presented by St. Francis Reflections Life Stages Care  
and Parrish Healthcare

*Meets the first Wednesday monthly, 10-11 AM*

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

*Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800*

### **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  
951 North Washington Avenue, Titusville

*Facilitated by Jennifer Wolowitz, Tobacco Free Florida  
407-889-2292, ext. 102*



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## The Great Pumpkin Rescue

You are invited to dive in for some splashtacular fun! The Central Area of the Brevard County Parks and Recreation will be hosting two Great Pumpkin Rescue events this year.

Forget the typical pumpkin patch; we are rescuing pumpkins from a floating pumpkin patch! Participants will be given a number which corresponds to a floating pumpkin in the pool and they will search for their number to rescue their pumpkin. Once a pumpkin has been rescued, participants will be directed to the decorating

station. A pumpkin decorating contest will be held at 30 minutes before the end of the event and prizes awarded for each age group. There will be pumpkin rescuing, swimming, pumpkin decorating contest and treat bags. The dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday, October 4 (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) at McLarty Park Aquatic Center, located at 790 Barton Blvd., Rockledge.

Saturday, October 11 (2:30 to 4:30 p.m.) at Dr. Joe Lee Smith Park Aquatic Center, located at 419 Washington Ave., Cocoa.

Bring your family and friends to this great event. Ages 4-15 years old are invited to participate in the pumpkin rescue and decorating contest.

You must register in advance, no on-site registration as space is limited. Cost is \$6.00 for participants and \$2.00 for all other swimmers.

For more information, please call Debbie Bowling, Recreation Program Coordinator, at 321-302-1658 or email at [Debbie.Bowling@BrevardFL.gov](mailto:Debbie.Bowling@BrevardFL.gov).



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## Monthly Tax Update

The month of October arrived and we have more due dates. First, the due date for companies and taxpayers with payroll; they must file and pay their tax liability for the Form 941 (federal) and Form RT-6 (Unemployment with Florida DOR) by October 31, 2025.

The next due date is on October 15, 2025, which is the due date for the personal tax returns and the taxpayers need to include Form K-1 from their partnership and/or S-Corporation, whose due date was September 15, 2025.

It is important to file your tax return even if you owe money to the IRS. Some taxpayers delay filing their taxes until after the due date because they don't want the IRS to start collecting the taxes they owe. It is important to remember that there are two penalties; one for not filing on time, including extension by October 15, 2025, and the second for not paying your tax liability by April 15, 2025. That is why I recommend filing the tax return even if you have to pay taxes to the IRS and avoid unnecessary extra penalties.

Perhaps, for personal tax returns with tax liability under \$50,000, the IRS will grant, in most cases, an installment agreement up to 72 months. It is crucial to set up monthly automatic payments for the installment agreement, and this will prevent the installment agreement from missing a payment and being cancelled.

Now, I bring some updates on payments and refund checks from the Treasury. On March 25, 2025, President Trump issued an executive order called "Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account." Effective September 30, 2025, and to the extent permitted by law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall cease issuing paper checks for all Federal disbursements, including intragovernmental payments, benefits payments, vendor payments and tax refunds, except in some exceptional circumstances. This means that taxpayers who typically receive their federal tax refunds by check, make IRS payments and other government payments, will no longer be eligible to receive them in the mail by paper check after September, 2025. The order promotes digital payment methods by direct deposits, debit card payments, digital wallets and real-time payment systems. If you do not have a bank account to

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Currently, the IRS does not allow direct deposits into non-US accounts; the only option is to apply your refund as payment toward next year's taxes.

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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## *On the Road With Rose* Mazes and Pumpkin Patches

As the holiday season rushes at us, we are wishing once again things and places would be so very different. I intend to keep my line of communication very open with The Big Guy and enjoy every moment with every friend and relative I have, and invite all to do the same... Tomorrow is not promised...

Ghost and goblin season is upon us. We may not have frost on the pumpkins, but that doesn't keep us from celebrating the fall season besides just pumpkin spice everything and the horrible blood and gore that has overtaken what used to be a fun holiday for little ones.

I've reached out to places close by that are going to have corn or sunflower mazes again this year. Several of them have returned my calls and they sound like a whole day's fun each.

First, don't forget our own pumpkin patch on Fay Blvd. seems to be going up as I'm typing this. They do such a great job every year. The pumpkins are fresh and the proceeds go to a great cause. Also, the PSJ library is having it's first annual fall festival, carnival games, pumpkin painting, goodies and more!

Ever After Farms, 4455 Dixie Way, Mims, will open their two-acre crop maze again this year. Hay rides, pumpkin slingshot (FUN!), corn pit, farm playground and more is guaranteed to keep

little ones running and laughing for hours. There's also candles, butters, muffins and other goodies to enjoy or take home. Their phone is 321-529-9319.

The Pumpkin Patch at Indian River Church, 1355 Cheney Highway, Titusville, will be open every weekend in October and have hay rides, a pumpkin patch and various vendors. Last year the decorations and foodstuff were wonderful and again, the proceeds go to a good cause. Their phone is 321-529-9319.

The Platts Patch, 3300 Sand Gully Dr., Melbourne, sounds like you'll need to schedule a whole day to enjoy. It has a huge corn maze, pumpkin and gourd patch, hay ride, many local vendors of yummy treats, candles and more, games and crafts for kids and adults, farm animals and equipment for great photo ops. Their phone

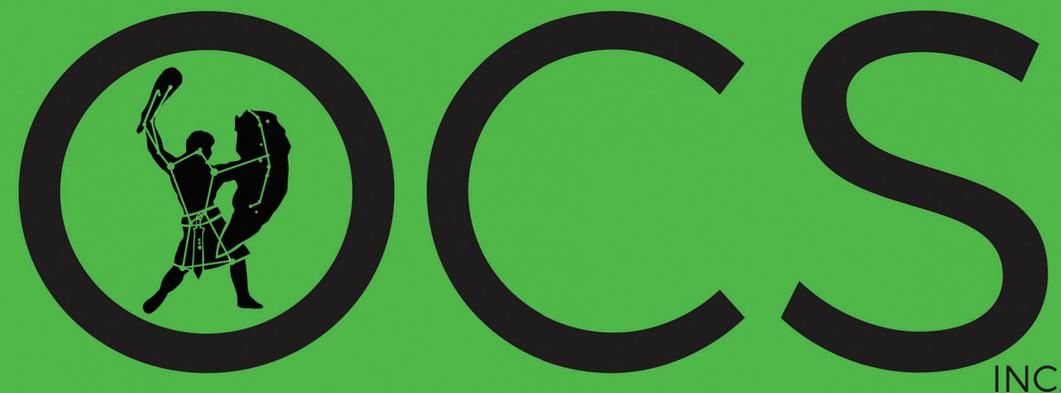
is 321-684-0124.

Others that I reached out to but did not reply at this writing are:

Harris Establishment Farms, 1950 Vars St. NW Palm Bay. No phone listed. Their website lists pumpkin patch, vendors and maze.

Partin Ranch Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch, 5601 N. Canoe Creek Rd., Kenansville, phone 407-709-7250. Their website lists corn maze, pumpkin patch, hay rides, vendors and animals. Their info states they were closed last year but open this year, so it might be a good idea to call if you plan to attend.

The above is only what I was able to find, but I'm sure our little part of paradise will have many more fun places to go for little ones to enjoy- sans blood and gore.



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