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Parrish Medical Group Completes 260 Youth Sports Physicals to Support Local Student-Athletes

Parrish Medical Group completed 260 youth sports physicals during their two pre-participation sports physicals events, continuing their strong commitment to the health and safety of young athletes in the North Brevard community. The two events were offered in preparation for the upcoming school year, and each physical was available for \$10 per student. The events were designed to help ensure athletes are in peak health before hitting the field, court or track.

In partnership with Who We Play For, a nonprofit dedicated to eliminating preventable sudden cardiac death in athletes, students also had the option to receive an electrocardiogram (EKG) screening. This simple, noninvasive test records the heart's electrical activity and can help identify irregular heart rhythms, poor blood flow and other potentially life-threatening conditions. Who We Play For completed electrocardiogram screenings for 191 students.

Thanks to the success of the two events, all proceeds from the \$10 per student sports physical fee, totaling \$2,600, will be donated to the Jess

Parrish Medical Foundation. The funds will help sustain athletic training services provided by Parrish Healthcare and support future scholarships for graduating high school students pursuing careers in the medical field.

"We are proud to have completed 260 youth sports physicals ahead of the school year," said Dr. Anthony Allotta, who is fellowship trained in sports medicine. "These screenings give parents and athletes peace of mind, ensuring they're ready to play safely. It's also an honor to give back to our community through the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, which shares our passion for health, wellness and supporting students."

The following Parrish Medical Group providers helped complete the sports physicals and made it a successful opportunity for our community: Dr. Anthony Allotta; Dr. Bryan Parry; Rebecca Fagan, APRN; Andreanna Leggett, APRN and Katie Pate, PA-C. This initiative reflects Parrish Healthcare's ongoing dedication to community health, youth wellness and educational opportunity.

For more information about Parrish Healthcare,

youth sports physicals or the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, visit parrishhealthcare.com.



Parrish Medical Group providers Dr. Anthony Allotta and Katie Pate, PA-C, are two of several providers who helped complete the sports physicals.

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - September 2025

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

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

Mondays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
 Zumba 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 6 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

Home School Class P.E., 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Billiards, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
 Gentle Yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Billiards, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 - 6 p.m.
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.

Dancing Little Stars - Tuesdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m./5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Check their website for classes & NEW 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>.
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 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.

Casino Night At Titusville Playhouse

Get ready for an exhilarating evening of glamour, games, and giving at the Titusville Playhouse upcoming fundraising event – Casino Night! Join us on September 20th, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. for a night of high-stakes excitement as we transform Stage 2 into a dazzling casino, complete with blackjack tables, roulette wheels, slot machines, and the thrilling sounds of success.

Dress is casual. Tickets are \$80 and include:

- Entry to the Third Annual Titusville Playhouse Casino Night. Doors open at 6:00
- \$100 in PLAYhouse money to get you started at the tables
- Access to casino-style gaming, including slot machines and bingo
- Dinner served by Honeysuckle
- Open bar with beer, wine, and cocktail
- High-energy live auction hosted by Sheriff Ivey
- A night of mixing, mingling, and unforgettable fun — all for a great cause!

Individual \$80 tickets do not include reserved seating. For reserved seating, consider becoming an event sponsor! Sponsorships include reserved seating for your group along with additional perks. For more details, please contact us at 321-268-1125 or Casino@TitusvillePlayhouse.com.

Join us for an incredible evening of fun, entertainment and support for Titusville Playhouse!



PORTSTJOHN-OPOLY

PORTSTJOHN-OPOLY games are on sale for \$20.00. The game is made up of some of your favorite local businesses. You can see the layout and purchase your game at:

<https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/PORTSTJOHNOPOLY/>.

This fundraiser will help support the many events and projects planned for our community by the Port St. John Community Foundation (PSJCF), a 501(c)3 charity. Donations are tax deductible. Thunder Over the Indian River will be the next event.

Events by the Port St. John Community Foundation could not be carried out without the donations of time, money, supplies and resources of this community and the surrounding areas. We appreciate and thank all the volunteers, businesses, partners and sponsors for participating in these community events. All members are volunteers who donate their time and services to help hold community events and keep our community STRONG!

To read more about the Foundation and future planned community events, visit our website; portstjohncommunityfoundation.com. There is no cost to join, no dues. We encourage residents and business owners to join and take part in making fun events for our residents.

PSJCF meetings are posted on our Facebook page and are usually held at the PSJ Beef O' Brady's and are posted on our Facebook site.

Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



Instructions

It's long been a joke that there are instructions on shampoo bottles and new cars come with warnings to not drink car battery acid (that one's just scary). Before we get insulted because someone thinks those are necessary, we have to realize they would not exist if some human somewhere had not actually needed them.

Having inhabited this particular piece of paradise for my "Four Score and 'Oh Lord How Many?' years," I have gathered a myriad of products and services that I believe would benefit

from an instruction pamphlet, especially for those of us who are a 'Certain Vintage.' A couple are...

- Shoes that tie or need help getting over the heel. Sketchers doesn't make dress shoes or 'sensible' heels. Instructions should read...

1. Do not place buttocks on comfy couch to insert foot.

2. Place buttocks on hard dining chair.

3. Bend forward exhaling as you reach for said shoe (Inhaling expands girth).

4. Grasp shoe while simultaneously sliding foot forward as foot settles into shoe. Quickly sit upright and quickly inhale. Sit still until the black dots in front of your eyes fade out.

- Instructions for Ladies One-Piece Bathing Suits...ARGGGGG!

1. Hold suit in front of yourself imaging how nice it's going to look. Try not to roll your eyes.

2. Place suit on bed, smoothing wrinkles out. (Unfortunately, they only come out of the suit.)

3. Sitting your naked little buttocks on the bed, place both feet in the correct leg holes, one foot per hole.

4. Bend at the waist and grasp the suit in the

area of its waist, rolling material into sort of balls in each hand to make easier to grasp. (Ha!)

5. Do your best to tug and wiggle suit over calves and thighs...(Crisco would make this step sooo much easier, but in this Florida sun, deep frying comes to mind.) So much for the easy part.

6. While still grasping the suit's scrunched up waistline, exhale deeply, (remember girth), quickly tug/pull/jerk/yank/drag suit upward. (Wonder if the Crisco burns would be worth it.)

7. Inhale deeply, lying on bed until your vision returns.

8. It is customary to tuck in any extraneous 'fluffiness' during this step.

9. Upon landing at the bosom, the suit will tend to roll and head south. Do not allow this to happen or you'll be back to step 1.

10. Grasping the top of the suit, tug/pull/jerk/yank/drag over bosom, again tucking any extraneous 'fluffiness.'

10. Position straps. Check mirror-telling yourself that you are beautiful just as you are. Run, don't walk, to the pool and do the best Cannon Ball ever recorded in Cannon Ball history!

Fall Festival at Port St. John Library

The Port St. John Library 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 and 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!



Car Shows In PSJ

First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be hosting a Car Show each month. The Dixie Cruisers will be at our church the first Friday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. You are welcome to come and view the cars on display. First Baptist Church of Port St. John is located at 3900 Fay Blvd., Port St. John.

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.

Our website is: www.firstbaptistpsj.org.

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1st Annual Fall Festival

at the Port St John Library

on Saturday, October 11

from 12:00 - 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
Fall Photo Booth / Face Painting / Autumn-themed Baked Goods & Beverages
Raffle-chance to win: 'Celebrate Winter' Quilt / Telescope / Fall Decor

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

Locate Businesses - Enter our
Scarecrow Contest

Be Voted 'Best Scarecrow' and win \$100 cash prize!
Winner announced at PSJ Library Fall Festival.

Submit your entry form & \$25 fee by September 18 or sooner but no later than October 1st.

Email: FriendsPSJLibrary@gmail.com for entry form & more details.

Good Day!

~ by Maureen Rupe

Study of Rocket Launch Noise & Vibration

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

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

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

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

Reference: <https://mailchi.mp/17fdf31ffc64/spacereport-16536284?e=fe07b1cd51>

Manatee Protection in North Indian River Lagoon

The August 1st News Service of Florida, by Jim Saunders, stated the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) argued in Appeals Court that the ruling by a US District Judge should be thrown out as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is responsible for wildlife protection, not FDEP. FDEP has permitting authority over septic tanks, but argues they have no responsibility to protect wildlife-related issues.

The environmental group Bear Warriors United filed a lawsuit against FDEP, after Florida had a record number of (1,100) manatee deaths in 2021.

Brevard County had the largest number, 358. They argued much of the problem was sewage discharges into the lagoon, killing seagrass, a key food for manatees, which caused starvation deaths and other harm to the manatees.

Reference: <https://www.cfpb.org/environment/2025-08-01/florida-department-environmental-protection-says-not-responsible-manatee-protection>

Florida Biosolids

According to a July 21 story in The Invading Sea by Paul Owens and Lisa Rinaman, "Florida must transition to a more responsible way to manage biosolids." There is a disproportionate share of biosolids from treated wastewater that is dumped in the St. Johns River Basin. Florida produces more than 385,000 tons of biosolids, or sewage sludge, a year. As our population increases so will the amount of biosolids.

There are two classes of biosolids; Class B receives a minimal amount of treatment and Class AA is more highly treated. Treatment does not reduce nitrogen and phosphorus, which causes harmful algal blooms and poor water quality. The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) found a significant upward trend in phosphorus concentrations resulting in impaired water bodies. Apparently, SJRWMD now receives over two-thirds of the state's Class B biosolids since they were banned in South Florida starting in 2013 to reduce nutrient loading of Lake Okeechobee. The article stated, "Several of those counties annually transport thousands of tons of Class B biosolids for land application in other parts of the state — mainly to Osceola and Brevard counties in the USJRB, and to Polk County."

The article went on to say Florida needs a better approach to biosolids management that minimizes stops or reduces transferring biosolid from one area of Florida to another and reduces environmental impacts. It also must impose cost on the generators of biosolids and not pass it on to the taxpayers. The article recommended a number of things like financial incentives to develop alternatives to land application, a user fee on wastewater customers to cover monitoring, the financial incentives and the clean-up costs for all impacted areas.

Reference: <https://www.theinvadingsea.com/2025/07/21/biosolids-sewage-sludge-st->

[johns-river-florida-wastewater-pfas-forever-chemicals-algal-blooms/](https://www.theinvadingsea.com/2025/07/21/biosolids-sewage-sludge-st-johns-river-florida-wastewater-pfas-forever-chemicals-algal-blooms/)

Starfish Disease

Only 131 miles south of Brevard in Palm Beach County, starfish are being found with missing limbs, open wounds and bodies disintegrating on the ocean floor. This marks Florida's first confirmed case of Sea Star Wasting Disease (SSWD), a devastating condition that has plagued the Pacific Ocean's Sea Star populations for more than a decade. Miami Public radio WLRN reporter Sonia Osorio reported the disease on July 15th. UF/IFAS scientists are asking the public to report any sightings of sick or dead marine life to the Fish Kill Hotline at 800-636-0511, or on platforms like "iNaturalist."

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

Florida Black Bear Hunt

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is planning to again have its wildly unpopular black bear hunt. Floridians oppose the bear hunt. What's really troubling is the FWC wants to allow using hounds and bait stations, and let the dogs kill them or hunters shoot them at these bait stations. These are cruel tactics to say the least. FWC is planning their hunt in the areas of Florida that have the highest bear populations.

There is not one recorded incident of a Black Bear killing a human being. We are taking the land they have historically lived on and when they return, we kill them and we feel we have the right to create a hunt to reduce their numbers. Bears are very intelligent and having this hunt will surely orphan a lot of cubs. We have to find a better way!

Unfortunately, they approved this Florida Black Bear Hunt. See details in the reference.

Reference: <https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/local/state/2025/08/13/florida-black-bear-hunt-approved-faces-protest-lawsuit-dates-quotas/85631816007/>

Port St. John/Canaveral Groves MSTU

Again, we haven't forgotten the Port St. John/Canaveral Groves MSTU, but Randy Rodriguez and I are still tracking down answers from the Brevard County Parks and Recreation, Brevard County Finance and the Brevard County Commission. Hopefully, we will have an explanation for you soon.

I apologize for missing last month's Happenings. I was ill and ended up in the hospital, and after a week, ended up in the hospital again. I am not feeling too bad now, but afraid it is getting too much. I am on 5 non-profit Board of Directors in Brevard, and something will have to go. I will keep you all updated.

Cheerio,
~ Maureen Rupe
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This article expresses the views of its author.

Food For Thought

Staying Hydrated During the Last Days of Summer

As summer draws to a close, it marks a period of change. For many families, this transition signifies the start of a new school year, with children heading back to classrooms, sports practices and continued outdoor play. Amidst the hustle, it's crucial to remember the importance of staying hydrated, especially during these warm, active months.

Hydration is essential for health. Water serves as the body's main transportation system and helps deliver nutrients to cells, remove toxins from the body and maintain body temperature. Without adequate hydration, both adults and children may experience fatigue, dizziness and decreased concentration.

Water remains the best choice for staying hydrated. It's calorie-free, readily available and perfect for quenching thirst. For most people, drinking water regularly throughout the day is sufficient to maintain hydration levels. Encourage your child to carry a reusable water bottle, making it easy to sip water throughout the school day.

While water is usually enough for hydration, those who engage in intense physical activities, especially in the summer heat, may need more. Sweating is the body's way of regulating temperature, but it also results in the loss of electrolytes—minerals like sodium, potassium and magnesium that are critical for muscle function and maintaining fluid balance.

For athletes or highly active children who sweat excessively, replenishing electrolytes becomes important. Sports drinks are a popular option as they are specifically designed to replace fluids and electrolytes lost through sweat. It's

important to choose sports drinks that are low in added sugars.

If you lead an active lifestyle, think about replenishing electrolytes by adding the appropriate foods to your diet. Bananas, oranges and spinach are excellent sources of potassium. Dairy products, nuts and seeds provide magnesium, while table salt can help replenish sodium levels. Fruit salad with bananas, oranges and kiwi or trail mixes containing nuts and dried apricots make for excellent snack choices.

While the carefree days of summer may be drawing to a close, the importance of staying hydrated is timeless. Remember to focus on water as the primary source of hydration and maintain a thoughtful approach to replacing lost electrolytes to help your body operate at its best all year round.

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FUMC Pumpkin Patch

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd., PSJ, will be holding their annual Pumpkin Patch October 12 to Halloween. Preschool field trips to visit the Patch are available.

The Fall Festival will be open to the community on October 17 from 5-8 p.m. Food trucks are needed. For more information on either or both events, email office@fumcpsj.com.



St. Patrick's Anglican Church
4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John
321-802-1311

Classical Christianity Engaging the World

Happy September to everyone. The weather is hot, but all the schools in Brevard County are back in session. When I walk and drive early in the morning and afternoons, I am always mindful of the care we need to take with children on bikes, skateboards and school buses. Be sure to allow a little extra time to ensure everyone arrives safely.

We also need to keep an eye out for storms and hurricanes approaching the Florida coasts.

September is here, and with it comes the start of another season of learning, worship and fellowship at St. Patrick's. Our Student Sunday School is now back in session, beginning a twelve-week study of Genesis. Students in grades 3rd through 8th will gather each week in the Sunday School room

after the announcements at the 10:00 a.m. service, returning to join their families at Communion. At the same time, Adult Sunday School will also be diving into Genesis, led by Fr. Michael Kerouac. Classes begin on Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. It's a wonderful way to start the morning with coffee, fellowship and a deeper encounter with God's Word.

Each month also brings opportunities for fellowship and connection. Join us for First Friday Fun Night on Friday, September 5th, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This intergenerational event is open to everyone. Come join us for board games, cards, ping pong, foosball and fellowship. Dinner is provided.

Our Veterans Breakfast is on Saturday, September 27th (the last Saturday of each month) at 9:00 a.m., and the Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group is on Monday, September 15th (the third Monday) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.. Our Healing Service will be held on Sunday, August 31st, followed by a potluck meal.

As always, our regular worship services continue with Sunday Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and midweek Holy Communion each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Morning Prayers are offered Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. by Fr. Tim on Facebook Live.

We look forward to sharing this new season with you—growing in Christ, lifting one another in prayer, and serving our neighbors near and far.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



9-3 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

9-10 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

9-11 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

9-13 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

9-13 Bike Night! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

Karaoke every Friday, 6-10 p.m.

Bingo - members - Sundays 1-?

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

On the Road With Rose



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As I sit pecking at this conglomeration of chips and buttons, we are still hoping for peace between peoples more alike than different. I'm praying those in power see how horrible their actions are and will ease up.

The Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science is truly a hidden gem. A great place to enjoy escaping the heat, it's tucked between homes toward the west end of Michigan Ave. It's unobtrusiveness belies the wonders within.

From a likeness of the Canaveral Lighthouse complete with a lifesaver from a ship that wrecked off Cocoa Beach in 1887 to 'Bones,' the huge mastodon skeleton that competes with the giant sloth and saber tooth tiger skeletons found right here in central Florida, every exhibit is amazing.

I found it amazing to walk down the little hall with pictures and memories of and about the first humans to live and prosper in what is now our neighborhoods. From the world famous Windover dig site, offering up complete human remains thousands of years old, to more modern Native American tribes hunting, fishing, killing alligators by hand and building huts out of palm fronds all in the same vicinity - some in the very same spot from which mighty rockets would one day roar.

Then right on the opposite wall are American heroes stepping into small modules right here in our own back yard and flying all the way to the epic, "One small step for man," moment. I stopped for just a moment to watch old footage of that landing, remembering sitting in front of our old Motorola TV with my brothers wishing we could be there with Neil Armstrong, and later years when Gene Cernan and Jack Schmitt sang and danced on the moon.

The real Florida pioneer hut built on site has moss squeezed between the pine logs to keep out the heat, cold and myriads of pests, including the snakes seeking relief from the sun. There is a nice depiction of life in and around these huts including how turpentine was gathered and distilled - hot and exhausting work. You'll want to take just a moment to read some of the real letters from some of the pioneers to families back home covering the wall across from the hut.

When you leave the building and take the nature walk it's easy to get the feel of how difficult life was in times past, but also how beautiful and historically significant our area is.

As always, please take only pictures and leave only footprints. Insect repellent and sun screen are recommended.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 p.m. **Women's AA** meets on **Mondays, Thursdays** and **Fridays**, 10 a.m. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

9-1 Labor Day

9-2 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.

9-3 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.

9-3 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

9-4 Mawlid Un Nabi Begins

9-6 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.

9-11 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.

9-12 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.

9-14 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.

9-15 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.

9-17 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.

9-11 Patriot Day

9-13 Selichot

9-20 SAL Rib Day and all the fixin's, 1-5 p.m. \$15 per person and the band will be playing every 3rd Saturday at American Legion Post 359.

9-22 Fall Begins

9-22 thru 9-24 Rosh Hashana

9-23 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.

9-27 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - Last Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans and all first responders.

Post 359 - American Legion



9-3 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

9-6 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.

9-8 Sons of the Legion- 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

9-17 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

9-20 SAL Rib Day and all the fixin's - 1-5 p.m. \$15 per person and the band will be playing every 3rd Saturday.

9-21 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.

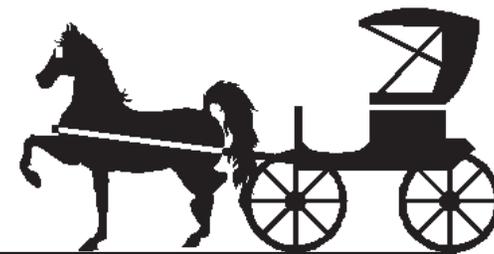
If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michele Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information. The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call 321-268-1632.

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Congratulations to:

Cooper Campbell turns **18** on the 1st.
Sheila Grenet - On the 2nd, Happy Heavenly Birthday Momma!
Liz Montes turns prettier on the 2nd.
Teri Bynum is more beautiful on the 2nd.
Corabeth Ridgely turns **21** on the 3rd.
Derek Rickard turns buffer on the 3rd
Mary Hornsby turns cuter on the 4th.
Diane Sangalang is the Queen on the 10th.
Sue Bray gets kisses on the 13th
Michelle Walker turns cuter on the 16th.
Shane Orend turns **29** on the 16th.
McKenzie Mounts turns **15** on the 17th!
Jayne Hannon turns hotter on the 18th.
Jennifer Brunet has a party day on the 18th!
Mitchell Hannon turns cooler on the 20th.
Carol Drabek is the party girl on the 20th.
Teresa Higginbotham parties wild on the 21st.
Cloyd Manuel will be a hot **78** on the 21st
Belinda Crouse is Queen on the 21st.
Lincoln Unrue turns **8** on the 22nd.
Naomi Beasley turns more lovely on the 22nd.
Vance Gaddy and Charles Samples turn cooler on the 22nd.
Kyle Troxel rocks the night on the 24th.
Kathy Patterson turns wilder on the 24th.
Brooke Brunet Happy 19th Birthday on the 27th! I Love you Big! Mom
Henry Snavelly turns **11** on the 28th!
William Taylor turns **75** on the 28th
Colton Orvis turns **26** on the 30th.
32 happy ones for **Sandy & Joe Thomas** on the 4th.
Ronni & John Hansen celebrate **32** happily married years on the 5th.
Jim & Dolores Scott celebrate **51** on the 15th.
James & Kathleen Ballinger celebrate their **50th** anniversary on the 15th.
Steve & Lisa Sweeney celebrate their **26th** anniversary on the 19th.
Aaron and Sharon Hightower celebrate their **38th** anniversary on the 20th.
We have lots of room for more good news.
Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

Well, we are now in Hurricane Season. I hope everyone has prepared. A few things to remember:

- The ditches need to be cleared of all debris including any yard waste.

- Emergency Services shut down when the storm winds reaches approximately 50 mph for their safety until the storm has passed or conditions have subsided.

- Treat ALL down lines as if they are hot (live) until proven otherwise. This includes cables or telephones lines that can be electrified if they crossed into the power lines further down. ALL wet lines can be dangerous.

- Make sure you can get out of your home even during the storm in case of an emergency such as a fire, during or after the storm.

- Keeping shutters up can delay the fire department's access when left up for an extended period of time.

- If your area is subject to flooding and you have a septic tank, put some visible stakes marking it so the emergency services vehicles don't run over it.

- Above all, remember to check on your neighbors before and after the storm.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Motor/Traffic

Unit was out here in the Groves in August and gave out a number of traffic citations. By the way, I have been told they will be out here more often.

(Guardians of the Grove) Brevard County Fire Rescue have been busy on all types of calls. Some of the calls could have been avoided if people paid more attention to what they were doing, like driving or using power equipment.

There are still a lot of animals running loose out here in the Groves. It is dangerous for the animals as well as people. Remember when a storm hits to take special precautions with your animals.

Also, wild animals and snakes may be looking for cover from the storm. Be extremely careful where you reach or get near when clearing areas.

Brevard Christian Church, located at 3925 Grissom Parkway, Cocoa, is having a Fall Festival on October 4th from 1 to 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 the neighbors from the Groves.

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Coach Jaime Howell and Jasper Niehoff (EFSC image)

SCHS Student Wins P.J. Wilson and Henry Scott Youth Golf Camp EFSC Scholarship

PSJ resident and Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School graduate Jasper Niehoff and Dominick Piscitelli received a scholarship to attend Eastern Florida State College in the Fall. Both golfers have been regulars at the camp each summer. Jasper can't wait to attend Eastern Florida State College, studying digital media and wants to play the trombone in the pep band.

The camp hosted almost 90 kids for two weeks learning how to play the game of golf, as well as life tips by coaches and volunteer coaches who have come up through the camp themselves and are now helping others. The camp began in 1992 under the guidance of former EFSC President Dr. Maxwell King with assistance from Scott and Wilson, two African American golf professionals in Brevard County.

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

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

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137, www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137, meets on September 8th at Kay's BBQ Restaurant, 1552 W. King St., Cocoa. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

Politics, Religion and Society:

A Panel Discussion and Luncheon

The League of Women Voters of the Space Coast will host a panel discussion on "Politics, Religion, and Society." The event will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at the Suntree Country Club, 300 Country Club Dr., Melbourne. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. with a hot luncheon buffet and panel discussion until 2:30 p.m.

Expert panelists are Reverend Cynthia Brust - Christ Episcopal Church, Rabbi Patricia Hickman - Rabbi Emerita of Temple Israel, and Venerable Thanchaokhun Sunan - Abbot of Wat Florida Dharmmaram. The moderator is Dr. Terri Fine, Professor Emerita of Political Science UCF. The cost for the event is \$28.

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**The Port St. John Public Library will be
closed on September 1st for Labor Day**

Weekly Events:

Sensory Sundays: Sundays 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Children can join the library staff for quiet time
with sensory bins and activities. Sensory bin
activities are engaging ways for kids to explore
different textures, colors, and materials. This event
requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

9/07 – Snowy sensory bin

9/14 – Peach sensory bin

9/21 – Gorilla counting bin

9/28 – Autumn play dough

Family Movie Night: Mondays from 4:00 to 6:00
p.m. This event is perfect for families with kids
and features G or PG-rated movies.

Firefighter Friday: Friday, September 26 at
10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under. Instead of our
usual Story Time, Brevard County Fire Rescue
will be visiting to help children learn about the
important work firefighters do. Firefighters will
suit up in their full protective gear and explain
what each piece is for, helping kids understand
that there's no reason to be afraid if they ever see
a fire or firefighter during an emergency. After
the presentation, children will have the exciting
opportunity to see a real fire truck up close during
a special outdoor demonstration.

STEAM Activity Time: Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30
p.m. in the meeting room. We will have activities
centered around science, technology, engineering,
art and mathematics. This event is for ages 6-12
and under and requires parent or adult supervision
at all times.

Read Your Way to K: Babies - Baby Story Time
is from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. every Friday morning
in the meeting room. It is for babies ages 3 and
under and requires parent or adult supervision at
all times.

Read Your Way to K: Little Movers and

Groovers: Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

This fun and energetic event is designed for tod-
dlers ages 5 and younger. Little ones will enjoy
dancing and playing with props like scarves,
parachutes, rhythm sticks, egg shakers and more.
Parent or adult supervision at all times.

Read Your Way to K: Toddlers - Fridays 10:30-
11:00 a.m. every Thursday and Friday morning for
ages 3 to 5 and requires parent or adult supervision
at all times.

Read Your Way to K: Playdate - Thursdays and
Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join us in the
Children's Department for a fun-filled play date
designed 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. Parent or adult
supervision is required at all times.

Saturday Craft Crew: Join us on Saturdays
from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for a fun, hands-on craft
time designed for kids ages four and up. We'll
explore a new project or activity each week. It's
the perfect way to start your weekend with a splash
of imagination and fun!

9/06 – Owl plate craft

9/13 – Wonka top hat craft

9/20 – Curious George craft

9/27 – Princess in Black mask craft

Game Day: Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join
us 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.

Family Movie Night: Grab your popcorn and
join us every Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for
a fun-filled Family Movie Night! This event is
perfect for families with kids and features G or
PG-rated movies. Come enjoy a cozy afternoon
together with a great film! Be sure to check with
the Youth Services Desk to find out which movie
we'll be showing.

Adult Programs:

Adult D&D: Come build a character and play a
campaign! Wednesday, September 10th and 24th
at 6 p.m.

Paint Party: with the Port St. John Library.
Saturday, September 6th 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, September 3rd.

Community Advocate: Mondays, September 1st
and 15th 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, September
3rd at 6:30 p.m. The book discussion this month
is on Leviathan Wakes by James S. A. Corey.
The book selection to pick up for the October
discussion is Valhalla Rising by Clive Cussler.
See the reference desk for this month's selection
and the next meeting date.

Port Readers Book Club: Wednesday, September
17th, at 6:30 p.m. The September title is The
Mountain Under the Sea by Ray Nayler.

Family Programs:

Spice Travelers Spice Club: Friday, September
19th 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 featured spice is Black
Pepper from the island of Phú Quốc off the coast
of Vietnam.

Free Live Musical Events: Austin Church –
Saturday, September 20th at 2:00 p.m. - Live
musical event at the Port St. John Public Library.
Singer Songwriter Austin Church creates country
folk tunes with a whimsical turn of phrase and
sweet guitar licks.

Pumpkin Patch Coming

First United Methodist Church of Port St.
John will be holding their annual Pumpkin Patch
starting on October 12 and running through
Halloween, Oct. 31. They will be open on site
Monday through Friday, 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays
and Sundays, 12-7 p.m.

Preschool field trips to visit the Patch are
available. Email office@fumcpsj.com for
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The Fall Festival will be open to the community
on Oct. 17 from 5-8 p.m. Food trucks are needed.
For more information on either or both events,
call 321-631-0183 or email office@fumcpsj.com.

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John
is located at 1165 Fay Blvd., PSJ.

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

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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
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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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Port St. John Library -	321-633-1867
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Join Schnauzer Love Rescue, Inc., for a special fundraiser - Shop, Sniff then Sip - on Saturday, September 13, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at participating Cocoa Village Merchants.

Sponsored by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company, Shop, Sniff then Sip will help raise much needed funds for Schnauzer Love Rescue, Inc., an all-volunteer, nonprofit rescue devoted to finding homes for all Miniature Schnauzers who are unwanted or have been abandoned.

Visit Tails at the Barkery, 14 Oleander St. in the Village, donate \$25 and receive a Shop, Sniff then Sip map, tote bag, raffle ticket and your choice of a free beer crowler or a bottle of wine from the Dirty Oar Beer Company.

Visit the Cocoa Village Merchants listed on the event map and receive raffle tickets for every \$10 you spend to win fabulous prizes that have been graciously donated by each of the participating Cocoa Village merchants. The Grand Prize is \$50 in Cocoa Village Bucks.

Prize Drawings will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Dirty Oar Beer Company. You don't have to be present to win. Winners will be notified by telephone.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Tails at the Barkery or online at www.schnauzerloverescue.net. All proceeds from each ticket sold will be donated to Schnauzer Love Rescue, Inc.

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Monthly Tax Update

Here is the news about September and important due dates. The most important thing for this month is the extension due date for corporations and partnerships, which is September 15th, 2025. Filing timely will prevent the penalty for late filing on Partnerships and S-Corporations tax returns, which is \$245 per month, times the number of shareholders or partners, up to 12 months. The penalty will be calculated from March 15th, 2025, until the tax return is filed after September 15th, 2025. This could impact an S-Corporation with a maximum penalty of \$2,940 with one shareholder and a partnership with \$5,880 with a minimum of two partners.

Another due date on September 15th, 2025, is the third quarterly estimate payment for your personal tax return, especially for taxpayers with business reported on their personal tax returns, and income received during the year with insufficient withholdings. Now, with more tax updates, the Qualifying Business Income (QBI) is the 20% deduction on the net profit of your business for 2025, for sole proprietorships, partnerships or S-Corps, and the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) Act made it permanent.

Next is the depreciation Section 179, with a maximum deduction of \$1,250,000 for 2025. This deduction is available for purchases of new and used equipment placed in service during the 2025 tax year, as long as it's new to your business. The equipment or software must be used for business purposes more than 50% of the time to qualify. Perhaps Section 179 can be taken only for property used in trade or business, available for roof, HVAC, QIP, alarm system, fire protection system, security system and property used for lodging. It is essential to mention that Section 179 is not available on page 1 of Schedule E (Rental).

For vehicles over 6,000 pounds GVWR, with a cap of \$31,300, and for light trucks and cars under 6,000 pounds GVWR, a cap of \$20,400.

Another one is the Bonus depreciation, which for eligible assets in 2024, the deduction rate is 60%, and the OBBB made Bonus depreciation 100% deductible for eligible assets placed in service after January 19th, 2025. Qualified property includes depreciable assets with a recovery period of 20 years or less, such as vehicles, furniture, manufacturing equipment, computer software, and qualified improvement property (QIP). QIP involves interior improvements to commercial

buildings, excluding specific structural elements. Unlike Section 179, bonus depreciation has no annual dollar limit and can create a net loss for tax purposes. However, if elected, it must be applied to all assets of the same tax asset class acquired that year.

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.

Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

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Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Announces Its Annual Gala, “Glitz, Glamour & Giving”



The Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) Annual Gala is North Brevard’s most highly anticipated fundraising event of the year. Annually, the event draws more than 300 guests. This year’s gala will be held on Saturday, October 18, from 5:30 to 10 p.m., inside Brevard County’s newest event venue, the Valiant Air Command Event Hangar located in Titusville.

The Gatsby-theme, Glitz, Glamour & Giving, promises to transport attendees back in time to the ‘Roaring Twenties,’ featuring dazzling décor, a night of jazz, live performances, gourmet cuisine, a hint of intrigue and an abundance of elegance.

Returning as the event’s presenting sponsor is the law firm Zumpano Patricios, whose generous support will help bring this glamorous evening to life. Guests are encouraged to embrace the ‘Roaring Twenties’ theme with Gatsby-inspired attire. Black tie is optional.

Proceeds from the gala will benefit the enhancement of healthcare services and technology at Parrish Healthcare, advancing its mission: Healing Experiences for Everyone All the Time®.

“Zumpano Patricios is honored to continue our partnership with the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation as presenting sponsor of this impactful event,” said Joseph I. Zumpano, Managing Shareholder at Zumpano Patricios. “We are proud to support efforts that improve access to vital healthcare services throughout the community.”

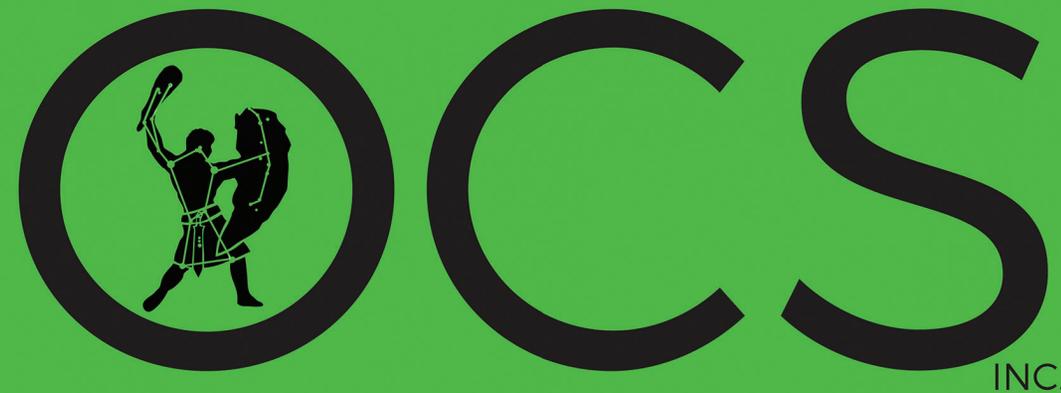
“We are incredibly thankful to Zumpano Patricios for their continued generosity,” said Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Board Chair Melissa Lugo. “Their support, along with that of our many community partners, enables us to bring life-changing care and services to those

who need it most.”

Event co-chairs include JPMF Board Members Judy Allender, Winnie Brewer, Kelley Broome, Mary Coleman and Britt Diaz.

Sponsorship packages begin at \$500 and individual tickets are available for \$150 each. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase tickets and chance drawing entries, please contact JPMF at 321-269-4066 or visit parrishmedfoundation.com/gala. Be sure to call early. Seating is limited.

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