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## What are the Tax Holidays for 2025-2026?

The Back-to-School sales tax holiday returns in 2025 and will be running for the entire month of August. With the enactment of House Bill 7031, this will be occurring every August from now on. This event allows individuals to purchase several items exempt from sales and use tax:

- Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles priced up to \$30 an item
- School supplies priced up to \$50 an item
- Clothing and accessories priced up to \$100 an item
- Personal computers and computer accessories up to \$1,500 an item

House Bill 7031 provides a Hunting, Fishing and Camping sales tax holiday, which is a new holiday, and will run from September 8th through December 31st, 2025. This sales tax holiday allows individuals to purchase several items exempt from sales and use tax:

- Hunting supplies including firearms and accessories, ammunition, and bows and crossbows
- Camping supplies including tents priced



\$200 or less, camping lanterns and flashlights priced \$30 or less and camping stove, collapsible camping chairs, portable hammocks, and sleeping bags priced \$50 or less

- Fishing supplies including rods and reels priced \$150 or less, tackle boxes or bags priced \$30 or less, and bait and fishing tackle priced \$10 or less

**There are permanent exemptions starting in 2025-2026**

Starting August 1, 2025, Florida will provide

a permanent sales and use tax exemption for the following items:

- Batteries
- Fire extinguishers
- Insect repellent
- Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits
- Portable gas or diesel cans with a capacity of five gallons or less
- Portable generators
- Smoke detection devices and carbon monoxide alarms
- Sunscreen
- Waterproof tarpaulins that are 1,000 square feet or less

Floridians also are used to celebrating the Freedom Month sales tax holiday, which is also shifting from a holiday to a permanent exemption event. The following items are now exempt from sales and use tax:

- Admissions charges
  - Event tickets
  - Fees for admissions to state parks
- For more information, visit [flsenate.gov](http://flsenate.gov).

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# PSJ Community Center Schedule - August 2025

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., 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.

## Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Mondays

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

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Dancing Little Stars, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Outside Basketball, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Billiards, 9 a.m. - 6 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. & Fridays 10:00 – 10:45 a.m./10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

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) <http://www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com>.  
**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.

## Post 359 - American Legion



**8-2 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.

**8-6 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting** - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

**8-11 Sons of the Legion**, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

**8-16 SAL Rib Day** and all the fixin's, 1-5 p.m. \$15 per person and the band will be playing every 3rd Saturday.

**8-17 American Legion Riders** General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, 321-210-6234 or visit our website, [alr359.org](http://alr359.org).

**8-20 General Membership Meeting**- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, or call 321-268-1632.

## Brevard County 4-H Open House

Are you curious about how 4-H can benefit the youth participants in your life? Join us for a fun and informative event on Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brevard County Extension Office located at 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa. Meet our current 4-H clubs, enjoy hands-on activities and find the perfect club for your child to join! Explore exciting clubs like:

- Sharp Eye Shooters Archery
- Outdoor Skills
- Photography
- Sewing...and many more!

Whether you're new to 4-H or looking to get more involved, this is a great opportunity to learn, connect, and have fun. We can't wait to meet you!

To learn more about 4-H in Brevard County, visit our website: <https://loom.ly/2jRDnzQ>. If you have any questions, please call us at 321-633-1702 or email [Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu](mailto:Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu).

## Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - 13th this month - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport.



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

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

For more information, call 321-514-9456, email [watersdwayne@yahoo.com](mailto:watersdwayne@yahoo.com), or visit the website at [www.eaa724.org](http://www.eaa724.org).

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## Parrish Medical Group Is Pleased to Offer Pre-Participation Sports Physicals for Young Athletes in North Brevard

Parrish Medical Group will be offering two pre-participation sports physical events for the upcoming school year. Annual school sports physicals help determine if it is safe for an individual to participate in youth sports.

The first event was held Saturday, July 26 from 8 a.m.-noon at Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing, 250 Harrison Street, First Floor, Titusville.

A second event will be held Saturday, August 9 from 8 a.m.-noon at Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Suite 2100.

A parent or guardian must accompany the athlete to the appointment. The following providers, assisted by athletic trainers, will provide the physical exams: Dr. Anthony Allotta; Dr. Bryan Parry; Rebecca Fagan, APRN; Andreanna Leggett, APRN and Katie Pate, PA-C.

“Completing pre-participation sports physicals provides us with an opportunity to ensure our

North Brevard student athletes are physically able to participate and compete in youth sports prior to their sports season beginning,” said Dr. Allotta, who is fellowship trained in sports medicine. “If a student has a physical condition that would prevent or prohibit their participation in sports, it will allow us the opportunity to proactively identify the condition and create a care plan for addressing.”

Sports physicals are \$10 per athlete and funds raised will be donated to Jess Parrish Medical Foundation.

Who We Play For will also be offering electrocardiograms (ECGs) on site. The cost will be \$20 per athlete for both a sports physical and ECG. No appointment is necessary. If you are interested in an ECG, please visit [whoweplayfor.org](http://whoweplayfor.org) to register.

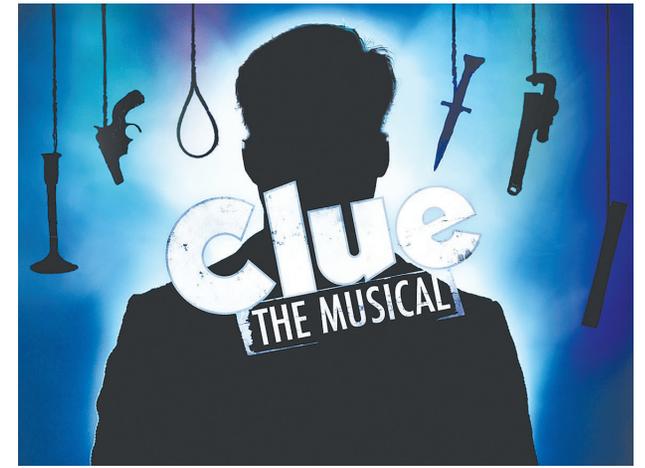
For additional information on pre-participation sports physicals, please call 321-433-2247 or visit [parrishhealthcare.com/sportsmedicine](http://parrishhealthcare.com/sportsmedicine).



*Dr. Anthony Allotta examining patient*



*Dr. Bryan Parry talking with student*



### CLUE: The Musical Rated PG August 1-24, 2025

Get ready for an exhilarating experience with CLUE: The Musical, a sensational production that has captivated audiences for the past 30 years! Based on Hasbro's beloved board game, this interactive theater masterpiece started as an international competition and has transformed into a must-see entertainment event for all ages.

Join us for a night filled with laughter, suspense and surprises, where the world's most beloved mystery suspects gather for an unusual dinner party filled with singing, dancing and murder. Facing blackmail, they're forced to make the ultimate choice: pay the extortionist double or eliminate Mr. Boddy! What's more, YOU get to help crack the case as the story unfolds, with a staggering 216 possible endings! Don't miss out on this unique theatrical adventure!

### Titusville Playhouse

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. Balcony seats are only accessed by walking up a flight of stairs. THERE IS NO ELEVATOR.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the 2025-2026 season, visit:

<https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/> or,  
Call 321-268-1125.

Season tickets are available and individual tickets to Titusville Playhouse or Stage 2.

## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



### If Ya' Gotta Get Old, Ya' May As Well Enjoy

It's impossible to be a part of the human race, Americans especially, and not to be heart broken over all the terribleness around the globe. I pray by the time this is being read there may be some kind of peace somewhere, and it continues until we can breathe again.

Many of us have love/hate relationships with various live and non-live objects... Mothers, sisters, scales, chocolate ice cream with lots of 'stuff' in it, and more.

The dent in my psyche is August. I know it's just a month, a certain amount of days amid eleven others - some good, some not so good. Being midway through the hurricane season is reason to be hopeful. Being the hottest and wettest month of the year just makes us hope to make it through.

National Chocolate Chip Cookie, Ice Cream Sandwich and Raspberry Cream Pie Days share space with National Sisters Day. It figures. It's not enough that we share parents, brothers and birth months - now we have to share cookies, ice cream and pie. More not fair is we share all this and I still outweigh my sister by double digits.

My sister and I try to take what we naively named our birthday trip... despite our best efforts, we have never actually traveled in August. Many travels in September do not hold a candle to the one on October 31st in Key West. That one is a whole 'nuther column. Suffice it to say there are some great body painters in the Keys!

It appears travel is not on the agenda this year, so I'm quietly organizing a memory birthday party. I divided almost all of my old picture albums among my kids when I downsized to move into the condo. Each of the second generation will bring an album, a pizza and as many of my third

and forth generation offspring as can be bribed, cajoled or blackmailed. In my perfect little world, I'll rent a B&B for the weekend and we will just enjoy each other while perusing the albums and the third generation laughs hysterically at the second generation school pictures and remember-whens. The Waltons got nuthin' on us!

I hate when families get so busy with life that they lose touch with each other and I'll be damned if I let us get into the habit of cousins only seeing each other at weddings and funerals.

Matriarchs are allowed their wishes on their birthdays, right? Especially ones who know exactly how much Banana Pudding to make so each grandchild gets overstuffed, exactly how far to go in the "You gotta come...I may not be here for my next birthday " and if all else fails, exactly where each of my offspring's naked baby pictures are.

It's going to be a great party.

## Food For Thought

### Kicking Off a Healthy Back to School Season

As the back to school season approaches, parents are busy prepping their children for a successful start: haircuts, new shoes, backpacks, pencils, notebooks—the list goes on! Many tend to overlook one major factor that plays a huge role in a child's academic performance... good ol' nutrition. Establishing a balanced diet for your child as they return to school sets the foundation for a day filled with energy, focus and effective learning.

A nutritious breakfast is crucial for starting the day on the right foot. It replenishes the body's energy stores after a night of fasting and helps improve concentration and performance. A nutritious meal typically involves foods that are low in added sugars, saturated fats and processed ingredients, so... less sugary cereals and pastries and more fruits, lean proteins and whole grains! Studies have shown that children who consume such a breakfast tend to have better cognitive functions, including memory and attention, compared to those who skip it.

Here are some nutritious breakfast ideas that take minutes to prepare and will keep your kiddo energized and ready for a long school day:

**Oatmeal with Fruits:** Oats are rich in fiber and provide a steady release of energy. Add fresh

fruits like bananas or berries for flavor and added nutritional value.

**Yogurt Parfait:** Layer yogurt with granola and a mix of fruits. This combination is not only delicious, but also packed with protein and vitamins.

**Smoothies:** Blend fruits like berries, bananas or spinach with milk or yogurt for a quick and nutritious option.

If you're short on time in the morning, your child has access to free breakfast at any BPS public school. Brevard Public Schools has implemented a policy to provide free breakfast to all students. This initiative ensures that every child has access to a nutritious meal to start their day, regardless of their financial situation. By taking advantage of this program, parents can rest assured that their children are receiving a healthy start each day.

While breakfast kickstarts the day, a healthy lunch maintains energy levels and supports continued learning. Packing a lunch with a balance of proteins, carbohydrates and healthy fats keeps students nourished throughout the day. Consider including options like lean meats, whole grains and plenty of fruits and vegetables in their lunchboxes. Try a turkey and cheese roll-up with whole grain crackers, or a peanut butter and banana sandwich on whole wheat bread. Add whole fruits and vegetables like carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, apple or orange slices to make a balanced lunch.

For families who may need additional assistance, Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications for the 2025-26 school year are available. It is important to remember that a new application must be submitted each school year to continue receiving benefits. This program is a great resource for families, ensuring that children have access to nutritious meals.

Preparing for good nutrition as the school year begins is super important for academic success! By providing a nutritious breakfast, taking advantage of school meal programs and ensuring a healthy lunch, parents can support their children's journey to a successful and healthy school year.

Amanda Mahaleris, MS, RDN, LDN  
Indian River Nutrition Services  
dietitian@irnutrition.com

## Rising Talent on Display

The Downtown Art Gallery is proud to announce a special exhibition and reception celebrating Mariana Ojeda, the 2025 North Brevard Art League Scholarship recipient and a gifted emerging artist. A recent graduate of Edgewood Jr/Sr High School, Mariana has distinguished herself through exceptional creativity, dedication and award-winning work in both traditional and digital media. Her exhibit will be on view at Downtown Art Gallery from August 9 through 30, with a public reception in her honor on Friday, August 22, from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Artist Reception: Friday, August 22, 5–8 PM.**

This vibrant young artist began her journey at Sculptor Elementary under the guidance of art instructor Michelle Akimenko, who later mentored her through an ambitious senior project: the creation of a full-scale mural at her alma mater. Mariana has gone on to receive numerous accolades, including honors from the Scholastic Art Awards and the Florida Junior Classical League.

Though proficient in many mediums, Mariana currently finds her passion in digital art and character design, with plans to major in Studio Art at the University of Central Florida. Her dream is to pursue a career in comic illustration—breathing life into stories through color, expression and imagination.

The Downtown Art Gallery invites the public to experience her work, meet the artist in person during the reception and learn more about the mission of the North Brevard Art League, which awards this annual scholarship to a graduating senior pursuing a future in the visual arts.

The North Brevard Art League, a nonprofit organization, is committed to supporting local artists and fostering creativity in the community. Its scholarship program is made possible through the generosity of supporters like the Parrish Medical Foundation and other community donors.

The Downtown Art Gallery, located at 400 Orange Street in Titusville's historic district, is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. For more information, call 321-268-0122, find them on social media or visit: [www.thedowntownartgallery.com](http://www.thedowntownartgallery.com)



To learn more about the North Brevard Art League, visit: [www.northbrevardartleague.com](http://www.northbrevardartleague.com)

## Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



**8-6 Sons of Amvets 2415** General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**8-9 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

**8-9 Bike Night!** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

**8-13 General Membership Meeting-** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**8-14 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

**Karaoke every Friday, 6-10 p.m.**

**Bingo - members - Sundays 1-?**

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

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about Amvets, contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.

## Tuxes and Tails Greatest Show Gala Promises a Night to Remember

The Brevard Humane Society proudly announces the return of its signature fundraising event, the 14th Annual Tuxes and Tails Gala, with this year's theme, "The Greatest Show," happening on Saturday, August 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Radisson Resort at the Port in Cape Canaveral.

Hosted by dedicated community humanitarians Tom, Susie and the Wasdin family, this elegant and energetic evening will be emceed by Mindy from Lite Rock 99.3 FM and will feature show-stopping performances by the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, thrilling surprise cirque-style acts, and a high-energy Live Auction led by Johnny Wiedmann of Wiedmann Construction & Roofing.

Presented by Subaru of Melbourne, the Tuxes and Tails Greatest Show Gala celebrates 73 years of compassionate care and advocacy for homeless pets in Brevard County. This year's event also aims to raise funds for the remodel of the Humane Society's aging Cocoa Adoption Center, helping improve care for current and future shelter animals.

"The Tuxes and Tails Greatest Show Gala is a celebration of everything we work for—rescue, compassion, and second chances," said Theresa Clifton, Executive Director of the Brevard Humane Society. "Every ticket, every bid and every kind donation helps us rebuild our shelter and create a brighter future for the animals who need us most."

Guests will enjoy gourmet dining, live performances, one of a kind auction items and the opportunity to make a real impact for animals in need.

For Sponsorship Opportunities, go to <https://brevardhumanesociety.org/tuxes-tails-sponsorship/>.

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## Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Geriatric Care Provider Rebecca Fobes, DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-C



Practitioner, from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. She has received additional educational training in basic life support and advanced cardiovascular life support.

New patients are welcome, most insurance plans accepted. Please visit [parrishhealthcare.com/fobes](http://parrishhealthcare.com/fobes) or call 321-383-9393 to schedule an appointment or for more information on Fobes

### 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.”

Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group are pleased to welcome Rebecca Fobes, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner-Certified (AGPCNP-C). Fobes joins Parrish Medical Group’s Geriatrics practice, located inside Parrish Healthcare Senior Consultation Center at 836 Century Medical Drive, Titusville.

Fobes provides personalized care to support the physical, emotional and cognitive well-being of adults aged 65 years and older. Specializing in geriatric medicine, her areas of expertise include, but are not limited to: assessing patients; ordering, performing, supervising and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests; making diagnoses; initiating and managing treatment, including prescribing medication and non-pharmacologic treatments; coordinating care and educating patients and their families. Fobes remains committed to helping seniors maintain independence, manage chronic conditions and enjoy a better quality of life.

Fobes earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse



“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](http://parrishmedfoundation.com/gala). Be sure to call early. Seating is limited.

### National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. Our meeting place is Kay’s BBQ Restaurant, 1552 W. King St., Cocoa. The August meeting will be on the 11th. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

The website address is [www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137](http://www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137).

## 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.**

### **8-2 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.

### **8-3 Tisha B'Av**

**8-5 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.

**8-6 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.

**8-6 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-** 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**8-8 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.

**8-10 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.

**8-14 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.

**8-16 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.

**8-18 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.

**8-20 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.

### **8-21 Senior Citizens Day**

**8-26 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.

**8-30 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.

### **8-30 International Bacon Day**

### **8-31 Overdose Awareness Day**

## **4-H Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities Programs**

UF/ IFAS Brevard County Extension Services is excited to offer some wonderful programs for youth with disabilities:

**4-H Soccer for Success-** Open to youth with disabilities ages 6 and up. They will meet at the Space Coast Community Sports Complex, 662 Canaveral Groves Blvd, Cocoa, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Start date TBD, Cost will be \$50.00. This will include enrollment in 4-H.

**Barnyard Challengers-** (Locations both in Wickham Park and the Cocoa Extension office) Open to youth with disabilities ages 8 and up who would like to participate in an animal project. Youth will be paired up with mentors to learn about poultry, with the opportunity to participate in the Brevard County Fair. Youth don't need their own chicken to participate. 4-H enrollment required (cost is \$25.00). They will meet on select Mondays starting in September, 2025.

**Barnyard Challengers Mentor Program-** Open to youth ages 13 and up who would like to volunteer and assist youth with disabilities enrolled in the Barnyard Challengers project. This mentorship will focus on learning and showing poultry for the 2026 Brevard County Fair. No poultry experience necessary.

**Roots to Work-** Open to young adults with a disability (18+) who want to learn horticulture hands-on skills for future employment in agriculture. Starting on September 5, meeting every Friday from 9:30 am to noon at the Cocoa office.

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

## **Congratulations to:**

**Wayne Weathers** turns wiser this month!

**Roman Arieux** turns **11** on the 3rd.

**Jamie Hagar** turns **33** on the 3rd.

**Chase Turner** turns **23** on the 4th.

**Amber Santoso** turns **27** on the 4th.

**Cindy Kolonich** is more lovely on the 4th.

**Cher Turman** is the Queen on the 7th.

**Nicholas Moore** turns wilder on the 8th

**Laura Davis** turns **19** on the 9th!

**Toyia Nguyen** turns cuter on the 10th.

**Mason McGann** turns **19** on the 11th!

**Riley Arieux** turns **12** on the 11th.

**Brittany Osburn** gets spanked on the 12th.

**Dillon DeVane** turns **23** on the 12th.

**Angie Anthony** turns hotter on the 12th.

**Kensli Davis** turns 4 on the 14th!

**Marty Grinstead** turns **63** on the 15th.

**Sally Blum** turns **32** on the 16th.

**Austin Travis** turns **42** on the 16th.

**Kyle Maxwell** turns **21** on the 16th.

**Chase & Alex Turman** turn **26** on the 18th.

**Terri & Tera Nguyen** both turn prettier on the 20th.

**Marty Kline** is the Boss on the 24th.

**Tommy Nguyen** turns crazier on the 27th.

**Ashley Mae** turns **20** on the 31st.

**Randy & Cathy Rodriguez** celebrate **49** years on the 1st.

**Louis and Deborah Pierce** celebrate **52** years on the 18th.

**Charlie and Debbie DiMaria** celebrate **39** years on the 19th!

**Trisha and Scott Orend** celebrate **32** years on the 28th.

**Brett and Patty Benoff** celebrate their 26th on the 30th.

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

Fax your inputs to 633-4313 or  
email to happenings1@att.net.

# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

Everyone needs to remember that school starts on August 10th, which means the school buses will be out. There will also be some buses out in advance for driver

training and for drivers learning their routes.

In the month of July, some people found out the hard way that Brevard County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit was actually out here in the Groves. The Sheriff's Office was also out here handling calls such as domestic disturbances, traffic accidents, backing up BCFR on medical calls and for other types of calls.

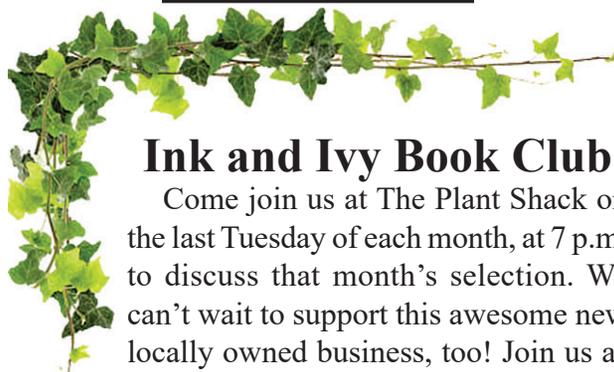
Station 29 (Guardians of the Groves) are still being assisted by Coastal Ambulance Service. This is due to the number of firefighters and medical personnel that have left the Countywide System. A new contract is under review. Hopefully all sides can agree. Maybe this will help stop the exodus of the much-needed trained personnel.

We are now in hurricane season, and all the forecasters are saying that this year could have a higher number of storms. We need to be prepared because almost anything could happen. Remember to be careful in adverse weather conditions when outside and when driving.

When cutting your grass please do not let the clippings go into the street. They can be hazardous

to both cars and motorcycles if they have to brake. Also, you may be held liable if someone is hurt due to debris on the roadway.

Ed Silva, President  
Canaveral Groves Homeowners  
Association



## 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.

***"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.***

***- Walt Disney***

## Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, August 9 and Saturday, August 23. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.

For both dances, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$8; \$7 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call 321-631-7556 for more information.

## 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
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  - Interventional Radiographer
  - Radiology
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- Medical Assistants
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- Paramedics
- EMTs
- Coders

For additional information regarding open positions within Parrish Healthcare, please visit [parrishhealthcare.com/careers](http://parrishhealthcare.com/careers).

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### **CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.**

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**Won't you join us?**

## On the Road With Rose



### Blue Springs State Park [floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/blue-spring-state-park](http://floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/blue-spring-state-park)

2100 W. French Ave., Orange City, FL  
386-775-3663

The terribleness of the world seems to be going on forever. The only way to make things more bearable is to hold together and be kind to each other. Again, please know if you are touched by this tragedy, you are not alone and prayers are being sent.

For me and my family, the horribly hot days of summer are springs time. The pools, rivers, splash pads and beaches of Brevard are wonderful, but the 72-degree waters of the springs are magical. They provide great swimming in the summer and protecting manatees in the winter.

The hour and half drive via I-95 and roads west is well worth the time and expectation. I recommend getting there early, as the park fills pretty early. I also recommend taking extra care to memorize which parking lot and row where you park...especially if your car is the same color and make as approximately a zillion others.

Just a short walk to the boardwalk and you can actually feel the air getting cooler as it blows over the water. The boardwalk is about ¾ of a mile long following the spring all the way to where the water flows out of the earth.

There are several sets of stairs to access the water. The current is a little strong in some places. A favorite way to enjoy is to enter at one stairs, float to the next, get out and walk back up to repeat again and again. This also gives the wimpier of us time to warm up to above the purple lip stage. Despite comments from said purple grand-lips, my 'vintage' nerve endings are still in working order and attached to my gray matter!

You can bring your own floats or there are a couple of places where you can rent bright green inner tubes. A small store and concession stand provide cold drinks, snacks and ice cream, but you can bring your own food and enjoy under a large pavilion overlooking the spring. There are also several picnic areas with covered pavilions and BBQ grills. What could be better than days spent swimming, eating, swimming, eating...? We chose to wait out the obligatory afternoon thunderstorm in the store and jumped back in.

Several hiking trails crisscross the forested areas around the springs. I spoke with a family who walked one of them, but admit I couldn't drag myself out of the water long enough to test them myself. Dogs are not allowed around the water, but can be on the trails, picnic areas and campgrounds and must be leashed at all times.

Sun screen is recommended, as is mosquito repellent if you choose to hike. As usual, please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

### PSJ Community Foundation Seeks Donated Storage Space

The Foundation is looking for a donated 10' x 20' (or larger) storage unit to store the vast collection of stands, supplies, signs, tables, photo booths and other items that are required to put on Thunder Over the Indian River, Fay Lake FestiFALL, the PSJ Christmas Parade, Chili Cook-off, BBQ Contest, the new 5K Run next year and all the other events we do and help with around PSJ. The storage unit will be used to store everything safely indoors where everything can be maintained and ready for use. If you have or know of an available shed, please email [psjcommunityfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:psjcommunityfoundation@gmail.com).



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### Free Training for the Great Southeast Pollinator Census

Interested in pollinators and helping with this year's census? We're offering a free educational class where you'll learn how to identify common pollinators and take part in a real pollinator count!

Choose from two dates: Registration is encouraged, and all ages are welcome.

- Friday, August 22, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-southeast-pollinator-census-in-brevard-tickets-1424197185119](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-southeast-pollinator-census-in-brevard-tickets-1424197185119)

- Saturday, August 23, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-southeast-pollinator-census-in-brevard-tickets-1424210073669](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-southeast-pollinator-census-in-brevard-tickets-1424210073669)

Classes will be at UF/IFAS Extension Office 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa. This class is perfect for nature lovers, educators, gardeners and anyone interested in protecting our vital pollinators. Come learn how to contribute to the Great Southeast Pollinator Census!

If you have any questions, please call 321-633-1702 or email [Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu](mailto:Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu).

The University of Florida is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. For disability accommodations such as sign language interpreters and listening devices, contact the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office at [Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu](mailto:Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu) or 321-633-1702 at least 2 weeks in advance. Advance notice is necessary to arrange for some needs.

***"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."***

***- C.S. Lewis***

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Saint Patrick's Church, Port St. John

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

East off Grissom Pkwy.

Sunset Group Meeting

(C) Sunday 5:00 Closed topic

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Sundays at 5 p.m.

Women's AA meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.



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

#### Weekly Events:

**Game Day:** Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event.

**Sensory Sundays:** Sundays 2:00-3:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event. This event requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

8/3 – Friendship Day: Enemy Pie activity

8/10 – World Lion Day: Lion sensory activity

8/17 – Sports sensory bin

8/24– Space handprint craft

8/31– Bear hunt match and sort activity

**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.

**STEAM Activity Time:** Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This event is for ages 12 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 event is for ages 5 and under and requires parent or adult supervision at all times. Note: There will be no class on August 14.

**Read Your Way to K: Babies-** Fridays from 9:30-10:00 a.m. 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: Toddlers -** Fridays 10:30-11:00 a.m. Toddler Story Time at the Port St. John Public Library is from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. every Friday morning for ages 3 to 5 and requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

**Saturday Craft Crew -** Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Join us on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for a fun, hands-on craft time designed for kids ages four and up.

8/2 – Friendship Day: Friendship suncatcher craft

8/9 – Book Lover’s Day: Make your own book craft

8/16 – Woven “straw” berry craft

8/23 – Superhero TP roll craft

8/30 – Whale craft

#### Adult Programs:

**Adult D&D -** Come build a character and play a campaign! Wednesday, August 13th and 27th at 6 p.m.

**Paint Party -** with the Port St. John Library. Saturday, August 2nd 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 June 30.

**Community Advocate -** Mondays, August 4th and 18th 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, August 6th at 6:30 p.m. The book discussion this month is on *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. The book selection to pick up for the September discussion is *Leviathan Wakes* by James S. A. Corey. See the reference desk for this month’s selection and the next meeting date.

**Port Readers Book Club -** Wednesday, August 20th, at 6:30 p.m. The August title is *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck.

#### Family Programs:

**Spice Travelers Spice Club -** Friday, August 15th 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, Ajika, from the Abkhaz region of Georgia.

**Free Live Musical Events:** - Living by the Stream – Saturday, August 9th, 11 a.m. - Live musical event at the Port St. John Public Library. Living By the Stream creates a new and unique musical style entirely its own by harnessing the tones of violin, guitar and vocals into a colorful amalgam of sound imbued with joy and wonder.

**Sybil Gage –** Saturday, August 23rd, 2 p.m. – Sybil will captivate you with her singing voice.

***No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying.***

## Steel Plates on PSJ Roads

Wondering about the steel plates on Fay Blvd., Curtis Blvd., Adobe Ave. and Elkcarn Blvd.? According to Interim Superintendent Willie Norman, Brevard County Road & Bridge is juggling a hefty workload. “We have plates located throughout our district for the public’s safety,” Norman stated in a recent email. He outlined the current priority order for plate removal:

1. Fruitport St. (currently working)
2. Fay Blvd.
3. Adobe Ave.
4. Elkcarn Blvd.
5. Sterling St.
6. Over Street.
7. Curtis Blvd.

For those hoping for a speedy resolution on Curtis Blvd., the repairs may take longer than you’re expecting. Norman estimates the repair for Curtis Blvd. will be “...around fall, 2026.” He did offer the possibility that it may not take that long, adding, “I can refine this projection as we get closer.”

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## Backyard Chickens

One of the most talked-about issues at the July 8 County Commission meeting was backyard chickens. For years, Brevard County’s zoning code has limited most residents to just one chicken per property. That rule created real headaches for families who want to keep a small flock for fresh eggs or as pets. Chickens are flock animals—they don’t do well alone, and most local suppliers won’t even sell just one bird.

Residents have advocated that the current rule is out of step with how people actually live—and with what’s already allowed in many other Florida communities. Commissioner Delaney brought forward a recommendation for the Board to approve legislative intent and permission to advertise changes to our zoning code. The goal is to allow up to six chickens per property in certain residential areas, with reasonable conditions to protect both neighbors and neighborhoods. This would only affect properties in unincorporated Brevard County.

This would bring Brevard more in line with other counties, offer families more flexibility, and still ensure we’re being good neighbors.

## 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, Parrish Health Village  
931 North Washington Avenue, Titusville

*Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800*

### **Early Steps Community Play Date**

*Meets the fourth Wednesday monthly, 9-10:30 AM*

The Children's Center  
5650 South Washington Avenue, Titusville

*Contact Mary Cancel at 321-292-1370*

### **Fearless Café**

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

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

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

*Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800*

### **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](mailto: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](http://BrevardParkinsons.org)*

*[parrishhealthcare.com/parkinsonsupport](http://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*



*Visit [parrishhealthcare.com/events](http://parrishhealthcare.com/events)  
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## Important Phone Numbers

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Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	321-633-2056
Emergency Operations Center	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
SCAT Bus Information -	321-633-1878
Port St. John Library -	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
Parrish Healthcare Center	
Port St. John -	321-268-6868
Titusville -	321-268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	321-633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
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## \$1,000 Scholarship Winners In PSJ

Congratulations to Jackson Farley and Sierra Lydie our 2025 \$1,000 scholarship recipients for 2025 from the Higginbotham Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Pictured here is Tracey C. Higginbotham, President, with Jackson and Sierra.

Jackson is pursuing a career as a computer engineer and Sierra is pursuing a career as a project manager.

We wish them all success and prosperity in their future endeavors.



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## Monthly Tax Update

I will bring updates from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act this month. This Bill was signed into law on July 4th, 2025, and the good news is that it goes into effect for 2025. The most important is that many provisions on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017, expiring at the end of 2025 are now permanent. The individual income tax rates of 10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35% and 37% have been made permanent and the Child Tax Credit is increased to \$2,200 per child and will be indexed every year for inflation.

Now, I have final information about the “No tax on tips” deduction effective for 2025 through 2028. The deduction is \$25,000. This is a new deduction that will help many employees and service self-employed individuals, but it’s not for self-employed individuals categorized as Specified Service Trade or Business, which includes fields such as health, law, accounting, actors, musicians, consulting and others where the principal asset is the reputation or skill of personnel.

Next, it is the “No Tax on Overtime” deduction effective for 2025 through 2028. The deduction is \$12,500 (\$25,000 for joint filers). This deduction is for hourly workers working over 40 hours a

week; they may deduct the pay that exceeds their regular pay rate, such as the “half” portion of “time-and-a-half” compensation. Both deductions phase out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income over \$150,000 (\$300,000 for joint filers), and the deductions are for taxpayers with a Social Security number; if you are married filing separate, you will not be eligible for the deduction. IRS will provide guidance for employers and taxpayers to report their qualified tips and overtime on their tax returns.

Now, the turn for our seniors. The proposed no tax on Social Security wasn’t approved in this Bill. Instead, in addition to the current additional standard deduction for seniors, there is a new deduction effective for 2025 through 2028. Individuals who are age 65 and older may claim an additional deduction of \$6,000 for eligible single filers and \$12,000 total for married couples where both spouses are age 65 and older. This deduction is phased out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of over \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers). The taxpayer must have a Social Security number and file jointly if married to claim the deduction, the same as the prior deductions. I will be waiting for guidance from the IRS,

because these deductions for seniors may or may not reduce the percentage of the taxable Social Security income.

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.

## Join the Brevard County 4-H Market Poultry Project!

The 4-H Market Poultry Project is an exciting 8-month hands-on experience where youth participants will learn to:

- Raise their own chickens
- Learn poultry care and showmanship
- Show their birds to judges
- Auction them off at the end of the project!

No prior experience? No problem! We’ll guide you every step of the way with informative and fun classes. Open to youth ages 5–18.

Cost: \$30 per participant (includes 6 chicks) + 4-H registration

Classes will be held at UF/IFAS Extension Office, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa.

New to poultry or the project? Join our optional introduction meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., held at: UF/IFAS Extension Office, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa. To learn the basics of bird ownership and what to expect in the project, see <https://4HPPProjectInfonight.eventbrite.com>.

Don’t have a coop? Ask us about our community coop option for families who want to participate, but can’t house chickens at home.

Registration is limited and will close on August 22 or until all tickets are sold. To sign up and for more information on this project, please visit: <https://20264Hmarketpoultryproject.eventbrite.com>.

If you have any questions, please call 321-633-1702 or email [Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu](mailto:Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu).

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It's hard to believe how quickly summer has flown by! As the days grow shorter and the school year draws near, St. Patrick's is buzzing with activity and purpose. Here's what's happening this August:

#### **Back-to-School Ministry**

School begins August 11th, and we're once again supporting our students with:

- School Supply Drive: Bring donations to the church throughout the month.
- Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m.

All students, teachers and school staff are invited to bring their backpacks for a special prayer and blessing as the new academic year begins.

**First Friday Family Night** – Final one of the summer! Friday, August 1st, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

All ages welcome for this intergenerational night of fun - board games, crafts, card games and community fellowship. Invite your neighbors! Open to the public

#### **Ladies Fellowship & Craft Night**

Monday, August 18th, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Bring your craft or just come to enjoy good conversation and fellowship. Light snacks provided. All women are welcome!

#### **Veterans, Spouses & First Responders Breakfast**

Saturday, August 30th, 9:00 a.m.

This monthly event honors those who served and protected. Join us the last Saturday of each month to share a warm meal and community.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." — Psalm 150:6

As we welcome the beauty of autumn, St. Patrick's is excited to host two special events that bring our parish and community together in celebration and fellowship. Mark your calendars and join us!

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

Saturday, October 4th, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Church Memorial Garden**

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we invite you and your beloved pets - furry, feathered or scaled—for a special blessing.

Come give thanks for the creatures who share our homes, hearts and lives. All animals are welcome (leashed or crated for safety)!

#### **English Tea at St. Patrick's**

Saturday, October 11th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Parish Hall. Tickets: \$15.00 per person

You're cordially invited to an afternoon steeped in tradition and charm! Enjoy:

- Freshly brewed fine tea
- Elegant finger sandwiches
- An array of pastries, cakes, and cookies

Don your favorite tea hat and bring a friend for this lovely time of conversation and community. Seats are limited—secure your spot early by contacting the church office.

#### **Worship & Study Schedule**

- Holy Communion Services

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. (no music) & 10:00 a.m. (with music)

Wednesdays: 6:00 p.m.

- Morning Prayer with Fr. Tim Gouge

Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. Live on Facebook  
Start your day rooted in prayer.

- Adult Bible Study Resumes

Sunday, August 17th, 9:00 a.m.

Led by Fr. Michael Kerouac – a study on Genesis

- Sunday School Resumes for Students

Sunday, August 17th, During the 10:00 a.m. Service. For Grades 1–8. Teens (Grades 9–12) are invited to assist as leaders. The Curriculum includes scripture, the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and crafts following the Anglican calendar.

Questions or Tickets? Call 321-802-1311

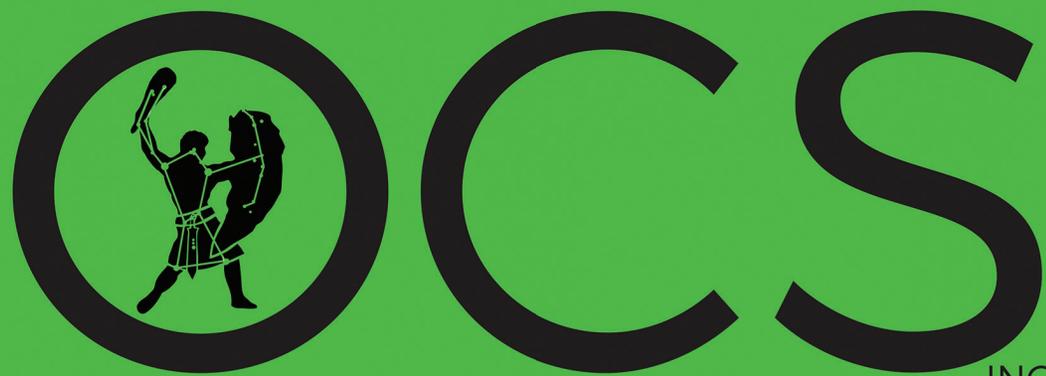
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