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4 Communities Volunteer Fire Department Just Turned 75

Still Guarding 4 Communities and Canaveral Groves



The original 4 Communities placard behind the editor.

The original 4 Communities served by the all-volunteer fire department were Sharpes, Frontenac, Williams Point and City Point. It sounds odd today as Port St. John and Canaveral Groves are so much larger than any of those, but they did not exist as established communities when 4CVFD was born. Port St. John was still an area you could go through from US 1 to the St. John's River in an airboat. Atlantis Elementary was built in an area that was a lake.

4 Communities is still all volunteers. If you would like to learn and train with them, and be part of a group who has always stood as guardians of our communities, drop by the station on US1 and talk to them.



The 4CVFD brush truck has responded to PSJ fires often.



Thank you for putting on a great event for the communities, and for 75 years of dedicated service!



For more information on this event, call 321-877-0032.

Parrish Healthcare Welcomes Board-Eligible Orthopedic Surgeon Mark Goss, MD, to Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Team



Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group (PMG) are pleased to welcome orthopedic surgeon Mark Goss, MD, to our North Brevard community. Fellowship-trained in sports medicine, Dr. Goss brings specialized expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of athletic injuries, orthopedic trauma and musculoskeletal conditions in both adults and children.

Dr. Goss is a board-eligible orthopedic surgeon with clinical expertise in arthroscopic surgery, a minimally invasive technique used to treat injuries within the joints; as well as tendon repair; fracture care; ligament reconstruction to restore stability and function; and the treatment of soft-tissue injuries. His clinical interests include sports medicine and athletic injuries, orthopedic trauma, adult and pediatric orthopedics and acute sports injury care.

He takes an evidence-based, patient-centered approach focused on restoring function, reducing pain and helping patients safely return to the activities and sports they enjoy. Dr. Goss is passionate about collaborative care and works closely with patients, families, athletes, trainers and other healthcare professionals to create individualized treatment plans that support each patient's recovery and goals.

Dr. Goss earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where he also completed his orthopedic surgery residency. He went on to pursue advanced fellowship training in sports medicine at the Andrews Research & Educational Foundation located in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Dr. Goss is an active member of several leading organizations in orthopedics and sports medicine, including the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He also serves as an Oscher Journal Reviewer, contributing to the peer-review process and advancement of orthopedic knowledge.

Dr. Goss joins Parrish Medical Group's Orthopedics & Sports Medicine team, expanding access to specialized orthopedic and sports medicine care for individuals throughout North Brevard. He is currently accepting new patients at two convenient locations: Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John, located at 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Suite 2200, and Parrish Healthcare Center in Titus Landing, located at 250 Harrison Street in Titusville.

Please visit parrishhealthcare.com/markgoss or call 321-268-6868 for more information about Dr. Mark Goss or to schedule an appointment.

Diagnostic Imaging and Lab Services at Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing Move to 2nd Floor

Patients with appointments for Diagnostic Imaging or Laboratory Services at Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing, 250 Harrison Street, Titusville, should proceed directly to the second floor for registration and assistance. Patients with Orthopedics & Sports Medicine appointments should continue to register on the first floor. All appointments and services will continue as scheduled. We appreciate our community's patience while the landlord addresses a temporary facility issue.

Parrish Healthcare reminds patients that the Parrish Medical Group MyHealth Portal provides convenient, 24/7 online access to request and view appointments, request prescription refills, view test results and health information, view and pay bills and communicate privately with their Parrish Medical Group provider.

To create a portal account or log in, please visit: https://17832-1.portal.athenahealth.com/



A Dream of Old Florida

The Downtown Art Gallery is pleased to announce Jennifer Devlin as its fall Spotlight Artist with her latest collection, "A Dream of Old Florida," on view October 10 – 31, at 400 Orange Street in downtown Titusville.

Jennifer's paintings capture the beauty and nostalgia of Old Florida – from peaceful marshes and meadow to palm trees and coastal landscapes.

A self-taught painter, she embraces modern impressionism using soft colors and a whimsical, slightly out-of-focus style that gives her work the feel of watercolor dreams. Raised by collectors of Florida Highwaymen paintings, Jennifer grew up surrounded by the iconic landscapes of the Newton brothers, an influence that continues to inspire her love of Florida's natural beauty.

The gallery is open Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call 321-268-0122.



Artisan MARKET

Artisan Market

Come to The Plant Shack at 5800 N. US Hwy. 1 on October 25th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for some definite treats and treasures, and some vendors will have treats for the kids, too. Costumes will be welcome. Everyone is welcome.

Stroll through the Artisan Market vendors, find something original and special. Browse through handmade treasures and unique gift ideas.

The Grub Shack will be open if you're hungry and The Plant Shack will be open if you're thirsty. Bring the family. Stay a while.



Bring the family to Trick (Trunk) or Treat at American Legion Post 359 on October 25, 2 - 5 p.m., and enjoy much more.

Beverages and snacks will be provided. You do not have to be a member to attend, but if you're a veteran or your parent(s) are/were veterans, we'd be happy to tell you about the Legion.

The Post is located at 7260 US Hwy. 1, just north of Port St. John.



Parrish Healthcare Celebrates Volunteers with Appreciation Luncheon at The Great Outdoors



Volunteers enjoy lunch and games at The Great Outdoors. From left to right, volunteers Jean Campbell, Mitzi Vitucci, Gloria Doerr, Dianne Jennings, Mary Bair and Kris Smith with Senior Communications Specialist Jessica Manning.

Last week, Parrish Healthcare held a special volunteer appreciation luncheon at The Great Outdoors Golf Course to honor the dedication and contributions of its volunteers. The luncheon brought together leadership and volunteers in a relaxed and festive Fall setting to celebrate their service and commitment.

"Our volunteers have countless ways they could choose to spend their time, yet they make the decision to be with us—sharing their time, talents and compassion in service to others," said George Mikitarian, President and CEO of Parrish Healthcare. "That choice is incredibly meaningful. They are not simply giving their time; they are helping to care for our community, supporting our teams and making a difference in the lives of the people we serve. We are deeply grateful for the heart they bring to Parrish Healthcare."

Parrish Healthcare's volunteer program was established in 1959 and has welcomed hundreds of individuals, adults and teens alike, over the last six decades. In that time, volunteers collectively contributed more than three million hours of service to Parrish Healthcare and North Brevard, the equivalent of more than 342 years of volunteer service.

At the luncheon, Parrish acknowledged volunteer efforts from the past year and presented lifetime service milestone awards. The following volunteers were recognized for their continued service within Parrish Healthcare:

- 100 Service Hours: Richard Barber, Andy Pollard, Richard Wilson, Mariah Vaughn and Michael Zocchi
- 300 Service Hours: David Munnerlyn
- 500 Service Hours: Lana Burkett and Michael Cardinale
- 750 Service Hours: Ronald Davis and Geraldine Wardle
- 1,000 Service Hours: Pat Braden, Joan Fath and Larry Hall
- 1,500 Service Hours: James Brackin and Connie Smith
- 3,000 Service Hours: Kathy Browning
- 10,500 Service Hours: Terry Deal

Parrish Healthcare thanks the staff at The Great Outdoors who helped ensure the luncheon was a success for all attendees and the planning committee who helped organize the event.

To learn more about volunteering at Parrish Healthcare please visit parrishhealthcare.com/volunteer or call 321-268-6111 ext. 7183. To volunteer for Parrish Healthcare as a Junior Volunteer, applicants must be at least 15 years old.



Volunteers recognized for a Lifetime Service Milestone Award pose together with their award certificates.

PSJ LIBRARY

Port Readers Book Club

Join the group at the Port St. John Library, 6500 Carole Ave. on Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks-Dalton. Pick up the November Book Club selection, Salt: A World History by Mark Kurlansky at the reference desk.

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Elects New Board Chair



Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF), the philanthropic arm of Parrish Healthcare, announce the election of Philip Simpson, Ph.D. as chair of its Board of Directors. Simpson currently serves as the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Eastern Florida State College.

Simpson earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Eastern Illinois University and his Ph.D. in American Literature from Southern Illinois University. An accomplished scholar and author, he has published numerous books and articles exploring film, fiction and other forms of popular culture

Committed to making a positive impact on the community, Simpson serves on several boards and committees, including the Endowment Committee and Governing Board of the Popular Culture Association, the Council of Instructional Affairs of the Florida College System and the Distance Learning and Student Services Committee of the Florida Virtual Campus.

Other officers and members of the executive board voted into office include Kelley Broome, chair elect; Britt Diaz, vice-chair; Jennifer Trastelis, secretary; Kyle Bradfield, treasurer; Melissa Lugo, immediate past chair; and George Mikitarian, ex-officio and Parrish Healthcare president/CEO.

Executive committee members elected include Christopher Broome, Esq., Santiago Bulnes, Randall Coleman, Jason Snodgrass and Britt Diaz.

Directors elected on the board include Winnie Brewer, William Chivers, Herman Cole, Mary Coleman, David D. Ferguson, Tanya Hudson, Lisa McAlpine, Jo Lynn Nelson, Dr. Kevat Patel, Howard Rinker, DDS, Joe Rodriguez and Turmy Sieveking.

Jerry Allender, Esq., and Barbara Terhune will serve the Foundation as board members emeritus.

"As a member of the JPMF board for more than 13 years, I am honored to take on the role of Chair and continue supporting the Foundation's important work," said Simpson. "Parrish Healthcare's vision of Healing Families—Healing Communities® reflects the values I hold dear. I am grateful to serve alongside dedicated community leaders who share their time, talents and resources to strengthen Parrish Healthcare's mission, vision and values. Through our collective commitment, we will continue to advance high-quality healthcare and make a lasting difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout North Brevard."

To enter a float in the PSJ Christmas Parade, visit: portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/ChristmasParade2026/index.html or email: parade@PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com

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Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

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

- **Registered Nurses (RN)**
  - Emergency Department, Med/Surg & Operating Room
  - Charge Nurses
  - Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
  - Rapid Response
  - Discharge
  - Labor & Delivery
- **Medical Technologists**
  - CT/MRI
  - Radiology
- **Certified Surgical Scrub Technicians**
- **Surgical Scrub Techs**
- **Nursing Assistants**
- **Medical Assistants**
- **Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)**
- **Paramedics**
- **Pharmacists**
- **EMTs**
- **EMT - Paramedics**
- **Surgical First Assistant**
- **Clinical Systems Analyst**
- **DI Cardio PACS Specialist**
- **Respiratory Therapist**

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

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