



HAPPENINGS of PORT ST. JOHN Inc.

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Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Family Medicine Physician Zeel Adeshra, MD



Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group (PMG) are pleased to welcome family medicine physician, Zeel Adeshra, MD, to the North Brevard community. Dr. Adeshra looks forward to providing compassionate, patient-centered primary care for individuals and families of all ages. With a focus on prevention, wellness and long-term health, she is passionate about partnering with her patients to develop personalized care plans tailored to their unique health goals. Through evidence-based medicine and trusted patient relationships, Dr. Adeshra is committed to empowering patients to achieve their healthiest lives.

Dr. Adeshra provides comprehensive primary care services, including preventive care and annual wellness exams, management of chronic conditions and acute illnesses, diagnostic testing and laboratory services, personalized treatment plans, medication

management, lifestyle counseling, care coordination and patient education. Her approach emphasizes disease prevention, early detection and ongoing support to help patients maintain lifelong health and wellness.

Dr. Adeshra earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from Saba University School of Medicine in Saba, Dutch Caribbean, and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. She completed her Family Medicine Residency at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where she received comprehensive training in caring for patients across every stage of life.

For individuals and families seeking compassionate, comprehensive primary care, Dr. Adeshra is currently accepting new patients. She will be conveniently located at Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing, located at 250 Harrison Street, Suite 200 (Second Floor), Titusville. To schedule an appointment, please call 321-268-6868, or to learn more about Dr. Adeshra, visit parrishhealthcare.com/adeshra.



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- 2 LEGAL RIGHT:** STATE LAW ALLOWS THE HOSPITAL TO TAX YOU, BUT THE PARRISH BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS NOT TAXED YOU FOR OVER 30 YEARS.
- 3 COMMUNITY CARE:** PARRISH MEDICAL CENTER, A PUBLIC, NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL RUNS ENTIRELY ON ITS OWN REVENUES WHILE PROVIDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN CHARITY CARE EACH YEAR TO THE CITIZENS OF N. BREVARD.
- 4 LOWEST-COST OF CARE:** PARRISH MEDICAL CENTER IS BREVARD'S LOWEST-COST HOSPITAL.

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Rocket Lab Unveils New 'GHOST' Portable Spaceport System

Rocket Lab plans to start launching even more frequently and flexibly, thanks to a new portable spaceport system called "GHOST." GHOST — short for "Global Hypersonic & Orbital Spaceport Technology" — turns the company's "Electron and HASTE rockets into a launch-anywhere, launch-anytime capability for multi-launch flight campaigns and critical national security missions," Rocket Lab representatives said in a statement on August 10th. "Packaged entirely within standard shipping containers, GHOST deploys complete rockets, launch infrastructure, ground support and range control systems anywhere in the world," they added.

Electron is Rocket Lab's workhorse orbital rocket, giving small satellites dedicated rides to outer space. The expendable 59 foot tall launcher debuted in 2017 and has 83 missions complete to date.

HASTE ("Hypersonic Accelerator Suborbital Test Electron") is a suborbital version of Electron that customers use to test various technologies in the hypersonic flight environment. HASTE has flown nine times since June, 2023, most recently in June of this year.

Rocket Lab currently flies from two different launch sites — one with two pads the North Island of company founder and CEO Peter Beck's native New Zealand and one at Wallops Island in Virginia, though it has built a second pad at the Virginia facility to accommodate launches of its coming Neutron rocket. The company recently announced plans to fly out of Alaska's Pacific Spaceport Complex as well, and GHOST will expand its launch footprint even further.

"Electron and HASTE revolutionized small orbital launch and hypersonic testing. Now we're making it easier to deploy them wherever they're needed most, whether that's for missile defense testing or sovereign orbital launch capability," Beck said on August 10th during Rocket Lab's second-quarter 2026 earnings call. "We've mastered the art of building launch sites," he added. "Now we're making them deployable worldwide."

Rocket Lab intends to deploy its two planned pads at the Pacific Spaceport Complex using GHOST, Beck said during the call. The company was inspired to develop the portable spaceport system, he added, to meet the needs of a HASTE customer who expressed a desire for Rocket Lab to be "a little bit more mobile than we are."

Neutron will be bigger and more powerful than Electron, and partially reusable as well; its first stage is designed to come back to Earth for recovery and re-flight, like SpaceX's Falcon 9.



A Rocket Lab Electron rocket launches "The Grain Goddess Provides" mission on August 6, 2026. (Image credit: Rocket Lab)

Rocket Lab originally wanted to fly Neutron for the first time in 2024, according to Beck. "Every part of the vehicle has now seen significant testing. As with any complex development program, we've had to tweak a few things along the way, but we're moving now into final checkout and assembly of all of our flight hardware before integrating them at the pad." The company is on target to deliver the first Neutron to the Wallops pad in the fourth quarter of this year, Beck added.

Another Port St. John Hero Passes

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Wayne Weathers, a great husband, father, grandfather, community volunteer and friend.



For nearly 36 years, Wayne dedicated countless hours to volunteering and serving the Port St. John community with the Port St. John Jaycees, Thunder Over the Indian River, Port St. John Christmas Parade Committee and Port St. John Community Foundation.

His generosity, commitment and willingness to help others made a lasting difference in the lives of so many. Whether lending a hand at community events, supporting local projects or simply being there when someone needed him, Wayne's contributions helped make Port St. John a stronger and more connected community.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Wayne's family, friends and all who are mourning his loss. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service and community spirit will continue to inspire us for years to come. Rest in peace, Wayne.

Thank you for your nearly 40 years of dedication to Port St. John. Your service will never be forgotten.

Brightline Station Coming Soon to City of Cocoa

The City of Cocoa and the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (SCTPO) have been awarded approximately \$57.5 million to bring a Brightline train station to the Space Coast. This will bring a station near Port Canaveral.

The grant comes from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), which selected the Cocoa Multimodal Station and Rail Project for the National Railroad Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Program.

“Brightline already connects Orlando to South Florida, and now we are one major step closer to bringing that connection directly to the Space Coast,” said Congressman Mike Haridopolos. “This \$57.5 million investment will make the Cocoa Multimodal Station a reality, giving residents and visitors another way to travel across our state while supporting the continued growth of Brevard County. I am proud that I secured this funding to bring this critical transportation investment home to Florida’s 8th District.”

Brightline currently runs through Brevard County, connecting Orlando International Airport to Miami, but there is no station in the area. The SCTPO conducted an initial Station Location Analysis in 2016, identifying a preferred location in Cocoa near US 1/SR 528 and SR 501 (Clearlake Road). They completed a formal Intermodal Feasibility Station Study in October 2024.

The station will improve access to destinations like Kennedy Space Center (17 miles away) and Port Canaveral (10 miles away), both tourist favorites.

“This is a transformational moment for the City of Cocoa and the entire Space Coast,” said Cocoa Mayor Michael C. Blake. “This station in Cocoa will serve as a catalyst for economic growth, increased tourism and expanded transportation options for residents and visitors alike. The Space Coast will no longer be a pass-through for passenger rail. This is an investment in our community’s future and a milestone that will benefit generations to come.”

“Brightline is thrilled to partner with the City of Cocoa and the SCTPO on this monumental step forward for Florida’s transportation infrastructure,” said Patrick Goddard, CEO of Brightline Trains Florida. “From the moment we launched our Orlando expansion, the Space Coast has been an important part of our vision. This grant is a testament to the power of public-private collaboration, and we look forward to building, operating, and welcoming passengers to a world-class station that connects Brevard County to the rest of the state.”



Port Canaveral Starts \$95 Million Project

Construction has begun on another cruise terminal expansion project at Port Canaveral. The \$95 million expansion and renovation of Cruise Terminal 10 is expected to be completed by November 2027 to accommodate some of the cruise industry’s largest ships, carrying up to 7,000 passengers. The reimagined facility will feature spacious, modern interiors with a streamlined look and feel, colorful artwork, a striking glass façade that will introduce more natural light and other design elements that will create a welcoming and inviting environment for cruise guests. Expanded security screening and luggage areas, new elevators/escalators, updated signage and HVAC systems are also being added, enhancing the overall guest experience.

“We’ve taken everything we’ve learned about cruise operations to create a terminal that is highly functional and visually beautiful,” said Capt. John W. Murray, Port Canaveral CEO. “Our cruise business investments are highly focused on ensuring that guest arrivals and departures are comfortable, efficient and above all, support the high quality experience we provide for our cruise partners and their guests.”

The redesigned terminal will encompass more than 145,000 total square feet, nearly 30 percent larger than the existing space. The Cruise Terminal 10 upgrades are part of the Port Canaveral Advantage, a nearly \$1 billion capital improvement program that includes facilities upgrades, technology enhancements and other features across all aspects of its operations.

Port Canaveral is home to seven leading cruise brands operating over 1,000 sailings from 18 home ported ships, including some of the newest, largest, and most technically advanced ships in the world offering a wide range of itineraries, from weekend getaways to week-long adventures and beyond, visiting some of the world’s most spectacular destinations.



**3500 Carole Ave.
Port St. John**

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

Tabletop Game Night: Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The library provides a variety of board games and card games for all ages. Simply visit the Youth Services Desk to borrow a game, then settle in and play at the library. Bring your family, invite your friends or meet new people while enjoying an evening of fun, friendly games. No registration required; just drop in and play!

Kids' Dice & Dragons: Sundays, 1:00 & 1:30 p.m. A staff-led, tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story for children ages 8-12. Space is limited; kids will be split into parties of 5 for 30-minute sessions. Adult supervision required at all times.

Family Movie Night: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Have fun watching G or PG-rated movies. All ages welcome. Adult supervision required. Adults are also welcome to stay and enjoy some popcorn and a fun, family oriented movie. Wear something comfortable!

- 8/17 101 Dalmatians (1961)
- 8/24 Lady and the Tramp (1955)
- 8/31 Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse (2023)

Sensory Playtime: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. A sensory-friendly play event for ages 3 and up, featuring hands-on activity bins with kinetic sand, rice, beans, and more. Adult supervision required.

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Short stories and nursery rhymes for babies ages 1 and under. Adult supervision required.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. A fun movement program for toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. For children ages 3-5. Adult supervision required.

Playdate: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Spanish Bilingual Story Time: Monday, August 17, 10:00-10:30 a.m. Join us for a fun and educational event! Children will learn basic Spanish vocabulary, sing songs, make a craft, and listen to stories in English and Spanish. This event is for ages 3-5, Adult supervision is required.

2026 Primary Election Date

Primary Election- Tuesday, August 18

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You must vote at your precinct specific polling location on Election Day.

ADULTS

Adult Dice and Dragons: Sundays, August 16 and 30, 3 - 4:45 p.m. Role playing adventures with characters and dice.

Yarn Group: Fridays in August, 1 - 3-30 p.m. Yarn Group of PSJ Library is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They meet every Friday and donate projects.

Port Readers Book Club: Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, we will discuss *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter* by Stephen Graham Jones.

Community Support Advocate will be at the PSJ Public Library Mondays, August 17 and 31, 1:30 - 5 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources. Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. See Reference Desk for details.

FAMILY EVENTS

Bookmark Spice Travelers Spice Club: August 19. Come in and pick up this month's featured spice: Shichimi Togarashi.

Bedazzle Bling-out!: Wednesday, August 26, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 12+. In this program we will use shiny beads to bling-out bookmarks. Bring a bookmark.

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