



HAPPENINGS of PORT ST. JOHN Inc.

Weekly Edition
September 4, 2026

Enchanted Forest September Events

*Please note events may be cancelled at any time due to weather or staffing availability.

Prescribed Burn Special Hike - The Enchanted Forest has just experienced its first prescribed fire in over 10 years! Come celebrate with us, by hiking through our freshly burnt unit. You will learn about the importance of fire in Florida land management and discover what native plants are already starting to grow out of the ashes. Please dress accordingly for weather and bring plenty of water and sun protection. Thursday, September 3 at 10 a.m.

Forest Funday - Sunday, September 6 all day. Swing by and check out the "First Look" at our new theme of the month! Get some fresh, fun STEM activities and take home crafts. New scavenger hunts monthly.

Regular Guided Hikes - Enjoy a 45-minute guided hike. Please bring a hat, water and closed-toe walking shoes. Please register at least the day before. Sign up at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDpN-C6HtBxbhFIZbHAKaxkdL-mcvTVKC_k4xGouPIr7Qxlg/viewform for a hike.

Openings on the following dates at 9:30 a.m.:

- Sunday, September 6
- Sunday, September 13
- Sunday, September 20
- Sunday, September 27

Nature Storytime - Wednesday, September 9, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Space is limited. Geared towards ages 5 years and under. Theme: Pelicans! Please dress appropriately for outdoor weather. Classes are first come, first served, with a limit of 20 children per class.

"Off the Path" Special Guided Hike - Tuesday, September 15, 10 to 1 p.m. Space is limited. Join us for a special hike that will take you deep into the heart of the Enchanted Forest to see areas that few get to experience. This hike is NOT for beginners, only those who are experienced going off trail, in rugged terrain. Please note that the interior of the forest contains heavy levels of mosquitos, ticks and poison ivy.

Sanctuary School - Wednesday, September 16, 10 to 11 a.m. Space is limited. Geared towards ages 6 through 12. Theme: Pelicans! Please dress

appropriately for outdoor weather. Classes are first come, first served, with a limit of 20 children per class.

Lunch in the Forest - Wednesday, September 16, 12 to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy a special presentation by Jessi Barker, who will be talking about our latest prescribed burn and Gopher Tortoise survey. We will enjoy lunch inside of the discovery classroom.

Music in the Forest - Saturday, September 19, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a beautiful evening in the forest with music, friends and family. Free admission. Light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc.

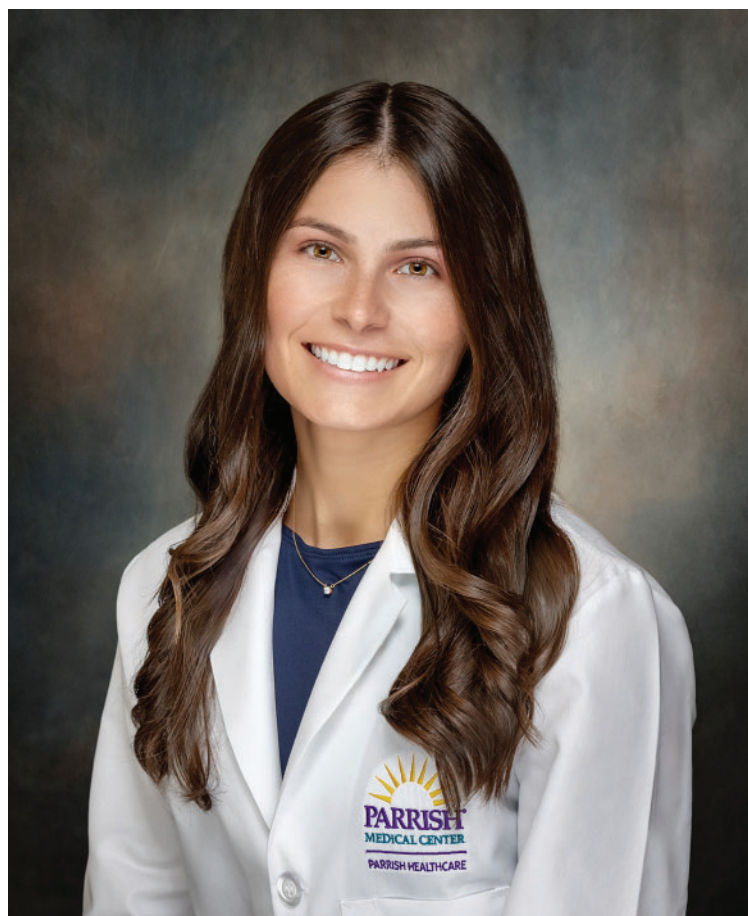


Car Show In PSJ

The Dixie Cruisers will be at First Baptist Church of Port St. John hosting Car Shows on the first Friday of every month, (September 4th), 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 for spectators or to enter a car. 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.

Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Aimee Vance, PA-C, to Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Team



Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group are pleased to welcome Aimee Vance, PA-C, to the North Brevard community. Vance joins the Orthopedics & Sports Medicine care team, bringing a commitment to compassionate, patient-centered care.

As a Physician Assistant, Vance brings diverse clinical experience in evaluating and managing patients with a range of medical and musculoskeletal conditions with a particular interest in sports medicine. Her clinical training includes emergency medicine, internal medicine, family medicine, women's health and behavioral health, providing her with a broad perspective on patient care.

In her Orthopedics & Sports Medicine role, Vance works collaboratively with Parrish Medical Group's orthopedic providers to evaluate patients, develop individualized treatment plans and support them throughout their care. She is dedicated to helping patients understand their condition and treatment options, with an approach centered on clear communication, evidence-based medicine and positive outcomes.

Vance earned a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from South College Asheville and a Bachelor of Science in Health Education from the

University of Florida. She is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Parrish Medical Group Orthopedics offers convenient care at two North Brevard locations: Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing, 250 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Titusville, and Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Suite 2200, Port St. John.

For more information about Aimee Vance, PA-C, visit parrishhealthcare.com/vance. To schedule an appointment, please call our Scheduling Center by calling 321-268-6868.

FPL Storm Cost Refund in September

The Florida Public Service Commission has approved a one-month rate reduction for September that will result in about \$8 in savings for the typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill. The bill you pay each month is determined by the amount of electricity you use and by rates approved by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). If you typically use more than 1,000-kWh each month, your refund will be higher.

This one-time refund stems from a true-up of restoration costs from the historic 2024 hurricane season. Costs were slightly lower than original estimates and revenues from a temporary storm restoration surcharge were slightly higher than originally forecast.

Port Readers Book Club

Join the group at the Port St. John Library, 6500 Carole Ave. on September 16, 6:30 p.m. We will discuss *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden.



A/C Tips to Save \$\$\$

“Should I keep my A/C set to ON or AUTO?” What’s the difference?

It’s a great question because that small setting on your thermostat can have a bigger impact than most people realize. Should your A/C be set to ON or AUTO? As an energy expert, I get a lot of questions this time of year about staying cool without driving up energy costs.

For most homes, AUTO is the better choice. When your thermostat is set to AUTO, the fan runs only when your air conditioner is actively cooling your home. Once the desired temperature is reached, the fan shuts off.

When the A/C is set to ON, the fan runs continuously, even when your A/C isn't cooling. While some people think keeping the fan running all the time helps maintain a more even temperature throughout the house, it also uses more energy and can increase wear on the fan motor. In fact, if your air conditioner normally cycles off about 30% of the time, switching from AUTO to ON can add more than 200 extra hours of fan run time each month.

What's the best temperature to stay cool and save?

A good rule of thumb is to set your thermostat to a comfortable temperature between 75°F and 78°F when you're home and around 82°F when you're away.

Here's a quick tip: Each degree you raise your thermostat above 75°F can save up to 5% on your monthly cooling costs, depending on your home and A/C system.

More ways to help your A/C work smarter

Small changes can add up when temperatures soar. Keep vents open. Closing vents can make your system work harder and use more energy.

Stay on top of maintenance. Clean filters and regular tune-ups help your system perform more efficiently.

Consider a smart thermostat. It can automatically adjust temperatures based on your schedule and help avoid unnecessary cooling.

Use fans wisely. Ceiling and box fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave to avoid wasting energy.

Many customers ask about rebates after they've already purchased a new A/C system. If your unit is more than 10 years old, it's worth exploring your options before you need an emergency replacement. Don't wait until your system quits.

Start your install with a Participating Independent Contractor and receive an instant \$150 rebate.

- Big THANKX! to Monica at FPL

Fill-A-Bag Book Sale

- (16) DVDs or CDs for \$3
- Fill supplied plastic bag (books only) - \$3.
- Fill supplied paper bag (books only) - \$5.
- Cash or credit card

Also: Blind Date with a Book,
Bookmarks,

Dragon or Flower Totes & T-shirts for sale



This event is hosted by Friends of the Port St. John Library. All proceeds benefit PSJ Library programs.
6500 Carole Ave.

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



Launch Credit Union Merger Approved

Launch Credit Union members have approved the proposed merger with Suncoast Credit Union. The merger became legally effective on September 1, 2026 (Legal Day One), following approval by Launch Credit Union members, the Suncoast Credit Union and Launch Credit Union Boards of Directors and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

Right now, your accounts, online banking, debit and credit cards, checks, direct deposits, and services will remain unchanged. During the transition period, Launch will operate as Launch, a Branch of Suncoast Credit Union, while Launch and Suncoast continue operating on separate systems. You should continue using your existing Launch branches, digital banking platforms and service channels just as you do today.

No branches will close as a result of the merger.

Fishing, Hunting and Camping Season Sales Tax Holiday

Consumers can purchase qualifying hunting, fishing, and camping supplies exempt from tax during the 2026 Hunting, Fishing, and Camping Sales Tax Holiday.

Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday began on Tuesday, September 1 and extends through Thursday, December 31.

Visit floridarevenue.com/HuntFishCamp for more information and promotional materials for consumers, businesses and other interested parties.

Brevard County Commission Seeks Audit Committee Applicants

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants to fill openings on the Brevard County Audit Committee.

Applications are available on the Brevard County website, www.brevardfl.gov, and by clicking on Advisory Boards listed under Frequent Searches.

For information on the Audit Committee, visit: brevardfl.granicus.com/boards/w/cbe4088b3c65a780/boards



Brevard County Seeks Opioid Misuse Abatement Advisory Committee Applicants

The Housing and Human Services Department is seeking applicants to fill openings on the Brevard County Opioid Misuse Abatement Advisory Committee. Four at-large seats are available. Applications are available at www.brevardfl.gov by hovering over the "I Want To" dropdown, navigating to the "Get Involved" column and clicking Advisory Boards. Once on the Advisory Boards page, click the "Apply Now" button.

Qualified applicants are citizens who represent community involvement with the encouragement from applicants with experience in, but not limited to:

- Addiction medicine
- Nursing
- Physicians and advance practice providers
- Behavioral health
- Mental health counseling
- Licensed clinical social work
- Substance use treatment
- Certified recovery support or peer recovery services
- Public health
- Emergency medical services
- Education
- Community-based nonprofit work
- Healthcare administration
- Individuals with significant professional experience serving people affected by substance use disorders

All at-large appointments shall expire after two years. Appointees to this Committee shall serve no more than eight consecutive years or ten years in a 16-year period. For at-large appointments, the Board of County Commissioners is the appointing authority.

Visit brevardfl.granicus.com/boards/w/cbe4088b3c65a780/boards for more information.

Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10th, 4:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend.

For questions or more information, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

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

• Surgical Scrub Techs

• Nursing Assistants

• Medical Assistants

• Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)

• Paramedics

• Pharmacists

• EMTs

• Surgical First Assistant

• Sterile Processing & Transport Technician

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

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