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Fall Weather and Events Are Back - Get Out And Play!



Welcome Fall! First Baptist Church of Port St. John, 3900 Fay Blvd., will be having a Car Show, Operation Christmas Child Toy Drive and their annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 17 from 2-5 p.m. There will be lots of great looking cars, food trucks and games for

the entire family to celebrate the fall season. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there.

Please contact the church office, 321-636-5455, for more information.



Trunk or Treat at American Legion Post 359

Sunday, October 25, 2-5 p.m. Bring the entire family for Trick or Treat, beverages and snacks, and much more. You do not have to be a member to attend Everyone is welcome! Post 359 is located at 7260 US Hwy. 1, just north of Port St. John.

The Great Pumpkin Patch And more...

First United Methodist Church of PSJ has free, family friendly events for the whole community in October. They will open their annual Great Pumpkin Patch on October 18th until the 31st on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-7 p.m. and Monday - Friday, 4-7 p.m. Come visit the Patch and pick your favorite for carving or pumpkin pie! Preschools are invited to contact the church to set up field trips to the Patch.

The 2nd annual Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 30 from 5-7 p.m. The festival will include food, crafts, games, balloons and more!

Save the date for Light Up PSJ! It will be on Friday, December 4. More details coming.

For more information, visit www.fumcpsj.org. or just come to 1165 Fay Blvd., PSJ.

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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

There's so much swirling around us these days that makes us frightened and unsure of ourselves and the world in general, that many times we walk around in a fog of worry and stress. Maybe if we stop for just a moment before the day hits us in the face to take a deep breath and ask for patience, we may be able to return a frown and sigh with a smile and nod while stuck at a stop light or grocery store line. I'm going to try and invite all to do so, also.

When my last offspring graduated from high school and joined his siblings by becoming a decent, respectable member of society, I thought my days of apologizing for them were over. I should have known better.

At a recent family get together, the subject turned to previously secret tales of Halloween's past and I was once again amazed at my darlings' ability to pull off the most outrageous stunts without my knowledge.

My mouth went agape when my first born poked her sister and giggled, "Remember the man who always cracked the door just enough to shove that bowl of candy through and it was always old leftover Christmas candy? After you slipped the frog in that bowl, he never opened his door on Halloween again."

Daughter number 2, (widening her eyes in a, "Shut up, Mom is listening," manner), answered, "I may or may not have been responsible for a TOAD inadvertently landing in a certain bowl, but you can't deny kidnapping all the potted plants from Mrs. Smith's yard and placing them in exactly

the same position in Mr. Jones yard! Do you realize how hard it was to keep Mom occupied long enough for you to finish?"

Heir number 3 chimed in with, "You think that was hard? I'm the one who had to convince her that you two were mature enough to take the little kids out by yourself the year she was so sick she almost cancelled Trick or Treating!"

Not even noticing my incredulous stare, she continued, "It was a good idea to dress them up in overlapping costumes so we could shed one, then come back and hit the same houses twice, but you should have asked Roy if he LIKED wearing that nightgown so we could have avoided him screaming so loud when we tried to take it off that a police officer stopped to see if we were OK."

While my darlings lost themselves in convulsive laughter, I looked to Roy for denial. There wasn't any. Being the baby and the only boy with 4 sisters, wearing a nightgown was a form of self defense.

I have a feeling I will be adding a therapist to my list of people I will be apologizing to. I'm just not sure if it will be Roy's or mine.

Florida's 5 Most Destructive Lawn Insect Pests

A lush green lawn is a source of pride for many homeowners, but beneath the surface insect pests may be quietly causing extensive damage. Florida's warm climate creates ideal conditions for several turfgrass pests that can turn a healthy lawn into a patchy, brown landscape in days or weeks.

According to the University of Florida IFAS Extension and lawn care experts, the four most common and destructive lawn insect pests in Florida are southern chinch bugs, white grubs, mole crickets and tropical sod webworms. Early warning signs can help homeowners prevent costly lawn repairs.

Southern Chinch Bugs: The St. Augustine Killer. Among Florida lawn pests, the Southern Chinch Bug is often considered the most devastating, particularly for St. Augustine grass lawns. These tiny insects feed by piercing grass blades and sucking out plant fluids. While feeding, they

inject a toxic saliva that causes the grass to yellow, wilt and eventually die. Homeowners typically notice irregular yellow or brown patches, most commonly near sidewalks, driveways and other heat-reflecting surfaces.

White Grubs: Destruction Below Ground. White Grubs, the larval stage of several beetle species, attack lawns from beneath the soil surface. They consume turf roots, cutting off the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients. As damage progresses, grass appears wilted and discolored, even when adequately irrigated. A telltale sign is turf that pulls up easily like a loose carpet because the roots have been eaten away.

Secondary damage is also common. Armadillos, raccoons and other wildlife frequently dig up lawns in search of these protein-rich grubs, creating an even bigger mess for homeowners.

Mole Crickets: Underground Engineers Gone Wrong. Mole Crickets are notorious tunnel builders. As they burrow through the soil, they disrupt root systems, dry out turf and loosen the soil surrounding grass plants. The result is a spongy lawn underfoot, raised ridges, thinning turf and irregular dead patches. Their tunneling activity is especially damaging during drought or heat stress. Bahia, Bermuda and St. Augustine grasses are especially vulnerable to mole cricket damage. Because these insects spend much of their lives underground, infestations often go unnoticed until significant damage has occurred.

Tropical Sod Webworms: Nighttime Feeders. The Tropical Sod Webworm is the caterpillar stage of a small lawn moth. While the moth itself causes no damage, the caterpillar feeds aggressively on grass blades at night. Affected lawns may develop thin, brown patches and closely cropped areas with ragged leaf tips. During the day, homeowners may notice small cream-colored moths fluttering up from the grass when they walk across the lawn.

For more information, visit;
blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/lakeco/2026/09/15/florida-lawn-insect-control/

- MGVS Clayton Yuen



The 8th Annual Fay Lake FestiFall and Chili Cook-Off are coming to Fay Lake Wilderness Park on Sunday, November 8th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The event is hosted and run by the Port St. John Community Foundation volunteers.

The event and parking are free to attend. Come out and enjoy the food vendors with delicious food and treats, craft vendors with unique items for your home or gifts for your friends and family. Or for you!

There will be Bounce Houses, a Petting Zoo and a Hay Ride for the youngsters, live entertainment and demonstrations, plus a Chili Cook-Off with some of the best chili cooks in the area, and there are always some creative - and delicious - new ideas among the cooks. There will also be food trucks with other meals, treats and beverages.

Fay Lake Wilderness Park is located at the west end of Fay Blvd. Drive through the gates, take the first left and follow the road to Lake View Pavilion at the end of the road.

For more information, visit: PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com



The 37th Annual PSJ Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 19th, launching at 11:00 a.m. from Waterloo Ave. and going east on Fay Blvd. to Carole Ave. in Port St. John.

This year's theme is, "A Classic Christmas Movie." From timeless holiday favorites to unforgettable movie characters, we can't wait to see the creative ideas this theme inspires throughout our community!

Last year was an incredible success and we're planning for an even bigger celebration this year with:

- 85-100 parade entries
- More than 15,000 spectators
- Post-parade awards ceremony at Fay Park
- Lots of holiday spirit and community fun

For more information about becoming a sponsor, or to enter, visit:

portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/ChristmasParade2026/index.html

You can also contact Parade Coordinator Jeremy Higginbotham at:

parade@PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com



Come out to the Fall Festival at First United Methodist Church PSJ, 1165 Fay Blvd., on October 30th, 5 - 7 p.m. and enjoy a family friendly event with music, games, balloons, crafts, food and lots of FUN!

There will be a children's Costume Contest, Pre-K through grade 5, at 6 p.m.

For more information about the event, visit www.fumcpsj.org.

Fay Lake FestiFALL is coming on Sunday, November 8 and the Port St. John Christmas Parade is coming on Saturday, December 19.

Visit portstjohncommunityfoundation.com for the latest news and to join!



Stranger Sings! The Musical Parody

October 23–November 1- Rated PG

Have an upside down adventure with us! Take a trip back to Hawkins, Indiana: 1983... when times were simpler, hair was bigger and unsupervised children were getting snatched by inter-dimensional creatures. Stranger Sings! The Parody Musical is a hilarious 'upside down' take on the hit Netflix series – and all its campy 1980's glory. Join Mike, Eleven, Lucas, Dustin and the whole Hawkins gang for a night of adventure, thrills, pubescent angst, heavy synth, poor parenting, convoluted love triangles, cheap effects, dancing monsters and maybe, just maybe... justice for everyone's favorite missing ginger, Barb Holland.

Titusville Playhouse Stage 2

STAGE 2 is located in an outdoor, but covered pavilion. Performances will occur rain or shine. The gates are located at 316 South Palm Avenue and open 30 minutes before your show. Please dress and be prepared for the weather. For show times, more information or to purchase tickets, visit titusvilleplayhouse.com/.

On the Road With Rose



Mazes and Pumpkin Patches

Some parts of the world are very scary indeed, as are some parts of today's times... But there are also some very good places and times. I believe if we pray for the bad and focus on trying to do good everyday and hold our loved ones close, we'll come through okay.

Ghost and goblin season is upon us. We may not have frost on the pumpkins, but that doesn't keep us from celebrating the fall season, besides just pumpkin spice everything and the horrible blood and gore that has overtaken what used to be a fun holiday for little ones.

I've reached out to places close by that are going to have corn or sunflower mazes again this year. Several of them have returned my calls and they sound like a whole day's fun each. First, don't forget our own Pumpkin Patch on Fay Blvd. It seems to be going up as I'm typing this. They do such a great job every year. The pumpkins are fresh and the proceeds go to a great cause.

Our own PSJ Library is having it's annual Fall Festival. There will be carnival games, pumpkin painting, local vendors bringing goodies and more!

The Pumpkin Patch at Indian River Church - 1355 Cheney Highway, Titusville, phone 321-267-7922 - will be open every weekend in October and have hay rides, a pumpkin patch and various vendors. Last year the decorations and foodstuff were wonderful and again, the proceeds go to a good cause.

The Platts Patch - 3300 Sand Gully Dr., Melbourne, phone 321-684-0124 - is one that sounds like you'll need to schedule a whole day to enjoy. Four acre(!) corn maze, (if you don't come out by Thursday, they will come look for you), pumpkin and gourd patch, hay

ride, many local vendors of yummy treats, candles and more, games and crafts for kids and adults, farm animals and equipment for great photo ops.

Brevard Zoo - 8225 N. Wickham Rd., Melbourne - is doing their annual Boo at the Zoo, perfect for the younger set. There will be stations for the kids to do crafts and gather treats while having fun; not getting scared.

This year they added Beware The Night!, which sounds a little scarier, but still great fun for kids a little older. Neither has blood nor gore and no one and no thing will be jumping from the shadows. It's going on each weekend night in October.

I have reached out to others but have not received replies as of this writing.

The above is only what I was able to find, but I'm sure our little part of paradise will have many more fun places to go for little ones to enjoy, sans blood and gore.

Post 359 - American Legion



10-3 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.

10-7 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

10-12 Sons of the Legion - 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

10-17 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

10-18 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, at 321-210-6234.

10-21 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 more information about American Legion, visit the Post, located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call the Post Commander at 321-268-1632.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, October 10th and Saturday, October 24th. 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 to our dances. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

10-7 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

10-8 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Annette Norris.

10-10 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Mike Brayman.

10-10 Bike Day! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

10-14 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

Karaoke every Friday, 7-10 p.m. Open to the public.

Bingo - Members - Sundays 1 p.m. -?

Show Me the \$\$ - every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran or family member of a veteran, stop by and visit the Post to get more information about Amvets. Thank you for your service.

Brevard County Fire Rescue Offers Hurricane Tips

We have had a record mild hurricane season so far, but we still have two months of the season. In case you (we) have gotten lazy in this mild season, this article bears repeating.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA), predicted this below-normal 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, but also NOAA is predicting a harsher winter with lower temperatures and more storms than usual. Many of these tips are also handy to prepare for the possibility of tornadoes.



Brevard County Fire Rescue reminds residents that hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. BCFR offers the following safety tips to ensure that your family is prepared before a hurricane strikes, during the storm and in the aftermath of the event.

Before a storm:

Understand how hurricanes can affect where you live and work, and how the weather could impact you and your family.

Develop an emergency plan and practice how and where you will evacuate if instructed by local emergency management officials.

Create and maintain a disaster supply kit complete with enough water, non-perishable food and medications to last several days.

Learn how to properly secure your home against hurricanes. If your home is equipped with hurricane shutters, ensure that they are in proper working order before a storm threatens to strike.

If you have a generator, get fuel for it - at least enough for three days.

Monitor local weather forecasts and obtain a NOAA Weather Radio.

During a storm:

Stay inside your home away from windows and glass doors. Find a safe area inside your home such as an interior room, a closet or bathroom on a lower level.

If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker.

If your home loses power, turn off major appliances such as the air conditioner and water heater to reduce damage.

Do not go outside. Weather conditions can change rapidly with lightning, wind and a multitude of other hazards exist.

After a storm:

Remain indoors until an official "all clear" is given.

Do not touch fallen or low-hanging wires of any kind under any circumstances. Call police or utility companies immediately to report hazards such as downed power lines, broken water or gas mains and overturned gas tanks.

Once power is restored, ensure refrigerated food has not spoiled. Spoiled food is the cause of much sickness two days to a week after the storm.

Do not operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves or generators indoors for any reason. This includes inside garages, screened enclosures, or near open doors and/or windows.

When it is safe to do so, remove hurricane shutters from windows and doors. These should not be left in place for any reason. Doing so may prevent early detection of the presence of a fire, hinder firefighting efforts or prevent your family from escaping the home in the event of a fire.

More information and ideas on how you can be a Force of Nature can be found at www.embrevard.com or www.ready.gov/hurricanes. Information on the different types of severe weather such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and floods is available at www.weather.gov and www.ready.gov/hurricanes or the Spanish-language website, www.listo.gov.

You can also go to www.floridadisaster.org/family/ and create your own family disaster plan, print it out and save it.

To get the latest news on potential storms in the Atlantic or Pacific oceans, as well as analysis, forecasts and more, visit www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Artisan Market

Come to The Plant Shack 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 hand-made 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. 5800 N. US Hwy. 1.

Bring the family. Stay a while.

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.

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• Surgical Scrub Techs

• Nursing Assistants

• Medical Assistants

• Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)

• Paramedics

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

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Blessing of the Animals

Pet owners across Brevard County are invited to celebrate the special bond between people and animals at the Brevard Humane Society's annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, at 4 p.m. at Heavenly Paws Chapel, 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa.



Held in observance of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, the event welcomes dogs, cats and other companion animals to receive a special blessing. Light refreshments will follow.

All pets must be vaccinated and secured on a leash or in an appropriate carrier.



Heavenly Paws Chapel is located behind the Brevard Humane Society Cocoa Adoption Center. For more information, call 321-636-3343 ext. 204 or visit:

www.brevardhumanesociety.org.

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2nd Annual Fall Festival at the Port St John Library

6500 Carole Ave, Port St John, FL

Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 - 2:00 pm



**Noah's Landing
Mobile Petting Zoo**

**Petting Zoo
10am - 12pm only**



**Live Music
Robbin the Bank
10 am - 1pm**



**Brevard Fire/Rescue
Station 26
10 am - 2pm**

**Decorate-a-Pumpkin
& Fall Crafts**



**Glow in the
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Blind Date with Book, Dragon Totes & T-shirts!

2nd Annual Scarecrow Contest

Sponsored by Friends of the Port St John Library

**Visit the following PSJ Businesses
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Belles & Blossoms Florist
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Community Credit Union
Dunkin' Donuts
Family Dollar PSJ
First United Methodist Church of PSJ
Happenings, Inc.
Kickstart Grille
Launch Credit Union
Miss Penny's Daycare
My eye dr. PSJ
Paint and Praise
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Soul Hibachi
Space Coast Credit Union
Space Coast Nutrition
State Farm - Andrew Engelmann
The Plant Shack
Wildflower Beauty Collective



**"Most Voted" for Scarecrow wins
\$100 prize!** You can vote online at the Friends of the Port St John Library FB page or see photos in the PSJ Library lobby & fill out a ballot.

Voting starts Oct 1 and ends Oct. 31. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Place winners will be announced on Halloween.

f Follow Friends of the Port St. John Library

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.**

10-1 Shemini Azeret starts

10-3 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1 - 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.

10-4 St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day

10-4 Simchat Tora

10-5 World Teachers Day

10-6 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.

10-7 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.

10-7 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

10-8 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.

10-9 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 bwco020@gmail.com.

10-10 Fall Festival and Bake Sale at the Port St. John Library, 3500 Carole Ave., from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

10-10 4 Communities Fire Department Celebration of 75 Years of Service to the community starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m.

10-11 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers,

meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

10-13 Selichot

10-16 Boss's Day

10-17 Car Show, Operation Christmas Child Toy Drive and Harvest Fest at First Baptist Church of PSJ, 3900 Fay Blvd., 2 - 5 p.m.

10-17 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 359.

10-18 to 31 Pumpkin Patch, Saturdays and Sundays from 12-7 p.m. and Monday - Friday, 4-7 p.m.

10-19 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday of each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 321-505-2361.

10-21 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 Michele Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

10-25 Trunk or Treat at American Legion Post 359, 2 to 5 p.m. Bring the entire family.

10-25 Artisan Market at The Plant Shack, 5800 N. US Hwy. 1, Cocoa, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Costumes will be welcome.

10-27 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.

10-31 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.

10-31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Congratulations to:

Ryan Kremer turns **18** this month.

Danny Huegel turns **32** on the 1st.

Stephanie Puckett turns cuter on the 2nd.

Lisa Troxel keeps turning heads on the 3rd.

Connie Partin turns prettier on the 3rd.

Loni Phipps turns hotter on the 5th.

Gary Turner turns cooler on the 5th.

Jordan Hilde turns **3** on the 6th.

Ryan Brackin turns **33** on the 6th!

Deanna Anderson turns wilder on the 9th.

Jimmy Scott turns **18** on the 10th!

Helen Lapardo turns more lovely on the 10th!

Karrson Unrue turns **29** on the 10th.

Caelyn Smith will turn **21** on the 12th.

Nicholas Snaveley turns **10** on the 12th.

Kensli Davis turns **6** on the 14th.

Nicole Long turns **23** on the 14th.

Kimberly Nicole Kremer turns **19** on the 14th!

Kenny Gow is The Boss on the 15th.

Sophia Kelderhouse turns **29** on the 16th!

Christina Crouse is the Queen on the 16th.

Ryan Kremer turns **39** on the 17th.

Susan Kadlac is the Party Girl on the 18th.

Nicole Lessey dances all night on the 18th.

George Fontaine will rock **78** on the 19th.

Tyler Gaddy turns **27** on October ??

Duane Gaddy turns crazier on the 20th.

Danny Bowen turns **27** on the 21st.

Kathy Patterson owns the day on the 24th.

Michelle Kolczynski gets kisses on the 25th.

Lisa Merrell turns **29+** on the 26th.

Lauren Hannon dances all night on the 27th.

Keith Simpson turns **32** this month.

Bud Simpson turns buffer on the 27th.

Kathy Bradley gets spanked on the 27th.

Romaine Thaxton will be **101** on the 28th!

Nicole Lessey parties till dawn on the 28th

Andy Bradley turns wiser on the 28th.

Austin Harris turns **30** on the 28th.

Brianna Lyerly turns **2** on the 29th.

Rachel Erickson turns **28** on the 29th.

Craig Kremer turns **67** on the 29th.

Aislinn Leonard turns **26** on the 30th.

William Scheiner is **44** on the 30th!

Sherri Fogarty is the Khaleesi on the 31st.

Chris & Sherri Fogarty celebrate their **36th** anniversary on the 6th.

Belinda & Don Crouse celebrate with wildness on the 11th.

Shane & Makaylee Orend celebrate their **3rd** anniversary on the 14th.

Tim & Kelly Rowell will celebrate their **37th** anniversary on the 20th.

Bill & Carol Tyler celebrate their **42nd** anniversary on the 20th.

OCTOBER COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support groups as a free service to the community

A.W.A.K.E. Sleep Support Group

Meets the second Monday monthly, 6:00-7:30 PM
Parrish Healthcare Center, Manatee Conference Room
5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John
Contact our Sleep Support Team at 321-268-6408

Cancer and Survivor Support Group

Meets the third Wednesday monthly, 4:00-5:30 PM
Parrish Healthcare Center, North Titusville
490 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544

Caring for Caregivers Support Group

*Meets the second and fourth Thursday monthly,
9:30-11:30 AM*
Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

Childbirth Education Class

Meets the last Wednesday monthly, 5:30-7:30 PM
Parrish Medical Center, Conference Room 2/3/4/5
951 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
*Contact Facilitators & Midwives
Raquel Justiniano-Gonzales and David Carter-Plake
at david.carter-plake@parrishmed.com*

Decoding Diabetes Class

Meets the fourth Monday monthly, 2:30-4:30 PM
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
931 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Josh Garsow at 321-268-6111, ext. 6265

Early Steps Community Play Date

Meets the fourth Wednesday monthly, 9:00-10:30 AM
The Children's Center
5650 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Mary Cancel at 321-292-1370

Fearless Café

Presented by St. Francis Hospice and Parrish Healthcare
Meets the first Wednesday monthly, 10:00-11:00 AM
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
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Mom's Support Group

Meets Mondays, 10:00-11:00 AM
The Children's Center
5650 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Heather at heather.focht@parrishmed.com

Stroke and Heart Survivors Support Group

Meets the third Tuesday monthly, 2:00-4:00 PM
Heritage Hall, Parrish Health Village
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Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

Tools to Quit Smoking Now

Meets the last Tuesday monthly, 5:30-7:30 PM
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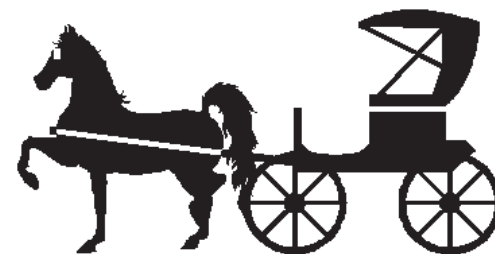
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Please everyone, remember that Four Communities Fire Department is celebrating 75 years of service to the community on October 10th.

starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m. All are invited for Touch-a-Truck, games, fire department demonstrations and food trucks.

First, I want to thank Brevard County for changing the light sequence at Grissom Pkwy. and Canaveral Groves Blvd. There seems to be some confusion. You can only make a left-hand turn when the green light and arrow are on. You can still make a right on red after a complete stop. This pertains to both East and West directions. The new timing and change of lights seems to be helping the traffic conditions on Canaveral Groves Blvd.

On Adamson Rd. and State Rd 524, the county has been surveying, but I'm unsure at this time of why. I have asked and not been informed yet.

One of the main reasons there are so many accidents there is because people coming off of Adamson Rd. are pulling onto State Rd 524 without completely looking and waiting for the oncoming traffic. Some of the problem is vehicles in the turn lane that are blocking the line of sight with vehicles continuing west-bound and that is when accidents happen in the middle of the intersection. So please, be more careful.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 is responding to a lot of calls in the area, so please watch out for them and yield to their vehicles when responding.

The United States Weather Bureau is saying we may have a wetter than normal winter, so please make sure your drainage ditches are clear and free from debris. If any drainage ditches are damaged, please call the Brevard County Road and Bridge Division

at 321-264-5084, Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Also, a quick reminder, it is against the law to post anything on a telephone pole or street sign. It also makes the area look trashy.

- Edward F Silva

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Cellar Book Club

Come join us at PSJ Cellar Restaurant, 3870 Curtis Blvd., PSJ on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. On October 26, we will be discussing *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristen Harmel. All interested readers are welcome!

For current book selection, visit the Reference Desk at the Port St. John Library, 3500 Carole Ave.



Breast Cancer BRA CHALLENGE

This time, the men take the stage!

Come visit AMVETS Post 2415 on West Ave. in Port St. John on Friday, October 16th, 7 p.m. for a fun time and a great charity.

Ladies or men, decorate a bra! Be creative, sparkley, funny, absurd or Fabulous! All decorated bras will be modeled by the men on stage in a fun and fabulous show and in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The Amvets Auxiliary is hosting the event and it will also include a Silent Auction and raffles. Finger foods will be available and more are welcome.

Proceeds will benefit Space Coast Survivors, Inc. For more information, call Annette at 330-317-6366.



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Friends of the Library FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. Celebrate all things fall at the library with a book sale, bake sale, silent disco, temporary tattoos, crafts and more in this Friends of the Library sponsored event. This event for all ages.

YOUTH SERVICES

Teen Takeover: Junk Journaling: 10/14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 13-17.

Sensory Playtime: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3 and up.

Tabletop Game Night: Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. All ages.

Family Movie: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. All ages.

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Class will begin at 10:00 a.m. Ages 0-1.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Ages 0-5.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Ages 3-5.

Playdate: Thursdays and Fridays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ages 0-5.

ADULTS

Yarn Group: Fridays in October, 1 - 3:30 p.m. The yarn group is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They donate projects and meet every Friday at the Port St. John Public Library.

Book Worms Book Club: Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. Join the group for a lively discussion of *Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness. Pick up the November book at the reference desk.

North Brevard Public Library Advisory Board: October 8, 10 a.m. Public meeting. North Brevard Public Library Advisory Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and the

Director of Library Services.

Cards with a Purpose: Tuesday, October 13, 1 p.m. Make a custom personal card as well as a card for charity to brighten someone's day. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month. This program is designed for adults.

Community Support Advocate: Mondays, October 12 and 26, 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 the Reference desk for details.

Port Readers Book Club: 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.



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October has arrived, bringing with it the beginning of fall—even if Florida doesn't always cooperate with cooler temperatures! It's another busy month at St. Patrick's, filled with opportunities to worship, learn, enjoy fellowship and reach out to our community.

We begin the month with our First Friday Family Fun Night on Friday, October 2 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. These evenings are all about simply spending time together. Bring the family, invite a friend and come enjoy a relaxed evening of food, fun, fellowship and activities. You don't have to be a member of St. Patrick's to join us—everyone is welcome.

Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. we'll gather in front of the church for our annual Blessing of the Pets. Our pets are wonderful members of our families and this is always a joyful morning as we give thanks to God for His creation and the animals that bring so much companionship into our lives.

On Tuesday, October 6 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren group will meet. Raising children for a second time can bring unique joys as well as challenges. This gathering offers grandparents

a place for encouragement, conversation, friendship and support with others who understand the journey. Please feel free to share this ministry with someone in our community who might benefit from it.

Sunday worship remains at the center of everything we do, with Holy Communion each Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Adult Education meets at 9:00 a.m. where Fr. Michael continues our study of The Gospel of Matthew.

Our Student Sunday School also continues its journey through The Saints. During October, our students will meet St. Benedict of Nursia, St. George, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Margaret of Scotland. Through Scripture, stories, discussion, journaling, crafts and hands-on activities, they are discovering how Christians throughout the centuries have lived out their faith in very different circumstances.

During the week, join us for our Wednesday evening service at 6:00 p.m., a welcome opportunity to step away from a busy week for worship and prayer.

And if you enjoy cards—or have always wanted to learn—our Thursday Bridge Group meets from 1:00–3:00 p.m. All levels are welcome, from complete beginners to experienced players. There's always room for another person at the table!

Our Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group gathers on Monday, October 19 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. with a light dinner provided. Bring whatever you're working on—or simply bring yourself—and enjoy an evening of creativity, conversation, laughter and fellowship.

We'll finish October on Saturday, October 31 at 9:00 a.m. with our Veterans, Veteran Spouses, Veteran Families & First Responders Breakfast. It is a privilege to open our doors and gather around the table with those who have served our country and our community.

There is a lot happening this October, but every event has something important in common: people coming together. Whether it is around the altar, a classroom table, a craft project, a deck of cards or breakfast, these moments help strengthen the relationships that make St. Patrick's a parish family.

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Monthly Tax Update

October is here, and more due dates to review. First, the due date applies to companies and taxpayers with payroll; they must file and pay their tax liability for Form 941 (Federal) and Form RT-6 Unemployment with the Florida DOR by November 2, 2026, because October 31 falls on a Saturday.

Moreover, companies that are closing their businesses need to file the final Forms 941, 940, and RT-6. I see some businesses receiving IRS letters with penalties for not filing payroll forms two years ago.

Also, you need to keep your tax records for at least 4 years. The next due date is October 15, 2026, which is the due date for the personal tax returns. Taxpayers need to include Form K-1's from their partnerships and/or S-Corporations with the due date last September 15, 2026.

It is important to file your tax return even if you owe money to the IRS. Some taxpayers delay filing their taxes after the due date to avoid the IRS starting collection on their balance due. It is important to remember that there are two penalties: one for not filing on time, including extension by October 15, 2026, and the second for not paying your tax liability by April 15, 2026. That is why I recommend filing the tax return even if you owe taxes to the IRS, and in this way avoid unnecessary extra penalties of about 5% per month of the amount due. Perhaps for personal tax returns with tax liability under \$50,000, the IRS will, in most cases, grant an installment agreement of up to 72 months. It is crucial to set up automatic monthly payments for the installment agreement to prevent missed payments and cancellations.

Now, I will provide an update on subcontractor payments for 2026. The federal reporting threshold for Form 1099-NEC (Non-employee Compensation) increases from \$600 to \$2,000 per payee for payments made on or after January 1, 2026 under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). The new Form 1099-NEC for 2026 includes separate individual address entry boxes and new fields to report cash tips, Treasury Tipped Occupation Codes and overtime compensation.

Last, starting January 1, 2026, most food and beverages provided to employees on-site or for the employer's convenience are 0% deductible under a provision taking effect under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This includes meals provided so employees stay on-site during shifts, subsidized employer-operated eating facilities, meals ordered when staff work extra hours, and breakroom coffee, snacks and drinks. Nevertheless, company

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events are still 100% deductible.

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.

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NARFE Space Coast Chapter 1137 meets
monthly on the second Monday of each
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The October meeting will be on the 12th.
You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30
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The website address is [www.NARFE.org/
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Myth 1: Insurance won't cover it, or I won't be able to afford the co-pay/deductible.

"Mammography is usually covered under most health plans, including Medicare, once a woman reaches an age determined by the insurer," says Shannon Luker, RN, BSN, Parrish Healthcare Oncology Navigator.

If you have Medicare and are age 65 or older, Medicare pays for most of the cost of a screening mammogram every 12 months.

Myth 2: The test is too painful.

Yes, the test can be a bit uncomfortable, but most women don't consider it painful.

Compression helps hold the breast still, evens out the breast tissue and allows lower doses of X-ray to be used. If you feel pain, speak up. The technologist may be able to lower the compression and relieve some of the pressure on your breast. And remember that any discomfort is brief; the actual X-ray takes less than a minute.

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Myth 4: Breast cancer only affects older women.

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