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Fay Lake FestiFALL & Chili Cook-Off

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The PSJ Community Foundation is getting ready for some COOLER WEATHER and HOT CHILI! We are sure your family will have a memorable time! There will be food vendors, craft and business vendors, bounce houses, hay ride, petting zoo, Chili Cook-Off, Kid Zone and more! If you enjoyed our food vendors at Thunder Over the Indian River, many are back for FestiFALL, along with a few new ones offering a great variety of gourmet tastes for any foodie.

The Chili Cook-Off has 10 amazing participants bringing their best chilis:

- Bardwell's Bangin Chilli - Wendy Bardwell
- Drumsmoke BBQ - Mike Barker
- LoKation Real Estate - Katie Greet
- Knotty Pirate's Chili - Jennifer Roberts
- The Porcelain Punishers Powered by Solar Authority - Jacob Songer
- Wing Patrol - Casey Bratsch
- Kiera's Italian Chili Bomb - Kiera Ward



- BIG MUTTS CHILI - Theresa Crews
- 808 Peanut Guy - Justice Nance
- Don's Seat of Your Pants - Donald Hamburg

Judge's and People's Choice Winners receive a CA$H Prize, Classic Chef's Knife, Apron and ultimate bragging rights. Life is short—make chili.

THANK YOU to Our Chili Cook-Off Judges:
- Kristy Sanford - The Plant Shack
- Sheena Rocque - Backwoods Social House
- Jessica Curtiss - Smith-Space X

Several of our food truck favorites are registered, including Country Kettlers Korn, Fruity Licks, Notorious Pig, MeltedSmoke, Taste Budz, RineBoi Churasco Grill, Space Coast Hot Dogs, Kona Ice and Ello Delights.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Prime Sponsor, Parrish Healthcare, our Diamond sponsors, HAPPENINGS, Higginbotham Companies, Orion Connectivity and Freedom Air & Plumbing, and our Platinum sponsor, Englemann State Farm Insurance. We are not government operated or funded.

These companies make FestiFall possible, along with the other sponsors and our amazing volunteers who work to make our events happen.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer and work with us on this event, visit www.facebook.com/groups/psjcfvolunteers.

For more information about FestiFALL, visit: portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html. **COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!**

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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

Thanksgiving My New Way

I'm pecking at this black box earlier in the year than the usual four and half hours to deadline, so I'm not sure what will be swirling around us as you're reading this. I'm praying we will be enjoying peace and love for this, what should be the happiest season. If you know someone who is lonely and stressed this season, please let them know they are not alone and they are being prayed for.

Gathering my clan has always been, and I'm sure will always be, akin to herding cats through a dairy farm. As this year's holidays come barreling at us, the yearly discussions of where and when to grace each other with their presence are beginning once again. They are delving into the same conversations that have been circling for eons. In-laws flying in, parents flying out, boyfriends, girlfriends, old grudges, school schedules, new grudges... and the ever-present food allergies make a Walton style day impossible. I've always had my doubts that it ever actually happened other than on screen.

My reign of matriarchal jurisdiction came to a screeching halt several years ago when the event was so stressful no one was looking forward to it. We kinda' fell into a routine of each branch of my family tree gathered and dined at places and times convenient for them and Grammy just traveled all day.

I was explaining this to a friend last year as I helped peel ten pounds of potatoes in preparation for her family descending like a herd of loud locusts. She asked if I didn't miss all the camaraderie of everyone being in the kitchen, including young cousins running through merrily laughing and grabbing sugar cookies as they passed.

I replied, "Absolutely not!" It took me one holiday to realize how nice it is to get out of bed on my own timeline, enjoy a whole cup of coffee while it's still hot before taking a shower, applying make-up and heading for the first house of chaos where cooks and kids have been frantically running since dawn. By the time all those cookies kick in, I have been able to spend special time with each child, bother everyone by taking lots of pictures, get a promise of leftovers to be delivered and skip out to the next holiday festivity.

Sometime during the afternoon I usually arrive at one of the houses with perfect timing. A beautiful dinner is just being laid out, my fourth generation is glad to see me because my third generation has had enough of cousins laughing merrily as they ran through every room of the house scattering sugar cookies as they went. They also know Grammy's plate has always been the sneaky receptacle of unwanted veggies.

Sharing pictures taken at the other houses I visited starts new stories and memories of years past and Facetime makes it possible for all of us to be kinda' together. Phones get passed around, (occasionally ending up in the cranberry salad), and lives get caught up on. The conversations of Thanksmas when (outdoors) and where (January)are begun

This may not be the perfect holiday but we are not perfect people and it works perfectly for us.

And if Grammys back begins to really bother her, she can't possibly be expected to help clean up and wash dishes so she can be sent home with bags of leftovers to take Tylenol and rest.

Pumpkin pie, an old movie and a nice cup of coffee in the quiet of my own home always miraculously heals my back.

God Bless and Happy Holidays!

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Registration is Underway for Central Area Holiday Parades

Brevard County Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for the Merritt Island and Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parades. This year the theme for the parades is 'Gingerbread Lane'. Mindy from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and local personality, will emcee the parades.

The Merritt Island Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, December 5, with step-off at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel from Grove Boulevard at Merritt Island High School, south on Courtenay Parkway (SR-3) to Edgewood Junior/Senior High School on Merritt Avenue.

The Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 12, with step-off at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel north on Florida Avenue at Rockledge High School to Brevard Avenue and conclude at Lee Wenner Park.

For additional information about the parades, please call the Central Area Parks Operations office at 321-633-1874 or email Delinda Griffis at delinda.griffis@brevardfl.gov. Registration is available online at registration.brevardfl.gov.

65 YEARS ANNIVERSARY
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Holiday Art Show & Sale

Central Brevard Art Association will hold their annual Holiday Art Show & Sale on Friday, November 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 8, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Cocoa Beach Library, 550 N. Brevard Ave.

Admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit cbaaartists.com or contact Nancy Moore at nancym2017@gmail.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 the parade, use the QR code below or visit: portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/ChristmasParade2026/index.html

You can also contact Parade Coordinator Jeremy Higginbotham at: parade@PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com.

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After 36 years of serving our communities, readers now have more ways than ever to keep up with what's happening close to home. In addition to the magazine, the new HAPPENINGS website brings local news and digital Weekly editions online, with email delivery of the magazine coming in 2027.

And with HAPPENINGS now on Facebook and Instagram, community news, events and updates can reach readers wherever they like to connect.

To receive the digital edition of the HAPPENINGS magazine beginning in 2027, sign up by email at happenings1@att.net. Let us know your preferred email address.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

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Post 359 - American Legion

11-4 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.
11-7 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.
11-9 Sons of the Legion - 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.
11-15 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.
11-18 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
11-21 SAL Rib Day Ticket sale 1 p.m. Band 1-5 p.m. at the Tiki every 3rd Saturday.

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.

Light Up PSJ



Save the date for First United Methodist Church's 5th Annual Light Up PSJ! Join us on Friday, December 4, 6 p.m. at 1165 Fay Blvd., PSJ, for a family friendly evening which includes: tree lighting, crafts, concessions Santa, and more!



It's A Wonderful Life: The Musical

November 20–December 20

This holiday season, step into the timeless story that reminds us what truly matters. Rated PG, It's a Wonderful Life: The Musical brings the beloved classic to the stage with warmth, humor, and heart. Join George Bailey as he discovers the power of love, friendship and community — and how one life can make a world of difference. With dazzling music, festive spirit and an uplifting message, It's a Wonderful Life: The Musical is the perfect way to celebrate the season.

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. There is no elevator. Balcony seats are only accessed by walking up a flight of stairs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit titusvilleplayhouse.com/ or call 321-268-1125. Season tickets are available.

On the Road With Rose



Forgotten Veterans

Even though our world seems to be spiraling out of control faster and faster there are still a few things we can be sure of... People are inherently good and kindness begets kindness. This makes all the rest seem bearable. The old corny saying' "If you see someone needing a smile or hug, give them one of yours," has never been more appropriate.

"If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you're reading it in English, thank a veteran."

I'm sure I have repeated this several times, but I believe it has never been more true. Our peace and safety have always lain directly on the shoulders of our young men and women in the military and these days are no different.

Being of the Vietnam era, I clearly remember friends going to a high school dance one week and getting on a bus headed for training the next. As with any war, too many didn't come home and all who came home were never to be the same again.

Myself, friends and family make a point to thank every veteran when we spot a hat or license tag, and I love it when someone does the same to my children and grandchildren who served. I also make a point to call each of my veteran offspring to tell them thank you and I love them on Veterans Day... I'm not going to mention which one responded with, "I appreciate the thought and phone call, but it would mean a lot more if it was delivered along with a bowl of banana pudding?"

I usually buy some small flags and leave them on graves of my deceased veteran relatives and some on the surrounding graves if I see they are veterans. Feeling sad that some veterans right here in our area have been forgotten, and feeling especially drawn to the very old ones, I did some research and found Canaveral Groves cemetery and Railroad Ave. Cemetery off Canaveral Groves Blvd. Canaveral Groves Cemetery has been beautifully cleaned up and flags planted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Some of the graves date back almost to the Civil War. I could not find the Railroad Ave. Cemetery for the overgrowth.

It was just a fluke that I found Brevard Veterans Cemetery on Day Street in Titusville. Beautiful and well maintained, it sits next to what appears to be a very old Potters Field with many veteran headstones, and I'm planning to revisit this cemetery with flags, also.

There are actually quite a few very old cemeteries just within a short drive of PSJ. Lagrange-Mims Cemetery on Old Dixie Highway, Titusville, White Lily Cemetery on North Tropical Tr., Merritt Island, Indianola Pioneer Cemetery by the Barge Canal in Merritt Island - each one has graves of soldiers long forgotten.

If anyone is looking for a way to note Veterans Day, I heartily advise looking up old veterans' burial grounds and planting a few flags. I'm sure a few words to The Big Guy would be appreciated, also.

Please bring children and use the time as a teaching moment, but leave Fido at home and use pest spray. Take only pictures and leave only footprints.

4 P's of Mosquito Control

With the recent public health advisory declared by the Florida Department of Health-Brevard, we want to assure residents that Brevard County Mosquito Control consistently engages in proactive efforts countywide, including salt marsh management, larval treatments, fish stocking, aerial and truck spraying. In addition, our staff has enhanced efforts to treat mosquito populations, particularly those that can transmit diseases like West Nile.

Residents are also encouraged to protect their families and themselves from mosquitoes by practicing the four Ps of mosquito exposure:

- Prevent - Be sure to wear long sleeves and pants when you'll be outside and near mosquitos, and stay inside at dusk/dawn when mosquitos are most active
- Protect - Use Environmental Protection Agency approved mosquito repellents according to manufacturer's instructions. Products with active ingredients, like DEET, IR3535 or Picaridin are most effective.
- Patch - Ensure window and door screens are patched to prevent mosquito entry into your home, and use air conditioning if available.
- Pour - Pour any water out of vessels in your yard as any standing water can become a potential breeding ground for mosquito larvae.

MAX POWER

NASA KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

At Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, celebrate NASA's great achievements: past, present, and future. Get closer to the people, technology, and innovations shaping the future of space exploration. From thrilling live entertainment and NASA experts to interactive exhibits and unique space industry experiences, MAX POWER brings discovery to life.

During MAX POWER, go on an extraordinary journey as the visitor complex further transforms into a showcase of human ingenuity. From November 6-8, 2026, special events and experiences will spotlight the teams, technologies and visionaries behind NASA's most remarkable milestones. Enjoy a one-of-a-kind weekend featuring interactive exhibitions, meet-and-greets with experts from NASA and its commercial partners, and powerful storytelling that brings America's space program to life for all ages.

For more information, the daily schedules and ticket information, visit:

www.kennedyspacecenter.com/launches-and-events/featured-events/max-power?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sfmc&utm_campaign=20261015_ksc_ev_maxpowerpromo

Field Manor Fall Festival

Field Manor, a historic 19th century homestead, museum, and wedding/event venue on the Indian River Lagoon, is dedicated to preserving Florida's pioneer past and providing education about East Central Florida native inhabitants and early settlers' culture and customs. To further this mission, Field Manor Foundation continues the Field family tradition to host a community event every fall and spring.

Field Manor's 2026 Fall Festival Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 1:00-6:00 p.m., at the Manor (the original Field homestead property), located at 750 Field Manor Dr., Merritt Island. All funds raised at the event will go toward the ongoing preservation and restoration efforts of the Manor, which will help to safeguard the homestead and protect the artifact collection for years to come.

The popular Brevard County band St. John's Wood will entertain with live music from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Local food trucks Nitro Sushi, Indian River Smokehouse, IDK Food Truck, and Fruity Licks will offer a variety of sweet and savory food options; and the vendor market will showcase an array of locally grown and hand-made products from popular vendors. Beer sponsor Hidden Level Brewery will be serving their locally brewed craft beers. (Additional wine, seltzer, and beer options will be available at the Field Manor bar.) There will also be museum tours and a 50/50 cash raffle.

Limited table seating will be available under the pavilion for dining, but guests are encouraged to bring their chairs or picnic blankets so they can relax on the lawn and enjoy the day's festivities.

"We are looking forward to our second Fall Festival and first time being joined by St. John's Wood," said Korinn Braden, Executive Director at Field Manor. "We can't wait for another day filled with great music and good food, showcasing local vendors and fellow non-profit organizations. We are also very excited for everyone to see our shiny new roof and the other improvements at the Manor that were made possible by donations, grants, and community support."

Presale tickets for admission, drinks, raffles and museum tours are now available: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-fall-festival-fundraiser. Presale admission tickets are only a $10 donation. Day-of admission tickets will be $20. Drink tickets can be purchased for $5/ticket or $20/5 tickets. (Remember to bring your ID for drink ticket purchases.) Cash is preferred for day-of purchases, but credit cards are accepted. (Processing fees will apply.)

No outside food/beverages, tents, canopies or pets permitted.

Field Manor Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit focused on preserving and restoring their structures and property with the mission to educate the community about the experience of living in Florida over the past 100+ years. Donations and fundraisers are pivotal for their future.

For more information, contact Tristann Jones, Director of Marketing and Events at 321-765-3745 or t.jones@fieldmanor.org.

Get more information about Fall Festival and other events at fieldmanor.org.

Is Off Really 'Off?'

Don't Let Phantoms Take Over

Many electronics keep drawing power even when they're turned off. With energy costs on everyone's mind, people want to know which efforts are worth their time. Something most of us never think about – those devices that seem "off" but are still plugged in.

Here's what most people don't realize: those "sleeping" plugged-in devices are costing you money right now, even while you're reading this.

Right now, devices throughout your home are quietly using electricity even though they appear to be off. Your cable box is maintaining its settings. Your coffee maker's digital clock is glowing. Your phone charger is warm to the touch even with nothing plugged into it. These phantom energy users - what we call vampire loads - can account for 5-10% of your monthly electric bill.

The biggest standby power users in your home:

- Entertainment systems are usually the worst offenders. Cable boxes, gaming consoles and sound systems stay in standby mode 24/7, ready to respond instantly when you grab the remote.
- Kitchen appliances with digital displays - coffee makers, microwaves, etc. - keep those clocks running and displays lit at all times.
- Chargers and power adapters continue drawing power whether your devices are connected or not. That warm laptop charger sitting on your desk? It's using electricity even when your laptop is nowhere near it.
- Printers and computer equipment maintain network connections and stay ready for wireless printing commands, even in "sleep" mode.

Here are some smart strategies that work. You don't need to crawl around unplugging everything as soon as you're done using it. Focus on the moves that make the biggest difference:

- Use power strips for entertainment centers. Plug your cable box, gaming console and sound system into one strip and flip the switch when you're done watching TV. Cable boxes and gaming consoles typically use much more standby power than smaller devices.
- Unplug occasional-use items. That coffee maker, toaster oven or printer doesn't need to stay plugged in 24/7 if you only use it once a day.
- Check your chargers. Unplug phone, laptop and tablet chargers when you're not actively charging something.

Track your actual usage. FPL's free Energy Manager tool - www.fpl.com/landing/energy-manager.html - shows you when your energy usage spikes throughout the day, so you can identify which changes can make a difference in your home. You don't need to unplug everything, but targeting the right devices can reduce that phantom energy waste without turning it into a daily chore. For more ways to reduce energy use and save, visit:

www.fpl.com/save/lower-my-bill.html.

Big thank you to FPL for the information. There are more tips for rebates on new AC systems and ways to reduce your monthly power bills at www.fpl.com.

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

11-4 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

11-11 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

11-12 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Annette Norris.

11-14 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. President Mike Brayman.

11-14 Bike Day! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

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.

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, FL) 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 17832-1.portal.athenahealth.com/.

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**
- **Pharmacy Technicians**
- **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.

Be A Part of Something Special.
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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.**

11-1 All Saints Day

11-1 Daylight Saving Time Ends

11-2 All Souls Day

11-3 Election Day

11-3 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.

11-4 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.

11-4 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

1-7 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1 - 5:00 p.m., 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.

11-8 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.

11-11 Veterans Day

11-12 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.

11-12 North Brevard Parks and Recreation meets at 4 p.m. at 518 South Palm Ave., Titusville. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

11-13 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.

11-21 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.

11-16 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.

11-18 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.

11-24 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.

11-26 THANKSGIVING!

11-28 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.

11-29 Advent Begins

11-30 Feast Day of St. Andrew



Car Shows In PSJ

First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be hosting a Car Show each month. The Dixie Cruisers will be at our church, 3900 Fay Blvd., on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m.

You are welcome to come and view the cars on display. There is no entry fee. 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. or visit www.firstbaptistpsj.org.

Congratulations to:

Nathan Piazza for completing Army Basic Training.

Trey Darville turns **18** on the 1st.

Elias Bennett turns **9** on the 1st!

Heather Burris turns **32** on the 5th.

Steve Sweeney turns wilder on the 5th.

Richard Ebbensgard turns 63 on the 6th.

Nicole Crouse turns prettier on the 7th.

Joey Hilde turns **35** on the 9th.

Doreen Erickson turns cuter on the 12th.

Kayla Erff is more lovely on the 12th.

Mary Prentiss turns **35** on the 12th.

Chelsea Balparda turns **34** on the 13th.

Tyler Thomas turns **29** on the 13th.

James Maxwell turns crazier on the 13th.

Rita Stanton the Queen on the 14th.

Dawn Niehoff gets kisses on the 15th.

Shiloh Davenport turns 9 on the 15th

Anthony Wagner turns **20** on the 15th.

Makaylee Orend rules the world on the 16th.

David Erickson turns stronger on the 16th.

Jennifer DiCandio gets spanked on the 18th.

Tyler Mangiacapra turns **32** on the 19th.

Joe Guarine turns **61** on the 19th.

Fred Bradshaw has a party day on the 19th.

Cassie Lyerly turns **29** on the 20th.

Olivia Brackin turns **32** on the 20th.

Cathryn Santoso turns **36** on the 21st.

Amy Arnone turns **46** on the 22nd.

Kristin Svandrlik turns **27** on the 22nd.

Holly Turner parties wild on the 23rd.

Aurora Mayfield is the Boss on the 23rd.

Christopher Allison turns **23** on the 25th.

Saylor Pierce turns **1** year old on the 26th.

Kim Tyner turns more amazing l on the 28th.

Aaron Patrinostro turns **43** on the 29th.

Deborah Pierce turns **74** on the 30th.

Roger and Jennifer Brunet celebrate their **21st** anniversary on the 6th.

Kurt and Linda Bird celebrate **54 years** on the 12th.

Jeff & Betty Couch celebrate their **45th** anniversary on the 15th.

David and Laura Keefe celebrate **33** years on the 15th.

Mark and Helen Dezendorf will have been happily married for **46** years on the 16th.

An event or birthday to add? Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.

NOVEMBER 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, Parrish Health Village
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
931 N. Washington Avenue, Titusville
Contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800

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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I want to thank all the people who came down to Four Communities Fire Department for their 75th Anniversary. A lot of information was communicated about the fire department. Remember they are always looking for volunteers. The little kids had a great time with coloring books, pencils, getting rubber fire ducks and getting inside the engine.

Remember, we are going into the dry season which will increase the fire danger, so please be careful with all types of fire. However, we are still in hurricane season. We still need to keep all the ditches clean to help prevent flooding if there is a storm.

Please be careful cooking during the holiday season because it is the season when most household fires happen. The major causes are improper wiring of lights and cooking fires.

The City of Cocoa seems to be adding more and more industrial buildings and complexes on the south end of Grissom Parkway. Since these complexes are in the City of Cocoa, there is nothing the county can do about it. When these complexes are completed, it will cause a lot more traffic on Grissom and decisions will need to be made about widening Grissom Parkway.

Remember to vote on November 3rd from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the candidate of your choice and please look over the amendments carefully and decide.

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North Brevard Art League Artisan Market

North Brevard Holiday Artisan Market is bringing local art, handmade gifts & holiday spirit to Titusville. Get a head start on holiday shopping while supporting local artists and makers on Saturday, November 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, November 15, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the North Brevard Art League, 1421 Draa Road. Admission and parking are free.

The Holiday Artisan Market will bring together talented local artists, artisans and makers offering an inviting selection of original art, handcrafted gifts and one-of-a-kind creations. Shoppers can meet the people behind the work and find distinctive holiday gifts while supporting artists and small creative businesses in the community.

The festivities will extend beyond the studio, with SB Meatery Food Truck and local nonprofit organizations and vendors participating outside, giving visitors even more to see, enjoy and discover throughout the weekend.

From original artwork and handcrafted décor to creative gifts and locally made treasures, the market will offer something for a variety of tastes and budgets. It's also a wonderful opportunity to discover the creativity found right here in North Brevard.

The weekend event is hosted by the North Brevard Art League, a longtime part of Titusville's arts community dedicated to encouraging artists, promoting the visual arts and providing opportunities for people to experience and enjoy art for over sixty years.

For more information, contact Vicki Oster at 614-313-8386 or email:
northbrevardartleague@gmail.com

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

NARFE Space Coast Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. Our new location is the Red Lobster, 215 E Merritt Island Causeway, (SR 520), Merritt Island. The November meeting will be on the 9th. 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.

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Holiday Library Hours

The Library will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day.

The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

ADULTS

Community Support Advocate: Mondays, November 9 & 23, 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.

PSJ Card Making Club: Tuesday, November 10, 1 p.m. – 2 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.

Yarn Group of PSJ Library: Fridays in November, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The yarn group is a group of adults that enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome.

Port Readers Book Club: Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a lively discussion of Salt: A World History by Mark Kurlansky.

Book Worms Book Club: Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a lively discussion about the book Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck.

FAMILY

Holiday Ornament Bedazzle Event: Wednesday, November 4, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, November 10, 17, 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Free Event. Come and bedazzle your own holiday ornament. Supplies and refreshments provided. This program is designed for ages 12 and up with adult super vision.

YOUTH SERVICES

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.

Teen Takeover: Junk Journaling: November 4 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Ages 13-17.

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays from 9:30-10:00 a.m. On November 16, class will begin at 10:00 a.m. Ages 0-1.

Story Time with Ms. Jo: November 16 from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Ages 0-5.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Ages 0-5. No class on November 26.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Ages 3-5. No class on November 26.

Playdate: Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00-10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ages 0-5. No class on November 26.

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As the holiday season approaches, St. Patrick's Anglican Church welcomes a time of thanksgiving, fellowship and joyful anticipation. November offers wonderful opportunities to strengthen friendships, serve our neighbors and share God's love throughout our community.

We begin the month by celebrating All Saints' Day on November 1st and observing All Souls' Day on November 2nd, remembering the faithful who have gone before us. Our Sunday School students continue exploring the lives of the Saints, learning valuable lessons about faith, courage and service. Adults are invited to join Fr. Michael Kerouac's study of the Gospel of Matthew each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Dorman Hall. All are welcome!

Our community fellowship continues with First Friday Family Fun Day on November 6th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and our Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group on Thursday, November 12th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Both gatherings offer opportunities to make new friends and enjoy time together.

As we honor our nation's veterans this month, we invite veterans, first responders, adult crossing guards and community members to our monthly Veterans Breakfast on Saturday, November 28th, at 9:00 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast and warm fellowship.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, we will gather for a special 11:00 a.m. worship service, followed by Thanksgiving dinner. Whether you are new to the community or simply looking for a welcoming place to celebrate, we would love to have you join us.

Looking ahead, our 7th Annual Cookie Walk and Vendor Fair will take place Saturday, December 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy homemade cookies sold by the pound, local vendors, unique holiday gifts and a visit from Santa!

Our regular worship services are Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. As Advent begins November 29th, we invite you to prepare your hearts with us for the celebration of Christ's birth.

From our parish family to yours, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyful Advent season!

St. Patrick's Anglican Church
4797 Curtis Boulevard, Port St. John
www.stpatrickspsj.org

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2026 at 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 information about speaking at the meeting, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

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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
Atlantis Elementary School -	321-633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
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Monthly Tax Update

The month of November is here, and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a great Thanksgiving dinner with loved ones and friends.

I bring an update on Trump accounts, contributions and retirement accounts for U.S. citizen children under the age of 18 who have a Social Security number. This account will receive contributions from parents, legal guardians, family or friends to contribute up to $5,000 per year per child. Employers can contribute up to $2,500 per year.

Due to the Trump Account's characteristics, people are concerned about how this will affect the gift tax exclusion and whether it will be required to file Form 709, Gift Tax Return. IRS Rev. Pro. 2026-25 provides a gift tax safe harbor for certain individuals who contribute to Trump Accounts established under §530A. The characteristic of the Gift is that the beneficiary can use the Gift immediately without restriction, whereas the Trump Accounts are restricted. Because the beneficiary cannot immediately access the contributed funds, questions arose as to whether a gift of a future interest does not qualify for the annual gift tax exclusion and generally must be reported on Form 709, even when no gift tax is due. For 2026, the annual exclusion is $19,000 per recipient.

IRS evaluated, rather than requiring millions of donors to file gift tax returns for small contributions, the IRS created a limited administrative safe harbor. The revenue procedure does not broadly state that every contribution to a Trump Account is a present-interest gift. Instead, it treats the contribution as a present-interest gift only when the donor satisfies each safe harbor requirement. Here are the conditions for qualifying:

- The donor must be an individual
- Contributions must be made in cash, by check or by money order

The donor's total gifts to each beneficiary, including the Trump, must not exceed the annual gift tax exclusion. Example: For 2026, Paula contributes $5,000 to Trump Accounts established for each of her two grandchildren, Julia and Robert. She also gives Julia an additional $12,000 in cash. Paula's total gifts to Julia are $17,000, which is below the annual exclusion. If Paula satisfies the other safe harbor requirements, the two Trump Account contributions qualify for the safe harbor and she is not required to file Form 709. But if Paula gives Julia an extra $15,000, her total 2026 gifts to Paula are $20,000,

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which exceeds the annual exclusion. She must file Form 709 and report Trump Account contributions for Julia and Robert.

Summary: Individuals' cash-only contributions qualify. Non-cash contributions, like stocks, must be reported on Form 709.

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.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - November 11th - 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.

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