

City of Satellite Beach

BEACHCASTER

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City's recreation programs busier than ever!

Did you know that our Recreation Department programs have hosted approximately 1,000 participants per week this summer? In addition to the benefits of keeping this many people active, more than 35 middle and high school volunteers helped instructors with camps and classes and received much-needed community-service hours. Summer programs also provided opportunities for intergenerational programs and improved our City's relationships with area businesses and schools through shared facilities and program sponsorships.

As summer comes to an end and our children return to school, the Recreation Department will continue to offer activities to keep them busy! Some of our fall classes will include **dance, science, Tae Kwon Do, and tennis**. In addition, new programs will be scheduled, including "Kidding Around Yoga," which was previously held at the Satellite Beach Public Library and will now be held at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse. This fun yoga class for children will be taught by instructor Eden Cook, with kids learning proper yoga poses, mindfulness, kindness, focus, and relaxation through activities, songs, movement, and stories.

Want to start the fall with a commitment to better health? Our Recreation Department offers nine different types of **adult exercise programs!**

- **High energy classes** include Zumba, Piloxing (mixture of Pilates, boxing, and dance), Bokwa (cardio workout), and jazzercise. "Have Fun, Stay Fit" is a class combining weights, floor exercise, and cardio.
- For **low-impact workouts**, many seniors choose the "3-H" (Happy, Healthy, Heart) Program, which includes stretching, weights, and a short cardio component. We also offer Zumba Gold (Zumba for seniors), Bone Walkers (osteoporosis-safe exercise), line dancing, and an indoor walking program.

Another popular fall activity will be the **Rhythm in Motion** dance program, offering **youth classes** in ballet, hip hop, lyrical, tap, jazz, and acrobatics. **Adult classes** will



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be offered in ballet and tap. Returning students can sign up on Monday, August 11, from 3 to 6pm. New students can sign up beginning Tuesday, August 12, at 8:30am.

In addition, we are welcoming three new instructors this fall:

- **Laura Sauer** will teach Theatre Workshop for Youth (ages 5 to 12), preparing them for the classic holiday special *Frosty the Snowman*.
- **Casey Dodd** will teach a new music class entitled PERC UP! This class introduces youth to the world of music through quirky and fun percussion instruments.
- **Yost Beres** will offer one of our highly-popular Creative Playtime classes specifically for Spanish-speaking families.

For additional recreation programs, see Recreation News in this Beachcaster. Our Recreation Department now offers **on-line registration** and accepts **credit cards!**

City sees increase in illegal dumping

There has been a sharp increase in illegal dumping at our parks, beach parking lots, and dumpsters behind City buildings. This includes items such as excessive yard debris, construction debris, furniture, televisions, couches, old computers, hot tubs, appliances, and mattresses. Public Works recently had to remove two hot tubs abandoned in a residential neighborhood.

Illegal dumping is especially pronounced behind the DRS Community Center, where it affects Recreation Department operations. To correct this, the City will be closely monitoring this property for violators.

Waste Management is our solid waste contractor responsible for removing bulky items. Items that don't fit into curbside containers require a phone call from the owner to schedule a separate pick-up for heavier equipment to be used. **The phone number for Waste Management is (321) 723-4455.**



Illegal dumping behind DRS Community Center.

Waste Management will remove such items within one week. Our current trash pick-up schedule is:

- **Recyclables and Yard Debris** every **Monday**,
- **Trash** every **Tuesday and Friday**.



We ask for your assistance in keeping our City beautiful. No one should be using dumpsters that are not associated with your property or business. Illegal dumping causes safety risks to our residents and places an additional burden on our taxpayers. If you witness illegal dumping or property abandonment, contact the **Satellite Beach Police Department** at **773-4400** to report this crime.



Proper disposal of large waste items.

City is on Facebook!

Did you know that the City is on Facebook? **Like** one or all of these pages and get regular updates on the City:

City Manager: www.facebook.com/SatBchCM
 Fire Department: www.facebook.com/satellitebeachfire
 Recreation Department: www.facebook.com/satellitebeachrecreation
 Police Department: www.facebook.com/satellitebeachpolicedepartment

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Tips from Chief Pearson...

Beware of phone and internet scams!



While most of us know that if something sounds too good to be true, it's most likely some type of scam. Yet people throughout Brevard County are getting scammed out of hundreds of thousands of dollars every day. Our Police Department wants our residents to be aware of common scams that we witness on a regular basis:

1. A caller claims to be a grandchild in some type of trouble after being arrested abroad. They ask the target victim not to call their parents or they will be in more trouble, and then they beg for help with bail and fine money. Many grandparents become victim to this scam, because it arouses their compassionate feelings for their grandchildren. The target then wires the money to Somalia or another foreign country, as directed, to a fictitious name and account that are practically untraceable. If the scammer calls 100 people a day, he needs to get only one with a grandchild for the story to work. Once the money is gone, it's almost always unrecoverable.
2. The newest scam our Department has been dealing with, as recently as two weeks ago, is the IRS tax scam. The caller will sound very official and say he's an IRS investigator and the target victim owes back-taxes that must be paid immediately to avoid an arrest warrant. The caller can be very aggressive, demanding that money be wired. This money ends up going through multiple channels and, again, is almost impossible to trace.

Precious-metal scams are also on the rise, although we haven't had any reports yet in Satellite Beach. A fake company representative offers gold or silver and may even send fancy reading materials/pamphlets. The target victim believes he's investing in the precious metal, and the entire operation ends up a scam.

To protect yourself from scams, remember this:

- NEVER WIRE MONEY unless you personally know the recipient.
- ALWAYS STAY INFORMED of the most recent scams, and don't allow yourself to become a victim.
- If it doesn't sound right, STOP AND CALL THE POLICE for guidance.

For further information, check out these web resources:

<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud/seniors>

<http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2560>

Police Department to promote bicycle safety

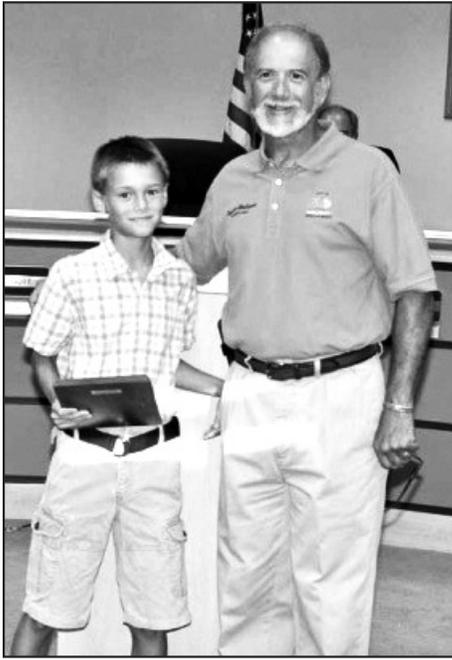
Our Police Department will kick off a bike-safety campaign in mid-August to coincide with kids going back to school. The campaign's goals are to educate riders and parents about Florida's bike laws and promote safe-riding behaviors. Police Officers and School Crossing Guards will be a big part of the campaign, along with our two elementary schools and Brevard County.

Police Officers and School Crossing Guards will be looking for unsafe practices, such as not wearing a helmet or wearing it improperly, not stopping at stop signs, and towing (allowing a passenger to ride on the bike). Unsafe riders will be stopped and informed of violations, either verbally or with a written warning by a Police Officer. Children

under 16 years of age are required not only to wear a bike helmet, but to have it securely fastened to their head.

Surfside and Holland Elementary Schools will be participating in "Ride Your Bike to School Day" which is a countywide initiative that will take place in May 2015. During that time, Brevard County will conduct bike-helmet surveys to rate Satellite students on compliance with properly wearing a bike helmet. Our goal is a compliance rate of 90% or higher.

Finally, at our elementary schools we plan to host Bike Rodeos, which will allow students to participate in hands-on riding activities, gain additional bike-safety tips, and register their bikes with our Department.



Council recognizes youth volunteer Ethan Shoda

On June 2, 2014, our City Council recognized 11-year-old Ethan Shoda for his leadership in monthly beach clean-up efforts at Pelican Beach Park. Ethan organizes each clean-up by making phone calls, sending emails, and passing out fliers. Developing an interest while running with his mom, Kathy, Ethan started participating in beach clean-ups organized by Judy de la Rosa. When Ethan was just nine years old, Ms. de la Rosa retired and Ethan and his mom assumed her role. At this July's clean-up, Ethan organized a group of 50 people! Ethan is involved in many activities, including other organized clean-up efforts. Way to go, Ethan!

Councilman Montanaro congratulates youth volunteer Ethan Shoda.

Voter information for 2014 election

Voter Registration

- ✓ To be eligible to vote, you must file a voter registration form with the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections (SOE).
- ✓ First-time registrants must file a voter registration form with their original signature (no faxes), as required by Florida Statutes 97.053.
- ✓ Voters needing to update their information can fill out a voter registration form or go online at www.votebrevard.com/Voter-Information/Update-Your-Registration.aspx.
- ✓ Voter registration forms are available at City Hall (565 Cassia Boulevard), the Satellite Beach Public Library (751 Jamaica Boulevard), or online at www.votebrevard.com/Voter-Information/Register-to-Vote.aspx.
- ✓ Residents needing further assistance can contact the City Clerk's office at 321-773-4407 or the SOE's office at 321-255-4455 (Melbourne Office located at 1515 Sarno Road).

All voter registration forms must be submitted to the SOE by October 6, 2014.

Ballots by Mail

Voters can request a mail ballot from the SOE's office or go online at www.votebrevard.com/Ballots-by-Mail/Request-a-Mail-Ballot.aspx.

Early Voting

The early voting period is **October 25 through November 1:**

- Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm, **and**
- Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 4pm.

Early voting locations are the following:

- **Kiwanis Island Park** (951 Kiwanis Island Park Road)
- **Max K. Rodes Park** (3410 Flanagan Avenue)
- **Melbourne Beach Community Center** (509 Ocean Avenue)
- **Melbourne Public Library** (540 E. Fee Avenue)
- **Palm Bay Elections Office** (450 Cogan Drive SE)
- **Space Coast Association of Realtors** (1450 Sarno Road)
- **Titusville Elections Office** (400 South Street)
- **Viera Community Center** (2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way)



Upcoming events...

Mobile Food Vendors at Pelican Beach Park. The City of Satellite Beach is accepting **applications** from qualified vendors **to provide mobile food/beverage services at Pelican Beach Park.** The City has implemented a permit process to select up to four mobile vendors to serve customers for short periods throughout the day. Based on an applicant's ability to meet City requirements, including a Law Enforcement Level 2 background check, one-year permits will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis. The "Application for Mobile Food Vending Services at Pelican Beach Park" can be viewed at www.satellitebeachfl.org or can be picked up at the Recreation Department. The application, along with a \$150 non-refundable application fee, must be submitted to the Satellite Beach Recreation Department, 1089 S. Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 (phone 773-6458).

Councilman Mark Brimer's Town Hall Meeting. On **Thursday, August 28, 7pm, at City Hall Council Chamber**, Councilman Brimer will provide an update on recent Council decisions and the Communities for a Lifetime (CFAL) initiative. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn what's new in our City. Please bring your ideas and questions to this informative meeting.

City Hall Closing on Labor Day. In observance of Labor Day on **Monday, September 1**, City Hall will be closed. However, **yard waste and recycling WILL BE collected** that day.

Budget Public Hearings. Preparations are underway for the City's **FY 2014/15 Budget.** Before the final budget is adopted, the City Council will hold **two public hearings** on **September 3** and **September 17** at **7:00pm** in the **City Hall Council Chamber.** Residents are encouraged to attend and provide their input.

Satellite Beach Woman's Club:

- **Next Meeting:** To be held on **Monday, September 15, 2014, at 10 am, at Pelican Beach Club House.** Guest speaker will be Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey, who will speak about "Myths & Facts of Marijuana." Seating is limited, so please call 773-2743 and reserve a seat.
- **Candidates Forum:** SBWC will host this forum on **Monday, October 20, 2014, at 7pm**, in the **Civic Center** at 565 Cassia Boulevard. City residents are invited to attend and get to know this year's candidates.
- **Founder's Day Market Place:** SBWC will host this annual event on **November 1, 2014, from 9am to 3pm.** They are looking for vendors to fill inside and outside spaces for this exciting and special day. If you are interested in being a vendor, please call Vendor Chair Jeanne Roach at 779-3384 or email her at jeanroa7@aol.com.

Upcoming renewals...

- **Alarm Permits:** City Code requires all alarm-system users to submit a City application form for an alarm permit. All permit holders must update their forms every year and return them to City Hall **by September 30.**
- **Local Business Tax Receipts:** Florida Statutes and the City Code require each business in the City to obtain a Local Business Tax Receipt each year. Renewal notices were mailed to all businesses on July 1st and are due **by September 30.**

Contact the City Clerk's office with any questions (321-773-4407). Forms may be obtained at City Hall, 565 Cassia Boulevard, or online at www.satellitebeachfl.org.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 4, 2014

- Presented Florida League of Cities Certificate of Recognition to Councilman Dominick Montanaro for advocating for cities before the Florida Legislature as a member of the Space Coast Advocacy Team.
- Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Jane Mandeville for 21 Years of Exemplary Service on City's Beautification Board.
- Approved agreement with FDOT to compensate City for maintenance of traffic signals on State roads in the City.

JUNE 18, 2014

- Received presentation from Brevard County Property Appraiser Dana Blickley.
- Approved revised Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning and School Concurrency (with Brevard County School Board).
- Accepted results of City Manager's annual evaluation.

JULY 2, 2014

- Meeting Canceled

JULY 16, 2014

- Approved 524 sq. ft. easement to Brevard County for lift station access at Hightower Beach Park.
- Approved renewal of School Resource Officer Agreement with Brevard County School Board.
- Adopted Ordinance #1093 allowing mobile food vending in Pelican Beach Park; approved Resolution #951 approving application form and fee for mobile food vendors.
- Adopted Ordinance #1094 amending City's Comprehensive Plan to include "complete streets" goals, objectives, and policies.

Thank you... Satellite Beach Woman's Club

This year, the Satellite Beach Woman's Club (SBWC) is celebrating 50 years of devoted service to our community, and we want to say thanks!

Since they began in 1964, SBWC members have worked diligently to help a wide variety of charitable, educational, and civic causes, including the City itself. Their service programs focus on the arts, conservation, education, home life, international outreach, and public issues.

SBWC contributions have been too numerous to list, but the following are some examples:

- Helped the SB Police Department with their **1964 Bicycle Safety Campaign**, putting 940 children through a bicycle-testing program, registering the bicycles, distributing safety fliers, and posting 15 "Caution, Bicycle Route" signs (the first such signs in Brevard County). For this effort, SBWC received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs.
- Helped establish the **City's first public library** in 1966 at the original Civic Center/Library complex, with members stocking shelves with over 4,000 books donated by residents, serving as the original Library Board, and working as Library volunteers.
- Helped our recreation facilities at **Pelican Beach Park** (playground equipment, trees, flag pole, paved parking lot, and land purchase), **DeSoto Park** (playground and other equipment), **Hightower Beach Park** (emergency call button), **ballfields** (bleachers), and **gameroom** (equipment).
- Helped with other City costs (U.S. flag and furnishings at the **Municipal Complex**, repair/replacement of **dune crossovers** following hurricane damage, and **Fire Department** Advanced Life Support equipment).
- Helped our **schools** through mentoring, supplies for teachers, landscaping, band uniforms, awards for graduating seniors, and restoration of SHS's astronomy observatory.
- Supported countless organizations for the arts, the schools, and animals and people in need of help (including our veterans, the disabled, and the homeless) throughout Brevard County.

In addition, SBWC is well-known for its **Candidates Forum** each City-election year and its **Founder's Day Market Place** which is the focal point of Founder's Day festivities each November.

SBWC meets on the **3rd Monday of each month** (except July and August) at **10 a.m.**, usually at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse. If you want to be part of one of our City's most valuable assets and enjoy worthwhile social activities, contact Membership Chair Betsy Pastoor at 622-5277 or show up at one of their meetings. New members are always welcome.

City to host schools' sales-tax forum

Our City Council has invited Dr. Brian Binggeli, Superintendent of Brevard County Schools, to make a presentation to the community regarding the School Board's proposed half-cent sales-tax referendum. Because our schools are a major draw for our City and contribute to our quality of life, Council wanted all residents to have the opportunity to learn why our School Board will place this referendum on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 election. Please attend this important forum to help you make an informed decision. **The Schools' Half-Cent Sales-Tax Referendum Forum** will be held on **August 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the David R. Schechter Community Center.**

55+ Club

The 55+ Club is for folks 55 years and older. Members stay active in the community by participating in the Club's many events. In addition to those highlighted below, there are gatherings for lunch, movie nights, mahjonn, and chess. Many members enjoy our various day trips and even an occasional extended trip. For more information about the 55+ Club, please contact Marty Hindsley at 777-8313 or mhindsley@yahoo.com. Activities are also listed on the Club website at www.55plusclubofsb.com

- **BINGO MONDAYS**, 11am-1:30pm (doors open at 9:30am) at the Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd. Members only and bingo card fees apply. Contact Louise T. at 773-3160.
- **CARDS & GAMES**, Thursdays, 9am-3pm, at the DRS Community Center, 1089 So. Patrick Drive.
- **COUPON GROUP**, 3rd Wednesday each month, 2-3pm, at the Satellite Beach Public Library. Contact Terry at 773-7705.
- **THE DINNER GANG**, 1st Tuesday every other month, 5:30pm. Locations vary. Contact Floss at 773-6073.
- **EARLY BIRD DINING & DANCING**, 2nd Wednesday, 5pm, at Neptune Grill. Contact Joan at 777-0238.
- **FISHING CLUB**, 2nd Thursday each month, 1pm. Contact Gene at 773-4647.
- **INDOOR WALKING GROUP**, Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 8-10am, in the DRS Community Center Gym. Free! No walking on certain holidays; times vary in summer.
- **TRAVEL GROUP: Day Trips**, contact Terry at 773-7705; for **Extended Trips** (overnight), contact Jill at 773-2080.

ADULTS

■ **Tuesdays 12:30-3:30pm and Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm, SHINE counselors** will assist seniors and the disabled with Medicare and Medicaid questions. Free one-on-one confidential counseling. Contact SHINE at 426-0261 or Shinesbpubliclibrary@gmail.com. Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) is offered free by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

■ **Friday, August 1 at 1:00pm – Friends of the Library Book Sort.** Looking for volunteers to help sort donations for the mini book sale on September 6. Meet in the community room.

About the LIBRARY

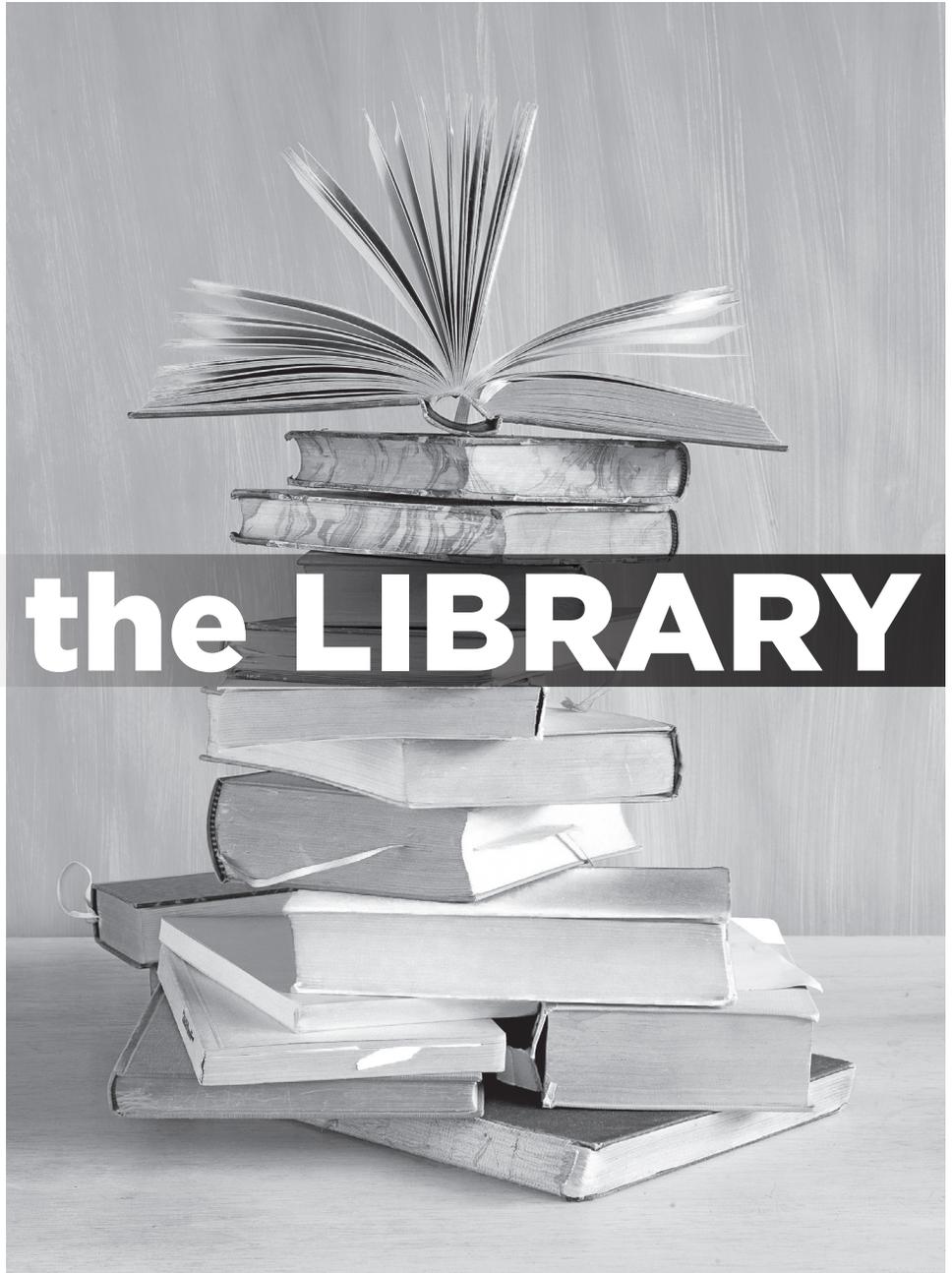
■ **Tuesday, August 5 or August 19 at 1:00pm – How To Use Your Smartphone.** Limited to 20 participants. \$5 per class. To pre-register, call Barb at 591-7669.

■ **Monday, August 18 at 2:00pm – Estate Planning, Probate and VA Benefits** by the Law Office of Amy Jackson. Call 345-5945 or chris@amybjackson.com for information.

■ **Saturday, August 23 at 1:30pm – Turtle Talk.** Presented by the Sea Turtle Preservation Society (STPS). A basic overview of sea turtle species and a prerequisite for those interested in participating in STPS programs. Register at <http://www.seaturtlespacecoast.org/get-involved/turtletalks/> or call 676-1701.

■ **Friday, August 29 at 1:00pm – Design and make beaded jewelry** in a 2-hour workshop. Cost is \$10-15, which includes all materials, tools, and instruction. Contact Normandie & Nancy at 225-1394.

■ **Friends of the Library Quilt Raffle** – The quilt will be on display in the circulation display case in September. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn during the October 11 Garage Sale; you do not need to be present to win.

**CHILDREN**

■ **September 4 at 11:00am and 3:30pm – Alphabet Adventures.** For ages 3-5. No registration required.

■ **Monday, August 4 at 2:00pm – Meet the Space Coast Therapy Dogs.** For ages 5 and up. Ticket required; pick up one in Youth Services.

■ **Monday, August 18 at 3:00pm – Rave About Your Fave.** Sunshine State Book Club (Grades 3-6). Discuss your favorite SSYRA books over snacks.

TEENS (Ages 12-18)

■ **Saturday, August 2 at 2:00pm – Honor Esther Day 2014 with friendship bracelets.** Help plan Teen Read Week.

■ **Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00pm – Teen Book Club. The Giver by Lois Lowry.** Read the book before you see the movie.

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Recreation News

“Precious Mammaries 5K” on October 4

Satellite Beach Recreation is teaming up with New Balance Melbourne to host our second 5K Run/Walk event, Precious Mammaries 5K! This event is runner- and walker-friendly for all ages and kicks off at the **DRS Community Center at 7:30am**. Proceeds will benefit the Cancer Care Centers Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to cancer patients and their families in Brevard County. Entry fee includes a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Satellite Beach Lions Club. Place medals will be awarded to the Top 3 Males and Females in each age group, Top 3 Finishers Overall, and Top 3 Teams. Goodie bags will be provided to all registrants. Sign up early to receive a race shirt. Sponsorship packages are available if you would like to help offset race costs (contact Jacqueline at 773-6458). Visit www.runningzone.com/calendar2 to sign up online or stop by the DRS Community Center for a registration form. Early registration (prior to October 4) is \$20. Race day entry is \$25.



Facility Highlight: Pelican Beach Park

It's not too late to book your picnic at one of the beautiful pavilions at Pelican Beach Park. Many, many groups this summer have spent a special day at Pelican, enjoying the life-guarded beach, volleyball courts, and playground. Pelican Beach has four dune crossovers, one of which is handicapped accessible. The Satellite Beach Fire Department has a “beach wheelchair” that can be borrowed and used at Pelican Beach (call the Fire Department at 773-4405 to make arrangements). To inquire about renting a pavilion, call the Satellite Beach Recreation Department at 773-6458.

Satellite Beach “Cares for a Cure”

Join with the Satellite Beach Fire and Recreation Departments for these fun-filled family events to support the Melbourne Chapter of “Breast Friends,” a local nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for female cancer patients.

• **Food Truck Bazaar & FREE Movie Night** will be held on **Saturday, October 11**, at the **DRS Community Center**. Food trucks will be at the

event from **5-8pm!** Vendors may include Monsta Lobsta, Kona Dog, Up in Smoke BBQ, and Mayan Grill (vendors subject to change). There'll be music and fun activities for kids prior to the movie at dusk to round out this family night.

• **Ping Pong Ball Drop** – Join us **November 1 at Satellite Beach Founder's Day** as ping pong balls are dropped from high atop the Fire Truck ladder. Lucky winners based on where the balls land will receive prizes from local businesses, including a Ride to School on a Satellite Beach Fire Truck! Ping Pong balls will be available for sale beginning **October 1** for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 at the Satellite Beach Recreation Department.

For further details on either event or on how you can be a sponsor, contact the SB Recreation Department at 773-6458.

Find out more details about these and all of our Fall programs at www.satellitebeachfl.org or pick up a Fall 2014 Activity Brochure at the Recreation Office or other City facilities and various local businesses.