

City of Satellite Beach

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From the Council Desk

by Councilwoman Lorraine Gott

Known as the city "Where Progress Prevails," Satellite Beach is moving forward once again. It has been gratifying to pursue a common vision over the past two years with our Council, City Manager, staff, and residents. With stability now restored to our City, we've been focusing on our most challenging issues, such as these:

- ★ Putting our **finances** back in order, rebuilding reserves from nothing two years ago to over \$1 million by the end of this fiscal year.
- ★ Reorganizing staff, outsourcing where profitable, changing insurance providers, addressing employee healthcare, and updating technology to **improve services** while **cutting costs**.
- ★ Developing plans and funding sources to solve intractable **stormwater and infrastructure** problems.
- ★ Guided by residents' input, addressing **environmental sustainability**, as well as **community resiliency** to help us recover quickly from natural hazards (hurricanes, flooding, storm surge, coastal erosion, et al.).
- ★ Giving new direction to our **Redevelopment District** to ensure that the most enhancing projects are completed and redevelopment is ended within five years.

Results of our planning are already evident. Dramatic improvements to Shell Street are underway. Roosevelt Avenue will be reconstructed early next year, and 2016 will bring major A1A improvements, repaved City streets, and additional stormwater and redevelopment projects.

Because improving **communication with our residents and businesses** is also a top priority, we have resumed our **Beachcaster**, created a **City Manager Facebook page**, planned a more user-friendly **website**, and made our **budget** more informative and much easier to understand (winning two national budget-presentation awards in the last two years).

We realize that it's not always convenient for residents to come to City Hall, so our elected and staff leaders are

coming to you with a series of **community meetings** held throughout our City. We're pleased with the turnout at our initial meetings this year and plan to continue this outreach on a regular basis. Meanwhile, if you have questions, complaints, or comments about City services, our City Manager and department directors always want to hear from you. They are never too busy to take your call or respond to your email.

Of course, none of our progress would happen without our **exceptional employees**, who continually look for new ways to cost-effectively enhance services and optimize our property values and quality of life. New services recently added have included our **Fire Department's** very successful Community Paramedic program; our **Recreation Department's** pending sports opportunities at PAFB; our **Building & Zoning Department's** reduced permitting costs and processing times and significantly-increased outreach to our business community; and our **Police Department's** increased presence in our neighborhoods to ensure our safety.

And, as usual, our **Public Works Department** continues to keep our public spaces beautiful, while our **City Clerk's office** remains the face of City hall, greeting and assisting our residents and, along with our **Support Services Department**, performing essential behind-the-scenes administrative and other functions.

Finally, we're looking for our **next generation of City leaders**. Recent history has shown how indispensable City knowledge and experience are in successful, constructive governance. If you're interested in helping to shape our City's future, get started now by volunteering with City boards, youth athletic programs, or other activities integral to our City. I know you'll enjoy it.



Satellite Beach Lions Club Donates Cassia Benches

The Satellite Beach Lions Club has generously donated 4 benches for the Cassia Boulevard pedestrian walkway. In keeping with the Lions Club history of community involvement, Frank Armitage, current President of the Club, suggested to Public Works Director Allen Potter, that benches along the walkway would be a great idea, given the increase in pedestrian traffic since the walkway was installed. The Lions Club then offered to donate the money for the purchase of the benches.

The Public Works Department researched benches for durability and cost and passed the information on to Mr. Armitage, who had also done some research into the benches. Mr. Armitage along with Lions Club members, Curt and Ginny Black and Lance Smith met with the Public Works Director to work out the details of the collaboration. Following that discussion, 4 benches were ordered and installed along the walkway shortly after delivery. The total donation was \$1,645.

This is yet another shining example of local organizations working with the City for the betterment of the community!



Library Offers Tai Chi Classes for All Ages

Two tai chi classes are being offered during the summer at the Satellite Beach Library on Tuesday afternoons. Instructor Charlie Biehl started an adult tai chi class from 1:30-2:30 from June 2nd through August 25th. The fee is \$5 per class.

Parents asked about a children's summer tai chi program. Fun Tai Chi, a weekly summer class for children age 5+ and their parent will be on Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30pm. Fee is \$5 per child and the parent is free (adults without a child can attend the 1:30 class). Fun Tai Chi begins on June 23 through August 11.

Satellite Beach Library is located at 751 Jamaica Blvd., Satellite Beach.

Library Provides Free Diabetes Control Program

Author and instructor Thomas Nelson will teach a free 6-week diabetes control program at the library starting Saturday, July 11, from 2:00-4:30pm through August 15.

This is not your usual rehash of diabetes material, but an intense course designed to provide the student with information to help resolve diabetes issues naturally. Personal goals will be set, class materials are provided free of charge and extra help outside of class is available.

The class size is limited and can fill up quickly, pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, email the instructor at nelsonthomase@gmail.com or call 321-961-9244.

City's Financial Audit Now Available Online

The City's FY 13/14 financial statements and audit is now available online at www.satellitebeach.org under the Support Services Department page. The audit was conducted in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The audit found no material

weaknesses or material misstatements.

The highlights of the audit for FY 13/14 included an increase in the City's General Fund Reserve in the amount of \$301,439 from the previous fiscal year. The City's total General Fund reserve as of September 30, 2014 had an ending balance of \$1,161,210. The City reported Government-wide net assets of \$34,454,792 and total liabilities of \$9,278,876.

Police Department Warns Residents of Scams

Imagine you are sitting at home, relaxing and watching the television, when one of the following happens:

- The "IRS" calls and demands immediate payment for overdue taxes or local authorities will take you to jail, or
- You receive a call from a family member arrested in another country; needing money immediately or they will not be allowed to leave the country, or
- You receive a call that a family member was involved in a serious accident and needs money transferred to keep them out of trouble.

You say you would not fall for it? Well, citizens have fallen for these scams and not because they are naïve, but because the scammers are good at what they do. They prey on the elderly because "no grandparent wants their grandchild locked in a Mexican prison for a mistake." They prey on citizens because for every 10 people that hang up on them, one stays on and wires money. Once the money is sent, retrieving it is virtually impossible because (unfortunately) most of these scams originate from overseas locations.

Scammers will also use email, online ads, pop ups, and search results to trick you into sending them money and personal information. They can even manipulate your caller ID to read who they are claiming to be which can be even more convincing. Make sure you use virus, malware, and phishing protection to keep your computer safe from these attacks online.

The Satellite Beach Police Department wants to warn our community that these scams go on every day. "Never send money where coercion is used or a threat is made or implied", said Jeff M. Pearson, Police Chief.

Satellite Beach Police Chief Jeff M. Pearson will give a brief presentation regarding these scams at the 55+ Club bingo meeting on July 6, 2015, at the Satellite Beach Civic Center at 11am. This presentation will be very brief but will have more details at how each these scams are perpetrated.

We have been receiving calls and walk-in complaints so far this year on the following scams (in order of frequency):

- The IRS Scam: http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/press/press_tigta-2015-01_home.htm
 1. Reporting IRS scam (with or without financial loss): https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml
 2. IRS article how to detect one and what to do: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Phone-Scams-Continue-to-be-Serious-Threat-and-Remain-on-IRS-Dirty-Dozen-List-of-Tax-Scams-for-the-2015-Filing-Season>
- The Grandparent Scam: https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2012/april/grandparent_040212
 1. FAQ info sheet: <http://www.consumerfed.org/pdfs/Grandparent-Scam-Tips.pdf>
- Federal Trade Commission — Lottery and Publisher's Clearinghouse Scams:
 1. <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0086-international-lottery-scams>
 2. <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0199-prize-scams>
- FPL Scam:
 1. <https://www.fpl.com/landing/protect.html>
 2. <http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2014/06/11/scam-targeting-fpl-customers/10334251/>
- Ransomware (computer based): FBI article:
 1. <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2015/januaryransomware-on-the-rise/ransomware-on-the-rise>



What You Should Know About Public Records Requests

All residents have the right by Florida Statutes to request to inspect government documents. Here is some information that may assist you if you need to make a request for any documents in the City or elsewhere:

- Before making a public records request, you may want to first see if the information is already publicly available. The City has a lot of information on our website: www.satellitebeach.org
- If the record is not available, make sure to be as specific as possible when making the request, and seek the appropriate department that can assist you in obtaining the records. Requests do not have to be made in writing, do not have to be for a special legitimate interest/reason, and requestors do not have to give their name.
- Did you know that not all information within a document (all formats whether electronic or paper, that relate to communicating city business) is releasable as a public record and/or for review? There are over 1,000 statutory exempt/confidential redaction requirements that City staff have to abide by when completing a records request. In the age of technology where information can be obtained at the click of a mouse, it is now more than ever, critical to ensure that exempt and confidential records are maintained properly. Many of the exemptions are created to protect privacy rights and legitimate business interests.
- The City is not required to create a new record, collect or analyze information or conduct legal research under the public records act to fulfill a person's records request. The City is required to maintain records until such time, as the record may be scheduled for disposition. Those records properly disposed of are no longer required to produce for a records request.
- Florida Statutes identifies that the agency producing the record is allowed to charge fees for producing the material record as well as, in some cases, charge for extensive staff time to complete. The more precisely you identify the records you are seeking the more efficient and effective we can be in locating and providing the appropriate documents.

Article I, Section 24, Florida Constitution identifies the right of every person to inspect/copy a public record (<http://www.flstate.gov/Laws/Constitution#A1S24>)

Chapter 119, Florida Statutes defines public records (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0100-0199/0119/0119ContentsIndex.html&StatuteYear=2014&Title=%2D%3E2014%2D%3EChapter%20119)

Shell Street Improvements Update

The Shell Street improvement Project began May 27, 2015. The initial portion of the project will address the drainage enhancements that will assist in alleviating the flooding that occurs on Palmetto Avenue and Shell Street during medium to heavy storm events. The contractor is currently installing 370 feet of twin 24 inch exfiltration pipes that are designed to store water in the pipe until it eventually drains into the surrounding sandy soil.

Following the installation of the drainage piping, Brevard County sewer service will be installed for the homes, presently on septic systems, located on the east side of Shell Street. In conjunction with the installation of the sewer lines, the Contractor will be placing conduit for the undergrounding of utilities in that area.

Once the underground portion of the project is complete, all above ground improvements will take place. The installation of a small restroom facility, pavilions, sidewalks and landscaping enhancements are all planned as part of the overall project. The Contractor has 270 days to complete the work.

If you have any questions regarding this, or any other Public Works project, please call them at 777-2309 Monday-Friday 07:00am – 3:30pm or e-mail at sbpwprojects@satellitebeach.org.





GFNC Satellite Beach Woman's Club & The City of Satellite Beach Present



FOUNDERS' DAY

& Marketplace

SURF'S UP!



SATURDAY
Nov. 7
2015
9AM-3PM

PARADE
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David R. Schechter
Community Center
1089 S. Patrick Dr.
Satellite 32937

call 773.6458
for more info.

55+ CLUB OF SATELLITE BEACH

The 55+ Club is for individuals who are 55 years and older. You do not have to live in Satellite Beach. For more information, contact Jill Blakeway, Chairperson jillb215@aol.com, 321-773-2080. Unless otherwise noted, 55+ Club programs meet in the David R. Schechter Community Center.

- **Bingo:** Mondays 11:00 am-1:30 pm (doors open at 9:00 am) at the Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd. Members only and card fees apply. Contact: Louise T. 773-3160
- **Bunco:** 2nd Friday each month, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. \$5/members & \$7/guests. Location may vary. Contact: Barbara 773-3050
- **Cards & Games:** Thursdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the DRS Community Center. Contact: Betty 773-8232
- **Cards & Games (also Billiards & Table Tennis):** Wednesdays, 6-9:00 pm. Contact: Betty 773-8232
- **Chess Opportunities/Lessons Brush up, improve or learn:** Locations vary. Contact: Dick 777-0255
- **Community Volunteer Opportunities Stay active, get involved!** Contact Marty: 777-8313
- **Coupon Group:** 3rd Wednesday each month, 2-3 pm, Satellite Beach Library Contact Terry: 773-7705
- **Book Club:** 1st Wednesday each month, 12:00-2:30 pm. Contact Joyce: 961-6408
- **Cribbage:** Wednesdays 6:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00 am. New or experienced players welcome. Contact: Betty 773-8232
- **The Dinner Gang:** 1st Tuesday every other month, 5:30 pm. Locations vary. Contact: Floss 773-6073
- **Early Bird Dining & Dancing:** 2nd Wednesday, 5:00 pm at Neptune Grill. Contact: Joan 777-0238
- **Education Seminars:** 1st Thursday each month, September-May, 12:30 pm. Light lunch served, please RSVP 773-6458. Contact: Jill 773-2080
- **Fishing Club:** 2nd Thursday each month, 1:00 pm. Contact: Gene 773-4647
- **Indoor Walking Group:** Tues., Wed, & Thurs. 8-10 am in the DRS Gym - Free!
- **Line Dancing:** Tuesday's 1-2 pm. \$2/session (55+ members only). Contact: Candy 779-2941
- **Lunch Bunch:** 3rd Wednesday each month, 12:30 pm. Locations vary. Contact: tba
- **Mahjongg:** Wednesdays, 9:00-11:30 am. Lessons also available. Contact: Barbara 773-3050
- **Party Bridge:** Thursdays, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Foursomes appreciated.
- **Travel Group Day Trips,** Contact: Terry 773-7705. Extended Trips (overnight) Contact: Jill 773-2080
- **Social Seasonal parties & events:** Contact: Joanne 626-9597.
- **Sugar & Blood Pressure Checks:** 1st Thursday each month, 9:00-11 am at the DRS Center.
- **Continuing Education Florida Technical Institute Lifelong Scholar Program:** Contact: Marty 777-8313 or <http://www.fit.edu/continuing-ed>

City Council Recognize Satellite Beach Police Department Personnel For Their Outstanding Performance in 2014

Ofc. Don Triebell: was recently promoted to the rank of Patrol Corporal because of his proven leadership and dedication to the citizens of Satellite Beach. Congratulations!

Police Officer Anthony Holland: was selected as our 2014 Officer of the Year because he embodies the Community Oriented Policing philosophy while being proactive when patrolling our City. He received numerous commendations during 2014 and was consistently one of the most productive officers. His compassion and work ethic is a model for other to follow.

Officer Holland was also selected for being the top DUI producer in 2014 when he received the Hartmann-Flagg DUI award. This coveted award is in recognition and honor of Sergeant E. Edward Hartmann and Officer Philip J. Flagg, who lost their lives in the line of duty by a drunk driver in 1992. Officer Holland removed 19 unsafe drivers in 2014.

Communications Officer Larry Melkonian: Larry Melkonian was selected as our 2014 Communications Officer of the Year. Larry was the on-duty Comm. Officer during numerous critical calls some of which were; a child choking, a child lost on the beach, several attempted suicides, bicyclist struck by a car, and a drunk driver going the wrong way causing a 4-car crash. His ability to remain calm, obtain vital information from frantic callers, and relay this information to emergency crews is what makes him an invaluable asset to our Community.

Satellite Beach Police Department Volunteer, Bill Spiegelhalter was recognized for his 5 years of dedicated service where he has he has trained new volunteers, is seen doing Citizens On Patrol, he assists at various special events, and can always be counted on when needed.



Pictured from Left to Right: Cpl. Don Triebell, Chief Jeff M. Pearson, Ofc. Anthony Holland and Communications Officer Larry Melkonian

About the Library

ADULTS

- **Tuesdays at 1:30pm – Summertime Tai Chi with Charlie Biehl.** Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes. \$5 fee per class.
- **Tuesdays at 4:30pm – Yoga with Nancy.** Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. \$5 fee per class.
- **Friday, July 10 at 2:00pm – Friends Book Sort.** Help sort the many donations we receive during the month to get ready for the next mini book sale in September. Volunteers needed.
- **Saturdays, July 11-August 15 at 2:00pm – Free Diabetes Control Course.** A 6-week program by Tom Nelson on resolving diabetes issues naturally. Pre-registration is required, class size is limited. Call 321-961-9244 or email nelsonthomase@gmail.com.
- **Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00pm – Library Board Meeting.** Open to the public.
- **Monday, July 20 at 2:00pm – Education on Veteran Benefits by the Law Office of Amy B. Van Fossen.** Call 345-5945 or email chris@amybvanfossen.com for information.
- **Friday, July 24 at 1:00pm – Design and make beaded jewelry in a 2-hour workshop.** Cost is \$15 which includes all materials, tools and instruction. Contact Normandie & Nancy at 321-225-1394.
- **Monday, July 27 at 1:00pm – Barbara's Book Chats.** The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin.

CHILDREN

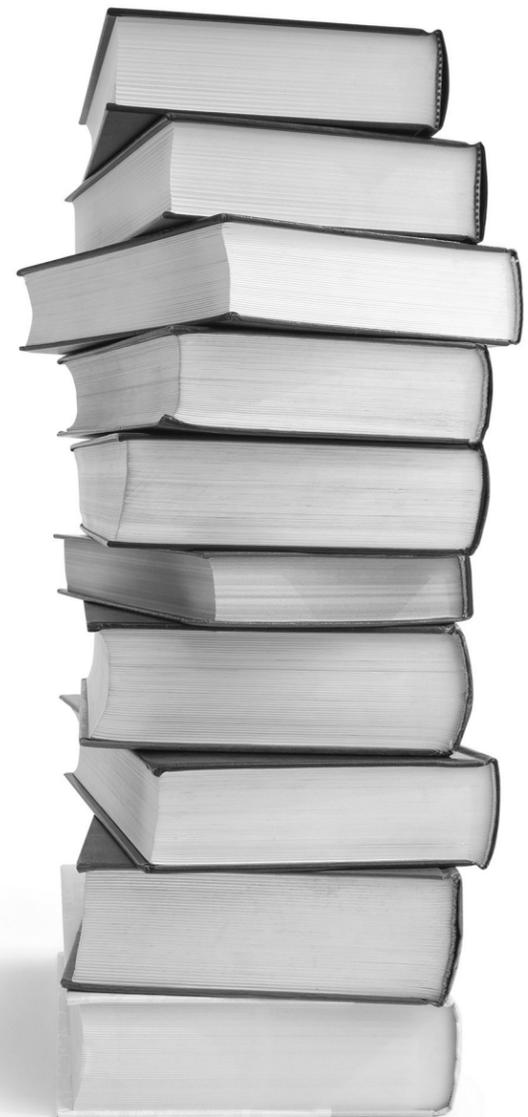
- **June 1-July 31 -- Every Hero Has A Story @ Your Library,** 2015 Summer Reading Program. Program flyers are in Youth Services.
- **Wednesdays at 10:00am – Pick up Super Wednesday,** program tickets 1 week prior to the program. Programs are designed for children ages 5 and up.
- **Wednesdays at 3:30pm – Junior Builders Club with LEGO bricks.** Ages 5 and up.
- **Thursdays at 10:00am – Family Story Time** for ages 2-5, no signup required.
- **June 1-July 25 – Summer Reading Challenge.** Ages 4-11 are welcome to join Every Hero Has a Story @ Your Library to earn book bucks and shop in the Book Bucks store. Sign up in Youth Services.
- **Monday, July 20 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)

- **June 1- July 31 – Every Hero Has A Story @ Your Library,** 2015 Summer Reading Program. Teen Reading Challenge. For each book you read, earn one entry into our raffle for gift certificates and book sets.
- **Teen Tuesdays** at 6:00pm – a different event every Tuesday including book club, movies, crafts, table top games.

The GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club will be holding their **Annual Satellite Beach Founder's Day/Marketplace on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 3:00PM.** The theme for this year is **"Surfs Up!"** The event will be held at the David R. Schechter Center.

Vendor's interested in a booth, please contact Jeanne Roach at [321-779-3384](tel:321-779-3384).



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Recreation News

Summer Camps, Mini Camps, Classes Satellite Beach Recreation offers a variety of summer youth and adult programs. A complete listing may be viewed online at www.satellitebeachrecreation.org or stop by the Recreation Dept office for a brochure. Archery, Cheerleading, Music, Cooking & Crafts, Ninja Training, Dance, Volleyball, Mermaids & Pirates, Adult Exercise and many more!

Family Fun Swim Nights Bring the whole family to the Satellite High School Pool on July 10th for an evening of family pool fun! Use the diving board, lap swim and bring your inflatables. For \$5/ family per Friday, you can enjoy some water fun from 6-8pm. A parent must remain at the pool with their children.

Summer Swimming Lessons All classes are held at the Satellite High School Pool. Swim classes have limited enrollment; therefore we suggest registering as early as possible. American Red Cross trained instructors will instruct swimmers of all ages and abilities. Programs range from Mom & Tots to 16 years. Two week swim sessions run through July. Register on line at www.satellitebeach.org or stop by the Recreation Dept.

Jr. Safe Boating Course The Banana River Power Squadron will teach Jr Safe Boating Course for ages 11-17years, August 3-5 from 9-11:30am at the DRS Community Center. Attendance at the 3-day course is required for youth to obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, as required by FL State Law to operate a boat. Class fee is \$10.

August Rhythm In Motion Fall Dance Registration

Returning Rhythm in Motion students can sign up Monday, August 10, 3pm-6pm at the DRS Community Center. Beginning Tuesday, August 11, sign up for any RIM dance or gymnastic class is done during Rec office hours.

Oyster Mat Making Workshops Oyster mat-making workshops will be held at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 S. Patrick Dr., Satellite Beach, overseen by the Brevard Zoo. Please join us on any of these dates June 27, July 25, and Aug 22 from 10-11:30am to work with Brevard Zoo staff to learn more about this keystone species, help our Indian River Lagoon and make oyster restoration mats. There is no need to RSVP, all ages and groups are welcome. Plan to get a little dusty and have a good time!

Sea Turtle Walks The Sea Turtle Preservation Society offers guided Sea Turtle walks in Satellite Beach beginning in June and ending in July. Reservations are mandatory and can be made by calling 676-1701.

Satellite Beach Farmers Market The Satellite Beach Farmers Market continues throughout the summer at Pelican Beach Park on Thursdays 10am-4pm. We are pleased to offer certified organic and non organic produce, herbs, spices, fresh bread, jams, teas, hand crafted jewelry, wood artwork, tiki carvings and much more. All items are hand crafted or grown. If you are interested in being a vendor at the market, please contact the Satellite Beach Recreation Department at 321-773-6458.

If you have questions, call 777-8336 or visit PAL website: www.satellitebeachpal.org