

City of Satellite Beach

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YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COUNCIL DESK
BY COUNCILMAN MARK BRIMER



UPDATING THE CITY'S SKATEPARK!

The City of Satellite Beach was the first City in Brevard County to construct a skatepark. In 1998, the City, in partnership with our local skating community, worked to create a skatepark that was considered new and unique at the time. However, after 18 years, the park is showing signs of age and is need of repair and updating. The City funded the renewal of the Park for \$200,000. Our goal in this process is to repair the portions of the park our skaters would like to preserve, and provide some updated features.

Our staff will be releasing a request for proposals (RFP) for a "design/build," which will invite companies to submit preliminary design proposals for the renovations, as well as cost proposals for construction. The RFP is scheduled to be released on March 1, 2016.

On March 22, 2016, the City will be inviting the public to a community meeting to discuss the design of the skatepark. All of the proposing companies will be at this meeting. **This meeting will be held at 6pm at the Civic Center, and will be followed by a visit to the Skatepark.** We are hoping that interested residents will be able to attend the meeting at the Civic Center or meet later at the Skatepark.

The City will be using a unique process for selecting the company to complete the renovations. The City will be using a selection committee whose members will be from the skateboarding community. Four adults and three young adults will serve on the Selection Committee, and will review preliminary designs and attend presentations by the proposing companies. The Committee will then recommend a company to the City Council. **All of the Selection Committee meetings will be open to the public.**

The City is very excited to complete this update to an important piece of our recreational infrastructure. The improvements are necessary to keep our recreational facilities relevant to the users and responsive to the community's needs. We hope the community participates with the City in this process.



COYOTE UPDATE FROM CHIEF PEARSON

By now you have probably heard about coyote sightings in and around the beachside areas. Satellite Beach and Indian Harbour Beach in particular. These sightings and some of the more aggressive behavior of these animals have understandably caused concern for our residents. I would like to offer some helpful information about coyotes and some safety tips should any of our residents come in contact with or see a coyote.

Coyotes are found throughout Florida and have been documented in all 67 counties. This medium-sized animal is extremely adaptable and can be found in rural, suburban and even urban landscapes. They are typically shy and elusive but encounters between people and coyotes in Florida are occurring more often. Coyotes help maintain balanced ecosystems by controlling the populations of rodents and small predators, such as foxes, opossums and raccoons. They are native to North America, have been in Florida for many years, and will continue to make their homes around the state.

If a coyote approaches too closely, there are methods you can use to deter it and frighten it away. Hazing the animal by making loud noises and acting aggressively will typically cause a coyote to leave an area.

- Waving your arms in the air and yelling will usually get a coyote to retreat. It is important to continue hazing efforts until the coyote has left the area or the animal may return.
- Noisemakers are often effective deterrents to coyotes, including air horns and homemade noisemakers. A “coyote shaker” made from placing pebbles or coins in an empty aluminum drink container can be effective.
- Throwing small stones or sticks towards (but not at) a coyote will usually cause the animal to leave. Spraying water from a hose can also be an effective hazing method.

I hope this information is helpful and remember as always please report all coyote sightings to your local police department!

Satellite Beach Police Department: 321-773-4400

Indian Harbour Beach Police Department: 321-773-3030



EXCITING PLAYGROUND NEWS

A new playground has been installed at the Satellite Beach Sports and Recreation Park (by the SB Library), new mulch was placed at the DeSoto playground and the new Cinnamon Park playground should be in by summer. We are hoping to get community assistance with the purchase of benches to be placed at each of these playgrounds. The benches would be made of recycled plastic (specifically recycled milk jugs.. which is what the playground at Pelican Beach and the Sports Park are made of). An \$800 donation for each bench includes engraving on the bench for an everlasting tribute to your loved one, family, or community organization. If you would like to sponsor a bench, contact Kerry Stoms at 773-6458.



SATELLITE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Collaboration between Satellite Beach Fire Department's Community Paramedic program and Satellite Beach United Methodist Church

One aspect of the Satellite Beach Fire Departments Community paramedic program is to identify citizens who have unmet needs. These needs can affect their daily living, health and well being. Recently the Community Paramedic program collaborated with the Satellite Beach United Methodist Church and the Traveling Nomads to assist some of our citizens in need.

The Traveling Nomads are experienced individuals that have traveled in their RVs the last 4 years offering their services and expertise for three weeks. Some of the services they provided this year were: house painting both inside and out, cleaning gutters, fixing leaks, hanging pictures, curtain rods and shelving, replacing window panes, removing wallpaper, pressure washing, and outside yard work such as trimming bushes and mulching. These NOMADS did this out of the kindness of their hearts, where only supplies needed to be paid for by the citizen. N.O.M.A.D.S stands for Nomads on a mission and divine service.

This collaboration of resources allowed us to help multiple citizens that were enrolled in the Community Paramedic program with tasks they cannot perform alone. Examples include helping an elderly citizen relocate to a better suited environment for her health and installing a railing outside an elderly citizen's home to help their from falling while opening her front door.

A sincere thank you goes to Dr. Joe Jursa with the Satellite Beach United Methodist Church who has been instrumental in bringing the Methodist handyman ministry to assist our Satellite Beach residents.



Relay For Life of South Brevard Beaches

The City of Satellite Beach is asking for any and all help to reach their goal of \$3,500 for this year's Relay for Life/American Cancer Society event taking place on April 2nd to 3rd on the football field at Satellite High School! The following are the exciting upcoming events the City has planned:

Bake Sale at the DRS Community Center every Wednesday starting at 8:30 am until the sweets sell out!

City Wide Garage Sale on March 5th! (More info on the back in Recreation News)

BBQ & Corn Hole Tournament at Pelican Beach on March 13th from 2 pm – 6 pm! Come join in for Sunday Funday as we eat and enjoy some beachside corn hole! Please register with Kelly at 321-773-4409. Cost is \$30/team or \$15 per individuals in advance. \$40/team and \$20 person at the event. There will also be amazing baskets to be raffled off with prizes from all around town!

Texas Roadhouse Night March 20– 10% of all food sales will be donated to support our team from open to close. Come on in and eat some great food while effortlessly supporting our team!

Fire Truck Pull on March 26th! Join the Fire Department in a fire truck pull and lots of great food from local vendors at the DRS Community Center. Timing for this event will be announced at a later time.

You can join a team or donate at <http://relay.acsevents.org/site/PageServer/?pagename=relay>

CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

In late December, milling and paving work began on the roads re-surfacing program that will affect all or portions of 19 streets throughout the City. The contractor, Jo-Bear Construction, has been working in the South end of the City to complete the T-turnarounds at the ends of Ocean Drive, Atlantic Drive, Palm drive and Hibiscus Drive. This will enable larger vehicles, such as solid waste trucks and fire apparatus to turn around in these areas rather than backing down the street. It also provides a turnaround for cars, reducing or eliminating the need for use of private driveways for that purpose, milling and paving will follow the completion of this work. The Public Works Department has received calls from some residents concerned that the area, once blocked by bollards and trees, will be opened for vehicular traffic. That is not the case, raised curbs and relocated bollards will prohibit that type of activity. Residents that will be affected by future milling and paving will be notified by letter, in advance of work commencing in their area.

In January, work began on the Roosevelt Avenue Improvement project, the Contractor, Masci Construction Inc., will include the following features:

- Milling and paving the roadway from SR 513 east to approximately Colonial Court
- Removing asphalt and concrete roadway from approximately Colonial Court to A1A and replacing it with road base and asphalt pavement.
- 7 foot wide sidewalk on the south side of the street, beginning at the west end of the road, this will be a shared sidewalk/pedway that will run the entire length of Roosevelt Avenue.
- 5 foot sidewalk on the north side of the road, replacing the 4 foot sidewalk now in place.
- Miami curbs will be installed where none currently exist, from approximately Colonial Court east to A1A.
- Stormwater retention swales will be placed between the southern pedway and the road.
- New drainage inlets on the north side of Roosevelt Avenue.

If you have any questions regarding these or any other Public Works projects, please contact them either via e-mail at sbpwprojects@satellitebeach.org or by phone at 777-2309. If you would like to receive project updates via e-mail, please provide your e-mail and home address, to ensure that you are getting the proper



CASINO NIGHT



March 19, 2016

7:00– 11:00 PM

DRS Community Center, Satellite Beach

Tickets \$25

For advance tickets, email Scorppg@gmail.com

or call Megan Morelock (321) 961-1731 or

Melissa Woods (321) 698-7172

**Proceeds benefit Satellite High Project Graduation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization
in support of a Drug and Alcohol free Graduation Night**

Donate online: <http://tinyurl.com/shs16pg>

2016 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT

Did you know the City Charter is a vital document that guides and directs the functions of our municipal government? The City Charter provides a foundation for City government, including establishing election and powers of City Council, responsibilities of City administration, and management of fiscal matters. The Charter and all amendments are approved by you, the voters of Satellite Beach.

Since the City's incorporation in 1957, the City has undertaken three Charter amendments (1973, 1986, and 2009). The City Council has deemed it necessary to appoint a Charter Review Committee to ensure the Charter is consistent with federal and state laws, to eliminate obsolete provisions, and to streamline City operations. This is where YOU, the citizens of Satellite Beach, can provide input by attending the Committee meetings and/or by filling out a Citizen Suggestion Form for Charter amendment(s), which is on the City's website (<http://www.satellitebeachfl.org/Pages/CharterReview.aspx>). There will be several meetings over the next two months, and your input is welcome.

The Committee will present a Final Report to City Council, who will review and determine which Charter amendment(s) will be placed on the election ballot for voter approval on November 8, 2016. Contact City Manager Courtney Barker (email: cbarker@satellitebeach.org or by phone at: 321.773.1391) with any questions about this important matter.

EV CHARGING STATION AT PELICAN BEACH PARK

If you haven't heard, in October of last year, an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station was installed at Pelican Beach Park. The Green Committee, now the Sustainability Board, worked diligently with City Staff to make this happen. The board recognized the growth and popularity of electric vehicles and recommended that the City install one as a trial to gauge the need in the area.

An electric vehicle charging station supplies electric energy for the recharging of electric vehicles, electric golf carts and plug-in hybrids. The station is open for business, the charge is \$.15 per KWh. Installing EV charging stations is another step the City of Satellite Beach can make to create a more sustainable community, while helping to increase revenue of surrounding businesses that benefit from lingering EV drivers.



SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

The GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club has funded a Holiday Project for many years. In 2015, our club contributed monies to the HUD Senior Housing Garden Apartments residents located near Eau Gallie Causeway, beachside. A check was given to Second Harvest Food Bank to the Garden Apartments account, to supplement their food stores. This year we supported them with another check for \$1440.00, donating to our elderly residents having trouble making ends meet at the end of the month when their food supplies run short. Our senior citizens are sometimes overlooked, but we must always remember that "aging matters."

Next SBWC regular meeting is March 21st at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse at 10 am.



55 + CLUB OF SATELLITE BEACH

The 55+ Club is for anyone who is 55 years and older. You do not have to live in Satellite Beach. For more information, contact Jill Blakeway, Chairperson jillb215@aol.com or (321) 773-2080. Unless otherwise noted, 55+ Club programs meet in the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 S. Patrick Drive, SB 32937. Please visit the clubs' webpage at www.55plusclubofsb.com and "like" us on Facebook!

- **Bingo Mondays-** 11 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 am-1 pm. \$5/members, \$7/guests. Contact Barbara 773-3050
- **Cards & Games Thursdays-** 9 am-3 pm. Contact Betty 773-8232
- **Cards & Games (also Billiards & Table Tennis)** Wednesdays, 6-9 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 monthly, 2-3 pm, Satellite Beach Library. Contact Terry 773-7705
- **Book Club-** 1st Wednesday monthly, 12-2:30 pm. Contact Joyce 961-6408
- **Cribbage-** Wed 6 pm & Thurs 9 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 pm at Neptune Grill. Contact Joan 777-0238
- **Education Seminars-** 1st Thursday each month, September-May, 12:30 pm. Light lunch served, please RSVP to Satellite Beach Recreation at 773-6458 in advance. Contact Jill 773-2080
- **Fishing Club-** 2nd Thursday each month, 1 pm. Contact Gene 773-4647
- **Indoor Walking Group-** Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8-10 am in the DRS Gymnasium. Contact Claudia 773-0437
- **Line Dancing-** Tuesdays 1-2 pm. \$2/session (55+ members only). Contact Candy 779-2941 *Beginner Line Dance Thursday 1-2 pm \$3/session (for 55+ members). Contact Trudy 223-7249
- **Lunch Bunch-** 3rd Wednesday each month, 12:30 pm. Contact Barbara 773-3050 location varies.
- **Mahjongg-** Wednesdays, 9-11:30 am. Lessons offered. Contact Barbara 773-3050
- **Party Bridge-** Thursdays, 11 am-3 pm. Foursomes appreciated. Contact Fannie 777-2378
- **Travel Group Day Trips-** Contact Terry 773-7705. Extended Trips (overnight), Contact Jill 773-2080
- **Social Seasonal parties and events planned by the 55+ Club-** Contact Joanne 626-9597
- **Sugar & Blood Pressure Checks-** 1st Thursday 9-11 am at the Drs Center and 2nd Monday 9:30 – 10:30am at Civic Center.
- **Continuing Education Florida Tech Lifelong Scholar Program-** Contact Marty 777-8313 or <http://www.fit.edu/continuing-ed>

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

Don't miss the Beautification Board's annual plant sale on **Saturday, March 19!** We have fixed the 3rd Saturday in March annually for our sale at the David R. Schechter Community Center.

The plants for our sale are provided by Green's Nursery of Zellwood. They are beautiful, healthy AND very reasonably priced. Plus we have a group of people anxious to help you with questions—including Mr. Green himself.

So whether it's fruit trees or decorative beauties, make your garden come alive with plants from our annual sale. AND part of the proceeds go to Beautification Board projects.



ABOUT THE LIBRARY

ADULTS

Fridays at 9:30 am – Humanities Lecture by instructor George Richards. Topics include Greek and Roman sculpture, architecture and art. \$5 fee per class. Visit www.humanitiesforbrevard.com for information.

Tuesday, March 8 & 22 at 1:00 pm – 2016 Great Decisions discussions by the League of Women Voters International Relations Group. Open to the public.

Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm – Library Board meeting. Open to the public.

Monday, March 14 at 2:00 pm – Friends Board meeting. Open to the public.

Friday, March 25 at 1:00 pm – Bead Ladies. Design and make beaded jewelry, fee includes all materials, tools, and instruction. Contact Normandie at (321)225-1394.

Monday, March 28 at 1:00 pm – Barbara's Book Chats. The Road to Little Dribbling by Bill Bryson.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

Wednesdays at 9:30 am – Mother Goose on the Loose Toddler Time. Ages 15 to 36 months.

Thursdays at 11:00 am and 3:30 pm – Alphabet Adventures Story Time. Stories, video and a craft about a different letter of the alphabet. Ages 3 and up.

Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 pm – Read to a Dog with the Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Ages 5 and up. Sign up required.

Monday, March 21 at 3:00 pm – Rave About Your Fave. Sunshine State Book Club (Grades 3-6). Discuss your favorite SSYRA books over snacks.

Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm – Teen Book Club. Celebrate Doctor Who. Ages 12 and up.

SATELLITE BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

March 5 & 19 from 6:30-9 pm- Teeny Bopper Dance Nights for ages K-6th grade and the cost is \$5.00

April 2 – Satellite Beach PAL is assisting Tomorrow's Team as we support the Golf Tournament fundraiser to benefit the Daily Bread.

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April 5 – Summer Basketball registration begins. All forms and information can be found on our web site.

April 17 – Satellite Beach PAL and the Lion's Club host our Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast- Tickets are available from any SBPAL, Lion's Club member or at the Rec Dept.

If you would like any additional information regarding the Youth Leadership Program here at Satellite Beach PAL or our activities, visit our web site at www.satellitebeachpal.org

CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN

The City of Satellite Beach is preparing to redesign the City website to improve the experience for our visitors. City Manager Courtney Barker has been working hard to improve communication with members of our community, and she would like your feedback regarding improvements you would like to see on our website. Please take a moment to complete the following survey to assist us in this effort: http://cms4.revize.com/revize/communitysurvey/city_of_satellite_beach/index.php

If you would rather send an email, please direct your ideas to Julie Finch at jfinch@satellitebeach.org



RECREATION NEWS

March 5 City-Wide Garage Sale Two Ways to Sell!

Sell at the DRS Community Center 8am-12noon!

Individuals or organizations can rent a 10'x10' space for \$15 in the DRS parking lot to sell their garage sale items. Space rental proceeds will benefit Relay For Life of South Brevard Beaches. Contact the SB Recreation Office at (321) 773-6458 or download the registration form online at: <http://www.satellitebeachrecreation.org/Pages/Forms.aspx> Please make checks payable to American Cancer Society. ** OR **

City-Wide "At Home" Garage Sale *Sell from your own home!* Satellite Beach residents can call (321) 773-6458 and provide your garage sale location for inclusion in a master "City Garage Sale" flyer listing all sale locations to be available for distribution on Friday, March 4.

March 12 Big Truck Day Fire trucks, dump trucks, cement mixer and more will be on hand for kids to explore, climb on, sit in and experience what it's like to be in the driver's seat. An adult must accompany kids. This FREE event is held in the parking lot of DRS Community Center from 10am-2pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase from the SB Lions Club.

March 24 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt Children in 1st-6th grades hunt unassisted at this exciting night time event. Bags will be provided for your eggs, but bring your own flashlight. The cost is \$7/child and tickets can be purchased at the SB Recreation Dept by March 23. Arrive at the DeSoto Soccer Field by 8:45pm. The hunt will begin promptly at 9pm. Buy your tickets early, this event sells out!

March 26 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Infants through 1st grade will enjoy donuts and juice, hunt for eggs, and watch the Easter Bunny arrive on

the Fire Truck. This event is held at 10am at Pelican Beach Park. Purchase tickets in advance at the SB Rec Department for \$7/child. Don't wait, this event sells out every year!

April 2 Annual Fish Earth Day Youth will meet at the SB Library ponds at 8:30am to sign in. The program begins at 9am and ends approximately 11am. There will be instruction on casting, fishing techniques, habitat restoration, conservation, knot tying and more! This FREE event for 6-16 year olds is sponsored by the Anglers For Conservation, however, you must pre-register by April 1 by calling SB Recreation, (321) 773-6458. A parent is required to stay with children.

April 9 Lil' Sports Super Hero Challenge Coach Reed Tompkins presents the Super Hero Challenge. Youth 2½-6 years old will participate in a variety of fun, athletic events to encourage super hero powers of speed, agility and fair play! The event will begin at 1pm in the DRS Gym and kids are encouraged to wear their favorite super hero costume. Cost is \$7/competitor and registration should be completed at the SB Rec Dept by April 8.

Recreation Programs Online Registration SB Rec Dept is pleased to offer online registration for most of our programs and can be completed at www.satellitebeach.org. Payment must be made at the time of registration in form of Visa, MasterCard or Discover. The Credit Card processing company adds to the cost of your transaction either \$1.95 or 2.5% of the total cost, whichever is greater. For assistance using the online system call the recreation office M-F 8:30am-5:00pm at (321) 773-6458.

SAVE THE DATE – The Summer Activity Brochure will be available the first week in April!