

City of Satellite Beach

BEACHCASTER



YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COUNCIL DESK BY MAYOR FRANK CATINO



The City of Satellite Beach will be holding a series of town hall meetings as an ongoing effort to continually communicate with our residents. We are holding five town hall meetings in different parts of the City to provide information to our residents and to gain insight on residents' ideas and concerns.

The City Council will be in attendance, with all our staff leaders, to provide information on the following topics:

Update on completed and ongoing infrastructure projects: Get the latest update on the City's efforts to renew our infrastructure and facilities. Hear about the skatepark improvements, dance floor replacements at the David R. Schechter Center, and playground replacements. Provide your ideas for future projects!

Lagoon restoration projects: Learn more about the City's work to reduce pollutants entering into the Lagoon, as well as the County's de-mucking efforts. We will also provide updates on the work of the City's Sustainability Board.

Amendments to the City's Charter: The City's Charter Review Committee has recommended a series of amendments to the City's Charter to facilitate efficiency, address City operational changes, and to achieve consistency with state regulations. Learn how these proposed amendments affect the City and provide the City Council with your comments.

Community Redevelopment: Get an update on the City's Community Redevelopment Agency and provide your input on current and future projects. Hear about the Shell Street project completion and final improvements, as well as the timing of the SR A1A project and expected improvements.

City finances and budget: Learn how the City has built our reserves in just three years from \$49,515 at the end of FY 11/12 to \$1,400,000 by cutting costs, rebidding long term contracts, and realigning priorities.

The City's town hall meeting schedule is provided below. If you are unable to attend the meeting in your neighborhood, please feel free to attend any of the other meetings. All meetings will cover the same topics. We also welcome any other discussion and questions unrelated to the topics the City Council will be covering at these meetings! We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Oceanside Community Church at 305 Cassia Blvd**
(Residents: Roosevelt Avenue to Cassia Boulevard)
- **Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Montecito Clubhouse**
(Residents: Montecito Subdivision)
- **Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Father's House at 535 Cassia Blvd**
(Residents: Cassia Boulevard to DeSoto Parkway)
- **Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Satellite Beach United Methodist Church at 450 Lee Ave**
(Residents: Scorpion Court to Roosevelt Avenue, includes Satellite Shores and Pelican Coast)
- **Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Satellite Beach Library at 751 Jamaica Blvd**
(Residents: DeSoto Parkway to the southernmost portion of the City limits)

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1ST . ARE YOU PREPARED?

Hurricanes have been called the "greatest storms on earth" because of their size and potential destruction. Hurricanes can bring storm surge, powerful winds, tornadoes, and torrential rains in a devastating combination. The residents of Satellite Beach need to take action now to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.



Tips on Preparing for a Hurricane

- Plan an evacuation route/ know your evacuation route. Satellite Beach residents are to use Pineda Causeway to Wickham Road north to I-95 or shelter at Sherwood Elementary School, 2541 Post Road, Melbourne.
- Pet Friendly Shelter: Heritage High School, 2351 Malabar Rd., Palm Bay.
- Register NOW with the Special Needs Program: for individuals with specific health and medical conditions, Registration Request Forms can be obtained from Brevard County Emergency Management Office at (321) 637-6670.
- Prepare a survival kit: for a detailed list of emergency supplies, contact your local Red Cross or check out the web sites listed below.
- Purchase a battery-powered weather radio.
- Plan and purchase materials to secure your home.
- Secure personal papers and valuables.

Learning the hurricane warning messages described below and planning ahead can reduce the chances of injury or major property damage.

Hurricane Watch - A watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours. When a "watch" is issued, begin final preparations:

- Cover all windows with storm shutters or precut plywood. Tape does not work.
- Bring in trash containers and loose objects, which may become projectiles during high winds.

Be prepared to evacuate

Hurricane Warning - A warning is issued when hurricane conditions (winds of 74 miles per hour or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas) are expected in 24 hours or less. All preparations should be completed. When a "warning " is issued:

- Monitor radio and television for information and advice.
- Stay indoors and away from windows.

If ordered to evacuate please comply with those orders.

Evacuation Order - An evacuation order is mandatory under law in the State of Florida

If you live in a mobile home or an area ordered to evacuate, gather your survival kit and leave immediately. For hurricane information listen to NOAA Weather Radio 162.4 MHz.

The Internet is an indispensable tool for hurricane preparedness. You will find the following sites very helpful: www.embrevard.com, www.fema.gov, or www.satellitebeachfire.com

HURRICANE SEASON ENDS NOVEMBER 1ST. BE PREPARED!

BLOCKING SIDEWALKS PROHIBITED

The vehicle below illustrates the problem created when cars park over the sidewalk, thus blocking access for pedestrians. In many cases, pedestrians are forced to go into the street to maneuver around this obstruction. This truck could easily have been “pulled up” in the driveway in order to avoid blocking the sidewalk.

Satellite Beach has aggressively pursued becoming a “Community For a Lifetime.” One of the tenets of the program is to make our community a walkable community.

Over the past several years, the City has spent approximately \$500,000 to fill in the missing sidewalk links throughout the City. The sidewalk construction has been planned and implemented in accordance with the City’s award winning “Sidewalk and Pedestrian Plan.”

These efforts resulted in a north-south sidewalk from Jackson Avenue, south to the Library. Also, east-west connectors have been completed, connecting A1A to South Patrick Drive on DeSoto Parkway, Roosevelt Avenue, Cinnamon Drive, Cassia Boulevard, and Jackson Avenue. Also, Brevard County completed the A1A Pedway on the east side of A1A and the City is anticipating the award of a grant to install a pedway on the west side of A1A.

In order to be a truly “walkable” community, your assistance is needed. Please do not park your vehicles over the sidewalk. In addition, such activity is illegal. Section 34-32 of the City Code prohibits parking a vehicle on a sidewalk. The City is initiating efforts to notify residents of this requirement to keep our sidewalks free of any obstructions. Thank you for cooperation.



SAFETY COMMITTEE ACCEPTS GRANT CHECK

The City has once again taken advantage of the safety incentive program provided by Preferred Government Insurance Trust. Each fiscal year the City has an opportunity to be reimbursed 50% of the cost of safety equipment/training up to \$10,000. On April 12th, a representative from Preferred Government Insurance Trust, Chris Kittleson, presented a check for \$1,209.60 to the Employee Safety Committee for the 50% reimbursement of the Police Department’s purchase of bullet-proof vests for 3 of our officers. Up next for purchase is equipment and training to employees of the Public Works and Fire Department to assist as they work in confined spaces.



RELAY FOR LIFE FOLLOW-UP

The City of Satellite Beach is proud to support the efforts of the American Cancer Society through their annual Relay for Life event. This year’s team set a goal to raise \$3,500 for the cause. City employees, friends and family joined together and held bake sales, sold donated goods at the citywide garage sale event, organized a successful BBQ & cornhole tournament at Pelican Beach Park, and partnered with Texas Roadhouse for a dine-to-donate event. At the Relay for Life event, held at Satellite High School on April 2-3, we joined other teams in walking the track and honoring those who have been impacted by this disease. We also continued our fundraising efforts with a popular dunk booth, bounce house and kids play area, snack shack, and car bash. We had more than 30 business and nonprofit partners supporting our team, and together we raised over \$4,600! We hope that you will join us next year in support of this meaningful cause; look for more information on how you can get involved in a future edition of the *Beachcaster*. Thank you again to all of our team members and supporters!

IMPACTING PLAYERS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Brevard Beachside Soccer Club has been formed! Satellite Beach Soccer Club has changed its name, colors, mascot and logo to represent the entire beachside community. Soon the black, green, and silver uniforms of the IMPACT players will take to our beachside fields.

Our vision is to inspire and enable our community's children to reach their full potential in the sport of soccer and in life. Not only will the players develop skills on the soccer field, but they will also develop qualities that will make them good citizens of our community. Teamwork, responsibility, hard work, sportsmanship, and fellowship will be taught and modeled in a safe and fun environment.

- Recreational programs offer weekly training sessions taught by professionally licensed trainers in all age groups. Club programs include **Just for Kicks!** for children under age 4, **FUNDamentals** for kids 4-8 years, and exceptional training for players 9-18 years old.
- Competitive programs teach the youth sport culture at the highest standard by promoting a positive experience for the players, coaches, and parents involved. By focusing on these values, the Beachside Soccer Club has developed a one of a kind experience for their players. The **Youth Development Program (YDP)** is for children 8-10 years who show a greater interest in soccer. The **Competitive Teams** are for players 11-18 years with licensed coaches and trainers at a variety of levels of competitive play.
- **We also offer Volunteer Opportunities** for parents, players, and community members. We welcome your ideas and effort!

To learn more and to get involved in the biggest soccer club on the beach, visit us at www.beachsideimpact.com Let's make an **IMPACT** together.

HAVE YOU USED THE BLUETUBE AT YOUR BEACH YET?

BlueTube makes it easy for people to keep beaches clean and keep plastic out of the ocean. They are bright blue containers at dune crossovers that are filled with clean, used plastic bags. Next time you head to the beach, grab a bag, pick up trash and throw it away. Donate your used bags to the BlueTube, and the cycle continues.

Some of our beach trash is fresh, probably left by careless visitors, but most washes ashore from far off places. The next time we get Sargassum seaweed on our beaches, look for bottle caps, plastic forks and a lot of weathered pieces of plastic mixed in. More and more of our trash is plastic, and this doesn't decompose like organic trash. It lasts. That weathered plastic on our beach could be part of a bleach jug that washed out to sea in the Caribbean years ago, was carried by currents, fragmented into small pieces and came ashore here.

The good news is that plastic is much easier to remove from the beach, especially with a bag and a gentle reminder from a BlueTube. With many people picking up a little trash up and down the coast all the time, we will keep our beaches beautiful and put a dent in ocean plastic.

So far there are BlueTubes at sixty dune crossovers including those at SPRA, Seagull, Crotty, Pelican and Hightower Beaches in Satellite. BlueTubes are funded through sponsorships, and a portion of sponsor money goes towards scientific research on ocean plastic.

Questions? Comments? Visit the website www.BlueTubeBeach.org or email info@BlueTubeBeach.org or call (321) 265-4604.



POLICE DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

School's Out: On May 24, 2016 school will be out of session and we ask that all motorists maintain vigilance in watching out for the safety of our children who may be riding their bikes, on their skateboards or walking throughout the City. There will be three Early Release days which will be on May 20, 23 and 24th.

Annual Memorial Service for Sgt. Ed Hartmann and Officer Phil Flagg: On Tuesday, May 31, 2016, the Satellite Beach Police Department will be holding their annual tribute to honor their lost comrades, Sgt. Ed Hartmann and Officer Phil Flagg, who paid the ultimate sacrifice when they were killed by a drunk driver 24 years ago. They will never be forgotten. The service will be held at 1024 Highway A1A, in the Publix Plaza at 2 p.m. Please join us during this brief ceremony.

Police Department Volunteers Wanted: The Satellite Beach Police Department is looking for volunteers who are positive, energetic individuals who want to have fun and be part of our community. We'd love for you to join us. We offer many opportunities for those who are interested in donating 2 hours a week and who want to make a difference in our community.

Right now, we need volunteers to participate in the C.O.P. (Citizens on Patrol) Program, where as an extension of our eyes and ears, you would provide invaluable services for our community such as patrolling our neighborhoods, running errands and participating at special events throughout the year.

You must possess a valid driver's license and once you pass a background check and the required training, you will be issued a uniform shirt and be ready to roll. Volunteer applications are available online or you can personally contact Ms. Linda Harlow at (321) 773-4400.

LEASH LAW

In June 1997 the City of Satellite Beach adopted the Brevard County Animal Control Ordinance. Within the ordinance, Sec. 14-56 addresses animals at large. Generally, this includes all animals as defined by Florida Statute 828 that are not under the physical control of the handler by a leash, tether or trolley and beyond the private property line of the handler. Retractable leashes when at large and underground fences while on property are not recognized as suitable restraints and are considered a violation of this section.

A frequent question that often comes up is about dogs in a park or on the beach. Brevard County Code Sec. 14-60 states "no animals shall be allowed on any public park or beach without the area being posted and designated for such animals". Violations of this section are subject to fines from \$55.00 to 65.00. The exception to this is a disabled person with a certified service animal shall not be denied access and may be accompanied by the pet to these areas.

A misconception with the leash law is that it applies only to dogs, while cats and other animals are exempt from the leash requirement. A domesticated cat is also required to be on a leash if off property. The pet owner in both cases may be fined \$55.00 for a first offense of any animal at large. This fine progressively increases to \$415.00 for the fourth offense. Registered feral cat colonies are the exception to the leash law beyond a private property line for felines.

Lastly, one of the most common complaints received is where the pet owner does not pick-up the waste left behind by their animals. Brevard County Code Sec. 14-59 states "it is a violation of this section to permit or allow an animal to urinate or defecate on any public or private property without permission from the property owner." The owner or person in control of the animal is subject to a fine from \$50.00 to 65.00 per occurrence.

Enforcement of the Brevard County Animal Control Ordinance is in cooperation with the Brevard County Animal Control Department at the Sheriff's Office and the Satellite Beach Police Department. If you have questions or concerns about animal control you can reach an animal control customer service representative at (321) 633-2024 or the Satellite Beach Police Department at (321) 773-4400.

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 club's 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. Locations vary. 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
- **Coupon Group-** 3rd Wednesday monthly, 2-3pm, Satellite Beach Library. Contact Terry 773-7705
- **Book Club-** 1st Wednesday monthly, 12-2:30 pm. Contact Joyce 961-6408. ****Does not meet June, July & August****
- **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. ****Does not meet June, July & August.**
- **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 for meeting place 773-4647
- **Indoor Walking Group-** Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8-10 am in the DRS Gym. Check 55+ newsletter for holiday exclusions. Summer hours 7:30 am-8:30 am May 24-Aug 11
- **Line Dancing-** Tuesdays 1-2 pm. \$2/session Contact Candy 779-2941
- **Beginner Line Dance-** Thursday 1-2 pm \$3/session Contact Trudy 223-7249
- **Lunch Bunch-** 3rd Wednesday each month, 12:30pm. Contact Barbara 773-3050 for location
- **Mahjongg-** Wednesdays, 9-11:30 am. Lessons offered. Locations vary. Contact Barbara 773-3050
- **Party Bridge-** Thursdays, 11 am-3 pm. Foursomes appreciated. Contact Fannie 777-2378
- **Travel Group Day Trips-** looking for a chairperson. 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 each month, 9-11 am at the DRS, 2nd Monday at Bingo, 565 Cassia Blvd.

SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club is planning for the 2016 Founders' Day/Marketplace scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2016. This year's theme is "Under the Big Top." New and prior vendors, please contact Jeanne Roach at 321-779-3384 to secure your space.

GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club has elected a new slate of officers for 2016-2018. They will be installed on May 16, 2016.

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

The Beautification Board would like to ask for your cooperation by posting clearly visible house numbers. This is helpful when we are selecting the properties for our Beautification Award and the Holiday Lighting contest, and will be helpful for police, fire and emergency medical personnel. Thanks a bunch!

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

ADULTS

Saturday, May 7 from 9:00am-3:00pm – Friends of the Library 6-Hour Book Sale. One day only, open to the public. Volunteers needed to help with set up and sale. Contact Polly at 426-9027.

Tuesday, May 10 & 24 at 1:00pm – 2016 Great Decisions discussions by the League of Women Voters International Relations Group. Open to the public.

Monday, May 9 at 2:00pm – Friends Board meeting.

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00pm – Library Board meeting.

Monday, May 16 at 5:00pm and Saturday, May 21 at 9:30am – STERP training by the Sea Turtle Preservation Society. Call 676-1701 for more information.

Monday, May 23 at 1:00pm – Barbara's Book Chats. The Japanese Lover: A Novel by Isabel Allende.

Friday, May 27 at 1:00pm – Bead Ladies. Design and make beaded jewelry. All materials, tools, instruction included in \$10-\$15 fee. Contact Normandie at 321-225-1394.

Saturday, May 28 at 1:00pm – Turtle Talk by the Sea Turtle Preservation Society. Call 676-1701 for more information.

CHILDREN and TEENS

Wednesdays at 9:30am – Mother Goose on the Loose Toddler Time. Ages 15 to 36 months. Story time ends May 11 to get ready for the summer reading program.

Wednesdays at 3:30pm – LEGO Club. A story and free building with LEGO blocks. Ages 5 and up.

Thursdays at 11:00am and 3:30pm – Alphabet Adventures Story Time. Stories, video and a craft about a different letter of the alphabet. Ages 3 and up. Story times end May 12 to get ready for the summer reading program.

Monday, May 2 – Teen volunteer registration open for the summer reading program. Ages 12-17.

Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00pm – Teen Book Club. Marvel vs. DC. Ages 12 and up.

Monday, May 16 at 3:00pm – Rave About Your Fave. Sunshine State Book Club (Grades 3-6). Discuss your favorite SSYRA books over snacks.

Saturday, May 21 at 1:00pm – Read to a Dog with the Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Ages 5 and up. Sign up required.



SATELLITE BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

May 28th - Annual BUNKO Adult Blast Fundraiser - Doors open at 6:00 and the dice roll at 7:00.

May 31st - Summer Fun Camp begins

June 3rd - Summer Basketball begins

Congratulations to Kira Creatura who will be serving as Chairman of the Annual Florida Police Athletic League's Youth Director's Conference in Orlando June 30th – July 3rd.

For more information please check out our web site at www.satellitebeachpal.org.





RECREATION NEWS

SUMMER IS HERE!

The Summer Activity Brochure is now available to pick up at the SB Recreation office, or view online at www.satellitebeachrecreation.org. All of the great summer programs you love are back, like Mr. Science camps, SHS athletic camps, dance/gymnastics camps and many, many more! New this year are several exciting programs, including Girls High School Basketball Camp, Ninja Warrior Camp, Super Hero Camp, Jungle Book Camp, Ice Age Camp, Art Lessons, and youth through teen Yoga Camps! For camp descriptions, dates, times and locations, pick up the yellow summer activity brochure.

SB Recreation is returning to the Satellite High pool for the summer again! Join our qualified instructors and staff for swim lessons and team training during the months of June and July.

Also this summer...

The RIM Summer Dance Program will offer a wide range of classes for ages 3yrs to adult in various dance styles and ability levels. Register for the 7-week program by Friday, June 10. The summer RIM dance program is a great opportunity to see if children are ready for the more formal 10-month dance program, beginning in the fall.

The current Rhythm in Motion Season will conclude on May 15 at the Eau Gallie High School Auditorium at 2pm with the recital performance of "A Storybook Fantasy" featuring

dance and gymnastic students currently enrolled in the program. Tickets are available at the door or at the SB Recreation Department in advance.

Play in a league!

The following leagues and athletic service organizations offer seasonal activities for recreation play:

- Men's "B2" Racquetball League.....773-6458
- Ladies Tennis League ("Quads").....773-3313
- Pickleball League.....243-8439
- USTA Jr. Team Tennis League.....537-3820
- Beachside IMPACT Soccer Club
www.beachsideimpact.com
- SB Police Athletic League (Basketball)
www.beachsideimpact.com
- South Beach Youth Football & Cheer Assoc.
www.southbeachseahawks.com
- Team 321 Lacrosse
www.team321lax.com
- Beachside Little League Baseball/Softball/T-ball
www.beachsidelittleleague.org

