

# City of Satellite Beach

## BEACHCASTER

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### From the Council Desk... Two Councilmembers begin new terms

On November 19, 2014, two City Councilmembers will be sworn in to begin four-year terms. Two Council seats were up for election this November, but since only two residents qualified to run, they were elected without opposition. We welcome Councilman Steve Osmer to his first term on Council (replacing Councilwoman Sheryl Denan, who did not seek reelection) and Councilman Dominick Montanaro to his continuing Council service. They will join the other members of Council: Mayor Frank Catino, Vice Mayor Lorraine Gott, and Councilman Mark Brimer.



#### **COUNCILMAN DOMINICK MONTANARO**

Councilman Montanaro will continue his City Council service which began with his January 2013 appointment to fill a vacancy created by a Councilmember's resignation. His more-than-20-year history of service to our City includes serving on our Code Enforcement Board, Planning

and Zoning Advisory Board, Land Development Regulations Review Committee, A1A Corridor Improvement Committee, and Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee.

In addition, he previously served two terms on our City Council from 2002-2009. During this time, he was active with the Florida League of Cities on several statewide committees. He was appointed to the Florida Municipal Pension Trust Fund in 2006 and later served as Chairman of the Board. He was reappointed to the FMPTF in May 2013 and once again elected Chairman in September 2014.

Dominick is a Florida Certified Swimming Pool Service Contractor with his own pool business in Satellite Beach. He graduated from the State University of New York/SUNY Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management.

While Councilman Montanaro has helped address numerous challenges facing our City over the past two years, other large issues remain.

- While the City placed restrictions on the use of fertilizer to help address the health of the Indian River Lagoon, State-mandated stormwater-quality improvements must be met. He will focus on engaging the community to assess other ways to protect our waterways.
- He supports restoring a schedule to repave our streets on a regular basis, since this has not happened since 2006, when the economic downturn forced the City to postpone this service.
- He also wants to make development of the vacant 100 acres north of Publix a high priority, since this new growth can offset the cost of City services to our residents and provide commercial services to the community.



#### **COUNCILMAN STEVE OSMER**

Steve Osmer loves Satellite Beach! From a small town in Pennsylvania, he appreciates how families, neighbors, and local businesses take care of each other.

Steve first came to Satellite Beach in 1984 when he was stationed at Patrick AFB as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (Bomb Squad) Specialist. After his military service, he began working for both Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and the Kennedy Space Center, where he has worked for the last 25 years supporting the space program and all branches of our military. He is currently the Ordnance Services Manager for both agencies.

In 2001, Steve returned to Satellite Beach with his wife and their three boys. He has been a Satellite Beach resident for 15 years, has an associate's degree in Business Management from Columbia Southern University, and has almost completed his course work for a bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Project Management.

Although new to City Council, Steve has served on City boards, including our Code Enforcement Board and our recent Auditor Selection Committee, which he chaired.

Councilman Osmer supports the services being provided by our City and will work to ensure that residents always get the best value from them. He also supports new technology, new businesses, and new growth, as long as they are in the best interest of our residents and our Satellite Beach way of life.

Councilman Osmer encourages residents to participate in their City government, voice their concerns, ask him questions, and send him their comments.

# Council adopts Fiscal Year 14/15 budget

On September 3rd and 17th, our City Council conducted public hearings and adopted our FY 14/15 budget (which can be viewed on the City's website). Our fiscal year runs from October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015. With no increase in the millage rate of 8.3206 mills, our City's total budget for all Funds is \$12,682,602.

This new budget enables City staff to provide quality services for our residents, while focusing on three current challenges:

## **1. Facilities and Equipment Maintenance.**

The budget provides \$284,000 to repair or replace existing facilities and equipment. Examples include resurfacing the tennis courts (\$30,000), replacing flooring in the Schechter Center (\$40,000), replacing two police vehicles (\$75,000), and purchasing new permitting software for our Building Department (\$25,000). It's important for us to maintain these assets, because our facilities—along with our residents—are what set us apart from other beachside communities.

## **2. General Fund Reserves.**

The General Fund pays for our City's day-to-day operating expenses. A sizeable General Fund reserve is essential to ensure that our City can continue operating during times of emergencies, natural disasters, and other unforeseeable significant events. When our current Council was elected at the end of 2012, the City was on the verge of a financial emergency with less than \$75,000 in reserves. In the last two years, the Council has increased reserves to \$802,078, and they are expected to exceed \$900,000 at the end of FY 14/15. This is evidence that our City has returned to financial stability and good financial planning.

## **3. Stormwater Runoff into the Lagoon.**

The increase in our stormwater utility fee from \$65 to \$104 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) will begin to address environmental concerns created by stormwater runoff into the Indian River Lagoon. It will help fund additional stormwater projects, maintain existing facilities, and allow our City to remain in compliance with our National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which authorizes us to discharge our stormwater runoff into the Lagoon. (Our October 2014 Special Edition *Beachcaster* contains a thorough discussion of this issue.)

## City of Satellite Beach Operating Budget & Capital Improvements Plan Fiscal Year 2014-2015



*On the path to a better  
tomorrow...*



The theme of this year's budget is "On the path to a better tomorrow," reflecting the City's determination to successfully navigate through challenging economic times and the numerous personnel and administrative changes that have occurred over the past two years. By staying on the path of fiscal responsibility, our City will prosper and continue to provide exceptional services to residents. Our Council, Leadership Team, and staff are excited about the challenges and opportunities in the new fiscal year.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/SatBchCM)

**Fire Department:** [www.facebook.com/satellitebeachfire](http://www.facebook.com/satellitebeachfire)

**Recreation Department:** [www.facebook.com/SatelliteBeachRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/SatelliteBeachRecreation)

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# Lt. Frost to attend FBI National Academy

The Satellite Beach Police Department is proud to announce that Lieutenant Darren Frost has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Lt. Frost shares this honor with only three other graduates from SBPD: Chief Jeff Pearson, Commander Brad Hodge, and Retired Police Chief Lionel Cote.

The FBI National Academy is one of the most prestigious training opportunities for police officers worldwide, with less than one percent of officers getting the chance to attend. Chief Pearson, a 2006 graduate, knows well the extensive knowledge (including current global crime trends) and proven leadership skills that Lt. Frost will acquire and bring back to the Department.

Lt. Frost's three-month training will start in April 2015. While at the FBI training center, he will take undergraduate and graduate courses in law, behavioral science, terrorism/terrorist mindset, leadership development, and many others. The Academy challenges its trainees physically as well as mentally; participants will tackle a nine-mile run through the Virginia countryside with

a three-mile Marine obstacle course in the middle. This course is referred to as the Yellow Brick Road and must be completed in order to graduate from the Academy.

Lt. Frost is most deserving of this opportunity because of his distinguished career. Joining the Department in 2000, he has worked his way up as a School Resource Officer at Satellite High School, Field Training Officer, K-9 Officer, Emergency Response Team Member, Marine Patrol Officer, Patrol Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, and now Patrol Lieutenant.

Lt. Frost is probably best known in the community for his work with his K-9 partner, Flex. As a team, they worked countywide in many police adventures over eight years (until Flex passed away this year at the age of 15). Probably best-known is their 2004 apprehension of an armed fugitive who was on the run from North Carolina after murdering a police officer and a convenience store clerk. The fugitive crashed his car at the Park Avenue beach access and fled on foot with an assault rifle. Lt. Frost and Flex chased him down and, after a brief struggle, took him into custody on



the top floor of the Buccaneer Beach Club Condominium. The fugitive was extradited to North Carolina to stand trial, where he was found guilty of both murders and sentenced to death.

Lt. Frost resides with his wife, Ann, and two sons, Jimmy and Colin. He enjoys fishing, boating, golf, tennis, and watching Colin play baseball.

We are confident that, as one of our finest police officers, Lt. Frost will continue to make us proud!

## Golf carts now allowed on City streets

Under Florida law, residents can now drive their golf carts on certain public roadways if they comply with the following:

- Install headlights, taillights, breaklights, turn signals, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshield, and seatbelts on their carts. (See Florida Statutes 316.225, 316.271, 316.2952, and 316.410 for complete information on requirements.)
- After the conversions are completed, apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in Indian Harbour Beach for a title, vehicle identification number, registration, and license plate. A DMV examiner will review your paperwork, inspect your cart, and then issue these necessary items.
- Registered, properly-equipped golf carts (as described above) can be driven only by licensed drivers and only on public roadways with speed limits of 35 mph or less. They cannot be driven faster than 25 mph and cannot be driven on any pedestrian walkways. Unconverted golf carts cannot be driven on any public roadways or pedestrian walkways.

Contact the DMV office in Indian Harbour Beach (240 East Eau Gallie Boulevard, 779-4009) for questions concerning golf-cart conversion or registration.

# 3rd Annual Ocean-Reef-Beach Festival

## Satellite Beach Pelican Beach Park

### December 6, 2014

## “Celebrate the Ocean Lifestyle”

Coming to Satellite Beach’s Pelican Beach Park on **December 6, 2014, the 3rd Annual Ocean-Reef-Beach (ORB) Festival** is a one-of-a-kind event that celebrates ALL of our coastal lifestyle—surfing, fishing, beachcombing, ecotourism on our reef, kayaking, paddleboarding, birdwatching—because many of us do all these things on our unique stretch of coastline. Our event has grown to over 50 vendors and exhibitors, filling almost a quarter-mile of park.

Plan to come and experience a **combination of music, food, live entertainment, vendor displays, artwork, and free professional training and educational activities** that will all come together to create a uniqueness found only at the 3rd Annual Ocean-Reef-Beach Festival.

**Free and fun activities** will be provided for all ages. **Educational presentations** will be running all day in the Clubhouse at the north end of the park. The focus will be on ocean, reef, and beach activities such as conservation, sea turtles, surfing, fishing, beach photography, sea beans, and native landscaping!

#### **Schedule of “Living Shoreline” Presentations at Pelican Beach Clubhouse:**

- 10:00 am: Living Reef Images - Mike Daniel
- 10:30 am: Nearshore Reefs are Green Turtle Habitat - Dr. Karen Holloway-Adkins
- 11:00 am: Nearshore Hardbottom of the Florida East Coast: Invertebrates and Fishes - Dr. Dan McCarthy & Dr. Ken Lindeman
- 11:30 am: Brevard Surfing History - Dick Catri
- 12:00 pm: 2015 IRL Paddle Adventure - Mike Conneen
- 12:30 pm: Green Horizons - PureOceanTV.com Smith Brothers
- 1:00 pm: Taking Better Surfing Images - Ashley Kuvlesky
- 1:30 pm: Florida’s Living Beaches - TBA
- 2:00 pm: Sea Beans and Beach Treasure - Ed Perry
- 2:30 pm: Fishing Light and Fly Tackle in the Surf - Rodney Smith
- 3:00 pm: Improving Nature Photography at the Beach - Vince Lamb

3:30 pm: Native Landscaping: Surfrider’s Ocean Friendly Gardens - Bill DeLuccia

4:00 pm: Fish for the Future: Best Practices for Sustainable Fishing - Rodney Smith

**Mark your calendar and tell your friends about this awesome opportunity to learn more about our unique living coast!**

Last year we added the **Chowder “Slow Down, Chow Down” Cook-Off** to the ORB Festival with great success! This year come take advantage of your opportunity to taste the best chowders in town and be the judge of the Chowder Cook-off, all at the same time! Chowder Cook-off tasting runs from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm with the winner announced at 2:00 pm. To learn how your organization can compete in this year’s Chowder “Slow Down, Chow Down” Cook-Off, please contact Heather Sears at 321-474-8202.

#### **Live music all day from a great lineup of bands!**

10:00 - 11:00 am: Mark Baker

11:00 am - Noon: Robin and Eddie and the Secrets

Noon - 1:00 pm: Surfsonics

1:00 - 2:00 pm: Billy Chapman

2:00 - 3:00 pm: Annalise Esmerick

3:00 - 4:00 pm: Adam Azar

4:00 - 5:00 pm: Lady and the Tramps featuring Ricky Carroll

**Shuttle bus service** will be provided between the ORB Festival site and off-site parking at the corner of A1A and Desoto Parkway (just ¼ mile south of Pelican Beach Park). Click here for directions: <http://bit.do/SS2w>

This community-minded event is a **cooperative venture of PureOceanTV.com, Surfrider Foundation, and Anglers For Conservation**. Our goal is to teach attendees about the dynamic, living environment of the ocean, reef, and beach in an atmosphere of celebrating the recreational opportunities afforded by this unique stretch of coastline.

Learn more about this year’s festival by visiting [www.oceanreefbeachfestival.com](http://www.oceanreefbeachfestival.com)

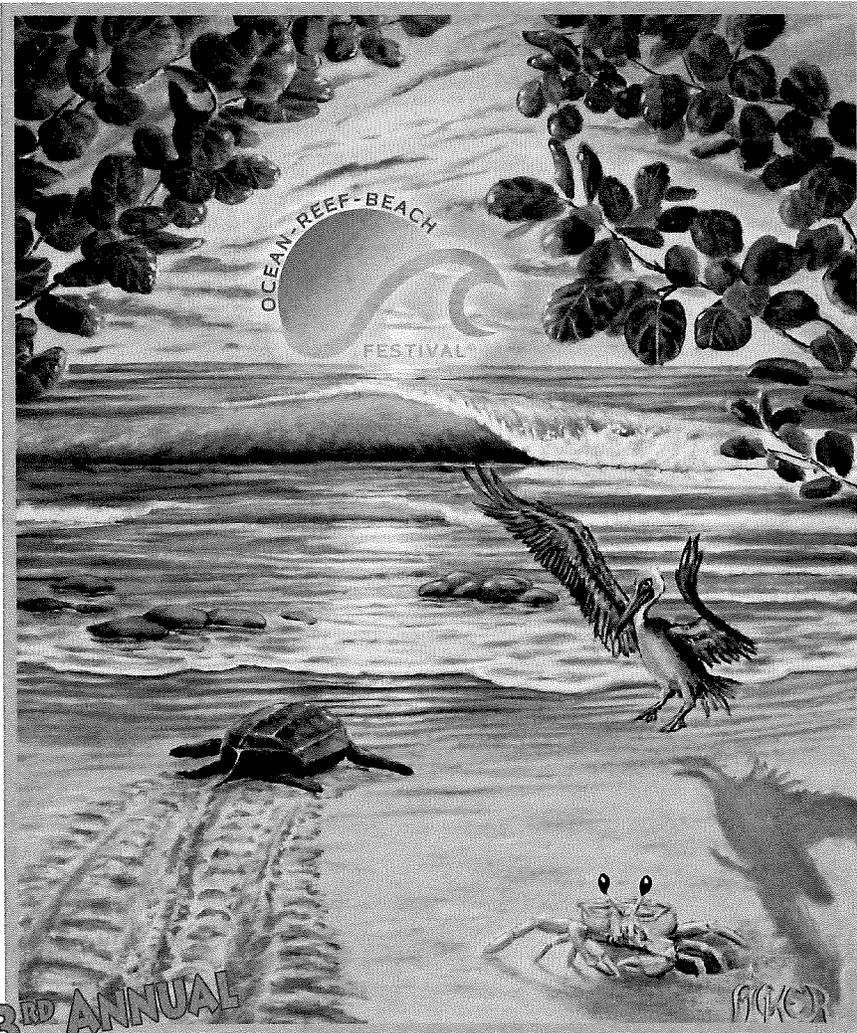
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## Twilight Santa 2014 December 8 thru 13, 6pm to 9pm

Twilight Santa will be coming through your neighborhood again this year! Our Fire Department has been working hard to make sure the fire truck is ready! Check out the schedule below, mark your calendar, and plan to say "hi" to Santa!

**Monday, December 8:** Jackson Avenue south to Park Avenue, east of South Patrick Drive

**Tuesday, December 9:** Park Avenue south to Cinnamon Drive

**Wednesday, December 10:** West side of South Patrick Drive

**Thursday, December 11:** Cassia Boulevard south to DeSoto Parkway

**Friday, December 12:** DeSoto Parkway south to City boundary

**Saturday, December 13:** Tortoise Island (Satellite Beach portion) and Pelican Coast

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### AUGUST 6, 2014

- Selected **Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC** as the City's auditor.

#### AUGUST 20, 2014

- Approved right-of-way dedication agreement between the City and a Shell Street property owner to increase public access for the upcoming Shell Street beach-access project.
- Approved contract with City's auditor.
- Approved **Resolution No. 952** increasing the stormwater utility fee to fund stormwater improvement projects.
- Approved quarterly budget report for FY 13/14.

#### SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

- Held public hearing for proposed FY 14/15 budget.
- Approved amendment to **Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement** with Florida Department of Transportation.

#### SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

- Approved **Ordinance No. 1095** adopting final millage rate of 8.3206 mills for FY 14/15.
- Held public hearing, and approved **Ordinance No. 1096** adopting FY 14/15 budget.
- Approved **Ordinance No. 1097** adopting the Community Redevelopment Plan Amendment.

#### OCTOBER 1, 2014

- Approved **Ordinance No. 1094** amending the Transportation Element of the Satellite Beach Comprehensive Plan to include "complete street" policies.
- Approved \$8,024 to purchase assisted hearing devices and audio upgrades for the Council chamber.

#### OCTOBER 15, 2014

- Approved agreement to hire lobbying firm **Madison Government Affairs** to help the City facilitate development of the vacant 100 acres in the City's north end.

## 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](http://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: for Day Trips**, contact Terry at 773-7705; for **Extended Trips** (overnight), contact Jill at 773-2080.

# About the Library

## ADULTS

■ **Monday, November 10 at 2pm – Friends Board Meeting.** Open to public.

■ **Wednesday, November 12 at 2pm – Financial Planning Seminar “Preparing for Long-Term Care”** by Leonard Financial Group. Call 259-6239 or [contact@leonardfinancialgroup.com](mailto:contact@leonardfinancialgroup.com) for information.

■ **Friday, November 14 at 2:30pm – 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 321-225-1394. *Note: The November class is earlier in the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

■ **Monday, November 17 at 2pm – Estate Planning, Probate, and VA Benefits** by the Law Office of Amy Jackson. Call 345-5945 or [chris@amybjackson.com](mailto:chris@amybjackson.com) for information.

■ **Tuesday, November 18 at 6pm – Library Board Meeting.** Open to public.

■ **Monday, November 24 at 1pm – Barbara’s Book Chats.** *Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

■ **Monday-Saturday, December 1-6, Children’s Book Sale.** Come and do some holiday shopping and select a storybook or two for a special someone. Friends of the Library will be selling books in the lobby on Monday/Tuesday from 4pm-6pm, Wednesday/Thursday from 9am-12pm, and Saturday from 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm.

■ **Friday, December 5 at 1pm – Friends Book Sorting.** Volunteers needed to help sort donations for the annual book sale in February.

■ **Wednesday, December 10 at 2pm – Financial Planning Seminar “How To Build a Lifetime Income”** by Leonard Financial Group. Call 259-6239 or [contact@leonardfinancialgroup.com](mailto:contact@leonardfinancialgroup.com) for information.

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■ **Monday, December 15 at 2pm – Estate Planning, Probate, and VA Benefits** by the Law Office of Amy Jackson. Call 345-5945 or [chris@amybjackson.com](mailto:chris@amybjackson.com) for information.

■ **Saturday, December 20 – Jingle Bell Run.** The annual 2-mile run/walk will start at the library at 5:45pm. For information, contact Denise Piercy at the Running Zone at 751-8890.

## TEENS (Ages 12-18)

■ **Tuesday, December 2 at 6pm – Teen Book Club**

■ **Saturday, December 6 at 2pm – Teen Advisory Group**

## CHILDREN

■ **Thursdays at 11am and 3:30pm – Alphabet Adventures.** Stories, video, and craft-making about a different letter of the alphabet. Ages 3 and up.

■ **Wednesdays at 3:30pm – Junior Builders Club.** School-age children (thru Grade 6) are welcome for building challenges featuring LEGO toys.

■ **Saturday, November 15 and December 20 at 1pm – Read to a Dog** with the Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Ages 5 and up. Sign-up required.

■ **Monday, November 17 and December 15 at 3pm – Rave About Your Fave.** Sunshine State Book Club (Grades 3-6). Discuss your favorite SSYRA books over snacks.

■ **Monday, December 15 at 6pm – Ballet Esprit presents *The Nutcracker*.** All ages welcome for this holiday favorite performed by the youth dancers of Ballet Esprit. Limited seating. Pick up tickets starting December 1 in Youth Services.

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## Recreation News

### November 6 thru December 18: Satellite Beach Farmers Market Holiday Bazaar

Satellite Beach Farmers Market will host a Holiday Bazaar November 6 through December 18, **at Pelican Beach Park**. During this time only, the market will present local craft vendors in addition to our 'from the ground' items. **Market hours are Thursdays from 10am-5pm**. Certified organics are available as well as non-organics, herbs, jams, honey, soaps, dips, baked goods, and more. Please note that the market will be **closed on November 27 and December 25**.

### November 8: Annual Golf Tournament for Sight

The **Satellite Beach Lions Club** will be hosting a golf tournament **at the Habitat Golf Course in Valkaria** to benefit local charities such as Christmas food drive, teacher grants, and sight and hearing causes. The **\$65 entry fee** includes team & individual prizes, cart, greens fee, goody bag, and lunch. To register, contact Joe Hauser at 452-0376 or [Josephhauser@bellsouth.net](mailto:Josephhauser@bellsouth.net).

### November 22 and December 27: Oyster-Mat-Making Workshops

Overseen by the **Brevard Zoo**, oyster-mat-making workshops will be held at the **DRS Community Center**. Please join us **November 22 or December 27 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. No need to RSVP; just come prepared to have a good time and get a little dusty! ALL ages and groups are welcome.

### December 6: Ocean-Reef-Beach Festival

The ORB Festival returns to **Pelican Beach Park**. Look for more exciting environmental displays, activities, and hands-on learning! This **FREE** event will be **held from 10am to 5pm**.

### December 12 & 13:

#### Satellite Beach Jr. Theatre's "Frosty the Snowman"

The Satellite Beach Jr. Theatre will present "Frosty the Snowman" on **Friday, December 12 at 7pm & Saturday, December 13 at 11am** at the **Satellite Beach Civic Center**. Tickets are \$3.50 and are available at the door. The whole family will enjoy this popular Christmas special of a snowman that comes to life on a magical snow day and the children who try to save him from melting!

### December 12, 13, 14: Bethlehem Walk

Sponsored by **Our Father's House**, 535 Cassia Boulevard, from **6pm-8:30pm**. A special viewing of the "Bethlehem Walk" can be arranged for **Friday, December 12th from 9:30am-11:30am** for pre-schoolers and home-schoolers by calling 777-0057.

### December 20: Jingle Bell 2-Mile Run

This race is part of the **Running Zone's Race Series**. Lots of fun for everyone, **beginning at the Satellite Beach Public Library at 5:45 pm**. Register online [www.runningzone.com/series/news2/1733](http://www.runningzone.com/series/news2/1733)

### December 20: Holiday Boat Parade

The **Banana River Power Squadron** will sponsor the 2014 Holiday Boat Parade. Participants should start assembling at **6:30pm** at the north end of **Satellite Beach's Grand Canal** and travel south.