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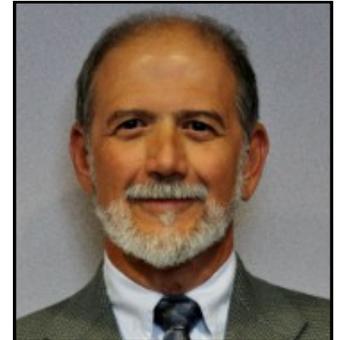


YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2015

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK
BY COUNCILMAN DOMINICK MONTANARO

City Adopts FY 2015/2016 Budget with Priorities on Infrastructure



On September 16, 2015, the City Council adopted a FY 2015/2016 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program with a millage rate of 8.29. Highlights within the newly adopted Budget are the following:

- **Reconstruction of Roosevelt Avenue:** Funded at \$1,066,116. The project includes replacing the aging concrete roadway with an asphalt road, sidewalks, and landscaping.
- **2015 Milling and Resurfacing Program:** Funded at \$878,673. The project, originally budgeted at \$658,000, was increased due to construction costs increasing. This program includes multiple streets throughout the City. Contact Public Works for a complete list.
- **Soccer Field Lighting:** Funded at \$130,000. One of the soccer fields will get new lights installed this coming year, with \$50,000 of the funds coming from a grant awarded to the Satellite Beach Soccer Club from Florida Youth Soccer Association. Also, the City received \$10,000 from the Satellite Beach Soccer Club for the electrical work needed to install the lights.
- **Skate Park Renovations:** Funded at \$200,000. The City has budgeted this project to renovate the skate park, which was the first skate park ever constructed in Brevard County. The renovations are to add new elements to the park for the kids to enjoy!
- **Cinnamon Park Playground Equipment:** Grant Funded at \$41,500 by the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program to replace the current playground equipment.

This coming year is full of City renewal projects. The City will also be focusing on a major initiative of mine, *which is communication with our residents*. Our City Council and staff will be holding meetings throughout the City to hear your concerns and ideas. We also want to ensure constant communication with our residents, especially those affected by upcoming construction projects. Therefore, we ask that if any resident would like to get email communications from the City for construction projects, please contact our Public Works Department to get on our email list: 321-777-2309.

Thank you to all of our wonderful residents, and we look forward to seeing you at our Founders Day Celebration!

PAVING THE WAY TO A
BRIGHTER
FUTURE...



City of Satellite Beach
FY 2015/2016
Operating Budget and
Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Nuisance Tree ordinance Update from Building and Zoning

In 2007 the City of Satellite Beach started an initiative to remove the invasive Australian Pines, Melaleuca (Paper Tree), and Brazilian Pepper tree's from all Satellite Beach properties by adopting Ordinance 982. Extensive efforts have been made since 2007 to remove them from all City owned properties. As many may recall the Cassia Blvd. drainage ditch and Samson Island were overrun with these trees as well as several of our recreational facility properties. With all City owned properties now substantial in compliance, natural vegetation is retuning and beginning to flourish in these areas. On October 7, 2015 City Council adopted the Ordinance establishing an effective date for these trees to be removed from the remainder of the City including private properties. Without a comprehensive effort by all residents and City staff the invasive trees will continue to spread and propagate throughout the City.

In an effort to assist homeowners with this endeavor there are two significant provisions to the Ordinance. A one-time grant reimbursement for the removal of Australian Pines and Melaleuca trees up to 1500 dollars per property, providing the removal is completed by the deadline for reimbursement on January 8, 2016. The second provision is the grandfathering clause for mature Melaleuca trees that are no longer propagating. Homeowners are given the option of keeping this type of mature tree or removing them through the grant program.

Homeowners of the City will receive a letter if these trees are identified on their property with more details. If you do not receive a letter and have trees that need to be removed contact us to help you get information on accessing the grant. For any questions or assistance please contact the Building Department at (321) 773-4409 or email jstone@satellitebeach.org.



Brazilian Pepper



Melaleuca (PaperTree)



Australian Pine

Roosevelt Avenue Update

On October 7, 2015 the City Council awarded the bids for the Roosevelt Avenue Improvements. The Roosevelt Avenue Improvements bid was awarded to Masci Corporation in the amount of \$1,044,214.41. They were also awarded the bid alternate for landscaping at a cost of \$21,902.45, bringing the total project cost to \$1,066,116.86. Masci Corporation has completed a number of local projects, including two for Satellite Beach, which were completed on time and of very high quality.

Construction is anticipated to begin shortly after January 1, 2016, in order to avoid disruptions during the holidays. The project will include the removal of the concrete that is currently in place under 3050 feet of the asphalt roadway, replacing it with road base and new asphalt. The remaining 1700 feet at the western end of Roosevelt Avenue, that does not contain concrete, will be milled and re-surfaced. Additionally, two new sidewalks will be added during the project. The north side sidewalk will be removed and replaced with a wider 5 foot walkway and an eight foot wide ped-way will be installed on the south side of the road. Gutters will also be installed along the both sides of the road in order to move stormwater more efficiently off the road.

Please contact the Public Works office at (321) 777-2309, Monday – Friday, 7:30 - 3:30 or by e-mail sbpwprojects@satellitebeach.org if you have any questions regarding these or any other Public Works projects.

Excelsior Accreditation Award for Police Department

On October 7th, the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation reviewed several Florida police agencies for initial or reaccreditation status. The commission unanimously voted to award the Satellite Beach Police Department a 5th consecutive accreditation certification. The agency was also awarded the prestigious Excelsior Award, which is the highest honor for accredited agencies. Satellite Beach is the first agency in Brevard County to achieve this award.

In August 2015, the visiting assessment team conducted independent, intensive and thorough inspections of the agencies' operations. To earn reaccreditation an agency must comply with all applicable, mandatory standards. Independent assessors were provided with complete, unlimited access to review written documentation, conduct personnel interviews, observe agency operations and training practices, and conduct facility inspections to ensure the Satellite Beach Police Department's compliance with all accreditation standards.

Excelsior status is the highest recognition for continued excellence in law enforcement accreditation. This award recognizes agencies that have maintained a long and successful review of policies and procedures and comply with the state standards. It takes approximately 17 years to achieve this recognition. For a Florida law enforcement agency to achieve Excelsior status, the agency must have received initial accreditation through the Commission, followed by five (5) successful reaccreditation assessments without any issues or special conditions. Only about 20% of all accredited law enforcement agencies in the state have received the Excelsior award.



Holiday Burglary and Theft Warning from the Police Chief

The most prevalent crimes in the beachside communities continue to be vehicle and residential burglaries and theft. With the holidays approaching there is always the chance for an increase in these types of crimes. The majority of burglaries involve suspects going into unlocked cars at beach accesses or in residential driveways, or into open garages. The most common items taken include loose change, portable GPS devices, cell phones, tools and surfboards.

The Police Department urges residents to help deter these criminals by removing all valuables from vehicles and locking doors to cars and homes at all times, including closing and locking garage doors. Residential patrols are part of our officer's everyday responsibilities and are increased when necessary. Our dedicated Citizens on Patrol volunteer program also continuously supplement these residential patrols. Unfortunately our officers and volunteers cannot be everywhere at once. We depend on our citizens to help deter criminal activity through awareness and vigilance.

Residents are asked to report suspicious persons immediately. If you see someone looking into cars or lurking around houses day or night, call the Police Department right away at (321) 773-4400. Do not wait. All too often calls are received days later when in fact, an immediate report of a suspicious person may have resulted in an arrest or prevented future criminal activity.

On Dasher, On Dancer....

Well, you know the rest of the story. Satellite Beach Fire Rescue and Paramedic Services along with the reserve firefighter organization will proudly present our annual "Twilight Santa". Each year our goal is to bring cheer and happiness to people of all ages during the upcoming holiday season by parading Santa atop a brightly decorated fire truck through the streets of our community.

We dedicate this year's "Twilight Santa" to Satellite Beach's very own Retired Fire Captain James Keating. Captain Keating was one of the founders of the "Twilight Santa" program and since its inception was the lead person on the program. Captain Keating has since retired and handed the reins down to the next generation of firefighters to carry on our Cities annual holiday tradition. Santa will not be here long, so listen for the approaching sirens and make haste to the window and view a sight to behold. The Satellite Beach Fire Department members wish each of you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

TWILIGHT SANTA SCHEDULE

December 14: Jackson Avenue south to Park Avenue, east of South Patrick Drive

December 15: Park Avenue south to Cinnamon Drive

December 16: West side of South Patrick Drive to include Satellite Beach portion of Tortoise Island

December 17: Cassia Boulevard south to DeSoto Parkway

December 18: DeSoto Parkway south to City Line

December 19: Pelican Coast

Santa will begin his travels at 6:00 p.m. each night and continue on until 9:00 p.m. Due to limited time, Santa is unable to make special visits or stops. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your continued support.

Satellite Beach Fire/Rescue Invites Community to Attend A Charlie Brown Christmas Open House Event

The Satellite Beach Fire Rescue Open House is scheduled for December 13, 2015 from 6-9 pm. Come help Snoopy save Christmas from the Red Baron! There'll be fire trucks on display, refreshments, games and best of all - Santa! Come join the excitement and be a part of the fun!

It will be a community event that you won't want to miss!!



OCEAN REEF BEACH FEST

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ADMISSION**

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the ocean
lifestyle



OceanReefBeachFestival.com

Calling all Chowder Lovers!

Anglers For Conservation's Chowder "Slow Down, Chow Down" Cook-Off has been given rave reviews and accolades since it joined the fun at the Ocean-Reef-Beach Festival in Satellite Beach.

This year's ORB Fest takes place December 5th. Come take advantage of the opportunity to taste the best chowders in town and be a judge of this year's Cook-Off. To learn how your team or restaurant can compete in this year's Chowder "Slow Down, Chow Down" Cook-Off please contact Heather Sears at 321-474-8202.

For more information
visit oceanreefbeachfestival.com



*GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club &
The City of Satellite Beach Present*



FOUNDERS' DAY & Marketplace

**SURF'S
UP!**



**SATURDAY
Nov. 7
2015
9AM-3PM**

**PARADE
BAKE SALE
FLEA MARKET
CRAFT BOOTHS
KIDS ACTIVITIES**

*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 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, (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-** 11am-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 8-10am in the DRS Gymnasium, Check 55+ newsletter for holiday exclusions. Contact Claudia 773-0437
- **Line Dancing-** Tuesdays 1-2 pm. \$2/session (55+ members only). Contact Candy 779-2941
- **Lunch Bunch-** 3rd Wednesday each month, 12:30 pm. Contact Barbara 773-3050 locations vary.
- **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 each month, 9-11 am.
- **Continuing Education Florida Tech Lifelong Scholar Program-** Contact Marty 777-8313 or <http://www.fit.edu/continuing-ed>

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The City would like to thank all community partners that assist the City every year in making projects become reality. An example of these partnerships include the **Satellite Beach Women's Club** that donated **\$150,000** for the Shell Street improvement project that is nearing completion and the **Satellite Beach Soccer Club** that donated **\$10,000** towards the lighting of the Soccer Fields.

In addition the City would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations that have supported our Community Paramedic Program through various donations:

Our Fathers House & SBUMC \$3,191.84
Richard Smith \$1,000
John & Sadie Baker: \$1,000
Martha Kirby \$680
Beachside Grill \$546.73
Satellite Beach United Methodist Church \$440

AJ Casey \$100
Bradley Conner \$75
Joe Jursa \$50
Alvin Perry \$50
John Newsome \$50
Gabe Feindt \$50

About the Library

ADULTS

Friday, November 6 at 1:00 pm – Friends Book Sort. Volunteers needed.

Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm – Library Board meeting. Open to the public.

Friday, November 13 at 3:00 pm – Change It Up or Finish It Up. Bring in projects from previous Bead Ladies jewelry workshops. Or make a new bracelet and earrings. Cost includes all materials, tools and instruction. Contact Normandie & Nancy at 321-225-1394. Note: Date and time change due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Monday, November 16 at 2:00 pm – Education on Veteran Benefits by the Law Office of Amy B. Van Fossen. Call 345-5945 or email chris@amybvanfossen.com for information.

Monday, November 30 at 1:00 pm – Barbara's Book Chats. The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce.

CHILDREN

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm – Junior Builders Club. Ages 5 and up are welcome for building challenges featuring LEGO toys.

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

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

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

TEENS (Ages 12+)

Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm – Teen Book Club. The Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins.

Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm – Table Top Games. Bring a game and a friend.

The Satellite Beach Woman's Club

Next general meeting is on Monday, November 16, 2016 at 10 AM at the DR Schechter Community Center.

SATELLITE BEACH PAL PROGRAM EVENTS

- **Teeny Bopper Nights**– Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 6:30-9:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00
- **After school Tutoring Program**- Tuesday and Thursdays 3:45-5:45 pm. Cost is \$8.00/hour
- **PAL Basketball** - Begins December 4th and 5th.

Beautification Board Checklist

The intersections on the west side of A1A are planted and growing nicely. 

So now it's time to think about Christmas and the annual Satellite Beach Christmas Lighting Contest. We will certainly have a winner this year—and it might as well be YOU! The routine has changed somewhat in that the Board divides the town in sections and each Board member nominates one property in his/her section. The next night the Board views each of those properties and votes for a winner. The property receiving the most votes wins. Citizens can still call into City Hall (773-4407) and nominate properties they feel are especially nice. 

We are in need of three members. So if you enjoy the beauty of landscaping and gardening and participating in keeping Satellite Beach the best looking community Beachside, please consider joining us. We meet on Friday mornings at 9 am. New ideas and opinions always welcome! 

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RECREATION NEWS

November 14 Annual Tournament for Sight -The SB Lions Club is hosting a golf tournament at the Habitat Golf Course in Valkaria that benefits local charities. The \$65 entry fee includes team and individual prizes, cart/greens fee, goody bag and lunch. Tournament sponsors and golfers needed! To register, contact Joe, (321) 452-0376 or Joseph-hauser@bellsouth.net

***** December is Twilight Santa – Details on Page 4 *****

December 10 Phone Calls from Santa's Elves - Satellite High Jr. ROTC and the Recreation Dept will provide calls from Santa's Workshop. Parents can call the Rec Dept (321) 773-6458 and arrange for their child to receive a call from an elf. Requests are accepted until Dec 9 at 5 pm. Santa's elves will call on Thurs, Dec 10 from 5-8 pm. Print the form "Santa Calls" online from <http://www.satellitebeachrecreation.org/Pages/Forms.aspx> Complete and fax to (321) 777-5207 or mail/drop off at the SB Recreation Dept, 1089 S. Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

December 11, 12 & 13 Bethlehem Walk - Sponsored by Our Father's House Church, 535 Cassia Blvd. from 6-8:30 pm. A special viewing of the "Bethlehem Walk" can be arranged on Friday, December 11th from 9:30-11:30 am for preschools and homeschoolers by calling (321) 777-0057.

December 19 Jingle Bell Run 2 Miler - Part of the Running Zone's Race Series to benefit Satellite High Running Programs. Register online at <http://www.runningzone.com/series/jinglebell2miler/>

December 19 Boat Parade - The Banana River Power Squadron will sponsor the 2015 Holiday Boat Parade. Participants should start assembling at 6:00 pm at the north end of Satellite Beach's Grand Canal and travel south.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program - Thank you to the volunteers who lend a hand to our Satellite Beach neighbors who need transportation, temporary light housekeeping, small handyman jobs, shopping, etc. We are looking for additional volunteers to join our pool. If you need

transportation or other non-professional assistance, leave a message at least 5 business days in advance, (321) 773-6458 and a dispatcher will return your call.

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) schedules appointments at the DRS Community Center each Monday morning beginning August 17, to assist seniors and the disabled with their Medicare questions. SHINE counseling is free, unbiased and confidential. Call (321) 426-0350 to schedule an appointment or to speak to a SHINE representative.

The Holidays are a time for Sharing! There are several opportunities around the City to share with others less fortunate. Toys for Tots, Satellite Cares, TRIAD Senior Santa and the 55+ Food Drive are just a few. Contact the Recreation Department at (321) 773-6458 for details!

Samsons Island Nature Park - located within the City, is a 52-acre island in the Banana River, open daily to the public. Daytime activities include bird watching, nature observation and fishing. Open from dusk and dawn for camping or an evening outing, a permit must first be obtained from the SB Recreation Department. Free boat transportation and park tours available each Sunday leaving from the SB Fire Department dock at 1 pm and returning about 3:30 pm. Tours are first come, first serve. View our history video at http://youtu.be/xC1fo1_ZHNQ

Satellite Beach Farmers Market - Weekly at Pelican Beach Park, 1525 Hwy A1A, on Thursdays 10 am-4 pm. Stop by as vendors may vary offering produce, plants, spices, fresh bread, jams, honey, jewelry, local artwork and much more. All items are hand crafted. If you are interested in becoming a vendor please contact the SB Recreation Dept, (321) 773-6458.

Keep Brevard Beautiful monthly beach cleanup - At Pelican Beach Park, begins at 8 am on the second Saturday monthly, organized by Ethan Shoda and his mother, Kathy. Keep Brevard Beautiful supplies grabbers, buckets, trash bags and gloves. Bring your own water. No need to RSVP. Call Kathy at (321) 474-6156 with any questions.