

City of Satellite Beach

BEACHCASTER



YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2016

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK

BY COUNCILMAN DOMINICK MONTANARO



I always enjoy sharing facts about things happening in Satellite Beach. Here are some facts you may want to consider when you vote on Tuesday November 8th that affect us as well as everyone else in the County.

Pollutant sources have been deposited into the Lagoon for the last 50 years. The sources include fertilizer, leaking sewer lines and septic tanks, stormwater (vehicle and sediment pollutants), atmospheric deposition (emissions), point sources (reclaimed water) and muck flux. Muck flux is the accumulation of muck on the river bottom, which contains years and years of built up nutrient loads that are consistently released into the water column.

Although we have experienced “super” algae blooms since 2011, the 2016 fish kill was, by far, the worst impact our residents have seen from pollution in our County. Currently, we have lost over 60% of the sea grass in the Indian River Lagoon. Sea grass is an important food source and habitat for the diverse creatures that inhabit our Lagoon.

Shortly after the fish kill in May 2106, the County hosted a legislative delegation to tour the Lagoon and discuss solutions. It was clear that state funds would be made available as matching funds for projects, and that the County needed a “plan of action” that included specific projects. The County then directed staff to create a “Save Our Lagoon Projects Plan” (SOLPP).

The County has developed the SOLPP around four main strategies: **REDUCE**: this includes reducing the nutrient loads in the lagoon and educational strategies for fertilizer reduction, stormwater projects and septic tank removal or remediation. **REMOVE**: this includes muck removal. This is a large part of the plan which requires the most funds. **RESTORE**: this includes restoring filter feeders, shoreline plantings and sea grass restoration. **RESPOND**: working to collect data and conduct the studies to implement the next phases of projects based on the best available scientific data at the time.

The Plan cost is currently estimated at \$300 million over the course of ten years. There are no realistic long term cuts that could be made from the County’s General Fund to cover these costs without affecting our quality of life.

The County Commission voted unanimously on August 9th to place a .5 percent sales tax on the November 8, 2016 ballot. This sales tax would provide an estimated \$34 million per year for ten years. All revenues from the sales tax would be deposited in the Save Our Lagoon Fund for the sole purpose of lagoon restoration. The proposal includes a Citizen Oversight Committee to be appointed by both the Space Coast League of Cities and the County Commission. All Plan updates and budgets would be recommended by the Citizen Oversight Committee. Lagoon Restoration is estimated to provide an additional \$2 billion to our economy!

The Indian River Lagoon is 157,000 acres of a diverse estuary, of which 71% lies in Brevard County. The County population was 23,000 in 1950 and has grown to 568,000 today. The Lagoon has a \$4.3 million annual impact on our County’s economy.

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This is a local problem that needs a local solution. We are responsible for the Lagoon and we need to take responsibility for its restoration. How do we tell the children of Brevard we don't think it's important? Let's leave a legacy of clean water for the next generation by voting yes for the half cent tax.

Another interesting fact: "City of Satellite Beach Named Among 10 Most Successful Cities in Florida," ranking number 8 of the 215 cities with more than 5000 people, according to the August 25, 2016, Zippia.com report.

Satellite Beach has come a long way in the last four years, with city reserves having been restored to acceptable levels, and with Roosevelt Ave replaced, including stormwater improvements. Many other roads in the city have been resurfaced. Town Hall meetings throughout the city the last two years have opened up dialog between residents and the City Council that did not exist in the past. The new city Sustainability Board was created based on those meetings and is providing valuable input on how we move forward as a community. City operations have been streamlined and the millage rate has gone down consistently to balance tax burden impacts. City Council, the City Manager and staff have worked together on your behalf to keep Satellite Beach the place we love to live.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8th.

BUDGET HEARINGS IN SEPTEMBER

The City will hold two public hearings on the FY 2016/2017 Proposed Budget on September 7th and 21st. Both meetings are Wednesdays at 7pm and will be held in the City Council Chamber at 565 Cassia Boulevard. The new budget, which will be effective October 1, 2016, will be formally adopted following approval of City Council at these two meetings. A link to download the proposed budget is available on the top center of the City's homepage (www.satellitebeachfl.org), and includes a balanced budget with a millage rate of 8.1518. This millage rate is only 4.14% over the rolled back rate and represents a 1.67% reduction of the previous year's millage rate of 8.2900.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATORS (FACTE)

Mr. Randy Pitts, Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair teacher at Satellite High School, was recognized with the 2016 FACTE President's Award for his dedication to student achievement. Mr. Pitts is respected by his colleagues and is a valuable contributor to the Career and Technical Programs not only at Satellite but throughout our county. In 2014/15 his students earned accolades with a multitude of top 10 finishers in their career and student organization, Skills USA. In 2015/16 they were able to achieve 2nd in the nation for the Quaker State – Best in Class Challenge, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the Central Florida Automotive Dealers' Contest, which led to two students and Mr. Pitts representing Central Florida Automotive Dealers at the International Automotive Dealers' Show in New York City. His students, again, won Universal Technical Institute's (UTI) Top Tech Challenge, bringing home \$10,000 worth of tools to Satellite High School's auto program and scholarships to each student.

Mr. John Wallace, first year Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) teacher at Astronaut High School, was recognized with the 2016 Outstanding New CTE Teacher of the Year Award. Mr. Wallace is described by colleagues as engaged, enthusiastic and thoughtful – regardless of the task. Mr. Wallace is a firefighter/paramedic by trade. In August 2015 he was hired to invigorate AHS' EMR program. He has a true desire to expose his students to the world of emergency medicine through meaningful opportunities outside of the classroom. He is an active member of his school community and involved with Titusville & Mims' local agencies. He is a true role model for students and is an example of how we define teachers who make a difference in student lives. In his spare time he is a board member of the South Beach Youth Football and Cheer Association, and a coach with Beachside Little League and South Beach Seahawks.



SATELLITE BEACH POLITICAL FORUM

On October 11, 2016 a Political Forum will be held at Satellite Beach City Hall, 565 Cassia Blvd., Satellite Beach, starting at 7 p.m. All candidates appearing on the ballot from our area will be invited to attend. This Political Forum is open to the public. All questions will be submitted to the moderator during the forum. Ruth Schechter, former League of Women Voters member, will be the moderator. The public is asked to bring non-perishable food items for contribution to World Food Day. This event is sponsored by the GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE HEALTHY LIVING WORKSHOPS

The Satellite Beach Fire Rescue Department is hosting Brevard County's first Living Healthy Workshop in September, in collaboration with Aging Matters in Brevard, the Senior Resource Alliance, and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. This 6-week class for people living with chronic disease offers strategies for managing diet, exercise, communication, and health care. Response to this class has been overwhelming, and it has filled up quickly. We will be offering another session in 2017, so watch for the dates in an upcoming issue of the Beachcaster. The Living Healthy workshop is also being offered at One Senior Place in Viera from January 6 to February 10, 2017. Call Paula at Aging Matters in Brevard at (321) 806-3741 for more information.



This workshop is designed for people living with ongoing or chronic health conditions such as arthritis, high blood pressure, depression, heart disease, chronic pain, anxiety, multiple sclerosis, fibromyalgia and others. During the workshop, participants will receive support from trained leaders and other workshop participants, learn practical ways to manage their pain and fatigue, learn about nutrition and exercise options, understand new treatment choices and learn better ways to communicate about their conditions. Past participants report having increased energy, less stress, more confidence, and fewer doctors' visits as a result of taking the Living Healthy workshop.

Participants of the program are encouraged to bring their spouse, family member or friend to attend the workshop with them. The goal is to help people better manage their health conditions and deal with the frustration, fatigue and pain that can accompany a chronic disease.

For more information regarding the Satellite Beach Fire Department, please visit their official website at www.satellitebeachfire.com or on Facebook.

POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Satellite Beach Police Department Volunteer Program offers a wide variety of engaging programs that we would love to have you participate in if you want to give back to your community. It's so simple, all you have to do is donate 10 hours a month, be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and be willing to have fun.

**Volunteers
Wanted**



Our volunteer programs are: Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.); Housechecks; ATV Beach Patrol (must have prior experience); Marine Patrol and Fingerprinting to name a few.

In addition we are specifically looking for compassionate, experienced individuals to participate in our Stop By & Say Hi Program where weekly social visits are made with our residents and we share laughter and talk about life's adventures. This is a very rewarding program that touches the hearts of everyone involved.

For more information, contact Ms. Linda Harlow at 321-773-4400 or complete a Satellite Beach Police Department Volunteer Application which is located at 510 Cinnamon Drive, Satellite Beach or can be found on line at www.satellitebeach.org.

FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Love Our Lagoon signs are now available at City Hall for pick up; they are free and display beautiful artwork from our own local artist Damien Share. You will need to sign a form that states you agree to practice lagoon friendly lawn care, which is the premise of the program. There is also the hope that the signs will create open dialog among neighbors to follow by example. This program was developed by Anglers for Conservation and sponsored by the City of Satellite Beach.



Lagoon Friendly Lawn Program The Board has partnered with Keep Brevard Beautiful to create this program that promotes lawn contractors and homeowners to come together and encourage each other to use soil testing as a tool to fertilize properly, to switch to organic slow release fertilizers, and to participate in basic lawn maintenance best practices. As a lawn care company you may already be following these practices, this program would like to reward you for your efforts. This program is offered county-wide and website listings and marketing benefits are a few of the perks you can expect for joining. It is not a fallacy that fertilizer runoff is a contributor to the poor health of the Indian River Lagoon, both organizations want to educate our community and encourage countywide participation in this program. Do you own a lawn care company that would like to sign up? Go to keepbrevardbeautiful.org/our-programs/lagoon-friendly-lawns and look for the “Contractor’s Corner” section. You will find the application and more information on the the three levels that are offered. Homeowners can apply too! Three Melbourne Beach homes received their handmade lawn signs at the official kick off of the program on August 17th.

Community Garden A subcommittee from the Board is working on pricing and layout design, as well an irrigation system. Plots will be open to Satellite beach residents, pricing per lot is also undecided at this time, however; the committee is interested in finding out how many people are interested in a plot space. If you would be interested in having a plot in the garden, please send an email to Julie at Jfinch@satellitebeach.org and let her know. This information will be helpful in the meetings as they discuss plot numbers and layout.

At **Founders Day** look for the Sustainability Board’s booth. You can expect some reusable bags from the Board and local business partners to reduce the amount of plastic bags that are used in our community. A kiosk will be set up at the David R. Schechter Community Center for picking up the bags and for collecting plastic bags.



FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

With the new school year already in progress and cooler weather approaching, it's especially important to keep our sidewalks clear. There should be no blockage due to debris, autos/trailers or vegetation. Trim back any branches that interfere with passage and also turf or plants that sprawl out onto the sidewalk.

Strolling down the avenue on a cool fall evening gives us the perfect opportunity to meet our neighbors and breathe in the fresh air. Take the family outdoors and enjoy the upcoming seasons.

CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM

In another effort to keep connected with residents, the City has created an Instagram account. Follow us at [cityofsatellitebeach](https://www.instagram.com/cityofsatellitebeach) and see beautiful pictures and programs that we are promoting. Creating this account is intended to appeal to the 90% of users that are under 35 years old. Instagram is a fun way to share your life through pictures and we hope you will take a peek !

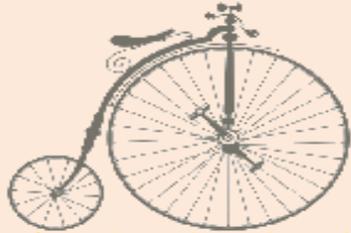


**Satellite Beach Woman's Club
& the City of Satellite Beach**

PRESENTS

UNDER THE BIG TOP

**SATURDAY
NOV
5TH
9AM-3PM**



2016 FOUNDERS DAY PARADE & MARKETPLACE



Parade Steps off at 11AM from Delaura Middle School's parking lot... Ends at the DRS!

**MORE THAN 100 CRAFT
& SPECIALTY VENDORS**



**DRS COMMUNITY CENTER
1089 S. PATRICK DRIVE, SB 32937**

FOR MORE INFORMATION 321.773.6458



LABOR DAY IS A REGULAR COLLECTION DAY FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT

Please note that Labor Day (September 5, 2016) is a regular collection service day for Waste Management, so please plan to put your yard trash out for pickup as you normally would on a Monday.

Just as a reminder to all residents, a quick and easy option to enter service requests can be found through a link on the City's website. On the lower left side of the homepage (www.satellitebeachfl.org), select the "Service Request" option and complete the form. These requests are emailed directly to Waste Management staff.

QUICK LINKS



- [Service Request](#)
- [Service Information](#)
- [Holiday Schedule](#)
- [Disabled/Elderly Pickup Assistance](#)

55 + CLUB OF SATELLITE BEACH

The 55+ Club is for those who are 55 years and older. You do not have to live in Satellite Beach. Yearly membership dues are \$7. A bi-monthly newsletter, mailed to members, contains further information on all club activities. 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

- **Bingo Mondays**- 11am-1:30pm (doors open at 9:00am) at the Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd. Members only and card fees apply. Contact Louise T. 773-3160
- **Board/Membership Meeting**- 3rd Wednesday each month 9am. Contact Jill 773-2080
- **Bunco 2nd Friday each month**- 10am-1pm at Bizzaro's Pizza. \$5/members, \$7/guests. Contact Barbara 773-3050
- **Cards & Games**- Thursdays, 9am-3pm. Contact Betty 773-8232
- **Cards & Games (also Billiards & Table Tennis)**- Wednesdays, 6-9pm. Contact Betty 773-8232
- **Chess Opportunities/Lessons Brush up**- Improve or learn. Locations vary. Contact Dick 777-0255
- **Coupon Group 3rd Wednesday monthly**- 2-3pm, Satellite Beach Library. Contact Terry 773-7705
- **Book Club 1st Wednesday monthly**- 12-2:30pm. Contact Joyce 961-6408
- **Cribbage**- Wed 6pm & Thurs 9am. New or experienced players welcome. Contact Betty 773-8232
- **The Dinner Gang**- 1st Tuesday every other month, 5:30pm. Locations vary. Contact Floss 773-6073
- **Early Bird Dining & Dancing**- 2nd Wednesday, 5pm at Neptune Grill. Contact Joan 777-0238
- **Education Seminars 1st Thursday each month**- September-May, 12:30pm. Light lunch served, please RSVP to Satellite Beach Recreation at 773-6458 in advance. Contact Jill 773-2080
- **Fishing Club**- 2nd Thursday each month. Contact Gene 773-4647
- **Indoor Walking Group**- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 8-10am in the DRS Gymnasium, Check 55+ newsletter for holiday exclusions. No walking Sept. 7. Contact Claudia 773-0437
- **Line Dancing**- Tuesdays 1-2pm. \$2/session. Contact Candy 779-2941
- **Line Dancing for Beginners**- Thursdays 1-2pm. 55+ club Membership is encouraged. \$3/session. Contact Trudy 223-7249
- **Lunch Bunch**- 3rd Wednesday each month, 12:30pm. Locations vary, contact Barbara 773-3050
- **Mahjongg**- Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am. Lessons offered. Contact Barbara 773-3050
- **Party Bridge**- Thursdays, 11am-3pm. Foursomes appreciated. Contact Fannie 777-2378
- **Travel Group Day Trips**- TBA. 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**- 2nd Monday monthly 9:15-10:30am at Bingo, 565 Cassia Blvd.

www.55plusclubofsb.com

Please check us out on Facebook

SATELLITE BEACH LION'S CLUB

Thanks to a generous \$2400 donation from the Satellite Beach Lion's Club, residents and visitors will soon have new park benches to relax at several of our City's recreation facilities. The Sports Park (by the SB Library), Desoto Park and Cinnamon Park will each be home to a new ergo-EcoBench™, made of 100% recycled plastic. These three benches, made from about 2466 milk jugs that would have ended up in a land-fill, will include the engraving "Donated by the Satellite Beach Lion's Club". The City is grateful for the Lion's Club's commitment to our community and support of our Recreation Department.

Don't miss the Tri-Tip Dinner on Sept 20 at 6:30. The Lion's Club is sponsoring a community dinner at Pelican Beach Park. The cost is \$12 and tickets may be purchased at Complete Air & Heat located at 1395 S Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. Come and learn about events the Lion's Club are doing this fall.



ABOUT THE LIBRARY

ADULTS

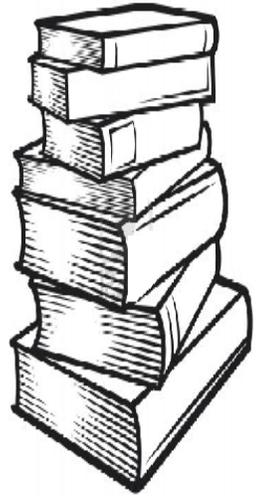
Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm – Friends of the Library Mini Book Sale. One day only for 6 hours. Many donations and discards will be at the sale in the community. Volunteers needed to help with the setup on September 9 and the sale on September 10.

Tuesdays from 12:30 pm-3:00 pm – SHINE insurance counseling. One-on-one help with health insurance for seniors and disabled. Program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Call 321-426-0261.

Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm – Library Board Meeting. Open to the public.

Friday, September 23 at 1:00 pm – Bead Ladies. Design and make beaded jewelry. All materials, tools, instruction included in \$10-\$15 fee. Call Normandie at 321-225-1394.

Monday, September 26 at 1:00 pm – Barbara’s Book Chats. Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart.



CHILDREN and TEENS

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Story Time for Toddlers for ages 15-36 months. Resumes September 7.

Thursdays at 11:00 am and 3:30 pm - Story Time Alphabet Adventures for ages 3 and up. Resumes September 8.

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm – Junior Builders Club. Stories and free building with LEGOS for ages 5 and up. Resumes September 7.

Saturday, September 17 at 1:00 pm – Read to a Dog with the Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Sign-up required. Limited participation for ages 5 and up.

Monday, September 19 at 3:00 pm – Rave About Your Fave. Sunshine State Book Club (Grades 3-6). Discuss your favorite SSYRA books over snacks.

Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm – Random Fandom Teen Book Club for ages 12-17.

SATELLITE BEACH PAL

Saturday, September 3rd and 17th-Teeny Bopper nights 6:30-9:30pm Cost is \$5.00

Tuesday, September 13th-Winter Basketball Registration Begins. Forms can be found on our website.

After School Tutoring Begins (T & TH)

Saturday, September 24th-Annual BUNKO Blast fundraiser. Doors open at 6:00pm and the dice roll at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and include an all you can eat buffet, adult beverages and homemade desserts. Tickets may be purchased at the Rec Department or PAL office, or reserved by calling the PAL office at 777-8336.

Saturday, October 1st and 15th-Teeny Bopper nights 6:30-9:30pm. Cost is \$5.00.

Saturday, October 1st and 15th-Daily Bread Fundraiser

Saturday, October 8th-PAL Indoor Garage and Bike Sale 8:00am–1:00pm. To donate, call (321) 777-8336.

Saturday, October 15th-Kids without a Christmas fundraiser.

Sunday, October 23-PAL and Lion’s Club hosts the Annual Halloween Happenings Party. Beginning at 5:45pm, a “spook parade” will walk west from the SB United Methodist Church to the Teen Zone where there will be activities including music, dancing, refreshments, games & prizes. This is a free event for kids up to the second grade. Call PAL, (321) 777-8336 for more info.



RECREATION NEWS

[Restore Oyster Reefs in the Indian River Lagoon](#)

Oyster mat-making workshops will continue at the DRS Community Center, overseen by the Brevard Zoo. Please join us on any of the following dates: **Sept 14, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19 & Dec 17** from 10-11:30am. No need to RSVP, all ages are welcome. Groups larger than 8, please call the SB Rec Dept at (321) 773-6458. Plan to get dusty and have fun!

[The Satellite Beach Farmers Market](#)- continues weekly at Pelican Beach Park, 1525 Hwy A1A, on Thursdays 10am-4pm. We are pleased to offer produce, fresh bread, tiki carvings and more. For more information, please contact the SB Rec Dept, (321) 773-6458.

[September 17 Florida Coastal Cleanup](#)- Sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and Keep Brevard (KBB) Beautiful at Pelican Beach Park, 8am-12pm. Trash bags, gloves, and sunscreen are provided. Volunteers should bring drinking water. Limited FREE T-Shirts! Call Adam Carrion (321) 631-0501 for more info.

[September 19 Color Wars!](#) (School Holiday) Join us for "black light" fun including Pokémon "find it", color dodge ball, and a neon obstacle course! Your color warrior will engage in physical activities, crafts, lunch and fun! Ages 5-13yrs attend from 9am-3pm and the cost is \$40. Register at the SB Rec Dept.

[September 24 Kids Ninja Warrior Challenge](#) Come compete in ninja obstacles & challenges including balance obstacles, warped wall and more! Ages: 5 1/2-8yrs compete at 10-11:30am. Ages: 9-11yrs compete at 12-1:30pm. Cost: \$20/competitor. Register online www.satellitebeachrecreation.org at the SB Rec Dept. Event is at the DRS Gym.

[October 1 Long Doggers and the City of Satellite Beach Kids' Marathon & Half Marathon](#)- This is a

great event for kids 12 yrs and under! Parents run for free! Largest school participation receives \$250 for their school! Register for the Marathon (2.62 miles) and Half Marathon (1.31 miles) for \$15 each or the Double Dog Dare combined run for \$25 online at <http://www.runningzone.com/series/kidsrun/>

[October 2 PAL/Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast](#)

At the SB Civic Center from 8am-12noon. Tickets are \$5 each in advance at the PAL office, SB Rec Dept, or from a Lions Club member.

[October 8 Friends of the Library Garage Sale](#)

Starting at 7:00am, proceeds will support library programs. Donations accepted beginning Sept. 1. Call the Library (321) 779-4004 for more info.

[October 15 National Costume Swap Day!](#)- Bring a clean, gently used Halloween costume to the SB Rec Dept during office hours Oct 4th through Oct 14th and receive one swap voucher for each costume dropped off. Costumes should be in good condition. Return Oct 15th between 9-11am with your voucher(s). Costumes are only for swap.

[October 15 Teeny Bopper Halloween Costume Party](#)

- Find your best Halloween costume and join us for our Annual Halloween Teeny Bopper night. There will be a costume parade and prizes. No reservations needed, just come 6:30-9:30pm and pay \$5 at the door. For youth kindergarten-6th grade.

[October 16 Space Coast VW Fest](#)- The 3rd Annual Vintage VW Show will be held at the DRS Community Center from 8am-4pm. Enjoy art vendors, raffles, live entertainment, information booths and Food Trucks! Over \$3,000 in auction and raffle prizes, including a family 4 pack to SeaWorld – valued over \$700! This event is FREE to spectators. For more info contact Phil or Brenda Cline (321) 508-4332 or email metalsouls.bc@gmail.com or spacecoastvwfest.com