



# Beachcaster

Your Official City Newsletter

February/March 2012

## From Mayor Ferrante's Desk

Welcome back *Beachcaster* – where City news and events can be found. The return of the *Beachcaster* is made possible by a group of volunteers working together with the City. This first edition is a prototype and a work in progress. Any new ideas, including ways to finance it are encouraged. The City Council would like to thank all who have worked on this project for once again showing how volunteers make Satellite Beach a great community.

### Planning Meeting for Beachcaster In the Council Chamber

Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Come and join us

- We need to generate two lists, one for those who would like e-mail delivery and another for those who want a hard copy.
- We need to find a way to cover the printing and mailing costs.
- Become involved. This is our City and we need to work together.
- If you would like a hard copy, please go by the Fire, Police, Rec Center, or City Hall and write your name, address, and phone number on a pad that is there or turn in the form on this page to City Hall.
- If you would like to receive your copy online, please e-mail your name, address, e-mail address, and phone number to [lolexa@satellitebeach.org](mailto:lolexa@satellitebeach.org) with the word *Beachcaster* in the subject area.

## Glad you asked . . .

What happened? These are hard economic times. Last summer while the budget was being balanced, the *Beachcaster* was cut as a way to save money. In December, many of our residents spoke of their desire to see its return. The Council approved a citizen's initiative. Some things that were learned:

- The *Beachcaster* is a tool used by the City to get information out.
- Some people are willing to get their copy online line others need to get a hard copy.
- Costs could be cut by printing fewer pages in a black/white format and providing copies via e-mail.
- The cost for printing and mailing the Aug/Sept 2011 issue was \$4,087.66. The cost for printing and mailing this issue was \$1,773.13 for 5043 copies.

We need to know how you would like to receive the *Beachcaster*  
\_\_\_\_\_ by snail mail (regular mail)  
\_\_\_\_\_ by e-mail (a way to help the City save money)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In order to make sure you get the next copy, please turn this in to City Hall

## Police Department

From the valuable to the unusual, items found on city streets, at the beaches and parks and even on private property are turned into the Police Department every week. Some people inquire about their missing property, but many do not. "At the moment we have an American flag, 18 bikes, 3 jewelry items, 4 wallets, a camera, a sewing machine, a vehicle tire, along with assorted sunglasses, keys, and cell phones all waiting to be claimed by their owners", said Evidence Supervisor Lori Cribb. She encourages anyone who believes their possession may have been stolen or simply lost to contact her to arrange for its return.

"We're donating any unclaimed, found property to the Police Activities League's annual rummage sale on April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. However, we would encourage anyone missing a bike to hopefully retrieve it from us and then participate in our Bike Rodeo that takes place at our annual Safety Fair on May 19<sup>th</sup>," said Cribb. Please contact Lori Cribb for more information at 773-4400, ext 145.

## Building and Zoning Department

### Permits Issued:

The Building Department issued 1,232 permits in 2011, compared to 1,399 for 2010. This represents a decrease of approximately 12% from last year.

### Certificates of Occupancy Issued:

The Building Department issued 39 Certificates of Occupancy in 2011, compared to 51 for 2010. This represents a decrease of 23% from last year.

## Fire Department

Did you know that injuries from a fall are the leading cause of traumatic death for those 65 and older? Satellite Beach Fire Department offers a free in-home fall risk assessment and home survey to reduce your chances of falling.

For more information and to schedule your home visit, call c 773-4405 or visit us on the web at [www.satellitebeachfire.com](http://www.satellitebeachfire.com)

## Public Works Update

The City has completed the North Drainage project. This project replaced dilapidated storm drain lines that were in place, between the un-incorporated South Patrick Park area and School Board property. The project was 75% funded through a FEMA grant; the remaining 25% was funded by an interlocal agreement between the City, Brevard County, and the Brevard County School Board.

On Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - City Council awarded a bid for the Civic Center air conditioning and lighting improvements. This project will replace the existing A/C and lighting with high efficiency equipment that will reduce energy consumption and operating costs. The project was funded through an Energy Efficiency Block Grant and was awarded to Competitive Air & Heat, which is based in Satellite Beach. Project completion is expected by May 2012. It is anticipated that the Civic Center will be open for normal operations at that time. For questions about these or any other Public Works projects call 777-2309 or e-mail [apotter@satellitebeach.org](mailto:apotter@satellitebeach.org)

## Recreation Department

Spring is a great time to enjoy our fine Florida weather and local events, so keep active and engaged in your community. To find out what is happening in Recreation, please check out [www.satellitebeachrecreation.org](http://www.satellitebeachrecreation.org) or call 773-6458. Some events that you may not want to miss:

- Cinderella's Wedding - February 11th at 2 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Recreation Center.
- Family Movie Night in the Park is showing "Yogi Bear" at dusk on February 25th at the Satellite Beach Civic Center. The movie is free and if you arrive at 6 p.m. you can join in the family games. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
- "Play Ball!" is the phrase of the day as Beachside Little League kicks off their season at the Opening Day Ceremonies on March 3. The event is being held at IHB's Crespino Park and runs from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and includes a picnic lunch, team introductions and games.
- Join the work day on Samsons Island on Saturday, March 10th. Since Samsons Island is only accessible by boat, you must call 773-6458 to reserve your transportation spot. Come out as an individual, family, or group. You will have fun and make a huge difference in the park at the same time.

## Library

Wed., 2/15 at 3 p.m. – Local author Barbara Steinfeld, Ph.D, will read excerpts from *Reverie: True Military Stories*. Many of the stories are from the PAFB area.

Mon 2/27 at 1 p.m. – Barbara's Book Chat. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.

Wed, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 at 1 p.m. - Nutrition & Cooking Class by Susie Fricker who is with The Cancer Project. \$45 fee for all classes. Contact Susie at 652-0563. Registration required.

## Business Spotlight

**Talk of the Town:** 565B Jackson Avenue has been serving Satellite Beach since 1974. Zena and her staff welcome you to come and visit their full service hair salon.

### New restaurants

**Oceanside Grill:** 1790 Hwy A1A - come in for lunch or dinner with late sittings on the weekend. They feature New American Cuisine, Seafood, and Prime Cut Steaks.

**Neptune Bar / Grill and Nightclub:** 1462 Hwy A1A - offers a diverse and delicious fare of Seafood, Tapas and American Cuisine. They also have dancing and live music.

**Sliders:** 1390 Hwy A1A – A family friendly Sports Grill and Pizzeria, serving lunch or dinner in a comfortable sports themed setting. Dine-in, take out, or have them deliver.

## School News

- Feb.17 DeLaura on Display  
Come and experience the high quality learning environment which occurs at DeLaura Middle School. Call 773-7581 ext. 1000 before Wed. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> for reservations.
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Surf Breeze 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show\_ from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the DRS Community Center– hosted by Surfside and Ocean Breeze Elementary. This fundraiser includes not only great cars, but refreshments and games for the kids.

## Testing Dates

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade FCAT Writes at Surfside, Holland, and Sea Park Elementary.  
FCAT - Florida Comprehensive Assessment Testing begins in March at Satellite High School.

March 20<sup>th</sup> – ACT EXAM for juniors.

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### **Flood Insurance Update**

We can give you a determination of your flood zone based on the Flood Insurance Rate Map. The S. B. Library also has copies of this map.

Documents on building protection measures and design guidelines for flood damage reduction, floodplain management or hazard mitigation, and the national program for floodplain management are available in the Building and Zoning Department, 565 Cassia Boulevard, or the Satellite Beach Library.

The following agencies can provide information about flood management:

#### **Local:**

Satellite Beach B & Z - 773-4409  
Brevard County Flood Zone  
Determination (321) 617-7340

**Federal:** Federal Flood Insurance  
Hot Line (800) 638-6620

### **Spring is a great time to live in Satellite Beach**

- The city-wide Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. You can include a garage sale at your own home on a master list distributed city-wide or join us at the DRS Community Center. Call the Rec Office for details.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> is the "Big Truck Day". Kids of all ages can climb in on, and over 20+ trucks from local businesses. The Satellite Beach Lion's Club and Rec Dept team up for a great day from 10 – 2 at the Community Center.

A special thank you goes to the City Manager and Department Heads and staff. This issue could not have happened without their help and support.

Visit the City Website [www.satellitebeachfl.org](http://www.satellitebeachfl.org) for the latest updates on City news including current and past editions of the Beachcaster.