



Beachcaster

Your Official City Newsletter August / September 2010

From the Council Desk

by Councilman Scott Rhodes

Hello Satellite Beach neighbors and friends,

It's another great day to be living in this community we have chosen to call our home. For those of you that don't know me, I am Scott Rhodes, your newest elected member to the Satellite Beach City Council. I would first like to thank all of the citizens that voted me into office last November; it is a great responsibility and a privilege to serve as your Councilman. To all my supporters, I am working hard to make you pleased that you voted for me. And, to those of you that did not place your confidence in me, I am working hard to win you over. As a new member to government service, I am rapidly becoming familiar with how the decision-making process operates. Each vote I cast comes with great consideration in how it will affect the future of our city and you, our residents. I research and discuss each issue with members of our community and City administration before I cast my vote. You have placed me in this position to represent you in the best manner possible when voting on City issues. I encourage all of you to give me feedback about issues that concern all of us. I look forward to hearing from you more often.

You will have an opportunity to discuss your views and opinions during a Town Hall meeting I will be hosting in September. The main topic will be "Going Green," however, I am most interested in your concerns, ideas, views, and solutions to issues concerning our city. Please come out and meet me on September 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. I look forward to speaking with you.

As a city and as residents, we are currently facing challenging economic times. As a family, we are making cuts in our expenditures. As a city, we must also consider making adjustments to fit the current economic climate. If you read the local newspaper, you know that all municipalities are making broad changes to their operations. To this end, the Council created a Blue Ribbon Committee to address financial issues as they relate to the FY 10/11 Budget. They recently made their recommendations to the Council. On July 21, the Council voted 3-2 to increase the millage rate – the Mayor and I were the only NO votes. Instead of increasing the millage rate, I want to focus on

other ways to increase revenue and cut costs. These are difficult decisions and should not be taken lightly. Please take the time to e-mail or phone a Councilman with your concerns. It only takes a few minutes, and the new City website, www.satellitebeach.org, makes it very easy to do. A great motivator in my decision to run for City Council was the desire to bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to improve our city. As stated during my campaign, I am an independent individual and will not cast votes to simply go along with the majority. I would like to see more involvement from independent minded individuals; families, singles, and retirees included. Fresh ideas are needed and necessary for our future in this city.

Even though we are facing challenges as a city, we must not forget the wonderful benefits of living in Satellite Beach. As school has started back, I'd like to reflect upon our great summers in Satellite Beach. Summers here are truly enjoyable. The Recreation Department has kept many children involved over the summer, mine included. Our Recreation Department is far ahead of all others in the area in the amount and diversity of camps and activities provided for children, as well as adults. It is a great part of what binds our community together.

My family often took walks this summer on the beach at dusk and the early evening, often running into people we know from the neighborhood. I never knew so many people walked the beach after 8:00 p.m. One evening we were fortunate enough to come upon a turtle laying its eggs. Although we did not get close enough to see the eggs, we enjoyed watching her digging her nest. How fortunate we are to live here.



Angie, Summer, Slater, and Councilman Scott Rhodes

FY 2010 / 2011 Budget

Proposed Millage Rate Established

For the past seven months, the City Council, City Boards/Committees, and a special ad hoc Blue Ribbon Financial and Budget Committee, along with City staff, have been working towards addressing the challenges as a result of the economic downturn, especially the reduction in property values.

Each year the budget article provides information detailing the services, facilities, and amenities you receive from the City. I would like to again provide this information in the usual format prior to detailing the challenges of the economic downturn, declining property assessment values, and millage rates.

Since our City's founding in 1957, the citizens of Satellite Beach have worked diligently to create the city they want, requesting and supporting the high level of services and amenities that create our extraordinary, sometimes unique, community.

- **Fire and Emergency Medical Services.** Our City has been a Brevard County leader in providing the highest quality of these crucial services. Having hired six additional firefighters in 2003 to meet new staffing mandates from the State, our Fire Department is now fully staffed with professional firefighters/paramedics/EMTs meeting all requirements of State law. This addition means that our Fire Department can now respond with a paramedic to two different medical emergencies simultaneously and can immediately enter burning structures without having to await further firefighter assistance from other jurisdictions. In the past 12 months, we've had 122 dual-emergency medical responses, with a response time usually between two to four minutes. The alternative to this level of service is a fire department that is not professionally staffed or which, because it does not meet minimum State staffing requirements, must await assistance from other jurisdictions before providing emergency services, thereby creating a delay that could cost lives or homes.
- **Recreation.** For many years, our family-oriented city did not have enough recreational and athletic facilities to meet the ever-growing demand from residents of all age groups. Responding to the advice of residents through numerous citizen advisory committees over the past 15 years, several exceptional recreational amenities have been created. Among these are:
 1. The *Satellite Beach Sports and Recreation Park*, an ongoing work in progress since the mid-1990s, now containing four athletic fields, paved walking trail, skate park, dog park, picnic/playground areas, and native scrub area with additional walking trails. This Park and its amenities have been created primarily through grant funding and Brevard County has agreed to sell the 35-acre site to our City for \$100 in 2016.
 2. The *David R. Schechter Community Center*, containing a gymnasium, Teen Zone, meeting rooms, exercise rooms, offices for the City's Recreation Department, and home for the Police Athletic League and 55+ Club.
 3. In addition, our City provides 11 athletic fields, 8 monitored tennis courts, 2 racquetball courts, 6 neighborhood parks, a tot lot, and a youth game room.
- **Waterfront Preservation.**
 1. *Ocean.* In many ways (referenda, surveys, meetings, et al.) over the years, our residents have made saving oceanfront from development a top priority. Consequently, thanks primarily to grant funding and private donations, about 40% of the City's oceanfront is now publicly owned, to be permanently preserved for generations to come.
 2. *River.* In addition, with our unique 52-acre Samsons Island Nature Park, we have permanently preserved approximately 38% of the City's land between the Banana River and the Grand Canal. This island is a special treasure, because it will forever be the only permanently-preserved land along the river and canal between the causeways.

[NOTE: *Had these oceanfront and river properties been developed, rather than preserved, property tax revenue for the coming fiscal year would conservatively generate \$1.0 M, which is equivalent to approximately 1.5 mills of property taxes.*]

- **Staffing.** The hallmark of our City government is the exceptionally high quality of workers who provide the services our residents expect. In addition to the Fire Department mentioned above, these include our ubiquitous Recreation Department; our highly-professional and responsive Police Department; our Building and Zoning Department, which works diligently to ensure that development is safe and orderly; our Finance and Administration Departments, which keep various, essential, behind-the-scenes activities functioning smoothly; our creative and industrious Public Works Department, which maintains all City facilities and amenities and keeps our City looking its best; our Community Development Department, which coordinates the ongoing improvements along A1A and South Patrick Drive; and our grantwriters, who have obtained more than \$18 million in grant funds for numerous major improvement projects.

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Our goal has been to provide the services you desire at a reasonable cost, taking into account the quantity and quality of services provided. To accomplish this, every year our City Council has passed the minimum, no frills budgets necessary to maintain our desired quality of life, ensuring that tax dollars are wisely and carefully spent. It is worth noting that, even while providing these exceptional amenities and expanded fire/medical services, **State information provided two years ago showed that the increase in City taxes for the previous five years had been lower than the statewide average.**

The remaining portions of this report will address the economic downturn, the proposed millage rate, and long-term challenges.

Reduction in Property Values: Impact on City Budget

Since property values peaked in 2006, the driving issue in preparing our budgets has been declining property values.

- In 2007 (for our FY 07/08 budget), the State Legislature imposed property-tax reductions on local governments, forcing our City to reduce staffing and decrease operating expenses by 14.3%.
- In 2008, the newly-adopted Amendment 1 decreased the City’s tax base by approximately \$82 million, primarily as a result of increasing the Homestead Exemption from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This further reduced funding for staffing and operations.
- In 2009, the major challenge was the reduction of approximately 7.8% (\$61,389,213) in tax assessments resulting from the economic downturn.
- In 2010, (for our proposed budget) the assessed value declined an additional 9.6% (\$76,912,287).

2010 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE

With these fiscal realities, a proposed property tax rate of 8.2439 mills for FY 10/11 was established (1 mill equals \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value, which is the property’s assessed value minus exemptions, e.g., homestead). Under the proposed FY 10/11 millage rate of 8.2439, the City will receive \$267,203 less property tax revenue than it received in FY 09/10 at 7.8193 mills. In other words, property tax revenues for the proposed budget will be decreased by 4.9%.

IMPACT OF PROPOSED TAX RATE ON RESIDENTS

As has been discussed during many previous budget sessions, the Florida property tax system is broken. The 1992 “Save Our Homes” amendment has created different classes of taxpayers. Longtime homesteaded property owners enjoy relative long-term stability in their property taxes, while newer and non-homesteaded property owners, including businesses, pay a disproportionate share of these taxes. Over the past several years, the *Beachcaster* has attempted to inform the residents of this disparity by providing examples of the impact on our residents. These articles have indicated that, irrespective of whether the millage rate decreases, increases, or remains the same, some property owners will see a decrease in their property taxes (“some win”), while some will see an increase in their property taxes (“some lose”). As reported last year, and again this year, the winners and losers are reversed due to the decline in property values and the “Save Our Homes” provisions. The following examples illustrate this.

1. Glenwood Avenue property (Homesteaded; purchased at the height of real estate market in mid-2000s)

	<u>Taxable Value</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>		
2009 City Taxes	\$138,400	x	.0078193	=	\$1,082.19
2010 City Taxes	\$112,890	x	.0082439	=	<u>\$ 930.65</u>
					2010 Decrease in City Taxes: – \$ 151.54

2. Newer oceanfront condominium (Homesteaded; 2006)

	<u>Taxable Value</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>		
2009 City Taxes	\$735,700	x	.0078193	=	\$5,752.66
2010 City Taxes	\$578,560	x	.0082439	=	<u>\$4,769.59</u>
					2010 Decrease in City Taxes: – \$ 983.07

3. Harwood Avenue (Long-term, non-homesteaded residential property)

	<u>Taxable Value</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>		
2009 City Taxes	\$175,100	x	.0078193	=	\$1,369.16
2010 City Taxes	\$150,330	x	.0082439	=	<u>\$1,239.31</u>
					2010 Decrease in City Taxes: – \$ 129.85

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4. 225 Cherry Circle (Long-term, homesteaded property)

	<u>Taxable Value</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>		
2009 City Taxes	\$ 71,470	x	.0078193	=	\$ 558.85
2010 City Taxes	\$ 74,750	x	.0082439	=	<u>\$ 616.23</u>
					2010 Increase in City Taxes: + \$ 57.38

5. Atlantic Drive (Long-term, homesteaded property)

	<u>Taxable Value</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>		
2009 City Taxes	\$102,670	x	.0078193	=	\$ 802.81
2010 City Taxes	\$106,920	x	.0082439	=	<u>\$ 881.44</u>
					2010 Increase in City Taxes: + \$ 78.63

6. Oceanfront Condominium (Long-term homesteaded since 1995)

	<u>Taxable Value</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>		
2009 City Taxes	\$138,180	x	.0078193	=	\$1,080.47
2010 City Taxes	\$143,270	x	.0082439	=	<u>\$1,181.10</u>
					2010 Increase in City Taxes: + \$ 100.63

Examples 1, 2, and 3 illustrate property owners who, for 2010, fall into the category of “some win.” These are the homeowners who previously paid higher property taxes, due to either purchasing a home at the height of the real estate market or not being homesteaded. The tax relief is due primarily to the decrease in valuation due to economic downturn.

Examples 4, 5, and 6 fall into the category of “some lose” for 2010. Example 4 is my residence at 225 Cherry Circle (Michael Crotty, City Manager). Under “Save Our Homes,” my assessed value will actually increase due to the “recapture provision,” which requires the assessed value of homesteaded properties to increase each year by 3% or the CPI, whichever is less, until the assessed value equals the market value. My taxes for 2010 will increase by \$57.38 at the proposed 8.2439 millage rate. However, taxpayers must view this in perspective of their tax bill over a number of years. For instance, in 2003, the City taxes on my property were \$536.46. This equates to a 2% annual increase in the property taxes that I have paid to our city over the last seven years. If you are a long-term, homesteaded property owner (10+ years), you likely fall into this category, with relative stability in taxes over the past decade due to the “Save Our Homes” protection.

Due to the intricacies of Florida law regulating the calculation of assessments, homesteads, “Save Our Homes” provisions, recapture rule, etc., each year there will be those who fall into the “some win” and those who will fall into the “some lose” category. The **BOTTOM LINE** for FY 10/11 is that the revenue from ad valorem taxes will decrease by approximately 4.9% for the City, resulting in a decrease in property tax revenues of \$267,203.

Cost Cutting Measures

Recently, several residents have asked why the City can’t make cuts in its operating expenses, rather than raise the millage rate. Earlier in this article, reference was made to adopting “minimum, no frills budgets.” While this statement is subjective, budgets adopted over the past several years tend to support the City’s efforts to reduce departmental expenditures.

Since FY 05/06, there has been continual effort to cut costs in each of the City’s department operational expenses (non-personnel). Operating expenses include such items as equipment/tires for vehicles; training, medical supplies, bunker gear, equipment maintenance for the Fire Department; uniforms, training, ammunition/range supplies for the Police Department, etc. The trend in reducing departmental operating budgets is illustrated in the following chart:

	<u>FY 05/06</u>	<u>FY 10/11</u>	<u>% Decrease</u>
Legislative	\$ 22,182	\$ 11,000	– 50.4%
Administration/Finance	\$ 28,065	\$ 10,250	– 63.5%
Police	\$137,079	\$102,061	– 25.5%
Fire	\$109,285	\$ 95,363	– 12.7%
Building/Zoning	\$ 18,900	\$ 4,176	– 77.9%
Public Works	\$540,325	\$467,565	– 13.5%
Recreation	\$407,295	\$375,575	– 7.8%

Even beyond the five-year trend shown in the above chart, the allocations for FY 10/11 for Legislative, Administration/ Finance, Police, and Building/Zoning departments are less than the budgeted amounts for FY 02/03.

Over the past three years, staffing has been reduced by 4 full-time positions. Of the 4 full-time positions, 2 have been permanently eliminated and 2 full-time positions in Public Works have been reduced to part-time, thus reducing costs by eliminating costly fringe benefits. Currently, the City has 83 full-time and 10 permanent part-time employees. For the second year in a row, the proposed budget does not include employee pay raises.

What's The Future?

With the continued economic downturn projected to continue for the next several years, continued reductions in funding provided by the State and Brevard County, plus the real possibility of limits and mandates being placed on local governments by continued reduction in funds provided by the State and Brevard County, the City is at a critical crossroad as to what its future level of services will be and what the residents are willing and capable of paying. This will be our challenge during this upcoming fiscal year.

To this end, the Council has established a nine member Citizen's Blue Ribbon Financial and Budget Committee to investigate all aspects of City operations, including sustainability of services; cost cutting/cost savings measures; and revenue enhancement. Their efforts will assist the Council as it prepares for the more daunting task of dealing with the financial uncertainties that lie ahead in future fiscal years.

You're encouraged to be part of the process. All meetings of the Blue Ribbon Committee and the Council are listed on the City website. The key upcoming dates are:

<u>Budget Workshop:</u>	Monday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.
<u>Budget Hearings:</u>	Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m.

[NOTE: *All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 565 Cassia Boulevard.*]

Questions? Contact Michael Crotty, City Manager, at mcrotty@satellitebeach.org or 773-4407.

Read the City Manager's Full Budget Message: www.satellitebeach.org

**City Hall will be closed
on Monday, September 6, in
observance of Labor Day.**

Holiday Schedule For Waste Collection

**Yard Waste & Recyclables
WILL BE collected on
Monday, September 6
(Labor Day).**

**Visit the City Website:
www.satellitebeach.org**

Communities For A Lifetime Seminar

The City, in conjunction with Wuesthoff Health System, continues to provide informative presentations, which are important to maintaining good health. The programs are open to all adults. They are free, but please RSVP to 773-6458.

**Caring for the Caregiver
September 9 and 16
7:00 p.m.**

DRS Community Center

The nuts and bolts of supporting a loved one's decision to age in place will be discussed. During the first of this two part presentation, Charles Antoni, LCSW, will provide an overview of recognizing, documenting and gathering resources needed to age in place. Part two of the presentation will discuss Advance Directives needed to support your decisions on aging.

Council Highlights

June 2, 2010, Regular Council Meeting

- Supported the distribution of \$264,582 in 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds for the Brevard County Prisoner Transportation Program for Fiscal Year 10/11.
- City Council, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency, authorized Façade Grant applications for sign upgrades for the following in the total amount of \$49,329 to the following businesses: Sun on the Beach Plaza; Ireland Family Practice; Town Homes of Satellite Beach; Long Dogger's Eateries; Our Father's House; Ocean Spray Car Wash; A1A Lawnmower; Red Cap Cleaning Service & Supply; Seamark Condominiums; City of Satellite Beach; Radio Shack / United Dental building; and Breeze Thru Mini Mart. Funding Source: Community Redevelopment Agency.
- Accepted the recommendation of the CRA Advisory Committee to postpone the landscaping project on South Patrick Drive for at least one year until July 1, 2011, pending FDOT funding in the amount of \$179,500.
- Approved continuation of the School Resource Officers program at Satellite High School and DeLaura Middle School for school year 2010-2011, with the School District providing \$29,500 reimbursement per officer.

June 16, 2010, Regular Council Meeting

- Adopted Ordinance No. 1033, establishing regulations of pain management clinics in the City.
- Approved new City entry sign on South Patrick Drive at north City limits, based upon a contribution from the Montecito Community Development District in the amount of \$14,299, and City cost of \$2,616.
- Appointments to Boards:
 - Appointed Ann Lombardo as a regular member on the Code Enforcement Board; and
 - Appointed Karen Kait as a regular member on the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board.

July 21, 2010, Regular Council Meeting

- Awarded the DeSoto Parkway resurfacing project to Goodson Paving in the base bid amount of \$74,907.82, with \$64,334 funding from FDOT through the Stimulus Program.
- City Council, acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency, approved Façade Grant applications for signs for Oceanside Community Church; Seaside Veterinary Clinic; Seawind Townhomes; Chabad Center; Walgreen's Drug Store; and Lori Laine Plaza. Funding

Source: Community Redevelopment Agency.

- Approved the budget calendar for FY 10/11 by establishing the Budget Workshop for Monday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m. and the Budget Public Hearings for Wednesday, September 8, and Wednesday, September 22. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 565 Cassia Boulevard.
- By a vote of 3-2, with Mayor Ferrante and Councilman Rhodes dissenting, established a proposed millage rate for 2010 at 8.2439 mills.
- Appointments to Boards:
 - Appointed Chuck Meacham as a regular member and Myra (Marti) Porter as an alternate member on the Beautification Board.
 - Reappointed David Vosburgh to the Board of Adjustment.
 - Appointed Eileen Kiesel to the Code Enforcement Board.
 - Reappointed Margaret Stroup and Jacqui Wells as regular members and appointed Ken Lindeman as a regular member on the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board.
 - Reappointed Michael Zangari to the Library Board.
 - Appointed Colleen McNatt as an alternate member on the Recreation Board.
 - Appointed Denise Paige as a regular member of the Samsons Island Park Committee.

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are regularly held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 565 Cassia Boulevard. The agenda for each Council meeting is posted at City Hall and is available on the City Hotline (779-8924) and the City Website (www.satellitebeach.org).

The complete agenda package for each regular meeting is available in the Reference Section of the Satellite Beach Library beginning the Saturday prior to each regular meeting, at Satellite Beach City Hall during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), and on the City Website.

**THE SEPTEMBER 1
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Prepare for the Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is here. We must all prepare for the wind and rain. Eliminate potential problems by:

- Trimming dead branches and palm fronds from trees prior to announcement of an impending storm event to prevent possible flying debris. Don't wait until a storm event has been announced, as it is too late to expect collection of curbside yard waste.
- Keep storm drain inlets clear of litter and yard waste. Don't place recycling or yard waste for pick-up on top of inlets. Foreign matter in storm drains could cause blockage and potential flooding.
- Secure all trash and recycling containers and their contents to help deter flying debris.

Town Hall Meeting September 20th

Plan to attend the Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilman Scott Rhodes.

Date: Monday, September 20
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Place: DRS Community Center
 1089 South Patrick Drive

Councilman Rhodes will discuss the City's efforts to "Go Green." Scott has invited a representative from Waste Management to discuss a single cart, single stream recycling program, which could begin in the first quarter of 2011. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to share their thoughts on recycling. Councilman Rhodes would like to discuss with the public the possibility of undertaking programs that further encourage recycling, particularly at the school level, and possibly even neighborhood type competitions to make our community more aware and involved with recycling. Please bring your ideas to the meeting on September 20.

RE M I N D E R

- Alarm Permit holders must update forms before September 30.
- Local Business Tax Receipt renewals are due before September 30.

Regional Water Management Irrigation Rules

The Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District -- which is a State agency -- adopted more stringent irrigation rules in 2008. These rules are effective in our city. The schedule of allowable landscape irrigation days was modified to be more restrictive and changes seasonally when our clocks are adjusted.



It has been reported that enforcement of these landscape irrigation rules has begun in our city. Fines for non-compliance of the irrigation rules are as follows:

First Violation – Written Warning

Second Violation – \$50.00 fine

Subsequent Violations – Fine not to exceed \$500.

Information, including additional rules and a list of exceptions to the rules, is available at the water management district web site (www.sjrwmd.com).

- Irrigation is limited to no more than 3/4 inch of water per zone per irrigation day.
- Irrigation is limited to no more than one hour per irrigation zone per irrigation day.
- Irrigation is limited to only that amount necessary to meet landscape needs.
- Persons irrigating with an automatic system installed after May 1991 must utilize a rain sensor device to override the system when adequate rainfall has occurred.
- Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

During Daylight Savings Time

- Irrigation is limited to no more than two days per week.
- Residential irrigation at odd numbered addresses or no addresses is allowed only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Residential irrigation at even numbered addresses is allowed on Thursdays and Sundays.



This club is for folks 55+ years old (not limited to Satellite Beach residents). For more information call 55+ President Marty Hindsley at 777-8313.

Activities at a Glance

- ❑ **Saturday, Oct. 9, Old Fashioned Hot Dog Picnic and Games** – 12 noon at Pelican Beach Park. Tickets are \$3 and must be purchased in advance at the DRS Community Center.
- ❑ **Every Monday, Bingo** – 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Satellite Beach Civic Center. Cost: \$4.50 for cards. Must be a member to play. Covered dish luncheon on the last Monday of the month.
- ❑ **Every Tuesday, Line Dancing** – 1:30 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. Cost: \$2 per session.
- ❑ **Every Wed., Mahjongg** – 9:00-11:30 a.m., DRS Community Center Game Room; **Pool, Table Tennis, Cards & Games** – 6-9 p.m. at the DRS Community Center Game Room.
- ❑ **Every Thurs., Cards & Games** – 9:30 a.m. at the DRS Community Center.
- ❑ **First Tues. Every Other Month, Dinner Gang** – Sept. 7, Shells; Nov. 2, Palm Cafe.
- ❑ **1st Wed., Arts & Crafts** – 12:30 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. A small fee will be collected for each craft.
- ❑ **1st Thurs., Free Blood Pressure Checks** Offered by the Visiting Nursing Association, 9:30 a.m. at the DRS Community Center.
- ❑ **1st Thurs., Monthly Seminars** – 12:30 p.m. at the DRS Comm. Ctr. A light lunch will be served. Sept. 2, presented by The Fountains; Oct. 7, presented by Amerilife. RSVP to 773-6458.
- ❑ **2nd Wed., Early Bird Dinner** – Call Joan at 777-0238 for current meeting location.
- ❑ **3rd Wed., Lunch Bunch** – 1:00 p.m. September 15, Coasters; October 20, Palm Cafe. RSVP to Laverne Johnson at 725-6610.
- ❑ **Movie Group** – Meets last Friday of the month. Call Louise Daley at 773-6946 for information.
- ❑ **Travel Group** – For information on various day trips, call Terry Mellon at 773-7105.
- ❑ **Children's Books Wanted** – New or gently used. Donate by October 30.



Adult Heartsaver CPR Courses

Satellite Beach Fire Department will be offering the following **American Heart Association CPR 2-Year Certification Courses**. The Fire Department is certified to teach Adult, Child/Infant, Choking CPR, and use of an Automated External Defibrillator.

Classes are held at the Satellite Beach Fire Department on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Cost is \$35.00 for each class, and First Aid books are available for an additional \$15.00.

- **August 21**
- **September 18**
- **October 16**
- **November 20**
- **December 18**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Registration and payment guarantees you a spot in the class. Make checks payable to: **City of Satellite Beach** and mail payment to:

Satellite Beach Fire Department
1390 South Patrick Drive
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Department at 773-4405 between 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Latest From The Building Department

Permits Issued:

- The Building Department issued 1,278 permits in 2009, compared to 1,585 for 2008. As of June 30, 2010, a total of 754 permits have been issued.

Certificates of Occupancy Issued:

- The Building Department issued 40 Certificates of Occupancy in 2009. Through June 30, 2010, there have been 33 Certificates of Occupancy issued.

Banana River Sail and Power Squadron Course

The Banana River Sail and Power Squadron is offering an 8-hour in-depth boating safety course in two 4-hour sessions that will be held on Saturdays, September 11 and 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., plus an on-the-water session. Registration closes Tuesday, September 7, at 8:00 p.m. For details, visit <http://www.brsps.org> or call 220-7776.

Fire Department Awards

May 19 was a very special evening for the Satellite Beach Fire Department. Mayor Joseph Ferrante presented the EMS Proclamation to Fire Chief Donald Hughes for EMS Week (May 16-22).



FF/RPM Darron Pelecki, FF/RP Jeff Dangler, Capt./EMT Jim Keating, Lyn Cavanaugh, FF/RPM Barry Pettingill, Chief Don Hughes, Commander Dave Abernathy, Mayor Joseph Ferrante, FF/EMT Nick Gillespie, FF/RPM Rhiannon Iverson, and FF/RPM Scott Manning.

Fire Chief Hughes presented a special Civilian Service Award to **Lyn Cavanaugh** in recognition of the service she has provided to the citizens of Satellite Beach through her unwavering support, dedication, and contributions to Satellite Beach Fire and Rescue.

Chief Hughes presented eight firefighters with commendation award bars for explanatory service:

- **Educational Achievement Citation Award:** Commander **David Abernathy**;
- **Chief's Achievement Citation:** Firefighter/EMT **Nick Gillespie**;
- **Meritorious Citation Award:** Firefighter/Paramedic **Jeff Dangler** and Firefighter/EMT **Nick Gillespie**;
- **Lifesaving Citation Award:** Captain Firefighter/EMT **James Keating**, Firefighter/Paramedic **Barry Pettingill**, Firefighter/Paramedic **Scott Manning**, and Firefighter/Paramedic **Rhiannon Iverson**;
- **Combat Cross Citation:** Firefighter/Paramedic **Jeff Dangler**, Firefighter/EMT **Darron Pelecki**, and Firefighter/EMT **Nick Gillespie**.



Firefighter/Paramedic **Stuart Blade** receives an Appreciation Award from Brevard County Commissioner **Mary Bolin** for his heroic actions to rescue a swimmer.

County Commissioner **Mary Bolin** presented Firefighter Paramedic **Stuart Blade** with an Appreciation Award for his outstanding heroic actions, which occurred on Memorial Day at Paradise Beach Park. Blade was off duty at the beach with his family when he noticed a swimmer face down in the water. Blade swam out to rescue the individual and brought him to shore. Lifesaving treatments were administered on the beach and in route to the hospital, but the swimmer did not survive the incident.

Police Department Crime Report: May & June 2010

Total Events this Period:	5,080 *		
Total Calls For Service:	1,358		
Total Traffic Stops:	1,230		
Arrests:	45 Adult; 13 Juvenile		
Alarm	51	Fraud	1
Assault/Battery	9	Narcotics Activity	9
Assist Other Agency	83	Suspicious Incidents	242
Burglary	12	Theft	25
Burglary-Vehicle	10	Vandalism	7
Disturbance	77	Warrant Arrest	5
DUI	12		

* Other officer activity (not a call for service)

Police arrested a man for armed robbery with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, theft, and possession of marijuana. The victim and arrestee were known to each other prior to the incident. The victim asked the suspect for a ride and was then robbed after a struggle that involved the suspect arming himself with a knife.

Satellite Beach Police Department invites all citizens to form Crime Watch groups in their neighborhoods. The Criminal Investigations Division is available to provide program information and guidance to interested groups and individuals. Please call 773-4400, Extension 142, to speak to Patti Noe about starting a Crime Watch program in your neighborhood.



DRS Community Center, 1087 S. Patrick Drive
777-TEEN (8336) www.satellitebeachpal.org

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Summer Fun Camp**, which was a huge success.

After School Tutoring begins August 23 for students of all ages. Sessions are Tues. and Thurs., 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tutors are high school and college students. If you are interested in participating in this program as a student or tutor, please call us at 777-8336 for detailed information.

A special **thank you** to all our coaches, parents, referees, and sponsors for a wonderful summer basketball season.



Fall Basketball Registration

is September 17-October 28. All players must register before the day of skill assessments on October 29. Visit

www.satellitebeachpal.org to download registration forms and schedules for the required skill assessment.

Our 9th annual **Super Bunko Blast** will be held Sept. 25. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door, which includes an all-you-can-eat Italian Buffet. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dice roll at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars! Our annual Indoor **Garage and Bike Sale** will be October 15 and 16 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Teen Zone.



Good Grief, It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown! S.B. Lions Club joins PAL on October 30 for this free event. Begins at 5:45 p.m. with a costume parade from S.B. Methodist Church to the Teen Zone to watch "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." More fun includes music, refreshments, games, and prizes. This event is for 2nd graders and up.

Can \$22.00 make a difference in the life of our youth? Yes it can, and you can help! Choose Florida's **Police Athletic League license plate** when you renew. For just \$22.00, plus your normal tag fee, you can help send a PAL kid to college and fund existing PAL programs! When purchasing your tag, please be sure to mention Satellite Beach PAL. For more information, give us a call or visit our website.

For more information on PAL activities, check out www.satellitebeachpal.org or call 777-8336.

Troop 309 (773-9041)
Methodist Church, 450 Lee Ave
Sat Bch Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Troop 376 (779-5234)
Ascension Lutheran, 1053 Pinetree Dr
I.H.B. Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Troop 380 (726-0910)
Holy Name of Jesus, 3050 Hwy A1A
Indialantic, Tuesdays 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Scout Scope



Boy Scout Troop 309

The Troop has wrapped up a year full of new adventure and growth and has grown to 55 scouts! Forty campers attended summer camps at La No Che and Raven Knob in North Carolina. The Patrol Leader's Council has begun planning for 2010-2011.

Congratulations Jonathan, our new Eagle Scout!

The Troop has been working with Venture Crew 820, a crew that does scuba diving for scouts 14 to 21 years old. Several Troop members are now actively involved and diving. We will be taking a week long scuba diving trip to Sea Base in 2011.

Visit pack309.web.officelive.com/Troop309.aspx to learn more about our Troop.

Boy Scout Troop 380

The Troop attended Camp Old Indian this summer. Congratulations to our new Eagle Scout, Daniel Mitchell. The Troop is working on several Merit Badges; backpacking, small boat sailing, and Pioneer knot-tying skills using wooden spars.

Keeping Watch On Our Beaches

On the second Saturday of each month, Judy de la Rosa and the Tropical Realty associates will greet volunteers for a **Beach Cleanup at Pelican Beach Park**. Quoting Patricia W. Brown, Executive Director of Keep Brevard Beautiful, "Once you participate and complete a community litter, recycling, or beautification project with Keep Brevard Beautiful, you will feel a sense of pride in your little part of the world!"

Join cleanup volunteers beginning August 14 at Pelican Beach Park from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. or 11 a.m., depending on the heat index. Community service credit can be gained for programs such as Bright Futures and others.

Cleanup supplies will be provided by Keep Brevard Beautiful. Please bring your own reusable water container. Don't forget your sunscreen.

For additional information, contact Judy de la Rosa at Judy@MitchRealty.com or 960-0436.

Satellite High School Instrumental Music Program cleared \$25,000 by planting 10,000 thirteen-inch American Flags in front lawns throughout the community. The fundraiser was a patriotic kick-off in hope that students could raise some of the \$83,000 needed to attend the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago in December. **Mark Nelson**, Band Director for over 25 years at Satellite High School, was overwhelmed at the response shown by the citizens. According to Nelson, a patriotic theme will be featured at the Friday night football games beginning September 3. Enjoy your lawn flag!

There are many folks in Satellite Beach who won't sit still if there is a community service project needing help. **David Floyd**, a 21-year resident, tackled a well-timed opportunity to continue landscaping at **DeLaura Middle School**. Many areas needed his expertise.

A Systems Division Contractor at Patrick Air Force Base awarded David a community service grant for \$500. Financial aid also came from school plant and tree sales and donations. With his two-year accomplished efforts and the help of conscientious volunteers, the school grounds look like a show of tropical beauty. "Countless Bismark and Silver Date Palms and colorful native plants have made the difference," David said.

Among the staunch project supporters and volunteers were **Jennifer Zegel**, who obtained the grant; **Elaine Bolles**, Master Gardener; and **Susan Hall**, Landscape Architect.

His next project: Make a Difference Day at DeLaura!

Kiah Dawson Pape, an honor graduate student, class of 2007, Satellite High School, has been placed on the Dean's List with distinction at Duke University, a prestigious institution. The academically motivated student was also honored and placed on the Arts and Sciences Dean's List with distinction, ranking in the top third of the class.



Kiah Dawson Pape, intelligent student.

Mickayla Hoover and **Noor Ghalib**, juniors and honor students at Satellite High School, received the highest Gold Award in Girl Scouting, presented by the Girl Scouts Citrus Council of Orlando. This award is equal to an Eagle rank in Boy Scouts. Many requirements are expected of Gold Award recipients, including a community service project. Ever since sixth grade at Surfside Elementary School, the girls have been working towards this award. Their project plan is to educate and provide assistance for the annual required science fair projects for elementary beachside students in grades 3-6. The zealous twosome create and maintain a How To Science Fair

website, www.helpwithsciencefair.webs.com, for parents and students to obtain information. Teachers are getting a break from such enterprising SHS students.



Mickayla Hoover and Noor Shalib, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients.

Brenda Williams, Winchester Road, was nominated Employee of the Year at Satellite High School. Brenda came to Satellite High School eleven years ago, first serving in the Dean's office, then in the cafeteria, and has been the head of the attendance office for the past five years. She is a dedicated and loyal lady.

Satellite High School football team will play its home game on September 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the stadium. Their opponent will be Overland High School, Colorado.

David Floyd has completed another community school project. Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society greatly helped in providing towards a \$300 grant for **Surfside Elementary School** landscape. A total of fifty unique and exotic palms have been planted throughout the grounds. With the direction and help from Floyd, many school parents and students gathered work gloves and shovels and planted and mulched. The **Everett** and **Halsey** families were busy working on the front lawn.

Satellite High School has the following new staff members: **Casey Strattan**, Communications Technology and TV Production; **Christine Ebersbach**, Yearbook and English; **Maria Medina**, Guidance Service Professional; **Heather Settles**, Math; M/Sgt. **Mick Williams**, ROTC; and **Suzanne Hynes**, Guidance Counselor. The expected student enrollment is 1,180.

According to **Mark Elliott**, Satellite High School Principal, the annual open house will be held on Thursday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m.

School is in session. When approaching a yellow blinking School Zone light, observe the posted speed limit. When Crossing Guards enter the student crosswalk, motorists must come to a complete stop.

The **Primary Election** will be held on Tuesday, August 24. Satellite Beach has two precincts. Precinct 64 is located in the Scotty Culp Municipal Complex, 565 Cassia Boulevard, and Precinct 114 is at United Methodist Church, 450 Lee Avenue. As of July 6, Precinct 64 had 4,488 registered voters and Precinct 114 had 2,960 registered voters.

Early voting will be held through August 21 at the Viera elections office, Building C, or the Brevard County Service Complex, 1515 Sarno Road. The offices are open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., except Sunday. If you wish to vote by mail, call 633-2127. Go to www.votebrevard.com for a sample ballot.

Pat Utecht has served our community in many capacities with dignity, dedication, and accomplishment. In 1973, and for the next fifteen years, he served as our Mayor, Vice-Mayor, served on the Brevard County Recreational Board, and innumerable area committees. As Mayor, Pat led the efforts to purchase a \$64,000 16-acre parcel of land, now known as the popular DeSoto Park. A dedication service held at DeSoto Park to honor Pat was attended by countless friends and associates, and six of his seven children. A printed gold and black plaque listing his accomplishments was affixed to a granite stone and was unveiled by Mayor **Joe Ferrante** and Pat. City Manager **Michael Crotty** served as coordinator and spokesman.



Pat Utecht admires the plaque. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

Satellite Beach Woman's Club will meet Monday, September 20, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pelican Beach Clubhouse, Highway A1A. **Beth Davison** will present a breast cancer program on "Breast Friends." Visitors are welcome. A box luncheon will be served. For more information, call 779-8897.

Jennie Pekora, the first President of the Satellite Beach Woman's Club in 1964, passed away in May at the age of 85. She participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of the City's first library and served as the Satellite Beach Library Board Chairman for many years. **Al Pekora**, her 90-year-old husband and former City Councilman, lives in North Carolina.

The **21-DAY SALUTE TO THE FLAG** was a Red-White-Blue banner year. The 51 American Flags transformed the Scotty Culp Municipal Complex grounds into an eye-catching beauty of patriotism. Many thanks to the countless community volunteers who faithfully helped from June 14 - July 4. All agreed that we will do it again in 2011.



The American Flag was lowered to half-staff on Memorial Day by VFW Post 4643 Color Guard in memory of our fallen comrades. Dick Pank, right, Color Guard Commander, and flag attendees Dennis Hebert, Todd Merrick, Larry Fisher, and Dick Tatsch. (Photo by Scotty Culp)



Officers and members of VFW Post/Auxiliary 4643 turned out in numbers during the 21-Day Salute to the Flag. Among them, Dick Pank, left, Chaplain; and Dennis Hebert, Senior Vice Commander. Jack Carney, former National VFW Commander, was also present to serve. (Photo by Scotty Culp)



Philip G. Wright, President, Brevard Chapter, Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution, honors his ancestor in the blue and tan uniform. He participated in the 21-Day Salute to the Flag. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

Satellite Beach Master Gardeners Clinic is held Wednesdays, September to May, from 10 a.m. 'til noon in the breezeway of the Satellite Beach Public Library. The next session will be September 8.

Master Gardeners are trained by the Brevard County Department of Agriculture, University of Florida, Cocoa. The title of Master Gardener has to be earned. Following an interview, a one-day a week, ten-week training period is held at the "AG" Center. **Sally Scalera**, Residential Horticultural Agent, is the trainee.

Satellite Beach Gardeners are **Carol Wood, Pat Royer, Sue Reynolds, Linnea Reid, and Jane Mandeville**. The qualified volunteers offer advice and answer questions about plants, grass, and landscaping. Free plants rooted from seed by the Gardeners are often available. The public is invited to attend and meet the knowledgeable Gardeners.

Satellite Beach Lions Club celebrated 50 years of service and installation of officers at the Kiwi Tennis Clubhouse. Officers installed were: **Joe Hauser**, President; **Gini Black**, First Vice President; **Myrna Jenkins**, Second Vice President; **David Nowacki**, Corresponding Secretary; **Don Pike**, Recording Secretary; and **Frank Armitage**, Treasurer. Board of Directors are **Curt Black, Jack Smith, Jeff Pearson, and Helene Thompson**. The Club's service to the community over the years has been rewarding and gratifying. The Club's motto: "We Serve."

There is a dumpster behind the Schechter Community Center marked "Cardboard Only." If you have any cardboard, which includes the roll on the toilet paper to huge cartons, take them to the dumpster for recycling. If possible, flatten the cardboard. Curbside pickup heads to the overflowing landfill.

If you see a home deserving of the **Satellite Beach Beautification Board Award** for outstanding landscaping, call **Scotty Culp**, Board member, 773-8391, or City Hall, 773-4407. The Board presents a framed Certificate of Appreciation signed by Mayor **Joe Ferrante** and **Judith Kraemer**, Chairwoman.

Tracy R. Wetzel, Satellite High School 2009 graduate, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and is undergoing basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. He is a qualified Airman First Class, two striper, with a marksman medal and indoctrination for the Para Rescue Jumper Training. He is the son of **Yvonne** and **Fred Wetzel**.

Louise Rader, an early settler to our city, lives in Copperhill, Tennessee, near her daughter, **Molly**, and twin grandchildren. Her late husband, **Bill**, was a candidate for City Council in 1973.

23rd Annual 21-Day Salute to the Flag Concludes



Scotty Culp stands in front of the Scotty Culp Municipal Complex during the 21-Day Salute to the Flag.

For the past 23 years, 89-year-old Scotty Culp has coordinated the 21-Day Salute to the Flag, a patriotic endeavor that begins June 14 (Flag Day) and ends on July 4 (Independence Day). Fifty-one American Flags are raised every day at 7:30 a.m. and are retired at 5:30 p.m. at the Scotty Culp Municipal Complex by the volunteer community. Thanks, Scotty, and the many community volunteers who make this happen!

Angel Food Ministries In Conjunction with the Community For a Lifetime Initiative

Angel Food is an opportunity for everyone to purchase selected groceries at co-op rates. There is **no limit** to the amount of food purchased and **everyone**, regardless of age or income level, is eligible.

Current food selection and order schedules are available at the DRS Community Center, or at Our Father's House, 535 Cassia Boulevard. You may order online at www.ofhsb.org or in person at the church office during scheduled hours. For details, email angelfoodOFH@aol.com or call Alice, 243-5670.

Aug. Deadline: Sunday, August 22, 2 p.m.
Pick Up: Saturday, August 28, 9-10 a.m.

Sept. Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.
Pick Up: Saturday, Sept. 25, 9-10 a.m.

Personal checks, cash, and food stamps are accepted for in-person orders. Credit and debit cards are accepted for online orders.

FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS

Florida Coastal Cleanup

Sponsored by Keep Brevard Beautiful and the Ocean Conservancy at



Pelican Beach Park,
Sept. 18, 8 a.m.-12 noon.
Trash bags, gloves,
data cards, pencils and
sunscreen will be

provided. Bring drinking water. FREE T-shirts while supplies last. For details, email Jim Kriewaldt at jimkbb2005@yahoo.com.

Turtle Krawl 5K Run/Walk

Join the Sea Turtle Preservation Society on September 18 for their 5K Turtle Krawl at Nance Park in Indialantic. Race starts at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed. To help, email volunteer@seaturtlespacecoast.org.

Cowpoke Roundup – A special event with a western theme! Sing with the ranch hands, help Sheriff Andy save the town, and eat like you are on the range. \$15 for ages 2-10 and \$7 for adults when accompanying a child. Pre-register by Oct. 18. The program is held at DRS Comm. Center.

Satellite Beach Founder's Day and Marketplace, Nov. 6
The 2010 theme, "Fall Fiesta," provides a sombrero full of decorating ideas for your club to use with their parade entry. It is never too early to plan your Founder's Day fun. Contact Suzanne at 777-5947 if you wish to rent a craft booth space, or call the Recreation Department at 773-6458 if you wish to enter the parade.

CLASSES FOR YOUTH

Rhythm in Motion Dance and Gymnastics Fall Sign-ups – The City's dance and gymnastic program kicks off its school year classes the week of August 16. If you missed the start of classes, you may still join after the classes begin. Contact the Recreation Office to inquire about

class offerings and enrollment details, or view the complete listing on the Recreation website.

Creative Playtime Classes:

Promote positive growth development for motor skills, speech, and socialization through the use of music, story time, and play. Parents/caretakers are required to stay and participate. An additional lab fee is paid at first class. Classes are held at DRS Comm. Center.

Infants: 6-12 months, Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Aug. 17-Sept. 7, four weeks for \$23. Sept. 14-Oct. 26, seven weeks for \$35.

Babies: 12-24 months, Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Aug. 20-Sept. 10, four weeks for \$23. Sept. 17-Oct. 29, seven weeks for \$30.

Toddlers: 20-36 months, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Aug. 17-Sept. 7, four weeks for \$23. Sept. 14-Oct. 26, seven weeks for \$41. A second class meets on Fri., 10:00-11:30 a.m., Aug. 20-Sept. 10., four weeks for \$23. Sept. 17-Oct. 29, six weeks for \$35.

Creative Connections: 3-5 years, Mon., 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Aug. 16-Aug. 30, four weeks for \$27. Sept. 20-Oct. 25; six weeks for \$55.

Other Classes For Toddlers and Preschoolers:

Funnastics: Ages: 18-36 months. Uses music and movement to develop gross motor skills and coordination. 6-week class meets Wednesdays from 11-11:45 a.m., Aug. 25 and Oct. 13.

Little Sports: Ages: 3-5 years. Teaches basics of traditional sports, such as basketball, soccer, and baseball. Sign-ups are by the month.

Tae Kwon Do: Ages: 3-1/2 to 5 years. Teaches safety awareness and promotes self control. Sign-ups are by the month.

Craft Classes: Ages: 3-9 years. Includes Soap Making on Monday, September 27, and Halloween T-shirts on Monday, October 18, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Mr. Science Fun – Starts August 9 with *Terrific Technology*.

Students 6-16 years meet Mondays, 4:00-5:00 p.m., at DRS Comm. Center. \$20 per month or \$7 per day drop-in.

"Kidstuff" Guitar Classes

Bring your own guitar (acoustic or electric). Ages: 7-15. Tues., Sept. 7-28, and Oct. 5-26, 6-7 p.m., at Pelican Beach Clubhouse. Sat., Sept. 4-25, and Oct. 2-23, 12-1 p.m., at DRS Comm. Ctr. \$70, plus \$30 material fee.

Spanish for Kids – Learn

Spanish through songs, games, puppets and other activities. During the Sept. session, lessons will revolve around animals and their habitat. Classes meet on Mondays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15: 4-5 years old meet 2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; 5-7 years old meet 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; 8-11 years old meet 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. This session costs \$60.

Sign Language – Students ages 8 years – adults will learn basic sign language, including finger spelling, numbers and signing for emergencies. The class is offered Sept. 20-Oct. 25, and costs \$25. A Beginner class will be held 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and Intermediate class from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Art Classes – Heather Everett teaches youth drawing skills and excites them by using a wide variety of art mediums. Tues., Oct. 5-Nov. 9. Youth 5-7 years old meet from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and 8-12 years meet 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Cost: \$50.

Other Classes for Youth:

Jr. Theatre Workshop will rehearse, then perform "Scrooge Meets Santa." Classes begin early Oct. for youth 8-12 yrs. old. 5-7 yrs. old begins early Nov. **Beachside Bouncers** is an energized jump rope program for youth 6-18 years old. Sign-ups are by the month. **Baton Twirling** teaches twirling skills, rhythm and coordination to youth 5-15 years old on Tuesdays. New session begins Aug. 17 and Sept. 28. **Hula Classes** for youth will be held on Saturdays beginning in September. Sign-ups are by the month. **Tae Kwon Do** for youth 5 years and

up meets Tues. and Thurs., 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Sign-ups are by the month. **“Kidstuff” Voice Classes** teach youth 7-15 years old to read music and sing their favorite tunes. Meets Saturdays; sign-ups are by the month.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Family Dog Training Classes

Trainer: Ages 12-Adults. Dog: Ages 2 months and older.

This is a positive-based basic course, which



means it does not use traditional methods, nor favor the use of choke or prong collars. Teach your dog to pay attention to you, sit, stay, lie down, come when called, and walk beside you without pulling. Tues., August 24-October 12, and Wed., September 22-November 10, 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$85.

Adult Guitar Class – Bring your own guitar (acoustic or electric.) Tues. classes meet at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse from 7-8 p.m., Sept. 7-28 and Oct. 5-26. The cost is \$75 per session, plus \$30 material fee.

Computer Classes for Adults

There is an exceptional variety of computer classes offered this fall, as well as a Computer Open Lab and free e-mail training. Course titles are: Computer Fundamentals I, II, III; Personal Computer Repair; Cyber Security; Buying and Selling on e-Bay; Microsoft Word 2007; and Photo Editing using Picasa. All classes have limited enrollment, so contact the Recreation Office, 773-6458, for details, including days/time/dates/cost.

Other Classes for Adults:

Exercise programs are offered for all ability levels and in a variety of styles. Call the Recreation office to locate a program that suits your needs.

Watercolor for Beginners and **Drawing & Painting** for Intermediate classes are held Tues. beginning Sept. 28. Contact instructor Therese Ferguson, 749-6962, for information.

Tae Kwon Do is held Tues. & Thurs. evenings at the Teen Zone. Contact John Leep, 704-2136, for details.

Let’s Hula – Class is taught by the same ladies who have been teaching at Da Kine Diegos in Satellite Beach: Mapuana, Amber and Mililani. New classes begin the first of each month on Saturdays at the DRS Community Center.

ACTIVITIES THAT KEEP YOU MOVING

Tennis Classes are held on Mondays for Beginner and Intermediate players. **Beginner** classes for ages 6-9 years meet 4-5 p.m.; ages 9-12 years meet 5-6 p.m.; 13 years-Adults meet 6-7 p.m. Ages for **Intermediate** classes are 10 years and older; meets 7 p.m.-8 p.m. New sessions begin every five weeks: Aug. 30, Oct. 4 and Nov. 8. Each session costs \$55.

Youth Volleyball Clinic for 8-17 year olds meets at DRS Community Center Gym on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., throughout the year. Sign-ups are by the month.

Pick-Up Volleyball Games

Adults are welcome to join the Monday 7 p.m. Open Volleyball Night. Informal coed play at a “B” level. \$1.25/pp at DRS Comm. Ctr. Gym.

Pick-Up Basketball Games

Men are welcome to join the Sunday 7 p.m. Open Basketball Night. \$1.25 per person at DRS Comm. Ctr. Gym.

Area Sport Leagues:

Crew:
www.spacecoastcrew.org

Diving:
www.sunrisediving.webs.com

Football:
www.eteamz.com/SBYFA

Little League:
www.beachsidelittleleague.com

Lacrosse:
www.RiptideLaxClub.com

Soccer:
www.satellitebeachsoccer.org

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program

Many residents have come to depend on this program for assistance completing daily activities they can no longer manage by themselves. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with driving, as well as help with dispatching. If you would like to help, or need transportation or other non-professional assistance, call Satellite Beach Recreation Department at 773-6458. Leave a message at least five business days in advance, and a dispatcher will return your call.

Give Life - GIVE BLOOD

As we enter the height of hurricane season, an optimal blood supply in our community is important. Join us as we celebrate the memory of Satellite Beach resident Raj S. Shah at the Memorial Blood Drive on Saturday, **August 21**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 1495 Highway A1A. Florida’s Blood Centers will screen you for eligibility. Standards continually change, so don’t assume you cannot donate. Enrollment will also be taken for “Be The Match,” National Marrow Donor Registry. For information or to schedule a donation, call Joanne Regan, 777-7424.

Recycle, Reduce, Reuse

The Recreation Department is taking the lead in a city-wide effort to promote the Three R’s: Reduce, Recycle & Reuse amongst citizens, City departments, and businesses.

How can you help the Recycle Effort? As a citizen, support the Three R’s effort and educate others about the opportunities. As a business, let us know how you are recycling.

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Diabetes Education Workshop – Monday, August 16, at 5:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Reiki Demonstration – Wednesday, August 18, at 1:30 p.m. A relaxation technique performed by a skilled practitioner. Open for all ages.

Vegetable Gardening in Florida – Tuesday, August 24, at 2:00 p.m. with Sally Scalera, Home Owners Horticulturalist with University of Florida Brevard County Extension Service. Call 633-1702 to register. \$5 fee.

Toddler Time – No story times in August. Wednesdays starting Sept. 8 at 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., *Mother Goose on the Loose*. Ages 15-36 months. Sign up is required.

Pre-School Story Time – No story times in August. Thursdays starting September 9, 11:00 a.m. Stories, movies, or crafts for ages 3-5. No sign up required.

Teen Advisory Council – Saturday, August 28 and September 25, at 2:00 p.m., ages 12-18. Earn volunteer hours and help us plan Teen Read Week 2010 events!

Teen Book Club – Tuesday, August 24, 6:00 p.m. Celebrate the release of the final Hunger Games novel, *Mockingjay*, with other fans. Tuesday, September 21,

6:00 p.m., check with Youth Services for this month's selection. For ages 12-18.

Book Chat – Mondays at 1:00 p.m. August 30, *La's Orchestra Saves the World* by Alexander McCall Smith. September 27, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. New members welcome.

Win a Signed Poster from Cassandra Clare, author of *The Clockwork Angel*. One entry per person, open to ages 12-18. Sign up at Youth Services through August. A random drawing will be held on August 31.

Friends Garage Sale/Bake Sale Fundraiser Saturday, October 16. Donations can be dropped off at the Library starting Tuesday, September 7. No large furniture, clothing, or electronics. Contact Lore Scurrah at 777-4801 or Susie Dyer at 777-1398 for information. Bake Sale items can be dropped off on Friday, October 15. Please prepackage in small quantities. Contact Sara Mauro at 779-9644. Funds raised will be used to buy media.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month
We want to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Sign-up your child or teen for a card today!