



# Beachcaster

Your Official City Newsletter

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## FY 2011 / 2012 Budget

### Economic Conditions Impact City Budget

#### I. Introduction

The continuing economic downturn, particularly the precipitous decline in property values, has profoundly challenged the City's ability to fund services.

Since property values peaked in 2006, the driving issue in preparing City budgets has been declining property values. For example:

- In 2007 (FY 07/08 Budget), the State Legislature imposed property tax reductions on local governments, forcing the City to reduce staffing and decrease operating expenses by 14.3%.
- In 2008, Amendment 1 decreased the tax base by approximately \$82 million, primarily as a result of increasing the Homestead Exemption from \$25,000 to \$50,000, further reducing 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, the assessed value declined 9.6% (\$76,912,287), resulting in a \$267,203 decrease in revenue.
- In 2011 (City's proposed budget), the assessed value further declined by 10%.

#### II. Millage Rate

With these fiscal realities, a proposed property tax rate of 8.5285 mills for FY 11/12 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 11/12 millage rate of 8.5285, the City will receive less property tax revenue than it received in FY 10/11 at 8.1439 mills. In other words, property tax revenues for the proposed budget will decrease by 6%.

#### III. Previous Reductions in Costs and Services

From FY 05/06 through FY 09/10, the City substantially reduced expenditures as the economic bubble burst and revenues began to decline. The following are examples of reductions used to meet this challenge:

- Eliminated Public Works Department Administrative Assistant position
- Eliminated Building/Zoning Administration position
- Eliminated three part-time positions in Public Works
- Eliminated cleaning contract and replaced with one full-time supervisor and two permanent part-time positions (saving approximately \$50,000). Reduced temporary part-time hours at various recreation facilities (non-peak hours) (savings of \$17,000)
- Reduced temporary part-time Grant Administrator by 40% (savings of \$6,342)
- Eliminated CRA Coordinator position
- Eliminated two full-time Public Works positions and hired three part-time personnel (total 90 hours per week) and reduced salary/benefit costs in excess of \$25,000
- Reduced General Employees' retirement benefit calculation by 1/3 for three years, resulting in a \$75,000 savings (this reduction and savings was recommended by the employees).

**RESIDENT SURVEY  
RESULTS**

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## *FY 11/12 Budget . . . continued from Page 1*

In FY 10/11, a goal was established to reduce personnel and benefit costs by 5.25% (\$273,118). As of August, the following reductions have been implemented:

- Eliminated Accountant 1 position
- Eliminated Police Department Records Clerk/Community Service Coordinator position
- With retirement of Police Chief and “in-house” promotion, one full-time police officer position was eliminated
- Eliminated two (2) temporary maintenance workers positions in Public Works
- Eliminated one permanent part-time position in Public Works
- Reduced coverage by 8 hours per week of Administrative Assistant in City Hall reception area, resulting in savings of \$7,651.

Each of the City’s departments’ budgets contains allocations for operating expenses (non-personnel related expenditures). The reduction in the allocation for all the departments over the past 5 years provide a good illustration of reductions/cut-backs:

	<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.

The preparation of each of the departments’ operating budgets (non-personnel) was a collaborative effort with department heads. Efforts were made to provide allocations for operating expenses comparable to the current fiscal year (FY 10/11).

#### **IV. FY 11/12 Proposed Budget**

Cost cutting measures continue as the City addresses the challenge of providing necessary City services during this period of declining revenues. Significant features of the proposed budget include:

- Retains Public Safety personnel (Police & Fire) at August 1, 2011 levels
- Provides funding for Public Safety departments (Police and Fire) efficiency study
- Purchase of 1 patrol car
- Reduction in staffing at City Hall by eliminating one full-time and one part-time position
- Eliminates Assistant Public Works Director’s position as of April 1, 2012
- Reduction in part-time Recreation salaries:
  - Skatepark Staffing (\$1,909)
  - Game Room Staffing (\$3,534)
  - Tennis Courts Staffing (\$2,726)
  - Dog Park Staffing (\$2,106)
- Reduction in Council Travel (\$2,000)
- Public Works - Reduction in Building and Grounds Maintenance (\$12,000)
- Public Works - Reduction in Contract Maintenance (\$14,805)
- Recreation - Program Activities reduced by \$5,000
- Recreation - Printing reduced by \$2,100
- Elimination of the *Beachcaster*, effective 12/1/11 (\$17,000)

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**V. Impact of Proposed Millage**

From a City perspective, the proposed millage rate will result in decreased City revenues by approximately 6%. However, due to the complicated Florida tax structure (Save Our Homes; Catch-up provisions; TRIM, etc.) some residents will have a decrease in taxes, while others will see an increase. This is the dilemma that we confront each budget year. The following chart provides examples:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Actual 2010 Taxes</u> (8.1439 mills)	<u>Proposed 2011 Taxes</u> (8.5285 mills)	<u>Increase - Decrease</u>
1. Long-term homesteaded property (since the 1980s) with a 2011 preliminary taxable value of \$76,260 (2010 taxable value: \$74,750)	\$608.76	\$650.38	+ \$41.62/year; or + \$3.46/month
2. Property purchased in 2004 for \$325,000 with a 2011 preliminary taxable value of \$94,640 (2010 taxable value: \$112,890)	\$919.36	\$807.14	- \$112.22/year; or - \$9.35/month
3. Long-term homesteaded (since the 1970s) waterfront property with a 2011 preliminary taxable value of \$180,970 (2010 taxable value: \$177,560)	\$1,446.03	\$1,543.40	+ \$97.37/year; or + \$8.11/month
4. Waterfront property purchased in 2004 with a 2011 preliminary taxable value of \$223,620 (2010 taxable value: \$262,090)	\$2,134.43	\$1,907.14	- \$227.29/year; or - \$18.94/month
5. Commercial property with a 2011 preliminary taxable value of \$920,000 (2010 taxable value: \$970,000)	\$7,899.58	\$7,846.22	- \$53.36/year; or - \$4.45/month
6. New oceanfront condo built in 2006 with a 2011 preliminary taxable value of \$537,700 (2010 taxable value: \$641,420)	\$5,223.66	\$4,585.77	-\$637.89/year; or - \$53.16/month
7. Oceanfront property purchased in 1998, but not homesteaded until 2005 with a 2011 preliminary taxable value of \$256,420 (2010 taxable value: \$311,080)	\$2,533.40	\$2,186.88	- \$346.52/year; or - \$28.88/month

The above chart indicates that homesteaded properties (purchased prior to 2002) will likely see an increase, while those who have purchased since 2002 or non-homesteaded properties, including commercial, should see a decrease in their property taxes.

The above listed properties are actual values for City properties listed on the Brevard County Property Appraiser’s website. As City Manager, it has been a usual custom to include my property (225 Cherry Circle) in the comparison. My property is the first property listed on the above chart.

Because I am a long-term homesteaded property owner, I fall in the category of those who will pay more in 2011. I have enjoyed relative protection from property tax increases during the first decade of the 21st century due to the provisions of Save Our Homes. Over the past 9 tax years (since 2003), my City property taxes have increased an average of \$12.70 per year or about \$1.00 per month.

**VI. Budget Hearings**

The final Budget Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m.

**VII. Questions?**

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

## City Bids Farewell to Chief Cote Welcomes Police Chief Pearson



Jeff Pearson, left, was officially sworn in as the City's new Police Chief on August 1, 2011. Retiring Police Chief Lionel A. Cote, right, congratulated Chief Pearson on his promotion. (Photo by Bill Spiegelhalter)

After 50 years of dedication to law enforcement, Police Chief Lionel A. Cote officially retired on July 31, 2011. Chief Cote kept a vigilant watch over the citizens in the City of Satellite Beach during the last 26 years of his career. He was progressive, and his leadership was impressive. Chief Cote will be missed on a daily basis, but he can be seen around town.

With Chief Cote's retirement, we had a "changing of the guard." Chief Jeff M. Pearson was sworn in as the Police Chief effective August 1, 2011. Chief Pearson has been a member of the Satellite Beach Police Department since 1987, where he worked his way up through the ranks. He started as a full-time Communications Officer, while attending the Police Academy, then became a Reserve Police Officer, a full-time Police Officer, Patrol Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Investigative Commander, Operations Commander, and Deputy Police Chief. As a graduate of the FBI National Academy, he has proven leadership skills, and is very involved in our community.

Chief Pearson attended Satellite High School and Brevard Community College. While working full-time, he earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree. Pearson was selected as one of the winners of the prestigious Lead Brevard's "4 under 40" emerging leaders award. This award is presented to the four young professionals in the County who show outstanding leadership qualities and strong community involvement.

Pearson is actively involved in the Satellite Beach Lions Club and is a member of Brevard County Chiefs of Police Association.

He and his wife, Janet, reside in Satellite Beach with their daughters, Dallas and Samantha.

We wish Chief Cote well in his retirement and congratulate Chief Jeff Pearson on his achievement!

### Police Department Crime Report ~ May & June 2011

<b>Total Events this Period:</b>	<b>2,645 *</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service:</b>	<b>1,113</b>
<b>Total Traffic Stops:</b>	<b>1,520</b>
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>31 Adult; 2 Juvenile</b>
Alarm	40
Assault/Battery	8
Assist Other Agency	62
Burglary	11
Burglary-Vehicle	9
Disturbance	67
DUI	10
Fraud	4
Narcotics Activity	9
Suicide/Death	7
Suspicious Incidents	228
Theft	6
Traffic Crash	14
Vandalism	8
Warrant Arrest	5

\* Other officer activity (not a call for service)

Detectives arrested an individual for burglarizing a church and for Grand Theft. The lead in the case was fingerprints found at the scene, which were collected and identified through careful crime scene processing.

In response to underage drinking and drug complaints, extra patrols at City beach accesses resulted in three arrests at the Park Avenue beach access for Possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, and one was also arrested for Tampering with Evidence and Resisting Arrest.

Sergeant Paul Creatura headed Operation NOW, a program aimed at educating older teens about the consequences of drunk driving. Over 300 area students attend the presentation.

## Council Highlights

### June 8, 2011, Regular Council Meeting

- Accepted recommendation of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee not to proceed with an update of the commercial district market study, and to revisit the option of updating the study as market conditions improve.
- Requested Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee to make recommendations regarding future status of vacant property at A1A and DeSoto Parkway (former Peg Legs and Corinthian Apartments site).
- Authorized expenditure from Law Enforcement Trust Fund of \$250 to support Florida Missing Children's Day.
- Designated Mayor Ferrante as voting delegate and Councilman Scott Rhodes as alternate voting delegate to Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Orlando, and authorized attendance of interested Council members.
- Appointments to Boards:
  - Appointed Joe Hemple as regular member and Linda Paige as an alternate member of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board.
  - Appointed Dorothy Guinn as a regular member of the Library Board.
  - Appointed Sheryl Denan as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment.

### June 22, 2011, Regular Council Meeting

- Authorized distribution of City survey relating to budget, services, and financial issues.
- Acknowledged and accepted the donation of \$10,000 (\$6,000 from Mr. Jim Jensen and a \$4,000 anonymous donation) and authorized the purchase of an ATV in the amount of \$6,543.93, and established an ATV reserve fund of \$3,456.07. The ATV will be utilized by the Police Department Beach Patrol.

### July 20, 2011, Special & Regular Council Meeting

- Adopted Resolution No. 911, establishing an annual stormwater utility assessment for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011. The rate for a single-family unit remains at \$65.00 for FY 11/12.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1043, amending the City Code to provide for the establishment of a \$1.00 filing fee for candidates running for Mayor or Council member.
- Appointments to Boards:
  - Reappointed Richard Ralph as a regular member of the Code Enforcement Board.
  - Reappointed Mark Johnson as a regular member of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board.
  - Ministerially approved reappointment of David Ryan to the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan Board of Trustees.
  - Reappointed Carol Late to the Library Board.

## Leonor Olexa Earns CMC Status



Deputy City Clerk Leonor Olexa, center, receives recognition from Mayor Joe Ferrante, Longwood City Clerk Sarah Mirus, and City Clerk Barbara Montanaro.

Congratulations to Deputy City Clerk Leonor Olexa, CMC, who completed all the requirements of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks to earn the distinction of "Certified Municipal Clerk." Through hard work and perseverance, she completed an intensive curriculum specifically developed for the clerks' profession, including both education and experience requirements.

Mayor Ferrante presented Ms. Olexa with her CMC pin and the City pin. Longwood City Clerk Sarah Mirus, MMC, MBA, in her capacity as Chair of the Florida Association of City Clerks East Central District, presented the certification to Ms. Olexa.

## City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are regularly held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 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.satellitebeachfl.org](http://www.satellitebeachfl.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.

# Community Redevelopment News

## Navy Federal Credit Union Opens Satellite Beach Branch



Navy Federal Credit Union opened its new Satellite Beach branch located at 1024 Highway A1A, Suite 102, in Atlantic Plaza. Pictured from left, are Navy Federal Credit Union team members Jimmy Rogers, Security; Christie Lannan, Branch Manager; Debbie Stamey, Vice President, along with Mayor Joseph Ferrante, Councilman Jeff Fleis, and Jason Moss, Navy Federal Regional Manager. The credit union offers services to all military personnel, Department of Defense employees, and their families. Please welcome Navy Federal Credit Union to Satellite Beach!

### Please Join Satellite Beach in Welcoming These New Businesses to Our Community!

Abby's Cove	Restaurant	1462 Highway A1A	777-2683
Balancing Touch by Pamela	Massage Therapist	1170 Highway A1A, Suite 7	917-5252
Competitive Irrigation	Irrigation Contractor	250 Sherwood Avenue	773-4045
Four Star Real Estate	Real Estate	1290 Highway A1A, Suite 205	610-3935
Good Gaming	Electronics Repair	599 Sherwood Avenue, Suite 104	394-5444
Islander Accounting	Accounting	1127 South Patrick Drive, Suite 3	600-0840
Oasis Outdoor Kitchens	Outdoor Kitchen Cabinets	599 Sherwood Avenue, Suite 206	525-5880
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Banking Facility	1090 Highway A1A	984-5040



Andy Chan and his wife, Walaoporn, are the proud new owners of **Blue Lemon Café**, located in the Lori Laine Plaza. The restaurant had its grand reopening August 11. The Chans are looking forward to being a part of the Satellite Beach Community.

Other restaurants are coming soon to Satellite Beach. **Oceanside Grille** will be located in the former

Dove Restaurant location, and has been undergoing interior renovations for a Fall opening.

**Sliders**, a family sports-themed restaurant, is renovating the former Bunky's restaurant at the corner of SR A1A and Cassia Boulevard. Sliders is owned by Lynne West, a former Satellite Beach business owner, who is returning to the Satellite Beach community with her new restaurant.

Other new businesses include **Latorra's Bagels**, 1594 Highway A1A; **Groomingdales Pet Spa**, 595 Jackson Avenue, and **Jamie Salup Photography** at 585 Jackson Avenue.

Coming soon to Atlantic Plaza: **Hibiscus Dental**; a discount clothing store; and a financial services company. Centro Properties Corporate Management advises that the plaza has been purchased by the Blackstone Group.

# Conserving is Saving: It's Your Business!

By: Helmut Kohler, Jr.

Greetings to you once again, residents and businesses of Satellite Beach. In the last edition of the *Beachcaster*, we discussed ways to make your home more energy efficient and economical. In this installment of the "Energy Enlightenment" series, we will examine strategies to make your business more energy efficient and less costly to operate. Additionally, we will cover ways for your business to capitalize on your newfound efficiency and turn that into a competitive advantage and marketing tool to help set your business apart from your competition.

Before we delve into those topics, however, there is an important update that you should be made aware of. At a recent City Council meeting, it was unanimously approved for the City to pursue LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for the David R. Schechter Community Center. This project is being carried out in conjunction with the energy grant that you were informed about in the introductory article of this series. The benefits of this project are multi-faceted; first, the Schechter Center will be optimized to run as efficiently and economically as possible, thus reducing consumption and operating costs. Second, it will serve as a showpiece for the benefits of sustainable building operations that all residents will be able to witness firsthand. And third, it is a way for the City to "LEED" by example and differentiate itself as a leader in sustainability. You will be provided with a detailed update on this important project in a future edition of the *Beachcaster*.

Now, let us examine some strategies and methods for you to make sure your company's buildings are being operated as efficiently and economically as possible. As with your home, the best first step is to conduct an energy audit of your business to identify the areas of greatest usage. Once you know that, it is possible to identify where the most possible savings are and work out an improvement plan to capture it. Florida Power and Light offers two options for a free "Business Energy Evaluation." The first is a self-conducted "Online Business Energy Evaluation (OBEE)," which provides instant online results. Their other program is the "On-site Business Energy Evaluation (BEE)," which is conducted by one of FPL's energy experts at your place of business. Contact FPL to see which of these options is right for you. Information on these programs can be found at: [http://www.fpl.com/business/energy\\_saving/programs/energy\\_evaluation.shtml](http://www.fpl.com/business/energy_saving/programs/energy_evaluation.shtml)

Once you have completed a comprehensive energy audit, your business will be able to enhance the way your facilities are operated and identify areas that can be

improved significantly through upgrades or retrofits. Once you are aware of these areas, even if you don't address them immediately, you will be able to plan ahead and maximize your savings for any capital upgrades. Florida Power and Light offers a host of incentive and rebate programs for energy efficiency upgrades. Here is a list of the main programs that are available to help your business save on efficiency upgrades:

## **The Building Interior category of incentives covers the following areas:**

- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
  - Direct Expansion
  - Chiller Program
  - Demand-Control Ventilation
  - Energy Recovery Ventilation
  - Thermal Energy Storage
- Lighting
  - T8, T5 or T5HO lamps with electronic ballasts
  - Premium T8 lamps with high-efficiency electronic ballasts
  - Pulse-start lamps and electronic ballasts in metal halide fixtures
  - Permanent screw-in (with locking device) compact fluorescents or ceramic metal halides in hardwired fixtures
  - New hardwired fixtures, such as fluorescent, ceramic metal halide or compact fluorescent lamps
  - Circuit current limiters with electronic ballasts and standard wattage lamps
  - Induction lighting
- Refrigeration
  - Electric strip heaters around display case doors that use automatic controls (with humidistats) to cycle off heaters when they're not needed
  - Special glass doors for reach-in refrigerated cases that require minimum or no anti-sweat heating
  - Freezer doors that use hot gas reclaim
- Water Heating
  - Heat Recovery Unit (HRU)
  - Heat Pump Water Heater (HPWH)
- Demand Response Program
  - Commercial Demand Reduction (CDR)

## **The Building Envelope category of incentives covers the following areas:**

- Window Treatments
  - Window treatment measures, such as solar film, solar screens, and high efficiency window

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replacements, qualify for all western exposures (west, northwest, and southwest).

- **Roof Savings**
  - Reflective roof measures, such as reflective coatings and membranes with a solar reflectance of at least 73 percent and cool metal roofing with a solar reflectance of at least 65 percent
  - Roof insulation of R19
- **Ceiling Insulation**
  - A ceiling insulation of R19 is an eligible improvement. The existing R-value must be 7.0 or less.

Installations must be approved by FPL in advance in order to qualify for incentives. Contact FPL for details. See the following website for more information: [http://www.fpl.com/business/energy\\_saving/programs/index.shtml](http://www.fpl.com/business/energy_saving/programs/index.shtml)

After you have gone through your company's energy efficiency optimization, you will stand in an ideal position to pursue an Eco-label certification. Such a certification will turn your energy efficiency and savings accomplishments into a marketing tool for your business, which will offer you a distinct competitive advantage over your competition. Examples of Eco-labels for commercial building energy efficiency are ENERGY STAR®, LEED, FGBC (Florida Green Building Coalition), and Florida Water Star.

The ENERGY STAR® is a national rating system that compares your building's energy usage against a national baseline for similar buildings; if your facility scores a certain amount above the national average, you may qualify for the ENERGY STAR® rating for your building. See the following website for more information: [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=business.bus\\_bldgs](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=business.bus_bldgs)

LEED is the rating system from the U.S. Green Building Council. This certification is available for new construction of multiple types and existing building operations and maintenance. LEED for existing buildings takes into account your facility's energy efficiency and sustainability of operations on a tiered points scale, with levels of Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. See the following website for more information: <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1988>

Local certifications for energy and water savings are available from FGBC, a certification from the Florida Green Building Coalition, and Florida Water Star, a certification from the St. John's River Water Management District, respectively. See the following websites for more information:

<http://floridagreenbuilding.org/commercial>  
<http://sjrwmd.com/floridawaterstar/index.html>

## TOP 10 ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS FOR BUSINESSES

Listed below are FPL's Top 10 quickest and most effective ways to help you conserve energy, trim costs, and gain control over the energy usage in your business.

1. Install occupancy sensors on lights in conference rooms and break rooms to save 45 to 60 percent on lighting costs in those rooms.
2. Save \$30 or more in electricity with each replacement of a traditional incandescent light bulb for a Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) [or light-emitting diode (LED)] over its lifetime. CFLs [and LEDs] use 75 percent less energy and last up to 10 times longer.
3. Replace incandescent bulbs in exit signs with LEDs, and save about 90 percent on signage operating cost. If LEDs are not compatible with your current sign, a new sign is inexpensive and could pay for itself within a year.
4. Save up to 30 percent by using smart power strips to regulate energy use on equipment, such as computers, copiers, and printers.
5. Enable the sleep mode on office computers to achieve savings up to \$20 per year for each computer.
6. Use up to 30 percent less energy when you switch to a fluorescent lighting system that operates with energy-efficient electronic ballasts, rather than magnetic ones.
7. Save about 20 percent in lighting energy use by installing bi-level switching to control lighting.
8. Cut lighting energy use by as much as 70 percent using timers or setting up a scheduling system to control lights on a predictable schedule.
9. Replace printers, refrigerators, and other office equipment with products that have the ENERGY STAR® label.
10. Insulate your water heater tank to save up to 6 percent in water heating costs.

*The information for these tips was obtained from Florida Power & Light.*



**PLANNING TOMORROW FOR SATELLITE BEACH  
RESIDENT SURVEY FINAL REPORT**

**Rating Scale**

Where you are asked to rate something in this survey, please use the following scale:

- (5) Excellent
- (4) Very good
- (3) Good
- (2) Fair
- (1) Poor
- (0) Not Needed
- N/O No Opinion

1. Are you a City resident? 924 respondents: 923 (99.9%) Yes 0.1% No  
*1 business owner*
  
2. Do you own a business in the City?  
922 respondents: 847 (8%) Yes 75 (92%) No
  
3. How long have you lived in the City? 922 respondents: 113 (12%) 0-5 years  
107 (12%) 6-10 years 212 (23%) 11-20 years 490 (53%) over 20 years
  
4. Number of persons in your household in each category: 874 respondents:  
Age: 237 (12% of all family members) under 18 249 (13%) 18 – 35 440 (22%) 36 – 55  
355 (18%) 56 – 65 693 (35%) over 65 Number retired: 711 (36%)
  
5. Why did you choose to live in Satellite Beach (check all that apply)? 916 respondents:  
647 (71%) beach location 270 (30%) work 468 (51%) schools 408 (44%) safety  
364 (40%) family 272 (30%) recreational opportunities 389 (42%) community reputation  
596 (65%) quality of life 163 (18%) other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Using our rating scale, please rate the following regarding Satellite Beach: 895 respondents:  
852 (average 4.1) sense of community 865 (4.4) sense of safety 845 (3.7) community appearance  
848 (4.3) community reputation 863 (4.4) quality of life  
Rate Satellite Beach as a place... 830 (4.5) to live 790 (4.4) to raise children 816 (4.3) to retire
  
7. Police Department – Using our rating scale, please rate the following services:  
893 (average 4.3) Police Patrols (currently 3 patrol officers/shift responding to approx. 4,500 9-1-1 calls/year)  
866 (3.8) School Resource Officers (currently 2 officers serving 4 schools and 2,959 students)  
872 (4.2) School Crossing Guards (currently 8 guards protecting 600+ walking/bicycling students)
  
8. Patrol officers' current average response time is under 3 minutes for emergencies and under 4 minutes for non-emergencies. Do you support reducing patrol officers to 2 per shift, which will reduce police visibility, further risk officer safety, and sometimes increase response time (annual savings of \$240,000 by eliminating 3 officer positions; average monthly savings of \$4 per property)?  
906 respondents: 178 (20%) Yes 691 (76%) No 37 (4%) No opinion
  
9. The School District's annual cost share for two school resource officers is \$59,000; the City's annual share is \$65,000. Do you support eliminating the school resource positions (annual City savings of \$65,000) (average monthly savings of \$1 per property)?  
913 respondents: 231 (25%) Yes 554 (61%) No 128 (14%) No opinion

10. Do you support reducing the number of school crossing guards (total annual program cost is \$42,300)?  
911 respondents:      194 (21%) Yes      621 (68%) No      96 (11%) No opinion

11. Public Works – Using our rating scale, please rate the following services:

910 (average 4.0) Appearance/maintenance of public open space and buildings

912 (3.6) Stormwater drainage (currently maintaining/cleaning 19 miles of pipes and ditches)

912 (3.5) Street repair/repaving (currently maintaining 37 miles of roadway)

905 (3.5) Sidewalk maintenance (currently maintaining 47 miles of sidewalk)

12. Fire Department – Using our rating scale, please rate the following services:

896 (average 4.6) Firefighting services

895 (4.6) Emergency medical services (firefighters are also EMTs or paramedics)

In 2004, the City hired 6 additional firefighter/EMT-paramedics to [1] comply with State law requiring at least 4 State-certified firefighters on scene before any firefighter may enter a burning building to extinguish a fire and [2] increase on-duty paramedics to meet the City's increased 9-1-1 call volume. Before then, we had 3 firefighter/EMT-paramedics per shift, requiring us to await the average 9-minute response from County firefighters to arrive at a structure fire, and preventing us from responding to simultaneous emergency medical calls (at least 2 EMS personnel are required per call). As a result of the increased staffing, we have reduced average response time to less than 3.5 minutes, reduced total loss of structures by 73%, and increased cardiac-arrest victims' return-of-pulse rate from 14% to 33%.

13. Do you support reducing firefighter/EMT-paramedic staffing to pre-2004 conditions (3 per shift, average 9-minute response from County firefighters, and no simultaneous emergency medical responses) (annual savings of \$330,000; average monthly savings of \$5.50 per property)?

908 respondents:      123 (13%) Yes      743 (82%) No      42 (5%) No opinion

14. Building Department – Using our rating scale, please rate the following services:

795 (avg 3.4) Code enforcement:

671 respondents: adequate 417 (62%) need more 98 (15%) need less 156 (23%)

820 (3.7) Permitting and inspection of building renovations and new construction

15. Recreation Department – Using our rating scale, please rate the following:

887 (average 4.2) Recreation programs and classes

892 (4.4) Recreation facilities (Community Center, Civic Center, Sports & Recreation Park, DeSoto complex, beachfront parks, Samsons Island, playgrounds)

878 (4.2) Athletic fields (soccer/football/lacross, baseball, softball)

16. Are the City's recreation offerings important to our community's quality of life?

916 respondents:      806 (88%) Yes      48 (5%) No      62 (7%) No opinion

17. Is providing recreation opportunities an appropriate use of tax dollars?

911 respondents:      742 (81%) Yes      101 (11%) No      68 (8%) No opinion

**Oceanfront Preservation**

In response to residents' long-documented support for preserving oceanfront, the City made a concerted effort to acquire oceanfront property, almost exclusively through grants and private donations. The public now owns 40% of our oceanfront, thereby limiting high-rise development along our beach, but removing these lands from the City's property tax rolls and reducing our tax base.

18. Please select one of the following: **908 respondents:**

**766 (84%)** I support the City's past acquisition of oceanfront to limit development along our shoreline.

**97 (11%)** I would prefer that the City had allowed this oceanfront to remain on the tax rolls and be developed to increase property tax revenues.

**45 (5%)** No opinion.

**Redevelopment District**

In 2002, the City established a Community Redevelopment District to revitalize primarily the City's A1A and South Patrick Drive corridors. Each year, property taxes collected by both the City AND the County above the amount garnered from District properties in 2002 are used to pay for District expenses. (This year, the County contributed \$300,000; the City contributed \$755,000.) Completed projects in the District include rebuilding Pelican and Hightower Parks, beach-access improvements at Grant and DeSoto, grants to businesses to improve façade appearance (including signs), and purchase of Sunrise Park and former Peg Legs property. Planned projects in the District include additional beach-access improvements, Civic Center renovations, additional business façade grants, and underground power lines and streetscape improvements along A1A.

19. Should the Redevelopment District be continued to pursue planned projects in the District as redevelopment funds allow?

**900 respondents:** **655 (73%)** Yes **178 (20%)** No **67 (7%)** No opinion

20. **Communication with Residents** – Using our rating scale, please rate the following:

**820 (average 3.8)** City's website (satellitebeachfl.org) **889 (4.1)** City's *Beachcaster*

21. Should the City discontinue the *Beachcaster* (total cost of \$20,400 for 6 editions per year, average annual savings of \$4.20 per property [70¢ per edition])?

**892 respondents:** **226 (25%)** Yes **597 (67%)** No **69 (8%)** No opinion

22. If the City could provide only 3 services, what should they be? (*List most important service first.*)

**782 respondents provided 2,167 responses:** **Fire/EMS 727 (34%)** **Police 720 (33%)**

(% of all responses) **Public Works 283 (13%)** **Recreation 214 (11%)**

**Other 106 (5%)** **Building & Zoning 65 (3%)** **Redevelopment 26 (1%)**

23. If the City must reduce services, which 3 should be reduced first? (*List least important service first.*)

**653 respondents provided 1,278 responses:** (% of all responses) **Other 263 (21%)**

**Recreation 261 (20%)** **Police 215 (17%)** **Redevelopment 182 (14%)**

**Building & Zoning 168 (13%)** **Public Works 114 (9%)** **Fire/EMS 75 (6%)**

**Future Budgets**

Property values in the City will decline another 11% in 2011. Since property taxes are based on property values, the City's property tax revenue for next year's budget will decline by 11% if last year's millage rate (tax rate) remains the same. Our City Charter and State law require a balanced budget; we do not have deficits.

24. **About 1/3 of your total property taxes are paid to the City. The remaining 2/3 go to County, School District, and other taxing authorities. Do you believe you receive good value for the taxes you pay to Satellite Beach?**

**890 respondents:      727 (82%) Yes      98 (11%) No      65 (7%) No opinion**

25. **Which statement best reflects your preference for the next budget year (FY 11/12) and subsequent years with declining property values? (Select only one.)      835 respondents:**

**428 (51%)** Continue to fund City services at this year's levels (FY 10/11), and increase the millage rate to generate the same revenue as this year.

**289 (35%)** Maintain the current millage rate, accept the 11% decrease in property tax revenue, and cut services where necessary. What services would you cut?

**214 (74%) of those selecting this option provided a response.**

**58 (7%)** Reduce the millage rate below the current level, and make deeper service cuts. What services would you cut?

**54 (46%) of those selecting this option provided a response.**

**60 (7%)** Reduce the millage rate to provide only the minimum services necessary to protect the health and safety of our residents, i.e., police, fire/emergency medical services, building inspections, life-safety code enforcement (e.g., unfenced swimming pools), streets, and stormwater drainage. All else, including recreation facilities and programs, should be provided by the private sector.

26. **Other comments not addressed in this survey:      396 respondents (43%)**



### 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.

- > **September 17**
- > **October 15**
- > **November 19**
- > **December 17**

**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.

### School Crossing Guard Needed

The Police Department is looking for responsible, dependable, concerned adults to participate in our School Crossing Guard Program to assist elementary and secondary school children in crossing congested intersections or heavily traveled roads. Anyone interested should contact Lori Cribb at 773-4400.

### AARP Safe Driving Class

Cars have changed, and so have the traffic rules, driving conditions, and roads you travel every day. Some age 50+ drivers have never looked back since they got their first driver's license, but even the most experienced drivers benefit from brushing up on their driving skills. A class will be held on Friday, October 21, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive. The course fee is \$12 for AARP members (please remember to bring your membership card) or \$14 for non-members. If you need additional information on this class or would like to register, please call Lori at 773-4400.

### Community Medic Program Receives Financial Support



Pastor Larry Booth (left) and Pastor Joe Jursa (right) presented Fire Chief Hughes with the largest offering check ever collected at an Easter sunrise service.

Outpouring of support from the Community Easter Sunrise Service shines bright for the Community Health Paramedic Program, which is a part of the City's "Community for a Lifetime" initiative. Local beachside pastors unanimously voted that this year's Easter Sunrise offering money would go to enhance the Community Health Paramedic Program. Pastor Booth expressed to Fire Chief Hughes that this, indeed, was a gift from the community. "Well over 800-plus people were in attendance at the sunrise service, which well exceeds the average number of people who attend regular Sunday morning worship," said Pastor Booth. "Once again I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the community; during these rough economic times it can be tough donating money," said Chief Hughes, "especially when our local community has been hit with its own hardships."

It is with great appreciation that we thank our residents, Reverend Rick McConn of Beachside Fellowship, Dr. Joe Jursa of Satellite Beach United Methodist Church, and Reverend Larry Booth of Our Father's House, as well as their congregations. This is one more great example of local residents helping to meet the health care challenges facing our senior citizens, making us proud to live in this generous community, and demonstrating that the community values programs such as Community Health Paramedic Services.



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

Thank you to the participants in our Summer Fun Camp! We look forward to seeing you all next year.

We would like to thank the following businesses who sponsored a basketball team for the Summer season: **Re/Max Elite; Juice Plus+; Carlsen's Trophy Shop; Pack-A-Drum, Inc.; MTN, Inc.; Billabong; Accent Technologies, Inc.; Alliance Properties; Wilson, Albert and Donnelly, Inc.; Half Halt Stables; Amendola Chiropractic; Uncle Bob's Storage; Allstate Buzz Benevente; Beach Exotic Pets and Grooming; Brett B. Gelbert, Inc.; SWP Construction; and Deborah L. Kearney, DDS.**

Satellite Beach PAL offers an **After School Tutoring Program** for those who would benefit from additional instruction to help with schoolwork. Call us if you are interested in receiving one-on-one assistance or helping as a tutor.

Youth in grades 6-9 can join us at the **Teen Zone** every Friday night from 6:30 - 11:00 p.m. Admission is just \$5.00. Play pool, ping-pong, and just hang out while our DJ plays the latest music. Our concession stand is open and offers snacks and pizza for sale.

We have a special night for Kindergartners thru 6th graders. **Teeny Bopper Night** is the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00, and includes a dance contest and inflatable bounce house!

Our **Annual Adult BUNKO Blast** is back! Mark your calendar for September 24. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and the dice roll at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an Italian Buffet Dinner and a Silent and Chinese Auction. Cost is \$15.00 in advance; \$20.00 at the door.

**Basketball registration** for the Winter season began in September. Check our website for details.

**Upcoming Events:** *October 2*, Annual Satellite Beach PAL/Lion's Club **Pancake Breakfast** in the Breezeway at City Hall; *October 14 and 15*, **Indoor Garage/Bike Sale**; and *October 30*, **Halloween Happenings**.

For information regarding our programs, please check out our website at [www.satellitebeachpal.org](http://www.satellitebeachpal.org) or call the Teen Zone at 777-8336.



This club is for folks 55+ years old or older (not limited to Satellite Beach residents).

**For details, call 55+ Club President Marty Hindsley, 777-8313, or e-mail [mhindsley@yahoo.com](mailto:mhindsley@yahoo.com).**

- Seminar, Thursday, October 6** – 12:30 p.m. at DRS Comm. Ctr. by Financial Advisor Brian Groh. A light lunch will be served. RSVP to 773-6458.
- Fall Picnic, Saturday, Oct. 29** – At Pelican Beach Park. Check your newsletter for details.
- Every Monday, Bingo** – 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., S.B. Civic Center. Cost: \$5 for cards. Must be a member to play. Potluck last Monday of the month.
- Every Tues., Wed., & Thurs., Indoor Walking Group** – 8:30-10:00 a.m., DRS Comm. Ctr. Gym.
- Every Tuesday, Line Dancing** – 1-2 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. Cost: \$2 per session.
- Every Wednesday** at the DRS Comm. Center Game Room – **Mahjongg**, 9:00-11:30 a.m.; **Pool, Table Tennis, Cards & Games**, 6-9 p.m.
- Every Thurs., Cards & Games** – 9:00 a.m. at the DRS Community Center Game Room.
- 1st Tues., (every other month) Dinner Gang** Sept. 6 at David's Steak & Seafood, 302 Ocean Ave., Melbourne Beach. Call Floss at 773-6073.
- 1st Wednesday, Arts & Crafts** – 12:00 p.m., DRS Comm. Ctr., Sept. 7 & Oct. 5. A small fee will be collected. Call Betsy, 779-9775, for details.
- 1st Thursday, Free Blood Pressure and Glucose Checks** offered by Visiting Nurse Association, 9:30 a.m., at DRS Community Ctr.
- 2nd Wed., Early Bird Dinner** – Sept. 14 at Abby's Cove, A1A, S.B. Call Joan at 777-0238.
- 3rd Wed., Lunch Bunch** – Sept. 21 & Oct. 19. Call Laverne Johnson, 725-6610, to RSVP.
- 2nd Friday, Bunko** – 10 a.m.-1 p.m., DRS Ctr. \$5/members; \$7/guests. Call Barbara, 773-3050.
- Movie Group** – Meets last Friday of the month. Call Louise Daley at 773-6946 for information.
- Travel Group** – Call Terry Mellon, 773-7705.
- 55+ Volunteer Group** – Help serve the needs of our community when needed. Call Jill at 773-2080 for more information.
- Watch for details on a fall boat trip down the Indian River and future fishing seminars.

Brevard County Public Schools opened on August 10. Some of the beach area school start times and dismissal times have changed since last year. Ocean Breeze, Sea Park, and Holland Elementary School hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Surfside Elementary School, 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.; Satellite High School, 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and DeLaura Middle School, 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Residents that do not have children attending schools might save time by noting the above hours that beachside schools open and close. If you're in a hurry, keep clear of school traffic during those hours. However, some motorists must travel that route, and must obey the signs. When approaching a yellow blinking school zone light, slow down to the posted speed limit. Failure to obey results in a fine of at least \$169, commensurate with the motorist's speed. Also a wallet opener to get a motorist's attention -- when crossing guards enter the student crosswalk and a motorist fails to come to a complete stop, the fine can escalate significantly. A word to the wise will suffice!!!!

**Charles Carter**, Custodian at **Holland Elementary School**, has retired. A dedicated employee, Charles has served Holland since the school opened in 1965. New staff members are Custodian **Jason Fichter** and Kindergarten Teacher **Lauren Prashad**.

**Carmen Elliott**, **Sea Park Elementary School's** new Assistant Principal, transferred from Sunrise Elementary, Palm Bay. **Jay Alford** is full-time status as Computer Tech. Thanks to **Blanche Langenback** for repainting the large United States map in the pavilion over the summer break.

This marks the tenth year **Surfside Elementary School** has been recognized as an "A" school, according to **Sue Murray**, thirteen-year Principal at Surfside. **Doug Blount**, part-time Assistant Principal, is now Principal at Harbor City Elementary School. **Lisa Larkins** is the Assistant Principal, transferring from Croton Elementary School.

**DeLaura Middle School** has earned an "A" school rating for the eleventh consecutive year. DeLaura is recipient of the Keep Brevard Beautiful Environmental Education Youth Award. With the support of the **Satellite Beach Woman's Club**, DeLaura's seventh grade Science Teacher, **Mrs. Roselip**, and her students developed the DeLaura Butterfly Garden.

**Satellite High School** new staff members are **Linda Camarillo**, School Data Clerk; **Ryan Weldon**, Health; and **Karen Flickinger**, Science (returning). Expected student enrollment is 1,148.

According to Principal **Mark Elliott**, "We are looking for parent volunteers to assist in the front office at

Satellite High School. If you are able to volunteer time assisting with general office duties, such as answering the telephone, greeting visitors, or taking messages, and you are a registered volunteer with the Brevard County School Board," please contact the Principal's secretary, **Nancy Rothbauer**, at rothbauer.nancy@brevardschools.org or 779-2000, Extension 1003.

## Children's Book Drive

The 55+ Club is collecting new and gently used children's books. The books will be distributed at various local schools. A drop box is located at the DRS Community Center. The book drive ends October 30.

## Register To Vote

Voter registration forms are available at **Satellite Beach City Hall (565 Cassia Boulevard)** and the **Satellite Beach Public Library (751 Jamaica Boulevard)**.

If you are not a registered voter, you may pick up a voter registration form and mail it to the Supervisor of Elections in Titusville. Additional registration information is available by accessing [votebrevard.com](http://votebrevard.com) or by calling 633-2124.

To vote in the November 8, 2011, election, submit the form by Monday, October 10, 2011.

## Turtle Season Regulations

Lights out on the beach regulations for Turtle Season continue through October 31. Beachfront property owners are required to turn off outside lights facing the ocean.

It is requested that no flash cameras or flashlights be used on the beach during this time period. Please take precautions so the nesting turtles or hatching turtles are not disturbed with lights or noise. Lighting scares away would-be nesting sea turtles, and attracts hatchlings toward the road instead of the surf.

**Paul Bell** has been saving aluminum soda cans for me for over fifteen years to benefit Satellite High School's recycling fundraiser. He collected them by his garage and later delivered them faithfully to my doorstep. However, his grandson, **Travis "T.J." Bell**, wanted part of the action and, at the age of six, has his Grandpa drive him to my home, hops out of the car, opens the trunk, gathers up the bags of cans, and drops them off. Then, without Grandpa leaving the car, he jumps on the fender and stretches high to close the trunk lid. This amazing little fellow is the son of **Travis** and **Gina Bell**, both Satellite High School (SHS) graduates. His retired Grandma Bell was a 26-year bookkeeper at SHS. Paul and Pat are 35-year residents of Cinnamon Drive.



Travis "T.J." Bell delivers the aluminum soda cans to benefit Satellite High School. (Photo by Scotty Culp)



Judith Kraemer, center, Satellite Beach Beautification Board Chairman, holds a certificate of appreciation and recognition presented to Michael and Heather Callahan. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Michael** and **Heather Callahan**, 450 Cassia Boulevard, were nominated for the Satellite Beach Beautification Award. Their maintained residence provides a beautiful landscape of colorful plants. Large arrays of purple and white Periwinkles (which reseed themselves) are an eye catcher. A quaint picket fence and castle rock

set off a row of oyster plants, Hibiscus, Jatropha, and Ruella. Yellow Lantana makes an impact around one of the many Florida Palms. Callahan is a retired Chief Master Sergeant, USAF, completing his last military assignment in Iraq. He has been a math teacher at Jefferson Middle School since 2008. Heather, a native of England, received her United States citizenship last October.

**Satellite Beach Lions Club** and the Satellite Beach **Police Athletic League (PAL)** will sponsor a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, October 2, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the breezeway of the Scotty Culp Municipal Complex. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 3-9, and are available at Satellite Beach PAL, from Satellite Beach Lions Club members, by calling Police Chief **Jeff Pearson**, 773-4400, or PAL Liaison **Paul Creatura**, 266-2903. PAL is a youth organization assisting community youth. About fifteen youth, ages 11-17, will be "setting up and breaking down" the event.

**Nancy Grout**, Satellite Beach Public Library Director, will be the guest speaker at the **Satellite Beach Woman's Club** September 19 meeting in the Pelican Beach Clubhouse at 10:30 a.m., according to Program Chairman **Sandy Kreer**. Her topics will be History of the Library and Community Support for the Satellite Beach Library. The public is always invited to attend.

Such an overwhelming response I received from volunteers participating in the 21-Day Salute to the Flag. Some dedicated folks came every morning when the flags were raised, and others came at 5:30 p.m. when the flags were retired.

**Andy Graham** has been coming twice a day for years. **Veterans of Foreign Wars** and **Auxiliary Post 4643** faithfully showed up with their patriotic spirit. **Satellite Beach Woman's Club** members participated when the Flag Salute began 24 years ago. **Rufus Fairbanks Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution**, was happy to answer the call. We shall all do it again next year!



A few of the many, many volunteers that participated in the 21-Day Salute to the Flag. (Photo by Bill Spiegelhalter)



It's time for retreat as Harry and Darlene Pawlak carry the American flags back into the auditorium during the 21-Day Salute to the Flag. The community-minded couple participated in the patriotic endeavor every afternoon for 21 days. (Photo by Scotty Culp)



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4643 officers are, seated from left, Jane Williams, Surgeon; Garry Wunderlick, Commander; and Jack Healey, Senior Vice Commander. Standing, from left, Bill Wentling, Trustee; Pete Pierce, Jr., Vice Commander; Al Runk, Quartermaster; Ken Blossoms, Outgoing Commander; and Larry Fretwell, Trustee. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

After thirteen years of service to the City of Satellite Beach, **Suzanne McLendon** retired on May 27. Suzanne moved to Satellite Beach with her husband, **Don**, and two children, **Lucas** and **Tracy**, in 1991. She began her career with the City in 1998, working part-time in the City Clerk's office. Later, she took a full-time position, sharing her time equally between the Building and Zoning Department and working "up front" for the City Clerk.

When Building and Zoning needed additional help due to the Patrick South Housing annexation and building out of the northern portion of Lansing Island, Suzanne devoted herself full-time to that department. Later, as things slowed down in Building and Zoning, Suzanne transferred back to City Hall's front desk working for the City Clerk until her recent retirement. Suzanne was a certified Business Tax Official and served as recording secretary for the Code Enforcement Board and the Board of Adjustment.

Suzanne received the City of Satellite Beach's Employee of the Year Award in 2006.

**Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind (BAAB)** will host a **SPRINT FOR SIGHT** on Saturday, October 8, 7:30 a.m. The inaugural 5-K run/walk will be held at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach. Until October 7, fees are \$22, \$18 for students, or on race day, \$25. Amenities include T-shirts, free breakfast, prizes, and fun race packets. Official entry forms are available at the Running Zone, 3696 North Wickham Road, across from BCC. For details, call Erica Knight, 704-5674. Packet pick-up will be on Friday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Running Zone, or on race day between 6:15 a.m.-7:15 a.m. at the DRS Community Center.

## Join The Beach Cleanup

Join volunteers at Pelican Beach Park on:

- Saturday, September 10, at 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday, October 8, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Community service credit can be gained through participation for programs such as Bright Futures and many others. Scouts, church groups, school groups, families, etc., are encouraged to participate.

Feel a sense of pride in your little part of the world by participating in this community beautification project. For details, contact Judy de la Rosa at [Judy@MitchRealty.com](mailto:Judy@MitchRealty.com) or 960-0436.

## 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 to participate. Order online at [www.ofhsb.org](http://www.ofhsb.org) or in person at the church office during scheduled hours. For more information, call Alice at 243-5670. Pick up is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Our Father's House, located at 535 Cassia Boulevard.

**September** Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 18  
Pick Up: Saturday, Sept. 24

## FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS

### September 17, Florida Coastal

**Cleanup** – Sponsored by Keep Brevard Beautiful and the Ocean Conservancy at Pelican Beach Park, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Trash bags, gloves, data cards, pencils, and sunscreen provided. Volunteers should bring drinking water. **FREE T-Shirts while supplies last.** For details, call Jim Kriewaldt at 631-0501, Ext. 206, or email [jimkbb2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jimkbb2005@yahoo.com).

### September 17, Turtle Krawl

**5K Run/Walk** – Join the Sea Turtle Preservation Society for their fun run/walk at Nance Park in Indialantic. The event kicks off at 7:30 a.m. You can sign up for the race at [www.turtlekrawl.com](http://www.turtlekrawl.com). Email [volunteer@seaturtlespacecoast.org](mailto:volunteer@seaturtlespacecoast.org) to volunteer.

### October 22, Family Movie

**Night in the Park** – Held at S.B. Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will have drinks and will be grilling picnic-style (sold at a nominal fee). There will be family games and entertainment until the movie. Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs, as we will be sitting on the grass.

### November 5, Satellite Beach Founder's Day and Marketplace

The theme, "Salute to our Troops," will set the tone for this annual City event. Festivities include a spectacular parade, live music, entertainment, festival food, plant sale, farmer's market, and superior crafters. Parade entries (neighborhood characters encouraged) can call 773-6458 to participate in the parade, which steps off at 11 a.m. To rent a craft booth, call Suzanne at 777-5947.

## CLASSES FOR YOUTH

### Fall Activity Brochure

is available on line at: [www.satellitebeachrecreation.org](http://www.satellitebeachrecreation.org) or can be picked up at the Satellite

Beach Recreation Dept. Below is a sampling of our exciting programs.

### Fall Creative Playtime

**Classes** – The Recreation Department has a series of classes that promote positive growth development for motor skills, speech, and socialization through the use of music, story time, and play. Classes are held at DRS Community Center, and parents/caretakers are required to stay and participate. An additional lab fee is paid at the first class. Sign up now to ensure you have a spot for the fall!

**Infants 6 weeks -12 months** meet on Saturdays, 9:00-10:15 a.m., thru September 17. Cost is \$32.

**Babies 12-22 months** meet on Fridays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., thru Sept. 16. Cost is \$38.

**Toddlers 20-36 months** meet Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., thru Sept. 13. Cost: \$36 for this session. A 2nd class meets on Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m., thru Sept. 16. Cost: \$41 for this session.

**Mr. Science Offers Wacky Science Fun** throughout the school year!

**Little Genius** is a class for ages 3-5 that explores a world of science with their parents. Meets Wednesday, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Cost: \$20 for 4-week session. New session begins first of each month starting in Sept.

**Mr. Science Homeschool Class** caters to homeschool children, providing a solid science education covering a variety of topics. Meets Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., beginning the first of each month, starting in Sept. Ages 7-13. Cost is \$20 for a 4-week session.

**Mr. Science Mystery Detective** lets students solve a fictional "crime" using detective methods learned in class. Ages 9-13. Thurs., 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning the first of each month, starting in Sept. Cost: \$20 for 4 weeks.

**Mr. Science Monday Fun** is an easy program in which students can pay by the month (\$20 for 4 sessions), or by the day with a drop-in fee of \$7.

A new topic is taught each Monday, 4:00-5:00 p.m., which began Aug. 15. Best suited for ages 6 and older.

### Rhythm in Motion Dance

**Classes** – Our Dance Program Director, Ms. Lanore Hensley, has designed an exciting array of dance classes for all ages. Ballet, Tap, Tumbling, Pointe, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Leaps & Turns, Acrobatics and Gymnastics are being offered, which began the week of August 15. During the school year, classes are connected to a ten-month instructional program, beginning in Aug. and ending in May/June with a dance recital. For a complete list of dance classes, visit [www.satellitebeachrecreation.com](http://www.satellitebeachrecreation.com).

**Tiny Tots Gym** – Toddlers and their caregivers experience physical activities designed to enhance and develop gross motor skills, coordination, social interaction, and cooperative play. Caregivers must stay with the child. For ages 18-36 months. Days and times are being determined.

**Tae Kwon Do Program Grows in Satellite Beach** – John and Billie Jo Leep continue to offer an outstanding martial arts program for the beachside community.

**Little Dragons** – One of our most popular programs for ages 3 1/2 - 5. John Leep offers classes on Tues., 4:30-5:15 p.m., and also Thursdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m., beginning the first of each month. Cost is \$25 per month.

**Tae Kwon Do** for youth ages 5 and older. Tues. and Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the DRS Comm. Ctr. The cost is \$35 per month, and beginning students may start on the first day of each month. Teen/adult classes for higher ranked belts held at the Teen Zone on weekday evenings. Contact John Leep at 704-2136 for details.

### Tennis - A Sport for a Lifetime

**Pro-Start Tennis** - Four-week course for youth ages 5-6 designed to bring kids into the game of tennis by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court

dimensions, and modified scoring. Meets Thurs., 4:15-5:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 8 and Oct. 6. Cost is \$55.

**Tennis Classes – Beginner** classes are offered as five-week sessions on Mondays, starting Sept. 12, Oct. 17, and Nov. 21. Ages 6-9 will meet Mon., 4:00-5:00 p.m.; ages 9-12 meet 5:00-6:00 p.m.; ages 13-adults meet 6:00-7:00 p.m. **Intermediate** classes (students must have instructor approval to sign up) for ages 10-adults are held Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Learning the Sport Basics with Coach Reed**

**Lil' Sports** – Reed Tompkins will continue to teach Lil' Sports to youth ages 3-5 throughout the fall. Cost is \$30 for four weeks. Meets Thurs. and Fri. mornings, 10:30-11:00 a.m., and Fri. evenings, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

**Big Shots** – Players age 6-10 will continue to learn and develop their sport skills with Coach Reed. Class meets Fri., 4:00-5:00 p.m., in DRS Gym. New classes begin first Friday of each month. Cost: \$30 for 4-week session.

**Would you like to learn how to play guitar?** Guitar classes are held Tues., 6:00-7:00 p.m., and Sat., 12 noon-1:00 p.m., beginning the first of each month for ages 7-15. Cost is \$70 for a 4 week session. Adult classes are offered Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Cost: \$75. The adult class is also a 4 week program.

**Computer Classes for Adults Begin in October**

*Intro to Computers; Computer Fundamentals I; Fundamentals II; Fundamentals III; Word Processing; Microsoft Excel; and Photo Editing.* All courses held at DRS Community Center. Limited to six students.

**Other Classes and Programs** offered this fall include: Skateboard, Sign Language, Baton Twirling, and Jump Rope. Additional Adult classes being offered this fall include: Drawing, Watercolor, Dog Training, and Exercise.



Summer Skateboard Camp was a huge success. Skate staff, Rod and Tony, and several volunteers taught skaters to ollie and drop in the 6'...skater talk!



Coach Reed and 40 potential NBA players enjoyed the Basketball FUNDamentals Camp. Coach Reed teaches Little Sports and a new program called Big Shots this fall. Look for program details in the Fall Recreation Activity Brochure.



The girls in the Cheerleading Camp gave a wonderful performance to a large crowd of parents and grandparents at the conclusion of their summer camp.



Students of the Mr. Science Creative Inventions Camp designed and constructed their own catapult! How cool is that? Mr. Science programs continue throughout the school year.

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## About The Library



September is library card sign-up month! We remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Sign up your child/teen for a card today! Adults of all ages can sign up, too.

**Yoga with Nancy Mitts** – Tuesdays, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Cost is \$5. Call Nancy at 777-7167 for more information.

**Tai Chi with Dianne Douglass** – Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. Call Dianne, 773-2139, for details.

**Teen Advisory Council** – For ages 12-18. On Saturday, September 10, we are having a read-in to celebrate International Literacy Day at 2:00 p.m.

**Library Displays** – August display features various media designed to help parents, teachers and students with transitioning back-to-school. Books will be available on classroom management, how to write school reports and essays, how parents can cope with letting children leave for the first day of school and what to expect. September's display by the Rufus Fairbanks Chapter of the DAR is *We Remember 911*, a display of military, historic, and patriotic media and items.

**Banned Books Week** – September 24-October 4. Celebrate your freedom to read. Check out display in the teen room.

**Teen Volunteers** – Needed for Friends Garage Sale, Saturday, October 15. Contact Youth Services.

**After School Story Time with Ms. Marlana**  
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up. No registration required.

**Mother Goose on the Loose with Ms. Karen**  
Wednesday and Thursday mornings for ages 15 months-3 years. Registration is required in advance.

**Barbara's Book Chats** – Monday, September 26, at 1:00 p.m., *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. New members are welcome. Contact Barbara at the Reference Desk, 779-4004, for details.

**Teen Read Week 2011 Reading Challenge**  
Ongoing through October. Pick up the flyer for details and email [marharold@brev.org](mailto:marharold@brev.org) to register.

**Friends Board Meeting** – Monday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m. Final plans for the garage sale/bake sale in October will be discussed. Meetings are open to the public.

**5th Annual Friends Garage/Bake Sale** – Saturday, October 15, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Start saving your unwanted items; donations can be dropped off *after Labor Day* at the Library. We accept children's clothing, toys, games, sports equipment, books, DVDs, tools, decorative items, kitchen items, and small furniture. *Please, no large furniture or electronics.* All funds raised supplement the Satellite Beach Library budget. Can you help/bake? Contact Sara Mauro at 779-9644.