



# Beachcaster

Your Official City Newsletter

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## From the Council Desk

by Mayor Joe Ferrante

Greetings. It is great to be back writing a *Beachcaster* article again and to be working so closely with the citizens of Satellite Beach. Thank you so much for your vote of confidence in November. Mayor Mark Brimer, who for eleven years served as Councilman as well as Mayor, has transferred to me a great organization. His commitment to the people of Satellite Beach is to be applauded - thanks Mark. And thank you Dominick Montanaro and Martha Kirby for your untiring years of service to Satellite Beach. These three represent over 21 years of dedicated Council service - what a great accomplishment.

As Mayor of this great City, I know the future is challenging. Florida will experience a \$2-3 billion shortfall in its budget this year, and that shortfall may be passed on to cities. Also in the state, tourism is down, unemployment is up and homes are in foreclosure. Even with this news, I am entering this Administration with a bright outlook, outstanding Council and City staff. During the campaign, I vowed to hit the "ground running." Well, that is happening. You will notice some new things.

This Administration will be one of communications. It is important for the City Council to reach out to each of you. We are available through City e-mail, but that is not enough. We are coming to you. One way we are doing this is through **Town Hall** meetings. Each Council member will conduct a Town Hall meeting during the year. These will be informal gatherings for you to meet Council members and discuss City issues. Venues and times will vary. Councilman Mike Chase will conduct the first Town Hall meeting on Thursday, March 11. Please plan on attending. I will present a "State of the City" meeting in June to pass on State initiatives affecting cities. Lastly, Council meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month invite new citizens, friends and visitors to introduce themselves to the City. Plan on attending a Council meeting - big things are happening.

Two other areas of interest will affect the City. One is the decrease in school enrollments. In December, a letter was sent to the School Board stating we want a "seat at the table" for any discussions involving school closings.

Response was encouraging. Another issue that will take some time is an initiative to find alternate sources of revenue for the City. With property taxes high, it is imperative to look at all options as we approach next year's budget. Several citizens have already approached members of the Council and staff with initiatives. We have formalized this process by asking the City Boards to generate ways to add revenue to the City. You can attend any of these board meetings or you can contact members of the Council or City staff to pass along suggestions. The cliché to "think outside the box" is real - we are ready to listen!

The City Council, staff, and committees are working hard to make 2010 a productive year in Satellite Beach. Major changes are happening. I look forward to working with each of you to make 2010 our best year ever. My special thanks go to the dedicated men and women of our city and country who serve both at home and abroad. Their untiring commitment to keeping us safe and free is very much appreciated. Thank you.



Mayor Joe Ferrante

## 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](http://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.

## Who Is Mike? Find Out March 11

Let's talk One-On-One!

The City Council wants to talk One-On-One with the citizens of Satellite Beach.

Over the course of the year, each Council member will present the City's latest activity in an informal forum. Each meeting location and time may be different, chosen in a casual atmosphere and only an hour long.

The forum will provide you the opportunity to learn about each Council member and an introduction to a project that the City is currently working. You will be encouraged to ask questions, comment on the City's effort, and to share your vision on the City's future.

On Thursday, March 11, Councilman Mike Chase would like to meet you at Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 1495 Highway A1A, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. On the agenda:

- Who Is Mike?
- Your Opportunity In City Decisions – How it works!
- Goal-Setting for Satellite Beach – What we're thinking.

## Council Highlights

### November 18, 2009, Regular Council Meeting

- Approved Ordinance No. 1024, amending the FY 2008/2009 Budget as of September 30, 2009.
- Approved the Fraternal Order of Police Contract for Contract Year October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010.
- Mayor Joseph Ferrante, Councilman Bill Higginson, and Councilman Scott Rhodes were sworn in by outgoing Mayor Mark Brimer.
- Appointments to Boards:
  - Reappointed Marty Hindsley and Angie Rhodes to the Recreation Board.

### December 2, 2009, Regular Council Meeting

- Adopted Resolution No. 892, supporting the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and encouraging those in our community to participate.
- Approved supplemental Local Agency Program Agreement to provide for Stimulus funding for Jackson Avenue road improvements in the amount of \$137,098.43. In addition, approved road repairs to various streets damaged during Tropical Storm Fay in the amount of \$213,831.10.

- Approved second amendment to Interlocal Agreement with the Montecito Community Development District regarding City entry signs. The second amendment provides for the Montecito Community Development District to contribute \$50,000 (\$25,000 for each) to the cost of two City entry signs in the northern part of the City along South Patrick Drive and SR A1A.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1016, amending the Comprehensive Plan based on the adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report and updated Data and Analysis.
- Approved changes to the Façade Grant guidelines to allow grant funds to be utilized for wall signs.
- Authorized funding up to \$1,200 for State approved mangrove trimming on Samsons Island.
- Elected Councilman Jeff Fleis as Vice-Mayor.
- Designated Mayor Joe Ferrante as the City's voting delegate to the Space Coast League of Cities.
- Appointed Councilman Bill Higginson as a member of the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization for 2010, representing the South Beaches Coalition.
- Appointments to Boards:
  - Reappointed Ann Lombardo to the Beautification Board.
  - Reappointed Bill O'Brien to the Code Enforcement Board.
  - Appointed Dominick Montanaro and reappointed Sal D'Amato, Janice Oberwetter, and Ron Van Meter to the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee.
  - Reappointed Paul White to the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board.
  - Reappointed Margaret Landis and Jennifer Perduto to the Recreation Board.

### January 6, 2010, Regular Council Meeting

- Commander Don Hughes sworn in as Fire Chief.
- Proclamation presented to Sergeant Darren Frost and K-9 Officer Flex in recognition of K-9 Officer Flex's retirement and seven years of outstanding service.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1025, amending the Personnel Policy regarding vision care services to provide for benefits of up to \$225 once every two years.
- Adopted Resolution No. 894, supporting adequate funding for Florida's prisons and opposing legislation that places constraints on sentencing of convicted felons.
- Approved expenditure of \$8,000 for replacement of the traffic control cabinet and equipment for traffic signal at SR A1A and Scorpion Court.
- Appointments to Boards:
  - Appointed Ken Lindeman as an alternate member of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board.

## It Just Got Easier to Contact Waste Management!

The City, in conjunction with Waste Management (Harris Sanitation), has introduced a new web-based customer service request system.

In 2009, the City extended the franchise agreement with Waste Management for a five-year period. As part of the extension, Waste Management was responsible for creating and implementing a web-based customer service request system. A number of issues had arisen regarding the existing telephone reporting system, which was not always effective in providing timely resolution to service requests.

We would like to encourage you to utilize this web-based customer service request system. It is simple and provides for a higher degree of accountability. The following easy steps will enable customer service requests to be reported directly to local Waste Management officials and, at the same time, information is provided to City staff:

1. Log on to the City's website: [www.satellitebeach.org](http://www.satellitebeach.org)
2. In the center of the City's home page is a block ad for Waste Management (green and yellow in color). Click on "Click Here For Service Request."
3. When the new screen appears, enter your name, address, zip code, phone number, and email address. Then click on "Continue."
4. If you have failed to enter the required information or entered incorrect information, you will be redirected back to the original screen. The item(s) needing correction will be highlighted with a red asterisk.
5. If everything has been entered properly, a pop-up will appear, verifying the address you entered. Then click on "Continue."
6. A new screen will appear. Check/click the box that best represents your service request: -- 1. Yard Trash; 2. Household Garbage; 3. Recycle; 4. Special Pickup/Bulk/White Goods; or 5. ADA/Special Needs Service Request. Then enter your specific service request in the appropriate box. **EXAMPLE:** If you have a washer and dryer to be picked up, check/click 4. Special Pickup/Bulk/White Goods. Then enter, "I have placed a washer and dryer at curbside for pickup." [NOTE: There is also a box entitled "Other Comments" that you can use for an item/issue not covered by boxes 1-5.]
7. Once you have completed this screen, click on "Continue."
8. In several seconds you will receive an acknowledgment of your request and a reference number.

Those who have used this system have reported that it works effectively and provides for prompt resolution to service requests.

For residents who do not have access to the Internet, please call City Hall (773-4407) and provide the specific service request. A City staff person will be glad to enter your request for you.

Also, residents may continue to contact Waste Management via phone at 723-4455.

All residents are encouraged to use this new reporting system when you have a service request. It's easy and provides for instant documentation of your service request. Using this system will allow the City to easily track the status of any issue relating to services provided by Waste Management.



### City Council 2009 - 2011

Pictured are, front row, from left, Councilman Bill Higginson, Mayor Joseph R. Ferrante, and City Clerk Barbara Montanaro. Back row, from left, City Manager Michael Crotty, Vice-Mayor Jeffrey Fleis, Councilman Scott Rhodes, and Councilman Mike Chase.

## Community Redevelopment News



Frances Capraro, M.D., opened her new family practice office at 1231 South Patrick Drive on January 15. Two Rivers Construction Company, owned by Paul Capraro, is responsible for the dramatic renovation project of the former Beachside Gardens location. The Community Redevelopment Agency provided a matching grant of \$15,000 for the

exterior of the stunning redevelopment project that complements the character and spirit of the community.

### Of Interest in Community Redevelopment

Renovation continues on the new Satellite Beach U.S. Postal Facility, located at 1071 South Patrick Drive. The facility is expected to open in the Spring of 2010.

### Reminder - Sign Code Changes

The City's sign code, adopted in December 2004, requires the replacement of all non-conforming signs by December 31, 2010. Business and property owners should contact the Building Department regarding the new regulations and plans for removing old signs. The Community Redevelopment Agency offers grants to assist owners with the replacement of signs.

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

Chiro Care Plus	Chiropractic Physician	1110-A Highway A1A	765-5777
Cozy Homes	Real Estate	1170-7 Highway A1A	216-6390
ERA Showcase Properties	Real Estate	1401 Highway A1A	394-7813
ESO Blue Wave	Apartments	130 Roosevelt Avenue	783-5252
Extreme Fitness	Fitness Classes	1301 South Patrick Drive, Suite 54	652-2637
Farideh Radfar	Psychology	1640 Highway A1A	779-9997
Fleis Construction	Construction Contractor	1275 South Patrick Drive, Suite H	777-2701
King Dental Lab	Dental Prosthetics	1301 South Patrick Drive, Suite 68	610-7980
Ocean Hair Design	Cosmetology	1640 Highway A1A	610-7970
Seaside Counseling	Counseling	599 Sherwood Avenue, Suite 200	917-9645
Silverwood Technologies	Green Technologies	1227 South Patrick Drive	549-3182
Sonic Lube	Drive-Thru Oil Change	1385 South Patrick Drive	610-4372
Tiffani Ewell	Facial Cosmetology	1275 South Patrick Drive, Suite E	777-1710
Tropical Realty	Real Estate	1790 Highway A1A	259-9115

### Communities for a Lifetime Seminars

The City of Satellite Beach has been moving forward with the State of Florida initiative, Communities For a Lifetime, for our elder residents. The City, in conjunction with Wuesthoff Health System, is providing a series of lectures by local experts. The programs are open to all seniors and other adults.

➤ **February 25** **Hob-Nob Q&A with County Commissioner Mary Bolin**

Presented by Brevard County Commissioner Mary Bolin.

➤ **March 25** **Resource Management, Who to Ask For Help**

Presented by the representatives from We Help Brevard, Shepherd Center, Stop By and Say Hi, RSVP, and Neighbor Helping Neighbor programs.

➤ **April 22** **Field Trip to Wickham Senior Center**

Presented by Satellite Beach Recreation Department.

All the above seminars will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the DRS Community Center Meeting Room, 1089 South Patrick Drive. Light lunch will be served. There is no cost, but please RSVP to 773-6458.

## Pelican Coast South Revitalization Update

In November 2008, Hunt Pinnacle, LLC, acquired Pelican Coast South. The 170-acre site south of Shearwater Parkway is part of the former Patrick Air Force Base South Housing that was annexed into the City in 2004. The Hunt Group is an experienced military housing redevelopment company with a successful history in base privatization projects throughout the country.

Representatives from the Hunt Group worked diligently with staff and met with the City Council and members of the public detailing their plans for the future of the project. The Pelican Coast South project area includes the 156 newer homes constructed for military families and 100 acres of older legacy housing units.

Demolition of the 304 dilapidated original housing units (legacy units) began in April 2009, and the demolition was completed on schedule in January 2010. The 100-acre site is in the process of being stabilized and reseeded. The land will remain vacant until future uses can be determined as a partnership between the new owner, the Air Force, and the City. The owner is working with the City to set aside up to 35 additional overflow parking spaces for Hightower Beach Park near the intersection of A1A and Shearwater Parkway.

Under the terms of the revitalization plan, several site improvements were also required, including the completion of perimeter walls that are now nearing completion.

The revitalization plan required other site improvements, including relocation of the power lines along South Patrick Drive to underground service, which is targeted for completion in February 2010. The construction of a

Welcome Center for military families is expected to be completed during the Spring of 2010. The plan also includes repair of sidewalks, the addition of disability accessible landings, removal of redundant sidewalks, and landscaping enhancements along Shearwater Parkway at A1A that should be completed by early summer 2010. The company will also contribute funds to the South Patrick Drive Landscape Enhancement Project and A1A Streetscape Fund for enhancements adjacent to the property.

The Hunt Group has been working diligently over the past year to address the issues that had been outstanding for several years prior to their acquisition of the former base housing property. The City appreciates the prompt and dedicated response by the new owner.



100 cleared acres were created following demolition of old military housing units at Pelican Coast.

## Glad You Asked!

“Glad You Asked” appears in the *Beachcaster* occasionally to respond to citizen inquiries and comments.

**Q** *What is the status of the unresolved tax issue regarding the Pelican Coast development (former Patrick Air Force Base South Housing)?*

**A** Despite previous coverage in the *Beachcaster* and articles in the local media, some residents still are not aware that this issue has been resolved. In August 2009, the City Council voted unanimously to approve a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Hunt Pinnacle (HP) Communities, LLC, the new owners of Pelican Coast (the 270 acres south of Shearwater Parkway which was previously Patrick Drive). This agreement resolved the outstanding tax issues and dismissed litigation related to the non-payment of taxes by the prior owner.

Under the terms of the PILOT agreement, HP Communities will pay the City an annual payment of \$100,000 for municipal services, including fire, emergency services, and law enforcement. The agreement also provides for adjustments in the annual payment based on changes in the Base Allowance for Housing and the number of occupied units. The HP Communities have made the required payments for 2008 and 2009.

As a point of information, the 100-acre northern portion containing the Montecito Development (that area north of Shearwater Parkway which was previously Patrick Drive) has been on the tax rolls since 2004, and paid City property taxes each year.

### Police Department Crime Report November & December, 2009

<b>Total Events this Period:</b>	<b>3,865*</b>		
<b>Total Calls for Service:</b>	<b>1,116</b>		
<b>Total Traffic Stops:</b>	<b>953</b>		
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>58 Adult; 5 Juvenile</b>		
Alarm	33	Fraud	4
Assault/Battery	6	Narcotics Activity	5
Assist Other Agency	80	Suspicious Incidents	226
Burglary	14	Theft	33
Burglary-Vehicle	4	Vandalism	81
Disturbance	88	Warrant Arrest	3
DUI	17		

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

Patrol Division Officers conducted a traffic stop that resulted in a drug arrest and confiscation of 133 grams of marijuana packaged for selling. Also confiscated from the arrestee was \$1,184.

### School Crossing Guards Needed



The Satellite Beach Police Department is looking for responsible, dependable, concerned adults to participate in our School Crossing Guard Program.

Our School Crossing Guards assist elementary and secondary school children in crossing congested intersections or heavily traveled roads.

We currently have substitute positions available. Our positions vary from 1-4 hours a day, depending on the location.

Full-Time Crossing Guards only work throughout the school year and are off on all school holidays.

Our substitute positions are on an as needed basis, and sometimes occur at the last minute.

Anyone interested should contact Lori Cribb, Guard Supervisor, at 773-4400 x 145 for information.

### Record Serial Numbers To Protect Personal Property

It is not too late in the new year to add a resolution that will potentially offer big returns. By recording the serial number and make and model of electronic devices and other personal property, you can assist law enforcement if those valuables are ever stolen. Overwhelmingly, residents who report a missing or stolen cell phone, iPod®, GPS, or laptop cannot provide serial numbers, making it nearly impossible for police to identify your possessions.

Property believed to have been stolen that is recovered by Satellite Beach Police and other law enforcement agencies cannot always be linked to the owner for a lack of identifying information. Serial numbers allow police to enter stolen property into the national crime database and increase the chance of it being located. It also allows police to look for specific items in a pawn shop.

Invest a few minutes to record those important numbers now, and store that information in a safe place.

### Reminder! Right-of-Way at Intersections

The Police Department wants to remind residents that there is a new pedestrian crossing at the new traffic signal at South Patrick Drive and Cassia Boulevard. Florida law requires motor vehicle operators facing a green signal to yield the right-of-way to "pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or adjacent crosswalk." This applies to School Crossing Guards and children crossing at intersections. Please remember to remain stopped until all of the children and guards are safely clear of the roadway.

### New Irrigation Rules During Daylight Savings Time (Begins March 14)

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

**The census count in 2010 will determine federal appropriations (schools, grants, and disaster recovery) for the next TEN YEARS. In 2000, 79% of Satellite Beach residents responded and were counted, but that is not good enough! Every time in the past ten years that \$79 was allocated to the City, we LOST \$21 because 21% of our residents were not counted.**



## 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 AED (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.

- > February 20
- > March 20
- > April 17
- > May 15
- > June 19

### **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.

## Every Dollar Counts Every Person Counts!

The 2000 Census count for Satellite Beach was 9,577 residents. However, that accounts for only 79% of the residents, leaving 21% uncounted. That means 2,011 people were not counted.

Federal and state aid to cities, counties, and schools for public safety, housing, roads, public transportation, education and other community services are based on Census counts. Research data from poles and surveys have proven that local governments lose \$2,200 for each person who is not counted. For Satellite Beach, that equates to **\$4,424,200** (almost \$4.5 million) that Satellite Beach lost in state and federal funding in the past ten years because people did not return the Census form.

In today's economy, it is very important that every person is counted. The Census data will determine how more than \$400 Billion in federal funds will be distributed to local governments each year.

When your Census form arrives, take a few minutes to complete the questions and mail the questionnaire back in the prepaid envelope. Then, remind your neighbors and family to do the same.



## About The Library



### **Friends of Satellite Beach Library Meetings**

Mondays, February 22 (annual meeting), and March 8, at 2:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

**Book Chat** – Mondays at 1:00 p.m. March 1, *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith, and March 29, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. For details, call Barbara at 779-4004. New members are welcome.

**Teen Advisory Council Meeting** – Saturdays at 2:00 p.m., February 20 and March 20, ages 12-18.

**Teen Book Club** – Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., ages 12-18. February 23, *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan; March 30, *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld.

**Teen Tech Week** – March 7-13. Call 779-4004 for events and information.

### **Satellite Beach Library Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. Open to the public.

**Toddler Time** – Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., for ages 15-36 months. Sign-up required.

**Pre-School Story Time** – Thursdays, at 11:00 a.m., for ages 3-5. No sign-up is required.

**Calling for Volunteers!** – Are you a BCC student with service learning hours or a Brevard WORKFORCE customer with a referral form for community service hours? Retired and looking for a way to meet people and serve your community? The Library can use your help with the many diverse and daily tasks needed to help keep it running smoothly. Your pay will be satisfaction from a job well done and the appreciation shown by the staff. Call Trish at 779-4004 for more information.

You can help the Library by establishing an **endowment**. The interest earned from your initial gift of \$150 is used to purchase books annually for the Library. Recently, the Library purchased *Dewey*, *There's a Cat in the Library*, *Jan Bretts Snowy Treasury*, and *Strega Nona's Harvest* children's books from an endowment given for retired Satellite Beach Librarian Mary Friers. A bookplate is placed inside the book to recognize the giver's generosity.

**AARP Income Tax Help** – See details on Page 9 of this *Beachcaster* for dates and times.

## **Angel Food Ministries Can Stretch Your Grocery Budget**

Everyone is eligible to participate and enjoy the savings. Seafood and Premium Meat options are now available. Take advantage of great savings on fresh fruit and vegetables. For more information, visit [www.ofhsb.org](http://www.ofhsb.org) or call Alice at 243-5670. Pick up is from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Our Father's House, located at 535 Cassia Boulevard.

<b>February</b>	Deadline: Wed., Feb. 17 Pick Up: Saturday, Feb. 27
<b>March</b>	Deadline: Wed., March 17 Pick Up: Saturday, March 27

## **Update Your Voter Registration In Satellite Beach!**

Representatives from the Supervisor of Elections Office will be at City Hall to help with new voter registration, address change, party change, name change, update signature, and vote by mail requests. They will be able to complete your requests on-site – no need to drive to Viera or Melbourne.

Please stop by the City Hall Council Chamber, 565 Cassia Boulevard, from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, February 16, to update your voter registration.

## *Neighbor Helping Neighbor*

Many residents have come to depend on Neighbor Helping Neighbor (NHN) for non-professional assistance with daily activities they can no longer manage by themselves. NHN volunteers provide transportation to doctor appointments or shopping, temporary light housekeeping, occasional yard work, and small handyman jobs. In many cases, those that volunteered when they were younger are now being assisted.

We need additional volunteers to assist with tasks, as well as help dispatch. To join our pool of volunteers or seek assistance, please call the Recreation Department at 773-6458 and leave a message.

Thank you to current and future volunteers willing to lend a helping hand for neighbors in need.



This club is for folks 55+ years old (not limited to Satellite Beach residents). **Dues are only \$5/year.**

- ❑ **Thursday, March 4, Seminar** presented by Edward Jones Financial. Seminar begins at 12:30 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. Light lunch will be served. RSVP to 773-6458.
- ❑ **Thurs., March 11, St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** 12:30 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.
- ❑ **Wednesday, April 7-May 19, Mahjongg Class** for 55+ Club members only, 9-11 a.m., at the DRS Game Room. Students must purchase a Mahjongg playing card at Party Outlet. RSVP to 773-6458.
- ❑ **Thursday, May 13, Spring Hat Tea Party** at 12:30 p.m. Members, \$5; non-members, \$7.
- ❑ **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 Tues., Wed., & Thurs., Indoor Walking Group** – 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the DRS Community Center Gym. Walk to brisk music!
- ❑ **Every Tuesday, Line Dancing** – 1:00 p.m. at DRS Comm. Ctr. Studio 2. Cost is \$2 per session.
- ❑ **Every Weds., Mahjongg** – 9:00-11:30 a.m., DRS Community Center Game Room; **Pool, Table Tennis, Cards & Games** – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., DRS Community Center Game Room.
- ❑ **Every Thurs., Cards & Games** – 9:30 a.m. at the DRS Community Center Game Room.
- ❑ **1st Tues., (every other month) Dinner Gang** March 2 at 5:30 p.m. Location to be announced. Call Floss for more information at 773-6073.
- ❑ **1st Wednesday, Arts & Crafts** – 12 noon at the DRS Community Center. Call Betsy at 779-9775 to learn what project will be taught.
- ❑ **2nd Wednesday, Early Bird Dinner** – 5 p.m. at the Cove Restaurant. Call Joan at 777-0238.
- ❑ **3rd Wednesday, Lunch Bunch** – February 17, Foreman's Steak House, 1:00 p.m.; and March 17, Enigma, 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Laverne Johnson at 725-6610 by Friday prior to the lunch.

*For details, call Marty Hindsley at 777-8313.*

## Beautification Board Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

Congratulations go out to Steve and Debbie Giammo of 405 Sherwood Avenue as the 2009 winners of the Holiday Lighting contest. Their yard was artfully decorated in red, white, and green bulbs, with packages, and even a hot air balloon with Santa. From the eaves of the roof hung blue icicles.

The winning prize is a beautiful bottle palm donated by Satellite Beach's own Okie LoPresti of GTC Exotic Palms and Cycads.

Driving through the streets, one couldn't help but be proud of the enthusiasm our residents show in anticipation of Christmas. The lights, the decorations, the humor, the creativity, the tradition -- everything from

Santa being pulled by pink flamingos, to Santa fishing, to window boxes and flower pots overflowing with poinsettias.

Special appreciation goes to two of our commercial properties, LaPlaya Condos and Florentine Jewelers, which truly shown like a little jewel box.

Although there were ten nominations, the Beautification Board came across many homes that weren't nominated -- and should have been. So please, next year, remember you or your neighbor can't win unless nominations are called into City Hall. What nicer way is there to compliment the effort that has gone into making Satellite Beach shine at Christmas?

## Relay For Life



**Date:** April 10-11, 2010

**Location:** Satellite High School Stadium

**Time:** Starts at 12:00 noon

South Brevard Beaches Relay for Life is a true community event and the major fundraiser nationwide for the American Cancer Society. People of all ages and from all walks of life come together for a common cause to participate in this fun event.

This year, the event's theme is "Decades Through Time," in which relay teams will dress up and decorate their sites to reflect a time in history. Games, food, and other activities will be offered in an effort to raise funds for cancer research.

The relay begins with a free luncheon catered by Texas Roadhouse for the survivor and one caregiver. There is an opening ceremony and an inspirational "victory lap" to cheer on our local cancer survivors for friends, family, and co-workers. At dusk, there is a moving "Luminaria" ceremony, in which candles are lit to honor those who have been touched by cancer and to remember loved ones lost to the disease.

Please join in celebrating with cancer survivors and raising money for a worthwhile cause. For more information, contact Erica Elliott at 433-3109, Extension 121, or email [erica.elliott@cancer.org](mailto:erica.elliott@cancer.org) or Jennifer Jackson Stewart at [jen4acure@gmail.com](mailto:jen4acure@gmail.com).

## AARP TAX AIDE Free Tax Assistance

**Continues through April 15**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Satellite Beach Library

751 Jamaica Boulevard

AND

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Space Coast Credit Union

2100 Highway A1A

Indian Harbour Beach

Sign-up is required upon arrival to permit assisting people on a first come, first served basis. Tax returns will be filed electronically. Be sure to bring the following items:

- Photo ID (Driver's license, Military ID, etc.)
- Social Security cards for each person on the tax return
- Last year's tax return
- All paperwork required for this year's taxes
- If 2009 property taxes were paid, bring copy of tax bill
- Purchase date & cost (basis) on any stocks sold in 2009, plus sale date & sale price
- Purchase information for a NEW car or NEW house.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



The Recreation Department is taking the lead in a city-wide effort to promote the Three R's, *Reduce, Reuse & Recycle*, amongst citizens, City departments, and businesses. In addition to educating folks on the benefits of recycling, we will be providing and coordinating expanded recycling opportunities. The DRS Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive, will serve as a stage for community recycling efforts. The *Beachcaster*, Recreation Activity Brochures, and the City's website will provide listings of recycling opportunities in and about our Beachside Communities.

Here are the locations and items that can be recycled for your convenience:

### **DRS Community Center:**

**Rear of Building:** Cardboard, glass, plastic, aluminum, and household white paper

**Lobby:** Greeting cards, small household batteries, eyeglasses, box tops for education, coffee mugs, soda can tabs, cell phones, and old wall calendars with pictures

**S.B. Public Works:** Used motor oil in containers

**S.B. Police Department:** Used cell phones with battery chargers

**S.B. Library:** Used books and magazines

**Publix Supermarkets:** Clean foam trays and egg cartons, plastic and paper bags, dog and cat food for shelters

**Man Overboard Bait & Tackle, IHB:** Fishing line

**Indian River Press, IHB:** Packing peanuts

**Home Depot:** Bring in unbroken Compact Florescent Light (CFL) bulbs, place them in a plastic bag, and deposit them in one of the bright orange collection units.

### **Brevard County Solid Waste Management:**

Visit [www.brevardcounty.us/swr/recydir.cfm](http://www.brevardcounty.us/swr/recydir.cfm) to find a handy recycling directory of all types of materials and local recycling locations for each item.

**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 already recycling, and we will include this in our business listing.

Attend a special event on Saturday, March 13, at the DRS Community Center for more recycling opportunities. For more detailed information, contact the Recreation Department at 773-6458.



DRS Community Center, 1087 S. Patrick Drive  
777-TEEN (8336) [www.satellitebeach.org/PAL](http://www.satellitebeach.org/PAL)

Congratulations to **Liza Creatura**, who was selected to serve on the Youth Conference Committee (YCC) for the 2010 Florida Youth Directors Council (YDC) conference in Orlando. YCC plans, oversees, and presents the Annual State PAL Conference. Youth attending this event must demonstrate positive qualities, such as leadership, community service, and good behavior at home and school. This year, nine members of Satellite Beach YDC attended.



Congratulations to **Tyler Ingram** for winning **Florida PAL Boy of the Year**. Tyler has been a member of our YDC for five years and is the PAL Boy of the Year for Satellite Beach. With this honor, Tyler received a fully equipped Dell laptop computer and a \$1,000 check.

**Ruth Massanova** was also honored during the conference as our **Florida PAL Volunteer of the Year**. Thank you, Ruth, for your continued support and dedication to Satellite Beach PAL and your kids!

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Mini Bunko Night on January 30. Because of your support, we are able to offer programs that help us make a difference. We would like to thank the following businesses who sponsored our event: **Dave Christiano** with **USSI Satellite Communications Company**, **Richard Benne** with **Half Halt Stables**, and **George Hagal** of **Bizzarro's of Satellite Beach**.

Tutoring dates are still available. If your student is interested in receiving extra help with their school work, please give us a call at 777-8336.

### **Save the Date!**

- March 13** Citywide Garage Sale  
Treasures & snacks at the Teen Zone
- April 2-3** PAL Garage Sale (donations accepted)
- April 24** Operation NOW



Clip and Save

**DeLaura Middle School** Vocal Ensemble performed a holiday show at Joe's Club Alzheimer's Senior Center, Melbourne. The students also brought handmade Christmas greeting cards created by students in all three of **Andrea Smith's** chorus classes. This is the second year the vocalists have performed at Joe's with this special group of senior citizens.

DeLaura Middle School Jazz Band, directed by **Scott Smith**, participated in the Indian Harbour Beach Holiday Extravaganza at Gleason Park. They played an outdoor concert of jazzy music to entertain the holiday revelers. This marked the fifth performance by the band this year.

**Surfside Elementary School** fifth and sixth grade chorus members and **Teresa Fleenor**, Music teacher, boarded buses and drove to Indian River Center Nursing and Retirement Home, West Melbourne. The students' holiday program included singing, dancing, and instrumentals in different cultures. "It was a joyous experience for the students. The audience laughed and applauded and were so happy," Mrs. Fleenor said.

Dr. **Nancy West** is Principal at **Holland Elementary School**, replacing **Larry Kuhn**, who served for 38 years as an educator in Brevard Public Schools. Hailing from the Volunteer State, Dr. West received her teacher's degree at the University of Florida and her doctorate from Nova University. A Brevard County teacher since 1991, she started teaching kindergarten at Holland Elementary, became an Academic Specialist at Discovery Elementary, moved on to Assistant Principal at Roy Allen Elementary, then Assistant Principal at Holland, 2006-2009. **Michael McCutcham** replaced Dr. West as Assistant Principal, entering from Sea Park Elementary School.

**Jennifer Zagel**, **David Floyd**, and **Elaine Bolles** have volunteered thousands of hours planting and beautifying the grounds at DeLaura Middle School. Since the Christmas holiday and the "COLD" snap, the trio has been planting mostly native plants and trees. A row of Bougainvillea is along the east fence at the gate, and Royal Poinciana, Gumbo Limbo and palm trees, green and silver Buttonwood, Blue Flex Lilies, and ferns were planted. Grants, donations, and a plant sale helped finance the landscape. Jennifer loves to plant, David loves palm trees, and Elaine is the Master Gardener. Many of the plants are grown at their homes and planted at DeLaura. They are with the DeLaura Parent Organization. And what does **Jeremy Salmon**, Principal, say? "They have helped transform the way the community sees our school. DeLaura is blessed to have such dedicated parents working with us."

DeLaura Middle School Lego Robotics teams, the Beasts #1 and the Robo-Dynamite #2, earned prestigious awards at both their first and second tournaments held at

Cape View and Manatee Elementary Schools. According to Coach **Chris Zeuli**, teamwork is the key ingredient, and DeLaura members demonstrated enthusiasm and spirit, exceptional partnership, respect for their teammates, confidence, and are strong problem solvers, to name a few qualifications. Both teams qualified to enter the regionals.



Front row, from left, Jacob Chaulk, Dan Carman, Emily Kopke, Nick Palumbo, and Dan Marquez. Back row, left, Morgan Havel, Raymond Cerrato, Max Hyatt, and Coach Chris Zeuli. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

## Recent Cold Weather Sends Manatees Huddling For Warmth



Residents observed manatees huddling to keep warm on DeSoto Parkway. (Photo by John Fergus)

Residents observed manatees huddling to keep warm on DeSoto Parkway when January's record breaking cold weather brought freezing temperatures for an extended period of time. When this picture was taken, 24 manatees were counted. However, some citizens have reported that at other times the count exceeded 70.

This unique gathering of manatees in our drainage canals was observed by literally thousands of local residents and received wide coverage throughout the state. Remember, please do not feed the manatees.

### Satellite Beach Woman's Club (SBWC)

Teacher's Grant, a special needs project that benefits students, was awarded to three qualified teachers.

According to **Joan Glass**, SBWC Educational Department Chairman, **Yvonne Weinstein**, Satellite High School (SHS) Vocational and Arts teacher, **Adam Mize**, SHS World Language teacher, and **Miroslava Roselip**, DeLaura Middle School, each received \$500.

Mrs. Weinstein's proposal was the purchase of lighting equipment to benefit 120 vocational and art students, with the added benefit to other classes, such as all Art students (300+) and Fashion Design students (100+). "Winning this grant would make this much-needed equipment a reality," Mrs. Weinstein said with gratitude. SHS was recognized by the County School Board as a Brevard County Art Demonstration School. Mrs. Weinstein spearheaded this commendation.

Adam Mize was a Teacher's Grant winner in 2008. This year his proposal was to provide mini-scholarships for students who have earned the right to attend the National Convention held at North Dakota State University, but whose families cannot afford the entire cost. "A whopping 80% of my Latin students are females, and many have talked to me enthusiastically about attending the convention. I would love to be able to help them reach their goal with this grant," the professional and caring Latin instructor said.

Mrs. Miroslava Roselip, seventh grade teacher at DeLaura Middle School, plans to incorporate a butterfly garden into her science curriculum. She was inspired by the annual Brevard Zoo butterfly exhibit, and decided to transform the school courtyard by purchasing Florida host, nectar, and other native plants. This would provide a habitat for various species of butterflies. "From an artistic perspective, our garden would serve all students, faculty, and staff," the grant winner explained.



Miroslava Roselip, recipient of the Satellite Beach Woman's Club Teacher's Grant, holds a \$500 check and certificate. She is flanked by Jeremy Salmon, DeLaura Middle School Principal, and Jeanne Roach, SBWC President. (Photo by Scotty Culp)



Satellite High School teachers who are winners of the Teacher's Grant sponsored by the Satellite Beach Woman's Club, are, from left, Adam Mize and Yvonne Weinstein, second from right. Also pictured are Jeanne Roach, SBWC President, and Mark Elliott, SHS Principal. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

Prior to Christmas, **Satellite Beach Lions Foundation** (SBLF) members assembled 67 food baskets, which were delivered to needy families in the area. The baskets provided a large dinner and contained enough food to feed an entire family for several days. They were purchased and assembled by the Lions Foundation and delivered to several local charitable organizations for distribution to families that have qualified as being in need of this type of assistance. In some cases, the members delivered the baskets directly to the families. "This is an ongoing project of the SBLF, and is financed with money from fundraising projects held throughout the year and by gifts from local citizens and businesses," **Frank Armitage**, President, explained.



Satellite Beach Lions Foundation boxed up a variety of food for needy families. Front row, kneeling, from left, student volunteer Emily Culp, Curt Black, Myrna Jenkins, and student volunteer Rachel Culp. Back row, left, Hal Hoxie, Don Pike, Joe Hauser, Gini Black, Alan Boleware (kneeling), Coordinator Frank Armitage, Jeff Pearson, and Jack Smith. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Satellite Beach Woman's Club** annual Christmas project, with the support of the **Satellite Beach**

**Volunteer Fire Department**, reached their goal and raised \$2,000. The monies were given to Second Harvest Food Bank, allowing food credit for both Daily Bread and the Sharing Center. The Volunteer Fire Department donated \$500 to start the fundraiser, with club members and generous donors completing the humanitarian project.

“Satellite Beach Woman’s Club has made donations to various families during the holiday season for over 35 years,” according to **Dee Anderson**, 2nd Vice President and Program Chairman. She also added, “We consider this as our Christmas present to the community where we live.”

The residents on Verbenia Court are to be commended for their 26th annual “Christmas Wonderland” colorful lighting extravaganza. Residents from near and far, including the snowbirds, come each year to view the holiday spectacular.

The holiday season is such a meaningful and joyous time of the year, and comes and goes far too quickly. However, our community has so many citizens that have Christmas in their hearts all year long. The dazzling and creative displays of holiday lights all over town were the best ever, and showed the true holiday spirit of our community.

**Satellite Beach Beautification Board** sponsors a Holiday Lighting Contest annually. **Judie Kraemer**, Beautification Board Chairman, has an excellent review of the Holiday Lighting Contest in this edition. There were eleven nominations turned in to City Hall. Four were from Sherwood Avenue. Runners-up were 250 Magnolia Avenue, 215 Hedgecock Court, and 390 Pineapple Avenue.



Steve and Debbie Giammo, 405 Sherwood Avenue, were the winners of the Satellite Beach Holiday Lighting Contest. The couple received a certificate in recognition of their achievement. Judy Kraemer, right, Beautification Board Chairman, made the presentation. The Bottle Palm at right was donated by Okie LoPresti. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Paul and Hildy Cribb**, residents of Sunrise Avenue

for the past 34 years, are outstanding volunteers. They helped organize the flourishing 55+ Club. Every Christmas they portray Santa and Mrs. Claus, and serve as greeters at the popular year-end luncheon. Among the many calendar events, the Cribbs are busy as chairmen of the bi-weekly cards and bingo activities. “We like to be busy,” they both agreed.



Paul and Hildy Cribb and 55+ Club members enjoy their deck of cards. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

The American Flag now flies at Satellite Beach Hightower Beach Park in memory of former Councilman/ Mayor **Bob Bolin**, who passed away January 3, 2009.

**Mary Bolin** laid a patriotic wreath beneath the commemorative plaque and flagpole, a fitting tribute to a man who devoted his life to the service of his country and, then, Satellite Beach. “Satellite Beach gave me some of the best years of my life.



Their friendship and community spirit was inevitable,” his wife said. Mary also added, “One of his greatest joys was hugging and kissing all the ladies in Satellite Beach.”

**Satellite Beach United Methodist Church**, Lee and Jackson Avenues, will hold their Annual Spring Festival on Friday, March 5, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 6, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. A Kid’s Carnival will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. According to **Georgia Garrett**, Coordinator, donations will be gratefully accepted. For information call 773-5535.

## FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS



### Little League

#### **Opening Day!**

Bring the whole family out on **Sat., March 6**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy food, entertainment, games and a home run derby at Algonquin Field in Indian Harbour Beach! Visit [www.beachsidelittleleague.com](http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com) for additional information.

**Whole City Garage Sale and City Surplus Silent Auction** – There will be lots of bargains on **Saturday, March 13**, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon, at the DRS Comm. Center parking lot. City surplus will be on display and sold via a silent auction. Organizations wishing to reserve a space or for event details, contact 773-6458. If you want to sell from your home, call 773-6458. A master “Whole City Garage Sale” flyer listing your home location will be distributed during the March 13 event.

#### **“Alice in Wonderland”**

Students in the Jr. Theatre Workshop will perform on **Friday, March 19**, at 7 p.m. and **Saturday, March 20**, at 11 a.m., at the S.B. Civic Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$3.50 each, and are available at the door.

**Big Truck Day!** – **March 20**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Check out the dump trucks, cement trucks, garbage trucks, fire trucks, and much more! Bring the whole family. An adult must accompany children. Hot dogs, drinks, face painting, and shaved ice are available for a nominal fee. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Satellite Beach Lions Club and the Recreation Dept.

#### **Samsons Island Open House**

Explore the island’s trails on **Saturday, March 27**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in hopes of seeing some of the abundant wildlife. Stay for a light picnic lunch. Demonstrations and hands-on activities will be ongoing. Participate in river seining, plant identification, and

bird watching. Visitors are encouraged to bring their fishing poles, binoculars and cameras. Although transportation is free, reservations are required; call 773-6458. The boat leaves from the Satellite Beach Fire Department dock.

#### **Anglers for Conservation**

**March 31**, 12 noon-2:00 p.m., at the DRS Meeting Room. Cost is \$20. Kids and adults will enjoy this program, which teaches intermediate fishing skills and provides information on becoming a more conservation-minded angler.

#### **Easter Activities Are Around the Corner**

– The *Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt* will be held on April 1 and *Breakfast with the Easter Bunny* will be held April 3. More details can be viewed on-line at [www.satellitebeach.org/Recreation/RecFlyer.htm](http://www.satellitebeach.org/Recreation/RecFlyer.htm).



#### **Trash Bash 2010**

**April 17**, Pelican Beach Park. Bring the whole family and help clean up our city’s beaches, parks, and schools. Sponsored by Keep Brevard Beautiful. Check in between 8:00 a.m.-12 noon to pick up your trash bags.

## CLASSES & OTHER THINGS TO DO



**Mr. Science Fun** – Ages: 5-16 will meet each month on Mondays from 4-5 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. **Cost:** \$20 per month or \$7 drop-in fee per day.

- **March 1-22** “How To Take Over the World”
- **April 5-26** “Creepy Critters Zoo Review”

**Mr. Science Homeschool Science Labs** – **Mondays:** March 1-22 and April 5-26, at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$20. Ages: 6-9, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Ages: 10-14, 11:00 a.m.-12 noon.

**Mr. Science Advanced Studies Think-Tank** – **Mon.:** March 1-22 and April 5-26. Ages: 8-13, 6-7 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$20.

**Creative Playtime for Toddlers** **Tuesdays:** February 16-March 23 and April 6-May 18. **Fridays:** February 19-March 26 and April 9-May 21. Ages: 20-36 months, 10:00-11:30 a.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$35.

**Creative Playtime for Babies** **Fridays:** February 19-March 26 and April 9-May 14. Ages: 12-22 months, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at DRS Community Center. Cost is \$30.

**“Kidstuff” Guitar Classes** Ages: 7-15. **Tuesdays:** March 2-23 and April 6-27, 6:00-7:00 p.m., at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse. **Saturdays:** March 6-27 and April 3-24, 12 noon-1:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$60 plus additional \$30 one-time material fee to the instructor.

**Adult Guitar Class** – **Tuesdays:** March 2-23 and April 6-27. Adults will meet 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse. Cost is \$60.

**Funnastics** – **Wednesdays:** February 17-March 24 and April 7-May 12. Ages: 18-36 months, 10:45-11:30 a.m., at DRS Community Center. Cost is \$41.

**Art Classes for Kids** – **Tues.:** March 2-April 6, at DRS Community Center. Ages: 5-7, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Cost is \$50. Ages: 8-16, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Cost is \$75.

**All Occasion Card Making Night** – **Tuesday:** March 9. Ages: Teens-Adults, 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$15.

**Watercolor for Intermediate Adults** – **Wednesdays:** March 10-April 21, 7:15-9:15 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$48.

**One Day Adult Watercolor Workshop** – **Saturday:** April 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$40.

**Sign Language for Beginners** **Mondays:** March 8-April 19. Ages:

8 years-Adults, 5:00-6:15 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$25.

**Odd Broadway Players**

Fridays: March 5-26 and April 9-30. Ages: 9-14, 5:30-7:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$40.

**“Kidstuff” Professional Voice**

Coaching – Saturdays: March 6-27 and April 3-24. Ages: 7-15, 1-2 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$60 plus an additional one-time \$30 material fee paid to the instructor.

**SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES**



**Fun Dance and Gymnastic**

Camp – Monday-Wednesday: March 29-31. Ages: 5-12, for boys and girls! Enjoy a camp full of fun, gymnastics, crafts, movie and a snack daily from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$40 per 3-day session or \$15 daily.

**Cheer & Hip-Hop Camp**

Thurs.-Fri.: April 1 and 2. Ages: 5-12, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Learn fun cheers and hip-hop dances, play team-building games, and make a craft. Cost is \$50.

**Spring Break Marine Adventure Camp**

– Mon.-Wed.: March 29-31 and April 5-7. Ages: 7-12, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Join Marine Biology Instructors as students learn about the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem. Two camp days will be on a boat and the other on land. Cost is \$100.

**Oceanography Badge**

Program – Friday: April 2 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Ages: 8-18. Scouts will fulfill all requirements for their Oceanography Badge EXCEPT their five-minute speech or 500-word report to be presented to their troop. Students will meet on the Miss Ariel boat for class. Cost is \$35.

**Mr. Science “All Science Camp”** – Monday-Friday: March 29-April 2. Ages: 7-14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. It’s not just rockets, dinosaurs, force fields, lightning bolts, explosions, or weird experiments- it’s **all of these things!** Cost is \$100 or \$25 for a single day.

**Jr. Safe Boating** – Mon.-Wed.: March 29-31. Ages: 9-17, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at the DRS Community Center. Attendance at the 3-day course is required to obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, as required by Florida State Law to operate a boat. Cost is \$6. Note: Anglers for Conservation Fishing Class follows this boating class. Sign-up for that, also (see Family Special Events section!)

**ACTIVITIES THAT KEEP YOU MOVING**

**Tennis Classes**

Mondays: March 22-April 19, at the DeSoto Tennis Courts. Cost: \$55.



- Ages: 6-9, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Ages: 9-12, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Ages: 13-Adults, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Tennis Classes for**

**Homeschooled Kids** – Fridays: March 5-26 and April 9-30, at the DeSoto Tennis Courts. Cost is \$36.

- **Beginner:** 10-15 years, 1:30-2:30 p.m., taught by Lori Schiavone.
- **Intermediate/Advanced:** Ages: 10-15, 1:30-2:30 p.m., taught by Jane Heintzman.

**Quick Start Tennis Classes**

Fri.: March 19-April 23 and April 30-May 28. Ages: 5-6, 4:00-4:45 p.m., at the DeSoto Tennis Courts. Cost: \$45.

**Tae Kwon Do**

– Continuous classes; join anytime! Tuesdays: Ages: 3-4, 4:30-5:15 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost: \$25/month. Tues. and Thurs.: Ages: 5-Teens, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$30/month. A class is also offered for Teens and Adults. Call 704-2136 for more information.

**Lil’ Sports** – Thursdays: March 4-25 and April 8-29. Fridays: March 5-26 and April 9-30. Ages: 3-5, 10:30-11:15 a.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost is \$30. A Friday class also meets from 5:15-6:00 p.m.

**Baton Twirling**

– Tuesdays: Feb. 23-April 6 and April 13-May 18. Ages: 5-14; **Beginners**, 4:30-5:15 p.m.; **Advanced**, 5:15-6:00 p.m., at the S.B. Civic Center. Cost is \$30.

**Beachside Bouncers**

– Thurs.: March 4-25. Ages: 6-18, 4-5 p.m., at the S.B. Civic Center. Cost: \$30 plus a \$5 rope fee paid to the instructor.

**Youth Volleyball Clinic** – Mon. and/or Wed.: March 1-24 and April 5-28. Ages: 8-17, 5-6 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Cost: \$30 per day or \$50 for both days.

**Pick-Up Volleyball Games**

Mondays: 7:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center Gym. Adults are welcome. Informal coed play at a “B” level. Cost: \$1.25 per person.

**Pick-Up Basketball Games**

Sundays: 7:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center Gym. Men are welcome to join the Open Basketball night. Cost: \$1.25 per person.

**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**Samsons Island Adopt A Park**

**Program** – Samsons Island Nature Park is a 52-acre island located in the Indian River Lagoon. Since 1991, city volunteers and staff have worked diligently to re-vegetate this spoil island. The City’s Adopt A Park program recruits individuals, families and local organizations to lend a hand with park duties that suit their ability level. Individuals and families can volunteer on a schedule that suits them, while organizations are asked to commit to work parties at least twice a year. Those interested in volunteering on Samsons Island can contact Kerry Stoms, S.B. Recreation Department Director, at 773-6458 or [kstoms@satellitebeach.org](mailto:kstoms@satellitebeach.org).

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## Reasons to Complete the Census Form – You Count!

2010 Census forms will be mailed or delivered to you in mid-March. It is important that every individual be counted. Why?

**It's easy.** Ten questions – ten minutes. The shortest census questionnaire in history!

**It's important.** Census data will be used to establish state legislative districts and determine the number of seats (votes) Florida has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**We all benefit financially.** The data will determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds will be distributed to local government.

**It can help during disasters.** The higher the census numbers, the more federal and state assistance following declared disasters.

**It helps plan for future needs.** Data will be used to forecast housing and transportation needs, draw school district boundaries, and develop community assistance programs. Census data can be used to attract new businesses and jobs.

**It's confidential.** The Census Bureau cannot share your response with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.

**It's the LAW.**

If you mail your responses in the stamped envelope provided with the questionnaire by April 1, 2010, a Census Bureau employee will not need to visit your home. The Census Bureau is providing "help tables" at various times and places. If you need assistance, contact City Clerk Barbara Montanaro for a list of locations to receive help (773-4407 or [bmontanaro@satellitebeach.org](mailto:bmontanaro@satellitebeach.org)).