



# Beachcaster

Your Official City Newsletter

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## From the Council Desk

by Councilman Jeff Fleis

Happy New Year!

In my previous *Beachcaster* article, I discussed some of the challenges in redeveloping property along our commercial corridors. In this article, I want to discuss the City's ad valorem property tax rate, which is 8.1439 mills.

The City Council has already begun working on the FY 11/12 Budget. Initial discussion has been held on how the ad valorem tax rate can be reduced, as this rate is higher than any other municipality in Brevard County. To better understand this issue, it would be useful to discuss how this millage rate has come to be.

A significant reason for the level of our millage rate is that 40% of our City's beachfront is in public ownership and the City receives no tax revenue from it. The beachfront contains some of the City's highest assessed properties. Our tax rate would be 1.5 mills lower if the publicly owned oceanfront properties were privately owned and developed. No, we don't plan to look into selling any of these beachfront properties.

An equally significant reason is the level of services our city provides. Satellite Beach is well known for its public safety and quality of life services. For a small city, we provide outstanding public safety services, including paid fire and emergency medical services, whereby, we are capable of responding to concurrent medical emergencies with a paramedic team. Other smaller, residential cities in Brevard County utilize volunteers for fire protection and/or rely on paramedic response from facilities located outside their jurisdiction for medical emergencies.

Another reason our ad valorem tax rate is higher is because the City chooses not to charge residents all of the hidden municipal utility tax rates (up to 10% on water, electric, natural gas, etc.) like many cities in Brevard County. Satellite Beach has a utility tax on power only, and it is capped at 6%. If we were to charge all these utility taxes at the permissible higher rate, our ad valorem tax rate could be lowered. I am not advocating we add this tax; my point is that utility tax is a hidden tax other cities charge at a 10% rate - and as a result, they can charge a lower ad valorem tax rate.

Finally, I believe our tax rate is due, in part, to the vacant and underutilized property along A1A and South Patrick Drive. If redeveloped, the City would receive taxes on improved property, instead of vacant, resulting in a lower overall rate.



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Some background information on the revenue from the ad valorem tax might be helpful to better understand the current issue. The City's FY 10/11 Budget is 2% less than the City budget five years ago (FY 05/06). Three of the last four years, the City's millage rate has decreased or remained the same, when compared to the rolled back rate (i.e., the tax rate that generates the same ad valorem tax revenue as the previous year). Since 2002, the City has increased the General Fund Reserve to \$1.6 million (a fancy name for a City savings account).

Each City Council agenda for 2011 will have an item to discuss the City budget. Our city's expenditures have been reduced to the point where the next decision is whether to offer fewer services with fewer employees, or spend a portion of our reserves (savings account) to make up next year's predicted shortfall, which may occur as a result of the continuing decline in property values.

I have shared another option with my fellow Council members. We need to reduce our ad valorem tax rate to stabilize our tax base and also to assist vacant, underutilized properties to be redeveloped. This would result in an increased amount of revenue to the City, preserve the high level of service for our residents, and result in a lower tax rate for everyone.

**What are your opinions on City services and the ad valorem tax rate?** Become involved and share your view, as the City has received much input from citizens, our ad hoc Blue Ribbon Financial/Budget Committee, City boards, etc. We want your input in order to make the best decisions for the City and our residents.

I want to congratulate Nicholas Kirkman, a Satellite Beach resident and senior at Central Catholic High School, on earning the rank of Eagle Scout. It is a tremendous

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## *Council Highlights*

### **November 17, 2010, Regular Council Meeting**

- Approved construction of a mini-ramp addition to the Satellite Beach Sports and Recreation Park in the amount of \$5,365.81, with all but \$326.38 coming from the Recreation Trust Fund, which was raised through community fundraisers for Skate Park improvements.
- Accepted the recommendation of City Engineer David King and rejected all bids for purchase of a jet/vac truck, and authorized the project to be re-bid or seek an existing governmental bid.
- Adopted Resolution No. 907, approving an agreement with the owners of property commonly known as Villa Siena Condominiums for the purpose of securing necessary easements for the upcoming FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant North Drainage Project.
- Approved interlocal agreement with the Montecito Community Development District regarding traffic enforcement. This agreement will authorize the Police Department to enforce traffic regulations on the streets of the Montecito Community Development District.
- Authorized improvements to Shell Street and beach access area in the amount of \$5,938, with funding to come from the City's Community Redevelopment Agency.

### **December 1, 2010, Regular Council Meeting**

- Adopted Resolution No. 903 by a 3-2 vote, approving the use of a uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments levied in the incorporated area of the City of Satellite Beach for 2011 for the collection of fire assessment fees, if necessary. It is the intent that this source would be revenue neutral, with a reduction in the ad valorem tax equal to any revenue from a fire assessment fee. Final determination regarding whether to use this revenue source will be made during budget review for the FY 11/12 Budget.
- Defeated Resolution No. 904 by a vote of 4-1, which would have established a uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments for the cost of maintaining roads.
- Elected Councilman Mike Chase as Vice-Mayor for 2011.

### **December 15, 2010, Regular Council Meeting**

- Received presentation from George Geletko of Harris Sanitation, Inc., on proposal for implementing single stream cart recycling program. City Council authorized the preparation of an agreement which would implement the single stream cart recycling program in 2011.

- Acting as the Community Redevelopment Agency, approved a final Façade Grant application to retrofit nonconforming sign for Hannon Enterprises at 1110 Highway A1A, and suspended the grant program for the balance of FY 10/11 due to financial considerations.
- Appointments to Boards:
  - Reappointed Judith Kraemer as a regular member of the Beautification Board.
  - Reappointed Maria Kaps and David Schechter as regular members of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee.
  - Reappointed Hope Ascher as an alternate member of the Library Board.
  - Reappointed Sandy Carnival and John Cherniga as regular members of the Samsons Island Park Committee.

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accomplishment and I want to recognize his efforts, and also the efforts of his parents, Lesa and Steve Kirkman. Another young man, David Bruner, was promoted to Eagle Scout that afternoon. David is a junior at Satellite High School, whose parents are Doris Bruner and Stan Bruner. Thank you to all of our Eagle Scouts and their parents!

I want to express my thanks and extend a warm welcome to the Kennedy Space Center Federal Credit Union for opening its newest branch in Satellite Beach! They are located on Scorpion Court across from Publix in the Atlantic Plaza Shopping Center. They offer personal and small business accounts, and have ten branch locations in Brevard for your convenience. Please stop by or view their website ([www.kscfcu.org](http://www.kscfcu.org)) to find out more and consider opening an account! Also, welcome to Alpine Yogurt Cafe, which recently opened in the Atlantic Plaza immediately north of Publix. Stop in and enjoy some yogurt!

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 complete agenda package is available at the Satellite Beach Library beginning the Saturday prior to each regular meeting, at Satellite Beach City Hall during normal business hours, and on the City website ([www.satellitebeachfl.org](http://www.satellitebeachfl.org)).

# Major Drainage Projects Update

The **Cassia Drainage Phase I & II Projects** are nearing completion. Final inspections are underway. Phase I included the installation of new storm drains, pipes, and resurfacing portions of Ocean Spray Avenue, Greenway Avenue, and Temple Street. Phase I also included the addition of baffle boxes to the Cassia Drainage basin. These boxes will aid in the treatment of stormwater runoff to reduce pollutants reaching the Indian River Lagoon.

Phase II of the project included new drainage lines and inlets at Thyme Street, Kale Street, and Temple Street from Norwood Avenue to Cassia Boulevard. Construction of small retention swales, slotted curbing, and the resurfacing of the roads where the work occurred was also in the scope of this phase of the project.

Another component of Phase II was the redesign of the City Hall pond. The pond has been reconfigured to adjust water flow to two collection sumps that were dug in front of the new retaining walls. Polymer flocculants will be injected into the water, upstream of the pond. These flocculants are biologically safe and will attach themselves to the smaller particulate pollutants that would not otherwise settle to the bottom. These pollutants will concentrate in the sumps and periodically be removed with a vac-truck.

Funding for both phases of the Cassia Drainage Project was provided by a 60%/40% matching FDEP 319h stormwater grant. Don Luchetti Construction was awarded the contract at a cost of \$1,061,271.15.

**Vac-Truck Purchase** – As part of the City's matching funds for the 319h Cassia Drainage Project grant, the City is required to purchase a vac-truck for the maintenance of the improvements. The vac-truck will also enable Public Works to clean storm drains and pipes throughout the City, in addition to the newly installed improvements, resulting in increased runoff flow capacity.

**North Drainage Outfall Project** – The City opened bids for the North Drainage Project on January 21, 2011. The scope of this project, at the City's northern boundary with the unincorporated area, is to replace dilapidated corrugated metal pipes with twin 30-inch perforated and concrete pipes. Also included in this project is the installation of two nutrient separating baffle boxes. A FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant is providing 75% of the funding for this project, with the remaining 25% being divided among the City, Brevard County, and the Brevard County School Board. It is anticipated that the project will begin in Spring, 2011.

If you have any questions about these, or any other Public Works projects, email the Public Works Department, [apotter@satellitebeach.org](mailto:apotter@satellitebeach.org), or call 777-2309.

## Let's Talk Progress With Mike

### Town Hall Meeting ~ March 3

There are few words that excite our imagination more than the word "PROGRESS." Just the mention of the word "PROGRESS" spurs our thoughts for greater things. Through economic development, application of science and technology, or reclaiming our environmental treasures, we have the opportunity for "PROGRESS" to improve our quality of life

... but how do we balance "PROGRESS" with the 'smaller' town atmosphere that we treasure?

I encourage you to bring your ideas on "PROGRESS" to our next **Town Hall Meeting** at the **Pelican Beach Clubhouse** on **Thursday, March 3, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.**, where an informal discussion of "PROGRESS" will be held.

We will exchange ideas where "PROGRESS" will

enhance our life style. We will recognize the need for "PROGRESS" by identifying the problems it will solve (reverse engineering).

Some problem topics may include: traffic congestion, parking, commercial development, water and beach access, noise, code restrictions...

Some "PROGRESS" solutions may include timed lights, public transportation, green-transportation (i.e., golf carts and segways), lot aggregation, code enforcement, communication and response...

If you can not participate in person, please email me at [mchase@satellitebeach.org](mailto:mchase@satellitebeach.org) with your thoughts on "PROGRESS." Let's build our community together. Enjoy the day.

*Vice-Mayor Mike Chase*

## Community Redevelopment News



Kennedy Space Center Federal Credit Union hosted their grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on January 14 to welcome its new branch location located at 100 Scorpion Court across from Publix.



Alpine Yogurt Cafe's Kevin and Kristine Van Workum celebrated their grand opening and ribbon cutting on January 15. Alpine Yogurt Cafe is located at 1024 Highway A1A in Atlantic Plaza next to Publix.

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

A Better Plumbing Service	Plumber	345 Lee Avenue	615-5204
Alarmco	Security Systems	599 Sherwood Avenue, Suite 105	252-3333
Altruistic Nails	Cosmetology/Nail Tech	599 Sherwood Avenue, Suite 208	777-5177
Brevard Chess	Children's Chess Instruction	599 Sherwood Avenue, Suite 103	720-9352
Judith de la Rosa	Real Estate	1790 Highway A1A, Suite 109	960-0436
Got Mulch	Lawn/Landscaping	1290 Highway A1A, Suite 201	206-1234
Happy Nails	Cosmetology/Nail Tech	1024 Highway A1A, Suite 112	773-6400
Home & Garden Trade Shows	Event Planning	1127 South Patrick Drive, Suite 13	693-0321
Integra Realty of Brevard	Real Estate	1170 Highway A1A, Suite 8	777-0077
Steve Parsons	Real Estate	1790 Highway A1A, Suite 109	259-9115
Plan-It Pools	Swimming Pool Contractor	1127 South Patrick Drive, Suite 13	255-2426
Plongo	Software Manufacturing	1290 Highway A1A, Suite 209	305-7974
Caroliense Schmidt, M.D.	Physician	1275 South Patrick Drive, Suite H	777-0600
Seaside Connection	Cosmetology/Salon	599 Sherwood Avenue, Suite 210	537-9461
Shankle Insurance Services	Insurance	1360 South Patrick Drive	960-4640
Two Rivers Construction & Development	Certified General Contractor	1231 South Patrick Drive	960-9794
Wireless Systems Engineering	Engineering Consultant	100 Scorpion Court	777-7881
W. Clay Woodard	Real Estate	1790 Highway A1A, Suite 109	259-9115
Yvonne's Expressions	Jewelry Design	1290 Highway A1A, Suite 100	728-3267

## Dennis M. Sams Fire Station Dedication

On this day in history, January 2, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon, the Satellite Beach Fire Department dedicated Station 55 to fallen Firefighter Dennis M. Sams for his valor, leadership, and community involvement to our city and nation. Firefighter Sams lost his life during department training on January 2, 1977.

Satellite High School Color Guard and Brevard Police and Fire Pipes & Drums started the afternoon off with the presentation of our national colors, followed by Father Robert Bruckart of Health First, who led the Invocation. The afternoon speakers were Mayor Joseph Ferrante, Jerry de la Rosa (brother-in-law of Dennis Sams), and Satellite Beach Fire Chief Donald Hughes. Chief Hughes presented Pat Sams with the American Flag which was dedicated in Washington and flew over the United States Congress Building in honor of Dennis. In addition to the service Dennis gave our city, he was a Decorated Marine. He received the *Medal of Achievement* from the Secretary of the Navy, and the *Presidential Bronze Star Medal* for Heroic Achievement and *Presidential Gold Star* for Heroic Achievement from the U. S. Marine Corps.

The Sams Family has carried on the legacy of Dennis M. Sams by always going above and beyond, whether it is volunteering for our city or county, serving our country in the armed services, or living each day to the fullest. It is an honor to be working in a building dedicated to such an honorable man.



### Family Members of Dennis M. Sams

Pat Sams, Wife  
 Daughter, Jen Mench, married to Rob Mench  
 Sons, Matthew and Stephen Sams  
 Grandchildren, Jacob, Camille,  
 and Caitlin Mench

The Few. The Proud. The Marines.  
 Semper Fidelis ~ Always Faithful

Brotherhood Above All Else



## 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 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Cost is \$35.00 for each class, and First Aid books are available for an additional \$15.00.

- > **March 19**
- > **April 16**
- > **May 21**
- > **June 18**

### PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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

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

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

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

### AARP Safe Driving Class

Cars have changed, and so have the traffic rules, driving conditions, and roads you travel everyday. 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. The class will be held on Friday, April 15, 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.

### The Latest from The Building Department

**Permits Issued:**

- The Building Department issued 1,399 permits in 2010, compared to 1,278 for 2009. This represents an increase of approximately 10% from last year.

**Certificates of Occupancy Issued:**

- The Building Department issued 51 Certificates of Occupancy in 2010, which is an increase of approximately 28% from last year.

### Police Officers Trained to Prevent Racial Profiling

As part of Florida law and Florida Department of Law Enforcement training requirements, police officers are required to participate in training to prevent racial profiling. The training is specifically designed to help prevent any person from being singled out, stopped, detained, arrested, or having assets seized solely on the basis of a person's race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, or age.

In addition to the preventative racial profiling training, officers must follow the guidelines set by the Satellite Beach Police Department's Policy and Procedure Manual. Satellite Beach Police Department is a State Accredited Law Enforcement Agency. Every officer is required to adhere to the department's directives against racial and biased-based profiling. This training program is one of many mandatory training sessions Satellite Beach police officers must attend on an annual basis to maintain their officer certification and comply with state laws and accreditation requirements.

If you have questions regarding the accreditation program, biased-based profiling, or any other mandatory law enforcement training, please contact Deputy Police Chief Jeff Pearson, Satellite Beach Police Department, at 773-4400.

### Police Department Crime Report ~ November & December 2010

<b>Total Events this Period:</b>	<b>4,901 *</b>		
<b>Total Calls For Service:</b>	<b>1,103</b>		
<b>Total Traffic Stops:</b>	<b>1,101</b>		
<b>Arrests:</b>	<b>50 Adult; 10 Juvenile</b>		
Alarm	55	Fraud	7
Assault/Battery	9	Narcotics Activity	14
Assist Other Agency	63	Suspicious Incidents	222
Burglary	11	Theft	23
Burglary-Vehicle	1	Vandalism	8
Disturbance	22	Warrant Arrest	2
DUI	21		

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

In November, Corporal Steve Owens and Officer Michelle Hoskins responded to a 911 call of a dispute on Grant Avenue. The suspect learned that officers were en route and shot several occupants in the house, one of them fatally. The 911 caller, who had also been shot,

identified the armed gunman. As officers arrived, shots were still being fired inside the home. Corporal Owens confronted the suspect and was forced to fire at him when he refused to comply with commands to drop the weapon. The suspect presented an immediate, deadly threat to the officers and injured victim.

The Criminal Investigations Division arrested two suspects involved in two burglaries to VFW Post 4643, Highway A1A. The arrests followed an investigation stemming from an earlier burglary to the VFW. The investigation identified three suspects responsible for transacting stolen checks. Arrest warrants were obtained for the suspects, charging each with Forgery, Grand Theft, Dealing in Stolen Property, and Conspiracy. All three were identified as being responsible for a string of 11 burglaries in the county. They remain in Brevard County Jail on no less than \$130,000 bond.

## Volunteer Openings

We are very proud of our Police Department Volunteer Program, and are always looking for new volunteers who are interested in "giving back" to their community. Our volunteers are an extension of our eyes and ears, and perform a variety of functions, such as Citizens on Patrol, house checks, fingerprints, and administrative duties.

All volunteers will receive the necessary training for their assignment. Selection requirements: Candidates must be a Brevard County resident and pass a criminal history background investigation. They must have no physical limitations, must be able to drive a vehicle, have a valid driver's license, be able to see and hear adequately, and should be willing to donate at least 10 hours per month.

Apply in person, 510 Cinnamon Drive, to complete the application.

## Waste Management Service Requests

Simplify Waste Management customer service requests by accessing the City website, [www.satellitebeachfl.org](http://www.satellitebeachfl.org), and clicking on the "Service Request" quick link. It's easy and provides instant documentation of your service request.

Residents without Internet access can call City Hall, 773-4407, for assistance with service requests. Residents may also continue to contact Waste Management at 723-4455 for service requests.

## Waste Management Collection Schedule

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Yard Waste (use green tote) Recycling (use recycling bins)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Household Garbage (use green tote)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Household Garbage</b>

To schedule pickup of bulk items (too large for green totes), white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.), or yard waste that will not fit in the green tote, or request a Mercury VaporLok Bag for CFL light bulbs, access [www.satellitebeachfl.org](http://www.satellitebeachfl.org), call Waste Management (723-4455), or call City Hall (773-4407).

## Project Graduation Presents Casino Royale

Project Graduation is an event that is held nationwide following high school graduation to provide graduating seniors with an opportunity to celebrate graduation with their peers in a safe, supervised atmosphere that is tobacco, substance, and alcohol-free.

Satellite High School Project Graduation 2011 invites the community to join them for one of their most popular fundraising events, Casino Royale. This is an ADULTS ONLY event, and guests must be 21 years of age or older.

**Date:** Saturday, March 12

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**Location:** David R. Schechter Community Center  
1089 South Patrick Drive

Included in the ticket price of \$25.00 are:

- ◆ Live Auction & Silent Auction: Bid with chips
- ◆ \$5,000 Casino Chips
- ◆ Craps
- ◆ Free Hor d'oeuvres & Desserts
- ◆ Donation Bar
- ◆ Blackjack
- ◆ Roulette

For tickets, contact Paula Nelson (773-9903) or Michele Barrows (773-8327). Experienced dealers are needed. Call Paula or Michele to donate your time!

Baskets displaying products from businesses that can be auctioned off and/or gift certificates are needed. Funds raised go directly to Project Graduation and are tax deductible. Monetary donations are graciously accepted any time: SHS Project Graduation, P.O. Box 372842, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

## New Irrigation Rules During Daylight Savings Time (Begins March 13)

- 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.

These St. Johns River Water Management District rules are effective in our city. Access [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com) for additional information.



Not limited to SB residents. \$5/yr. dues. Contact Marty Hindsley at 777-8313 or [mhindsley@yahoo.com](mailto:mhindsley@yahoo.com).

- ❑ **Monthly Seminars** – 12:30 p.m. at the DRS Community Center. A light lunch will be served. *March 3*, presented by Russ Kittel of Insured Income; *April 7*, presented by Hospice of St. Francis. RSVP to 773-6458.
- ❑ **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 a.m. at the DRS Community Center Game Room.
- ❑ **1st Tues., (every other month) Dinner Gang** *March* and *May*. Call Floss at 773-6073 for locations and dinner details.
- ❑ **1st Wednesday, Arts & Crafts** – 12:00 p.m. at the DRS Comm. Center. A small fee will be collected. Call Betsy at 779-9775 for current craft.
- ❑ **1st Thursday, Free Blood Pressure and Glucose Checks** offered by VNA, 9:30 a.m., at the DRS Community Center.
- ❑ **2nd Wed., Early Bird Dinner** – Call Joan at 777-0238 for current meeting location.
- ❑ **3rd Wed., Lunch Bunch** – 1:00 p.m. *March 16*, Enigma; *April 20*, The Cove. Call Laverne at 725-6610 to RSVP.
- ❑ **Movie Group** – Meets last Friday of the month. Call Louise Daley at 773-6946 for information.
- ❑ **Travel Group** – For information on various day trips, call Terry Mellon at 773-7705.
- ❑ **Bunko** – Second Fri. of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the DRS Comm. Ctr. Call Barbara at 773-3050.
- ❑ **Glee Club** – Do you like to sing? To find out more information, call Mary Ann at 327-3794.
- ❑ **Recruit a New Member!** – The top five 55+ Club members who recruit the most “new members” will receive a nice prize. The contest will run until the annual meeting in December.

## Beautification Board Tree & Plant Sale!



The Satellite Beach Beautification Board is sponsoring a tree and plant sale.

**Date:** Saturday, April 9  
**Location:** DRS Community Center  
 Parking Lot  
 1089 South Patrick Drive  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call 773-8391. Come and see the variety of trees and plants. Suppliers are Okie LoPresti from GTC of Brevard County Exotic Palms and Cycads in Merritt Island and Green's Nursery.

### Wondering what to give as an anniversary or birthday gift, or just want to remember a friend?

What better gift than a “Save the Beach” engraved brick, placed with others on the paver walkway at Pelican Beach Clubhouse? It's a lasting and memorable gift for only \$50. Forms are available on the City website and at City Hall.

## Banana River Sail and Power Squadron Courses

Banana River Sail and Power Squadron is offering the following courses:

- ◆ **Marine Engine Maintenance** – Tuesdays, March 22 through May 10, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the shop of Lew Rivers Marine, 355 Tortoise View Drive. Visit [www.brsp.org](http://www.brsp.org) for details and registration deadlines.
- ◆ **Junior Safe Boating** – Ages 11-17, offered during Spring Break, March 28-30, at the DRS Community Center. Students must attend all three days and pass the test to obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is required by Florida Law to operate a boat.

The Banana River Sail and Power Squadron is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting safe boating through education. We offer free vessel checks upon request. Join us for a meeting on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Satellite Beach Civic Center.

## Beautification Board Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

### Happy New Year from the Satellite Beach Beautification Board!

Most of you have probably already heard that the winners of the 2010 Holiday Lighting contest were Andrew Wright and Michael Paller at 761 Verbenia Drive. Andrew, from what we are told, is responsible for all the elbow grease that went into the decorations. The palm trees, as well as the house and the lawn, were ablaze with lights and decorations.

And, once again, Satellite Beach native Okie LoPresti of GTC Exotic Palms and Cycads

(www.foxtail-palms.com) provided a great looking palm -- this year a foxtail -- for the prize. Foxtails weathered the cold in 2009 and 2010 very well, so consider it if you're thinking about planting a new palm. The graceful palms that line so many of the streets help provide the identity and texture that is Satellite Beach.

Again this year, so many beautifully decorated homes were not nominated for the contest. The Beautification Board does not nominate homes for the contest; they just make the final choice to select the winner from homes that are nominated by residents.

**Call the CITY HOTLINE, 779-8924, for the latest City Council Agenda OR visit the CITY WEBSITE: [www.satellitebeachfl.org](http://www.satellitebeachfl.org) for the latest complete Council agenda packet.**

## Join The Beach Clean Up

Join volunteers at Pelican Beach Park on:

- Saturday, March 12, at 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday, April 9, at 8:00 a.m.

Clean up supplies will be provided by Keep Brevard Beautiful. Bring your own reusable water container. Don't forget your sunscreen. For details, contact Judy de la Rosa at [Judy@MitchRealty.com](mailto:Judy@MitchRealty.com) or 960-0436.

## Citywide Garage Sale

**Date:** Saturday, March 12  
**Location:** DRS Community Center Parking Lot  
 1089 South Patrick Drive  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon

Clubs and organizations that wish to reserve a space in the DRS parking lot to sell items to benefit their clubs can contact Mik at 960-9802 for details. If you want to sell from your home, call 773-6458 to provide your garage sale location. The Recreation Department will distribute a master "Citywide Garage Sale" flyer listing your home location prior to and on the day of the event.

## AARP TAX AIDE Free Tax Assistance Continues through April 18

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 2010 property taxes were paid, bring a copy of the tax bill and payment
- Purchase date & cost (basis) on any stocks SOLD in 2010, plus sale date & sale price
- Purchase information for a car or house, including proof of taxes paid in 2010.



Congratulations to our own **Trevor Hannan**, who was named "**Florida PAL Boy of the Year**" for Satellite Beach. Trevor is a member of our Youth Director's Council. Along with the title, Trevor received a fully equipped laptop computer and a check for \$1,000.

Ten members of our Youth Director's Council (YDC) attended the **YDC Conference** in Orlando on January 6-9. Each day was filled with presentations, inspirational speakers, challenges, and more. Our own **Liza Creatura** and **Amelia Stephens** are members of the YDC Committee that planned and coordinated the conference. Thank you for supporting our YDC through their fundraising efforts to make this trip possible.

Satellite Beach PAL would like to thank the following businesses who have graciously sponsored our basketball teams this season. It is because of your support that our basketball program is such a success. Please support companies that support our kids! Carlsen's Trophy Shop; Alliances Properties; Jackson-Kirschner Architects; Cold Stone Creamery; MTN; Dunkin Donuts; Lori Laine Plaza; Suntree Viera Pet Rescue; Tileart Custom Tile; Just Say No; Beach Bodies; Puzino's Pizza; Billabong; USSi; Deborah Kearney, DDS, PA; Carl Saladino, MD; Platt, Jacobus, Fielding, Ville; Amendola Chiropractic; Law Offices of Koons and Gigliotti; Francisco Ruiz, MD, PA; SWP Construction; Uncle Bob's Self Storage; Buzz Benevente Allstate; Sun Yoga; The Original Bizzarro Famous NY Pizza.

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Garage and Bike Sale** on April 22 and 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, or to donate items, please call the Teen Zone at 777-8336.



**Operation Not on Our Watch** (NOW) is coming to the David R. Schechter Community Center on April 16. For more information, please call 777-8336.

For information on any of our programs, please contact the **Teen Zone** at 777-8337 or visit us at [www.satellitebeachpal.org](http://www.satellitebeachpal.org).

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

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

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

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### **Boy Scout Troop 309**

The Troop will participate in Scout Sunday at Satellite Beach United Methodist Church on February 20. The God and Church Award will be presented to four scouts for completing the program: Matt, Robbie, Grayson, and Daniel. The Troop will also hold a campout at Kempfer Sawmill in February.

In March, the Troop will be preparing to host the District Camporee "Survivor Scout Brownsea Island," in which around 300 attendees are expected on April 15, 16, and 17. Towards the end of March, the Troop will travel to Florida Sea Base in the Florida Keys, one of four national high adventure camps run by the Boy Scouts, for a week of scuba diving.

## **Angel Food An Option for Everyone**

Angel Food is available to people without regard to their economic situation. Specific contents vary each month and menus may be picked up at the Recreation Department, 1089 South Patrick Drive, or at Our Father's House, 535 Cassia Boulevard. For more information, call Alice at 243-5670. On-line orders are accepted at [www.ofhsb.org](http://www.ofhsb.org).

A community fund has been established for anyone who would like to donate to help fellow citizens. Distribution of food using these funds is done in cooperation with the Satellite Beach Fire Department. Checks should be sent to Our Father's House, 535 Cassia Boulevard, and clearly marked for the Angel Food Community Fund.

### **February**

Order Deadline: Sunday, February 20

Pick Up Date/Time: Saturday, February 26, 9-10 a.m.

### **March**

Order Deadline: Sunday, March 20

Pick Up Date/Time: Saturday, March 26, 9-10 a.m.

### **April**

Order Deadline: Sunday, April 18

Pick Up Date/Time: Saturday, April 23, 9-10 a.m.



Claudia Shirley, DeLaura Middle School Principal.  
(Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Claudia Shirley** has diligently served the Brevard County Public School System for the past thirty-one years. As the top finalist, she won the Florida Outstanding Principal Achievement Award. Seeking the coveted position, Mrs. Shirley was promoted to **DeLaura Middle School** Principal. She came to DeLaura with a wealth of experience and leadership qualities, having served in the quality ranks as Assistant Principal (AP) Dean, Facilities, Curriculum, and Athletics. Coming to Palm Bay High School in 1979 as a Physical Education teacher, she coached basketball and volleyball, and advanced to Satellite High School as an AP Dean for seven years. Exemplifying her fortitude, she voluntarily worked with students in landscape beautification. She was AP, Curriculum, at Westshore Jr./Sr. High School before receiving the call to DeLaura Middle School.

After only one week at DeLaura, Mrs. Shirley had made herself known by visiting each classroom and talking to students, attending faculty and department head meetings, and the lunch room. “**Jeremy Salmon**, former Principal, left me in good hands,” she explained. She’s proud of the community leaders and parent involvement, which have recognized DeLaura as an A+ School. At the helm, the “go-getter” will not sit back on her laurels, but will move forward and make DeLaura Middle School the best ever.

For the past five years, **Satellite Beach Woman’s Club** (SBWC) has presented education grants to teachers at Satellite High School (SHS) and DeLaura Middle School. This year, three teachers were selected to receive grants of \$500 each. Recipients are: **Mike Ecker** and **Lynne Treharne**, both math teachers at SHS; and **Vickki Thacker**, art teacher at DeLaura. SBWC committee members evaluate the applications on a basis of how worthwhile the need is and how many students will be impacted by the grant. The recipients all expressed their gratitude to the SBWC for its commitment to the community and the schools.



Vickki Thacker, math teacher at DeLaura Middle School, received a \$500 Education Teacher’s Grant, sponsored by the Satellite Beach Woman’s Club. From left, Linda O’Toole, SBWC President; Evelyn Martin, SBWC Educational Chair; Ms. Thacker; and Jeremy Salmon, Principal. (Photo by Scotty Culp)



Mike Ecker, left, and Lynne Treharne, right, both math teachers at Satellite High School, hold a certificate and a \$500 check, as recipients of the Satellite Beach Woman’s Club Teacher’s Education Grant. Also pictured are Linda O’Toole, left, SBWC President; and Evelyn Martin, SBWC Education Chair. Mark Elliott, SHS Principal, is centered. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Erika Maier**, a volunteer parent for years, has shown enthusiasm in beautifying the grounds at **Surfside Elementary School**. Today, through her dedication and conscientious efforts, she has revitalized six butterfly gardens and front lawn palm plantings. She has been named the school’s beautification landscaper. So geared to her interests, she has developed a garden summary, including innumerable nectar and host plants, and watering schedules. The planting area around the school sign features colorful Plumbago, Cassia, Liriope, and is flanked by Bismarck Palms. Erika’s Beautification Committee updates include work to be completed and future projects. Committee helpers include **Leslie** and **Paul Popowitch**, **Linda Symmonds**, **Claudia Schweikert** (Erika’s mother), **Roger Maier** (Erika’s hubby), **Doreen Thosteson**, **Art Goodlick**, and **Heather Nazario**, Co-Chair.

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**Satellite Beach Lions Club** annual Christmas Food Basket Project was most successful, raising over \$2,476 for food costs, and members assembled and delivered 70 food baskets, according to **Joe Hauser**, Club President. Items for the baskets were obtained through member donations, with coordination and assistance from Wal-Mart. The baskets were delivered to local churches for distribution to families that qualified as being in need of this type of assistance. The bulk of the project is financed from fundraising projects held throughout the year. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve," and members give freely to humanitarian missions that improve the quality of life of those less fortunate.

The **55+ Club** held its eighth annual meeting and Christmas buffet, attended by over 100 members, in the David R. Schechter Community Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus (**Paul and Hildy Cribb**) served as the amiable greeters prior to the meeting. **Marty Hindsley**, organizer and seven year Chair, offered words of welcome, recognizing and honoring board officers, directors, and activity leaders.

The special activities club has grown to over 600 supportive members, and dues still remain at \$5.00 per year. "Touching people's lives in a positive way is my goal," Marty said. He also pointed out the importance of keeping active mentally and physically, and eating healthful foods. All agreed that this is a good recipe for a long, fruitful life. On behalf of the membership, **Phyllis Principe** presented a gift and certificate to Hindsley for his years of dedication to the 55+ Club.

**Lucy Valenti** blew out a candle on a decorative cake, recognizing her 94th birthday.



The 55+ Club activity leaders are, seated, Paul Cribb (Santa), and LaVerne Johnson. Standing, left, Michelle Bacquacua, Jill Blakeway, Sandy Kent, Chairman Marty Hindsley, Joan Spencer, Edith Ludwig, and Phyllis Principe. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind** (BAAB) celebrated its 44th anniversary at an

open house awards tea and election of officers. Located at 674 South Patrick Drive, the non-profit, all volunteer group serves the blind and visually impaired. **Anne McKelvey**, President, gave a brief and enlightening history of BAAB, and recognized **Marge Pailleron**, founder of BAAB, and **Ruth Schler**, the longest active members since its 1966 incorporation. **Don Pike** was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for recording, and **Elaine Paniczko**, Volunteer of the Year for Program for Independent Living. BAAB accumulated 2,000 volunteer hours for 2010.



Honored officials at Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind are, from left, Elaine Paniczko, Eelyn Bartolotta, Susan Taylor, Don Pike, Carolyn Hecker, and Anne McKelvey, President. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

The **holiday season** is the most meaningful and joyous time of the year, and comes and goes far too quickly. However, our community has so many with 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.



Andrew Wright, 761 Verbenia Street, was presented with a colorful yuletide certificate from Judie Kraemer, Chair, Satellite Beach Beautification Board, as winner of the Holiday Lighting Contest. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Satellite Beach Beautification Board** annually sponsors the Holiday Lighting Contest. **Judie Kraemer**,

Satellite Beach Beautification Board Chair, has an excellent review of the Holiday Lighting Contest in this edition of the *Beachcaster* on Page 9. Many thanks to **Okie LoPresti**, who donates a palm tree each year to the winner. This year it was a tall, stately Foxtail Palm. Okie, owner of Exotic Palms & Cycads in Merritt Island, helped in the door-to-door delivery of the *Beachcaster* at the age of nine.

The sixteen Verbenia Court residents are to be commended for their twenty-sixth annual "Christmas in Wonderland" colorful lighting extravaganza. Residents from far and near come each year to view the spirited efforts of this proud neighborhood.

**Satellite Beach Woman's Club (SBWC)** had a successful Christmas project again this year. The Club collected \$1,821 for the South Brevard Sharing Center. Of that total, \$500 was given by the Satellite Beach Reserve Volunteer Fire Department, and the remainder was from SBWC members. The entire donation was placed as a credit to the Second Harvest Food Bank for South Brevard Sharing Center, according to **Del LaFrance**, Club spokesperson.

**Satellite Beach Woman's Club**, under the direction of Art Chairman **Rebecca Castilla**, decorated the Christmas tree in the children's section of the Satellite Beach Public Library. Sea Park Elementary School students made the poinsettias. SBWC donated a Christmas tree and 2,000 lights, which adorned the front of the Satellite Beach Fire Station. The Public Works Department set up the tree and the lights.

**Satellite Beach United Methodist Church**, 450 Lee Avenue, will be sponsoring a FLEA MARKET on Saturday, February 26, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The market will include furniture, clothing, household goods, toys, books, general merchandise, plants, and homemade baked goods. If you have gently used items you wish to donate, please bring them to the church Wednesday, February 23, or Thursday, February 24. To make arrangements for a special pick up, please contact the church office at 777-0116.

If you see a home deserving of the Landscape Award or Spruced Up Award, call Scotty Culp, 773-8391, or City Hall, 773-4407. As an ongoing project, the Beautification Board presents an award certificate and a sign is placed in the winner's lawn.

Unserviceable American flags can be dropped off at VFW Post Home 4643, located at 1252 Highway A1A, or the Satellite Beach Public Library, 751 Jamaica Boulevard.

Be considerate of the water meter reader by keeping the grass trimmed around the meter so the meter reader can quickly spot your meter.

## *School News . . .*

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**Sally Davis**, K-2 teacher at Surfside, is a staunch landscape enthusiast, teaching gardening to her students. They help greatly with weeding the grounds.



Erika Maier beautifies the grounds at Surfside Elementary School. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

**Kassie Erenstoft**, second grade teacher at **Holland Elementary School**, has been named one of six finalists for the Brevard Public Schools' 2011 Teacher of the Year. The winner will be announced March 10. Ms. Erenstoft holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and believes that a gifted education is good for all students and exudes enthusiasm for both teaching and learning. Math and social studies are her favorite subjects.

The **Ocean Breeze Elementary School** Jingle Bell Run Club had over 100 students in grades K-6 participate. Students learned how to pace themselves for long distance runs. Runners had fun getting healthy and fit! Many of the young participants prepared for a two-mile run. Student participants, teacher sponsors **Holly Mentillo** and **Shelly Richardson**, along with family and friends, ran in the Satellite Beach Jingle Bell Run on December 18 with jingle bells on their shoes! Ocean Breeze came in second for the most school participation for the Run, in spite of the rain that left just long enough for the race to commence!

## **Dog Park Engraved Bricks**

Remember your living or deceased pet with an engraved brick, available for \$50. Order forms are available at Satellite Beach Recreation Department, the Dog Park, City Hall, and the City website.

## FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS

**February 26, Hook Kids on Fishing** – Saturday, February 26, from 9-11 a.m., at the S.B. Library pond. Kids ages 6-16 are welcome, along with their parents. There will be instructional centers on casting, fishing techniques, habitat restoration, conservation, knot tying and more! Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 100 registrants. Call 773-6458 to sign up for the free program. Visit [www.anglersforconservation.org](http://www.anglersforconservation.org) for more information.



### **March 5, Little League Opening Day**

Bring the whole family and enjoy food, entertainment, games, and a homerun derby at DeSoto Field! The days' activities will be held between 11 a.m.-2 p.m. View [www.beachsidelittleleague.com](http://www.beachsidelittleleague.com) for Little League updates.



Plan an adventure 15 minutes from your Satellite Beach home! Visit Samsons Island Park.

**March 19, Samsons Island Open House** – Explore the island's trails in hopes of seeing some of the abundant wildlife and stay for a light picnic lunch. Demonstrations will be ongoing, and visitors can view or participate in river seining, exotic and native plant identification, primitive camping, wildlife exhibits, and bird watching programs. Visitors are welcome to bring their fishing pole, binoculars for bird watching, and camera for nature photography. Boat

transportation is available between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; however, reservations on the boat must be made in advance by calling 773-6458. The boat will be leaving from the dock just west of the S.B. Fire Department.

**March 26, Family Movie Night in the Park** – Family movie night will be held at the Satellite Beach Civic Center, with the fun beginning at 6 p.m. We will be grillin' hamburgers and hot dogs (sold at a nominal fee). There will be family games and entertainment until the feature movie, "George of the Jungle," begins at dusk. To assist in a head count, pick up your free ticket by March 25.

Remember to bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs, as we will be sitting picnic style on the grass. Youth must be accompanied by at least one adult.

**April 1, Spring Break Beach Bash** – Pelican Beach Park is the location for the 2011 Spring Break Beach Bash from 12 noon-4:00 p.m. There will be music, volleyball games, beach games, and loads of fun. Lunch will be available for purchase. Everyone is welcome!

**April 8 and 9, "Princess and the Pea"** – The Junior Theatre workshop, ages 5-12, will offer two performances of their production on Fri., April 8, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, at 11:00 a.m. Performances will be held at the S.B. Civic Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 each, and are available at the door.

**April 16, Trash Bash 2011** Keep Brevard Beautiful sponsors this annual Trash Bash. Individuals and families can check in at Pelican Beach Park between 8:00 a.m.-12 noon. Bring the whole family and clean up our beaches, parks, and schools.

## CLASSES FOR YOUTH

**Creative Playtime Classes**  
This series of classes promotes positive growth development for

motor skills, speech, and socialization through the use of music, story time, and play, at the DRS Comm. Center. Parents/caretakers are required to stay and participate. An additional lab fee is paid at the first class. **Babies, 12-24 months**, Friday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., April 8-May 13. Cost is \$30 per session. **Toddlers, 20-36 months**, Tues., 10:00-11:30 a.m., April 5-May 17. Cost is \$47 per session. A second class meets on Fri., 10:00-11:30 a.m., April 8-May 20. Cost is \$40 per session.

### **"Kidstuff" Guitar Classes**

Students ages 7-15 bring their own guitar (acoustic or electric) and will be taught at their own pace using an instructional book and CD. Cost is \$70 per session, plus a \$30 material fee. Tuesday classes meet at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse from 6-7 p.m., March 1-22 and April 5-26. Saturday classes meet at the DRS Comm. Ctr. from 12 noon-1:00 p.m., and also 1-2 p.m., March 5-26 and April 2-30.

### **Art A' La Carte Classes**

Students ages 6-8, Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the DRS Community Center, will practice seeing the lines and shapes that make drawing easy and fun! Students ages 9-14, Tuesday from 5-6 p.m., at the DRS Community Center will explore cartooning, still life, assemblage, and portraiture. The four-week session dates are: March 1-22 and April 5-26. Cost is \$40.

**Spanish for Youth** – Children will learn Spanish through songs, games, and other activities. The March class will focus on "A Trip to the Market." Mondays at the DRS Community Center, March 21-May 16. Cost is \$60. Ages 4-7 from 3:30-4:00 p.m.; Ages 8-11 from 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Sign Language** – Learning to sign is much like learning a foreign language. Students ages 8 years and older can sign-up for either the Level 1 class, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or the Level 2 class, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the DRS Comm. Center. The six-week session

dates are Monday, March 14-April 25 (no meeting on March 28). Cost is \$25 per session.

### **Samsons Island Wild Secrets:**

**Wild Edibles: Snacking in the Woods**, Monday, Feb. 21, (a public school holiday) from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Samsons Island is a "wild" kind of place with wild plants growing there. The question is: What plants are edible? **The Great Horned Owl: What's a "pellet" anyway?** Friday, April 22, (a public school holiday) from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Why are there so many pellets on Samsons Island? Learn about this and many more revolting and revealing owl facts during this island adventure. Youth 7-12 years can join the walk-talk-taste program in the wilds of Samsons Island. Cost is \$10 per person. Both groups leave from the dock at the S.B. Fire Dept. and ride a boat to Samsons Island.

**Jump It Up** – Learn skipping skills from beginner to advanced in short rope freestyle, long rope, and double-dutch! Youth ages 6-18 years, Monday, February 21 (a public school holiday), from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the DRS Comm. Center Gym. Cost is \$25.

### **Other Classes for Youth:**

**Little Sports** for ages 3-5, teaches the basics of traditional sports such as basketball, soccer, and baseball. Monthly sign-ups.

**Tae Kwon Do** for ages 3 ½-5, teaches safety awareness and promotes self-control. Monthly sign-ups.

**My Little Genius** for ages 3-5, encourages parent and child interaction by teaching science in an unusually fun manner. Monthly sign-ups.

**Beachside Bouncers** is an energized jump rope program for ages 6-18. Monthly sign-ups.

**Baton Twirling** teaches twirling skills, rhythm, and coordination to youth ages 5-15. Tues., Feb. 22 and April 12.

**Tae Kwon Do** for youth ages 5 and older. Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monthly sign-ups.

**Youth Volleyball Clinic** for youth ages 8-17, at DRS Community Center Gymnasium on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., throughout the school year. Monthly sign-ups.

**Homeschool Mr. Science Classes** for home schooled students ages 7-13. Monthly sign-ups.

**Mr. Science Fun** is held each Monday, 4:00-5:00 p.m., at the DRS Comm. Center. Monthly sign-ups, or you can pay a \$7 per day drop-in fee.

## ACTIVITIES THAT KEEP YOU MOVING

**Mike Gaudy Basketball Academy** – This clinic is designed to teach basic skills to beginner players and push the serious advanced players to another level. All aspects of the game will be covered. Youth ages 8-15, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m., at the DRS Comm. Center Gym. Cost is \$50 per session. Session dates are: March 15-April 5 and April 12-May 3.

**Tennis Classes** – Classes are held on Mondays. Beginner players, ages 6-9, meet from 4-5 p.m.; Ages 9-12 meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Ages 13 years-Adults meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Intermediate players, ages 10 and older, meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. A new five-week session begins March 21. Cost is \$55 per session.

**Pick-Up Volleyball Games** Adults are welcome to join *Open Volleyball Night* on Monday at 7:00 p.m., which is informal coed play at a "B" level. \$1.25 per person at the DRS Community Center Gymnasium.

**Pick-Up Basketball Games** Men are welcome to join *Open Basketball Night* on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. \$1.25 per person at the DRS Community Center Gymnasium.

## CLASSES FOR ADULTS

**Family Dog Training Classes** Students should be 12 years and older and dogs must be at least 2 months old.

This is a positive based basic course, meaning it does not use traditional methods, nor favor the use of choke or prong collars. Teach your dog to pay attention to you, sit, stay, lie down, come when called, and walk beside you without pulling. The course is from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8-April 26. Cost is \$85 for the session.

**Adult Guitar Class** – Adults bring their own guitar (acoustic or electric) and will learn at their own pace using an instruction book and CD. The cost is \$75 per session, plus a \$30 material fee. Tuesdays at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 7-8 p.m. Next four-week class begins on March 1 and April 5.

**Community for a Lifetime** The Community for a Lifetime series offers informative presentations to seniors, giving them the tools necessary to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. The next program is March 23 at 12:30 p.m. Vicki Buckley will discuss the Bone Walkers Osteoporosis support program. All programs are held at the DRS Comm. Center. Free, but RSVP to 773-6458.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### *Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program*

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

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## About The Library



Books and other media on *Love, Libraries, and Chocolate* will be on display during the month of Feb.

**Teen Advisory Council** – Saturday, February 19, and March 26, at 2 p.m., ages 12-18. Help us plan teen summer programs and earn volunteer hours.

**Friends Annual Board Meeting** – Mon., Feb. 21, and March 14, at 2 p.m.. Meetings are open to the public.

**Great Decisions 2011** – Presented by the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast. *German Ascendant*, Tuesday, February 22, at 1 p.m.; *The Caucasus*, Tuesday, March 8, at 1 p.m.; *Responding to the Financial Crisis*, Tuesday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m. Call Mary Nicolay at 723-6169 for information.

**Barbara's Book Chats** – Mon., Feb. 28, at 1 p.m., *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas; Mon., March 28, at 1 p.m., *Half-Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel* by Jeannette Walls. New members are welcome. Contact Barbara at the Reference Desk, 779-4004, for details.

**Dr. Seuss Week** – Thursday, March 3, at 3:30 p.m. Join us for a special story time to celebrate Dr. Seuss Week. All ages are welcome.

**Teen Tech Week 2011** – Celebrate, Mix & Match at Your Library! March 6-12, ages 12-18. Stop in Youth Services all month long for themed book displays and reading lists. Enter our digital scavenger hunt contest.

**Library Board Meeting** – March 8 at 6:00 p.m.

**How to Survive a Robot Uprising** – For teens, Sat., March 12, at 1 p.m. Food, fun, a robot craft, and a movie.

**Teen Book Club** – Tues., March 29, at 6 p.m., ages 12-18. *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov. Copies at Youth Services.

**Spring Cleaning Craft** – Wed., March 30, at 2:00 p.m. Join us for a special craft program over spring break. Ages 5 and up. Limit 60. Sign up in Youth Services.

**Teen Steampunk Craft** in honor of Teen Tech Week. Thursday, March 31, at 3:30 p.m., ages 12-18. Limit 10. Sign up at Youth Services.

**Volunteers Are Needed** Wednesday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to help with the courier delivery. Physical work and computer knowledge is needed. Contact Nancy at 779-4004.

**Toddler Time with Ms. Karen** – Wednesday and Thursday mornings, ages 15-36 months. Sign-up required; contact Youth Services at 779-4004.

**Family Story Time with Ms. Marlana** – Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., ages 3 and up. No sign-up required.

**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 is \$5. Call Dianne at 773-2139 for more information.