



CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH BEACHCASTER

YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2025

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK VICE MAYOR MARK BOYD

Looking Back and Looking Forward



As I find is increasingly the case in life these days as a man embracing middle age, when I look back to when I was a freshly minted fortysomething running for Council in the fall of 2022, it is sometimes hard to believe that three years have passed, and at other times hard to believe that it has only been three years. Those who preceded me with the City of Satellite Beach had a lot

of good ideas, and I feel confident in saying at this juncture that four year Council terms was one of those good ideas. In addition to creating a potential separation from electoral responsiveness that would be inconsistent with tenets of good governance (particularly at the local level) in my view, anything longer than four years would be a daunting proposition for potential applicants, as things do change in people's lives (often in unexpected ways) from time to time. Shorter terms, however, would also present challenges, including but not limited to the potential to veer beyond appropriate electoral responsiveness into a "perpetual campaign" type of environment. With four years, at least in my experience so far, a Council Member is never too far away from the election to remember the voices of the voters (whether they said they were voting for you or not – they are all constituents in any event), but also has ample time to find one's own voice, and to listen and learn from City staff and colleagues on Council in the role.

For my part, I am incredibly proud to have played some part (along with a number of others in each instance) in a number of City accomplishments of all shapes and sizes including but not limited to the following:

- Intersection safety improvements (notably stop sign at Cassia and Kale crosswalk)
- Construction of new Sports Park "press box" recreational building
- Construction of new Skate Park shade structure
- Additional recreational improvements such as field lighting, basketball courts, and dock
- Keeping Sports Park unenclosed for public use
- Renaming of DeSoto Park in honor of former Mayor Frank Catino

- Construction of new playground at Mayor Catino Park
- Construction of new tennis hut at Mayor Catino Park
- Compensation enhancement for public safety (fire and police) competitiveness
- Creation of victim advocate position (joint with IHB)
- Construction of new fire station
- Beautification projects (including murals and wrapping utility boxes)
- Responding to citizens by implementing a beach parking program
- Responding to citizens by removing "booting" from the beach parking program
- Decreasing our millage rate each year (including getting – and keeping – it below 8 mills)

Looking back on all that (and more), knowing that it has not always been a straight line to get there, and also having great faith in our current trajectory under City Manager Retherford's leadership, it would be theoretically fulfilling to contemplate the prospect of another successive term. I know in my heart, however, that, with (net positive) changes to my personal responsibilities (notably our two sons commencing their formative time just before young manhood – not to mention the full scope of youth activities), my family will need my time outside of work hours more than will the City in the coming years (and increasingly), and I will want to be there for them (and for myself, too), so I will not be running for reelection in 2026.

I hope that I have been able to contribute things of value to the City with my own distinctive viewpoint and skillset on Council over the past three years, and I look forward to being able to continue to do so over the next year, but I also know that there are tons of great future leaders (whether they currently identify as such or not) living in our City who would do it a tremendous service by contributing theirs. There will be time for "thank yous and goodbyes" later, but at this time, I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage anyone who thinks they may be interested in serving the City as a Council Member (or even if they don't think so just yet) to start following meetings and asking questions. For my part, I am grateful to have had this experience, and I will be happy to share what I have learned about our City from knocking on doors as a candidate and then up on the dais as a Council Member with anyone who asks.

H A P P Y
Holidays

CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

All City Council meetings are open to the public and available to view live or archived on the City's website at www.satellitebeach.gov. For more information on an item listed below, please contact the City Clerk at (321) 773-4407 or cityclerk@satellitebeach.gov.

September 3, 2025, Regular Meeting

- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1272 on first reading, which established a millage rate of 7.9 mills for FY 25/26.
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1273 on first reading, which adopted the FY 2025-2026 budget.
- Directed staff to research code changes on Sec 30-510, Accessory Structures.
- Directed staff to research code changes to allow car washes in commercial zones.
- Approved the City Manager's annual salary increase.
- Appointed Halyn Hargis and Charlotte Ripton to Youth Council.

September 17, 2025, Special Meetings

- Approved the Recreation Director to apply for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grants, requesting funding for upgrades at the Sports Park and Olson Park and Ball-field.

September 17, 2025, Regular Meeting

- Recognized David Vosburgh for his 22 years of service on the Board of Adjustment!
- Approved Resolution No. 1073, which ratified a prior action pertaining to Arctic Rays, LLC.
- Held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. 1272 on second, which established a millage rate of 7.9 mills for FY 25/26.
- Held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. 1273 on second, which adopted the FY 2025-2026 budget.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1274 on first reading, which amended Sec. 30-558 to allow for development agreement fees.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1275 on first reading, which created Sec. 30-304 to require site construction plans.
- Discussed Sherwood Avenue Halloween.
- Appointed Caroline Brewer and Zander Colangelo to Youth Council.

October 1, 2025 Regular Meeting

- Presented a proclamation for "Energy Awareness Month."
- Presented a proclamation for "Fire Prevention Week."
- Held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. 1274 on second reading, which amended Sec. 30-558 to allow for development agreement fees.
- Held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. 1275 on second reading, which created Sec. 30-304 to require site construction plans.
- Adopted Resolution No. 1075, establishing and updating Building, Zoning and Development Review Fees.

October 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

- Swearing-in of Kevin Duclos, Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services and introduction of Firefighter Max VanVonderan.
- Approved an application for the Coastal Initiative Partnership Grant to fund invasive species removal and habitat restoration.
- Approved installation of a Military Medallion Wall at City Hall.
- Approved a proposal from Watauga Company in the amount of \$77,968.14 for additional work on the Tennis Hut project.
- Approved piggy-back agreement for disaster debris collection and disposal and removal and recovery management services.
- Approved piggy-back agreement for fuel services.
- Approved Florida Technical Consultants contract for GIS Services.


UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER


1	FRI 9AM - 12PM	FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION DRS COMMUNITY CENTER
5	WED 6PM	CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11	TUES	VETERAN'S DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED
19	WED 6PM	CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
20	THURS 5:30PM	BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT CADILLAC COVE
25	TUES 12PM	LUNCH & LEARN: WM CIVIC CENTER
27-28	THURS - FRI	THANKSGIVING BREAK CITY OFFICES CLOSED

DECEMBER


3	WED 6PM	CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7	SUN 5:30PM - 8:30PM	HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE SB FIRE DEPT
8-13	MON - SAT	SBFD TWILIGHT SANTA
19	FRI 6PM	HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE
25-26	THURS - FRI	CHRISTMAS BREAK CITY OFFICES CLOSED
31	WED	NEW YEARS EVE



HONORING OUR EMPLOYEE VETERANS



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



L - R: Kurt Comer (Army), Andrew Preman (Army), Scott Arnold (Marine Corps), Mark Malkin (Air Force), Allen Potter (Air Force), Dylan Schiavone (Army), and Vinnie Santos (Marine Corps)

Photo credit: Ron Culp (Marine Corps)





VETERAN SPOTLIGHT:

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY USMC!



John Phillips grew up in East Providence, RI, and attended high school at LaSalle Academy. He was an exceptional runner and in 1947, was selected to the All-State Cross Country team for Rhode Island. After graduating high school, he was offered a leadership scholarship to Boston University where he also ran track and was captain of the cross-country team. John graduated from BU in 1952 with a BS degree in Education and then in 1971, earned a Master of Arts degree in Personnel Administration (Human Resource Management) from George Washington University.

After graduating college, John and a buddy decided to head down to the military recruiting office at the post office and join the Navy. With entrance exams and physicals completed, both signed contracts to become Naval Officers, but were disappointed when the recruiter told them Officers Candidate School wasn't for another six months. On their way out, they ran into a Marine Corps Captain wearing the dress blue uniform. After an inspiring talk and the opportunity to attend Marine OCS sooner, the young men changed their minds and signed up to become Marines. Two months later, John was in Quantico, VA attending OCS. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt in 1952 and graduated from The Basic School in 1953.

His first duty assignment was with the 3rd Marine Div in Japan, but was later transferred to 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Korea. On his return to the States in 1954, he was assigned to OCS as an instructor and a member of the staff. While dining at the Officers Mess, he noticed two female Marine Officers having dinner and one was wearing a BU ring. Capt. Phillips walked over, introduced himself as an alumnus of the same school, and was asked to join them. 1st Lt Patricia McDonough was the first female Marine Officer assigned to TBS and was an assistant in the Operations Dept. From that day forward, John and Patsy were inseparable, and married in 1956. As per DoD policy, Patsy had to leave the Marine Corps in 1957 when she was expecting their first child.

John's distinguished 35-year career included tours of duty in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Other assignments included: Executive Officer for 1st Bn, 8th Marines during the defense of Guantanamo Bay during the 1963 Cuban Missile Crisis (Capt); Ground Defense Officer at Chu Lai, Vietnam (Maj); NROTC Instructor, Holy Cross College (LtCol); Director Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico (Col); Commander, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune (Brig Gen); Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Butler, Okinawa (Maj Gen); and Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff, United States Forces, Japan. During this tour, Maj Gen Phillips was awarded the prestigious Order of the Sacred Treasure Medallion by the Government of Japan.

In 1986, he was nominated by the President for his third star and assignment to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington DC, as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations. While there, he was the driving force and key decision maker that prevented the cancellation of the V-22 Osprey Program. Lt Gen Phillips retired from the USMC in 1988 and for his dedicated service, he received the Navy Marine Corps Distinguished Service Medal; our nation's highest military award for peacetime service. He was also recognized by BU and presented the Outstanding Alumni Award for public service to the profession. In 1990, John was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in recognition of his amazing career.

John and Patsy moved to Satellite Beach in 1997 for the warm weather and green golf courses. John started golfing in college, but it was during his days as an OCS instructor that the golfing bug took hold. The walls at his house are covered with Marine Corps memorabilia, but it's the pictures of golf outings with Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson and Charlie Sifford (1st Black golfer in the PGA) that he enjoys talking about the most. During his 70 plus years of golfing, he has hit five hole-in-ones, with the last one happening in 2020 at Suntree golf course.

During retirement, the Phillips were active volunteers with the SBPD, Meals on Wheels, and other local community service programs. John and Patsy were married for 63 years at the time of her passing and raised two children: son Ian and daughter Pilar, along with nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. John still golfs three times a week and enjoys walking on the beach. He will celebrate his 95th birthday this December.

Happy Veterans Day General Phillips and thank you for your selfless service to our Great Nation. Semper Paratus!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

STORMWATER AND YOU

WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

Stormwater is rainwater that runs off impervious surfaces into structures and conveyances such as inlets and swales. This water ultimately ends up in the Indian River Lagoon. An illicit discharge is any non-stormwater discharge/dumping to the City's stormwater system, including, but not limited to:

- Paints, oils, and solvents
- Cleaning and equipment washing waste
- Vehicle fluids
- Commercial vehicle washing
- Lawn clippings and yard debris
- Construction waste
- Cooking oil and grease
- Laundry wastewater/ detergent
- Chlorinated pool water

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Do not dump or discharge anything around or on streets, curbs, stormwater drains, ponds, or swales.
- Dispose of all hazardous materials and vehicle fluids at an authorized collection center.
- Keep your vehicle properly maintained.
- Blow lawn clippings back onto the lawn.
- Never wash paint, stucco, concrete, or other construction materials into the stormwater system.
- Dechlorinate pool water prior to discharge.
- If you see an illicit discharge, report it to Code Enforcement at (321) 773-4409.



IRL UPDATE

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Aquatic Habitat Conservation and Restoration Section

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT COMING SOON...

SAMSONS ISLAND

Just West of our city's beloved Samsons Island will be the implementation of an FWC aquatic restoration project to restore fish habitats, enhance ecosystem function, and increase resilience in the Indian River Lagoon. While seagrass is slowly recovering in some areas of the lagoon, recovery has been limited in our region of the Banana River Lagoon due to environmental conditions and a lack of nearby seagrasses to facilitate regrowth.



The Satellite Beach Aquatic Habitat Mosaic Project will directly address the loss of seagrass habitat in the southern Banana River Lagoon by first installing 2 acres of emergent limestone rock oyster reef breakwaters approximately 300 - 400 feet west of Samsons Island. These breakwaters are designed to promote seagrass growth by stabilizing sediments and reducing wave action across historic seagrass beds. In addition to oysters, these breakwaters will also host mangrove habitat. Following completion of the breakwaters, 7.2 acres inside the project area will be planted with 15,000 planting units of native seagrasses.

FUNDING

Funding for this project is made possible by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and NOAA through its Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant awarded to the IRL Council.

TIMELINE

Breakwater Construction: Fall 2025

Seagrass Planting: 2026 - 2027

City-wide Cleanup & Electronic Waste Recycling

Time to clean out your bulk items and old electronics! Dumpsters will be available at the back of the City Hall parking lot.

PLEASE:

- **NO** appliances
- **NO** tires, batteries, oil, or hazardous waste
- **NO** construction waste
- **NO** regular household garbage
- **NO** cardboard
- **DO NOT** place garbage outside of dumpsters



DUMPSTERS: NOV. 7 - 17
E-WASTE: NOV. 8

Questions?

(321)773-4407



Location

Satellite Beach City Hall
565 Cassia Blvd
Satellite Beach

Website

www.satellitebeach.gov



PROTECT OUR DUNES

PLEASE KEEP OFF

New dune restoration efforts took place this past season, including the planting of vital sea oats. These plants play a critical role in stabilizing the dunes, reducing erosion, and protecting our community from storm impacts.

THEY NEED TIME TO GROW



FOOT TRAFFIC COMPROMISES DUNE RESILIENCE



Foot traffic on the dunes damages the root systems of these young sea oats and compromises the integrity of the dune itself.

Even a few steps can undo months of progress and put our shoreline at greater risk.

Please do your part:
Stay off the dunes and use designated beach crossover paths.



Give our dunes and the plants that hold them together a fighting chance!

Thank you for being a good neighbor and steward of our coast.

NO PLASTIC BAGS

In your recycling cart. Collecting your recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into your cart.

YES:



NO:



NO:



Why can't I recycle plastic bags?

Bags and soft plastics cause major problems at recycling plants by wrapping around sorting equipment, forcing shutdowns up to six times a day for up to two hours each. This slows recycling, increases costs, creates safety risks, and often sends good recyclables to the landfill. See the impact in this video (link or QR code). www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMLqPANSk4

So, what can I do with plastic bags?

REDUCE. Always bring a reusable bag to shop and stop the spread of plastic at the source.

REUSE. Using bags multiple times reduces the need to buy new ones and cuts household waste.



The Satellite Beach Sustainability Board is offering free solar assessments for homeowners and businesses. **If interested, contact Steve Gillem at Stevegillem@gmail.com.**

Happy Fall Migration!

From mid-August to early December, thousands of birds travel south along the Atlantic Flyway, stopping at our beaches, parks, and conservation areas like Hightower Beach, Pelican Beach, Samsons Island, and the Sports Park. Songbirds, shorebirds, and raptors rely on these habitats to rest and refuel.



Protect Our Birds

You can make a big difference! **Turn off unnecessary artificial lights at night**—it can confuse migrating birds, causing collisions and exhaustion. Plant native vegetation, keep pets indoors, and protect natural areas.



Our new City website has launched!



Check it out!

www.satellitebeach.gov

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Dog Park Expansion Ribbon-Cutting

The City of Satellite Beach is excited to announce the grand opening of the newly expanded Dog Park — a project that reflects the community's love for its four-legged residents and the dedication of the city teams who made it possible.

The idea of expanding the park grew naturally from what City staff observed daily: residents and their dogs absolutely loved the space. The park had become one of the most popular spots in the city, and it was clear that a larger area was needed to safely and comfortably accommodate everyone who enjoys it.

The City's Recreation Department plays a key role in the Dog Park's daily operations. The team manages registration, verifies dog records, and ensures the park remains a safe, organized, and welcoming environment for all visitors.

From the very beginning, Environmental Scientist Carley Kestranek was the driving force behind the expansion. She coordinated planning efforts, secured permits, and worked diligently to ensure the project protected the City's local wildlife. Her thoughtful design and attention to detail were vital to the project's success.

The expansion was also made possible through a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant, which provided essential funding support and helped stretch City resources even further.

The physical transformation of the site was led by several dedicated City teams:

- Grounds Crew Leader John Heer and his team installed the irrigation system, graded the site, cleared vegetation, and completed all the finishing touches that brought the new space to life.
- Facilities Crew Leader Andy Robichaud and his crew were responsible for the new lighting and the beautifully refurbished sign. Andy worked side by side with Trae, Mike, Paul, and Shannon, ensuring every detail was handled with care.
- Infrastructure Manager Kurt Comer and his team — Andrew, David, Pat, and Dillon — poured the foundation for the sign and installed new sidewalks, tying the entire project together.

"This project was truly a team effort," said City Manager Brittany Retherford "The collaboration between departments and the support of our residents made this expansion possible. We now have a space our community — and their furry friends — can enjoy for many years to come."

The city extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the project's success. The newly expanded Dog Park is now officially open and ready for all to enjoy!



Public Works employees hard at work!
From L to R: Kyle Gilcher, Daniel Vukovich,
Mark Essick, Carley Kestranek

CROTTY PARK BEAUTIFICATION

Made possible by passionate residents, the Tree and Beautification Board,
and your Public Works Department



Exciting improvements to Crotty Park!

This beautification project was first inspired by a passionate resident's vision and quickly gained momentum with the support of the City's Tree and Beautification Board. Board members have played a key role in planning and design, as well as helping to support the funding to bring the idea to life. The goal was to create an attractive, low-maintenance landscape using native, beach-tolerant plants that support pollinators and enhance the local ecosystem. At the same time, the project is designed to maintain clear access for Brevard County to use the lot for future large-scale beach restoration efforts. We're proud to partner with everyone involved to both support environmental goals and preserve an essential beach access point, keeping Satellite Beach beautiful, resilient, and biodiverse!

BEACH PARKING FOR CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH RESIDENTS!



*Your Pass Is Valid Until
December 31st 2026!*

Please keep your information current! Your Satellite Beach Resident Beach Pass operates from your vehicles license plate number, NOT a sticker!

Not Sure of something?

Please just reach out we are happy to help!

321-773-4407 EXT 510

240 Jackson Ave

parksboffice@municipalparking.com



Senior Resource Alliance and
Satellite Beach Fire Department Present



DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT FALLING?



A MATTER OF
BALANCE

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is a **FUN**, award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This 4-week workshop emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable.
- set goals for increasing activity!
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home!
- exercise to increase strength and balance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls.
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength.
- anyone who has fallen in the past.
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns.

*Dates:

February 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25
Monday & Wednesday

Time:

10:00 – 12:00
or
1:00-3:00

Location:

Satellite Beach Civic Center
565 Cassia Blvd.
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

**The Workshop is conducted over 8 sessions, meeting twice a week, 2 hours per session.*

**To sign up for the 8 session workshop
Please call**

Satellite Beach Fire Department at
321-773-4405 ext. 302

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

-FREE TO ATTEND-

The mission of the Senior Resource Alliance (SRA) is to coordinate, develop, monitor and evaluate/review services and resources for elders in Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties, enabling them to age with independence and dignity. SRA is the Area Agency on Aging of Central Florida. For more information, please visit our website at www.seniorresourcealliance.org



Christmas Bazaar! Oceanside Community Church, located at 305 Cassia Blvd., Satellite Beach, will be having a Christmas Bazaar on December 6 from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. There will be beautifully wrapped themed baskets, arts, crafts and baked goods. Cash or checks only. Admission is free. Need more information? Call 321-777-1658.



SATELLITE BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

MAX VANVONDEREN

Join us in welcoming Firefighter/EMT, Max VanVonderen!

My name is Max VanVonderen and I was born and raised in Satellite Beach.

After graduating high school, I spent many years job hunting and traveling to figure out what I didn't want to do first.

I've always highly respected the firefighting community and wanted to move toward an honorable career I could be proud of.

I decided to attend Eastern Florida State College where I achieved my Firefighter certificate in July, 2025.

My future goals include attending paramedic school and continuing my education to enhance my skills in the medical and firefighting field.

In my spare time, I enjoy surfing, golfing and spending time with my lovely girlfriend!



Twilight Santa 2025



Departing the Fire Department @ 6:00 PM

Monday, Dec. 8th: Jackson Ave. south to Park Ave. - East of S. Patrick Dr
 Tuesday, Dec. 9th: Park Ave. south to Cinnamon Drive
 Wednesday, Dec. 10th: West side of S. Patrick Drive
 Thursday, Dec. 11th: Cassia Blvd. south to DeSoto Parkway
 Friday, Dec. 12th: DeSoto Parkway south to City Line
 Saturday, Dec. 13th: Satellite Beach portion of Tortoise Island, Pelican Coast & Montecito

PLEASE ENSURE ALL TREES ARE TRIMMED FROM RIGHT OF WAY SO SANTA CAN GET THROUGH EVERY STREET SAFELY!



❄️ Satellite Beach Fire Department ❄️

240 Jackson Avenue

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE IS BACK!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Guest Appearance by **THE GRINCH**

Live Musical Performances

Kids Games

Bounce House

Face Painters

Refreshments

Roast Marshmallows

Crafts & Story Time

Watch It SNOW!

DJ Timmy Vee

BRING an unwrapped toy for Satellite Cares



SATELLITE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Holiday Wish List FOR A SCAM-FREE SEASON



To: The Satellite Beach Residents

From: The Satellite Beach Police Department

The holiday season should be filled with joy — twinkling lights, laughter with loved ones. Unfortunately, this time of year is when many of us are shopping more, donating more, and juggling busy schedules... and scammers are counting on that.

That's why the *Satellite Beach Police Department* has put together our Holiday Wish List — a list of what we're wishing for most to keep our community safe this season.

OUR HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Wish 1: Spot the Fakes Before You Click

Our first wish is that no one clicks on fake delivery texts or phishing emails. If you get a message saying your package is delayed or payment is required, go directly to the retailer's website or app — don't use the link in the message.

Wish 2: Keep the Grinch Away from Your Giving and Your Clicking

We wish for everyone to shop only on secure, trusted websites. The Grinch loves sending fake emails and texts with "amazing deals" that lead to copycat sites. These copycat sites trick you into entering credit card information for items that don't exist or steal your personal information.

Look for "https://" in the address bar, type the website name directly instead of clicking links, and read reviews or check ratings before making a purchase.

Gift cards are for gifts, not payments. When shopping online, use a credit card for better fraud protection — and avoid wire transfers or prepaid cards since those can't be recovered.

Wish 3 : Phishing & Smishing: Keep Your Clicks Merry & Bright

We wish every resident could spot the Grinch (the scammer) before he strikes. Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust — a friend, coworker, or family member — by using their real email address or phone number. They may ask you to buy gift cards as a "favor" or even demand that you use them to pay a bill or fee. Once you share the card numbers, the money is gone instantly.

Tip: Gift cards are for giving, not paying. Always verify by calling the person directly on a trusted number before making a purchase.

Wish 4 : No More Crypto Cons

We wish for a season free of cryptocurrency scams. The Grinch (Scammer) may call, email, or message demanding payment in Bitcoin or other digital currency — but no legitimate company, or Law Enforcement Agency will ever request a payment in Bitcoin or digital currency.

Tip: If someone demands payment in crypto, it's a scam. Hang up, delete the message, and report it.

If You've Been Scammed by the Grinch

- 1 Call the *Satellite Beach Police Department* non-emergency line at (321) 773-4400
- 2 Contact your bank or credit card company right away to report and dispute charges
- 3 Review your credit report at [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com) to check for suspicious accounts or activity

Warm holiday wishes,

Satellite Beach Police Department

Follow the *Satellite Beach Police Department* on Facebook for more safety tips and community updates —and let's make this season one of joy, not scams!



SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club, in coordination with the City of Satellite Beach, invites you to join us for Founders' Day/Marketplace which will be on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the Schechter Center 1089 S .Patrick Drive. The theme this year is "Join the Flock Come Celebrate Community with Us ". We hope to see you there. **Parking for our event is no longer a problem as Satellite High School has reserved the football parking area for Founders Day. So there is plenty of parking just 1 block behind the Schechter Center by using the entrance to Holland Elementary School.**

Please check out our website: <http://gfwcsatellitebeachwomansclub.org>

In December, we will continue to raise funds for Satellite Cares in coordination with SB Volunteer Fire Department to help our community members in need during the holidays.

GFWC SBWC is offering (3) \$500.00 grants to DeLaura MS and SHS teachers. The winners will be notified in December.

The Satellite Beach Woman's Club invites all women who live in our community to join our organization to serve our community. If you are interested in finding out more about our club, contact Terry Miller at marytiller@gmail.com.

GFWC SBWC wishes all a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and Hanukkah.



SATELLITE BEACH LIONS CLUB

Here we go into the holidays again! The Satellite Beach Lions Club (SBLC) is again asking for your help to feed local families in need this Christmas. The Christmas Food Basket service project has been a SBLC tradition for 35 years. Though the level of need is always different, our dedication to our community never changes.

If you'd like to donate to this project, we have something to give you in return. You probably have people in your life that you just don't know what to get for Christmas? For each donation of \$35, we will send one of those people a letter letting them know a food basket was dedicated in their honor. What better way to give a meaningful gift?

All letters will be mailed by Dec. 20th. You can donate by sending a check (and names and addresses of the people you want letters for) to Satellite Beach Lions Club, P.O. Box 372462, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 **OR** for credit card payments call: Helene Thompson at 203-731-1964 or email Treasurer@sblionsclub.org. For more information contact Terry Bush at terry.bush22@gmail.com or 321-298-7792.



55+ CLUB OF SATELLITE BEACH



Happy Holidays from your local Senior social club!!! Seniors 55 or older are welcome to join and city residency is not a requirement. Membership can be completed at the David R. Schechter Community Center (1089 S Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach) by paying the \$10 annual dues and filling out an informational card. **OR** – You can now join or renew your membership on our website www.55plusclubofsb.com. An additional \$1 service fee is added for this convenience.

Our travel programs are back up and running after a hiatus. We traveled to McKee Botanical Gardens and Wildwood Antique Mall in Vero Beach, Florida in October. Our next day trip is to St. Augustine Nights of Lights on December 16th. The cost per person is \$70 and the deadline to register is November 15th. Registration is at the SB Recreation Office located at 1089 S. Patrick Drive. For more information on the St. Augustine Nights of Lights trip, please call Beth at 321-626-70998. We also have extended trips planned for 2026. In February (16-20, 2026) we will be headed to Savannah, Jekyll Island and Charleston. The trip is \$799 per person/double occupancy. In September (21-26, 2026) we will be going to Pidgeon Forge and Smokey Mountains Show Trip. This trip is \$825 per person/double occupancy. Each of these extended trips include transportation, lodging, some meals and other activities. For more information, please call Mary at 702-927-4120.

More information about the club and our 18 different activities can be found at www.55plusclubofsb.com, on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/55plusclubofsatellitebeach/> or by scanning the QR code. You can also call/email Jill Blakeway, President, at 321-431-0038/ jillb215@aol.com.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Holidays in Satellite Beach

The holiday season is upon us, and Satellite Beach is ready to celebrate with its much-anticipated lineup of annual events. This year's festivities promise to deliver the signature charm and community spirit that locals have come to love. There is nothing more special than seeing our community come together to celebrate the holidays. Some of these events are a cherished tradition and a couple are new. We are so excited to see everyone out and about, getting into the festive spirit. Happy Holidays from your Satellite Beach Recreation Department!

Skate Camp

Ages 6-12. Our skateboard lessons are designed for skateboarders of all levels. Whether you're a beginner or a more experienced rider, our skate programs will help you improve your skills.

Cost: \$60.00 SB Residents
\$66.00 Non-Residents

Days/Time: Mon-Wed, 9:00-11:30am
Dates: Dec 29-31

Cookies, Crafts & Christmas Cheer

Ages 5-12. Join us for a merry and magical holiday celebration! We'll whip up tasty cookies, create festive crafts to take home, and enjoy games with friends. Holiday magic is a promise!

Cost: \$20.00 SB Residents
\$22.00 Non-Residents

Day/Time: Friday, 5:00-6:30PM
Date: December 19

Check out these NEW Programs!

Bookworms

Ages 3-4. Bookworms is an intergenerational reading program offered by the Recreation Department. It offers area seniors and preschoolers the opportunity to interact. Preschoolers will have story time and playtime. The 55+ Club "Between the Lines" book group will be the participating seniors reading to the preschool children. Each month will revolve around a different theme. November's theme is "under the sea". If you are interested in having your child participate, you can register on line at playsatellitebeach.org or come into our office to register. This is a FREE program, but pre-registration is required. Dates are November 12 and December 10, 2025 from 10:30-11:15am at the DRS Community Center.

Jazz Concert Series

The Recreation Department has partnered with the New Horizons Band of Rockledge to bring the community free concerts. Their Jazz band comes to Satellite Beach three times each year to perform for the community at our Civic Center. For more information on the band go to:

<https://www.newhorizonsbandofrockledge.com>.

To register for these or any of our classes and programs, please scan the QR code above, go to playsatellitebeach.org or come by the DRS Community Center Recreation office.

Pawtastic Pet Pics

The Satellite Beach Recreation Department loves our furry friends as much as you do! NEW this season, we are offering you the opportunity to bring your canine companion to the DRS Community Center where he/she can be the star of the show and ham it up for the camera. Dressing for the occasion is encouraged! \$20 includes treat, digital photo and lasting memories. Pre-registration is highly recommended, but not required.

Twilight Tappers

This is a dance class for seniors of all fitness levels. Tap shoes are optional, but please do wear comfortable shoes. The music played in class will vary widely. Tap dance promotes cognitive function, coordination, balance, flexibility, strength, can help to increase bone density, reduce the risk of osteoporosis and is FUN! This is a FREE class; however, donations are accepted to help local dog rescues.

Jazz with June

This is a dance class for seniors of all fitness levels. The music played in class will vary widely; from pop, instrumental, R&B, jazz, and country. Jazz dance encourages personal style, body awareness, fitness and is FUN! This is a FREE class; however, donations are accepted to help local dog rescues.

SB Holiday Events

Nov. 22nd

Pawtastic Pet Pictures (Fall)

Dec 7th

SB Fire Department Open House

Dec. 8-13

Twilight Santa SB Fire

Dec. 9th

Phone Calls from Santa's Elves

Dec. 18th

Holiday Jazz Concert

Dec. 19th

Holiday Golf Cart Parade

Dec. 20th

Pawtastic Pet Pictures (holiday)

Dec. 20th

Jingle Bell Run 2 Miler

Dec. 20th

Holiday Boat Parade

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SATELLITE BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Satellite Beach Public Library Information:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries>

751 Jamaica Blvd, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Main Phone: (321) 779-4004

Operating Hours:

Mondays: 9am–8pm

Tuesdays: 12pm–8pm

Wednesday – Thursday: 9am–6pm

Friday–Saturday: 9am–5pm

Closed on Sundays.

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Closure: All libraries will be closed on Tues. 11/11 for Veterans Day; Thurs. & Fri. 11/27 & 11/28 for Thanksgiving; Wed. & Thurs. 12/24 & 12/25 for Christmas.

Following are a few of the programs offered at the Library. Please visit the website for the full schedule!

Adult Programming (Ages 18+): Please contact the Reference Dept at (321) 779-4004 for the most up to date information.

Special Events: Take “Tea-Time” To Celebrate Monday, 12/8: 1 PM - 3 PM. Annual book club celebration. Come have a bite and chat! Includes wrapped book swap, tea and treats, and a sneak peek of next year’s book selections. Registration requested: speak with Reference staff.

Arts & Crafts: Crochet Classes Free and materials provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Craft swap box will be available. Ages 18+. Registration begins 11/3 – register with Reference.

Beginner Class: Tuesday, 12/9: 1 PM. Learn basic crochet stitches.

Intermediate Class: Tuesday, 12/2: 1 PM. Build your crochet skills.

Diamond Painting Craft Hour Monday, 11/3: 1 PM. Diamond painting is a simple technique similar to paint by numbers. Free and all materials provided. Ages 18+. Register with Reference at (321) 779-4004.

Pressed Flower Greeting Cards Tuesday, 11/4: 1 PM. Make a personalized greeting card using real pressed flowers. Free and all materials provided. Craft swap box will be available. Ages 18+. Register with Reference.

Acrylic Pour Painting Party Saturday, 11/22 at 1 PM. Create an abstract painting! Free and all materials provided. Class size is limited. Ages 18+. Registration begins 11/3 – register with Reference at (321) 779-4004.

Crafters’ Hour Saturday, 11/29 & Monday, 12/22: 11 AM – 12 PM. Bring your current crafting project and enjoy the company of other crafters while you work. Library staff will be available to assist with basic crafting questions. Select supplies will be available. Ages 10+.

Custom Hot Chocolate Mix Class Friday, 12/5: 11 AM. Customize your own hot chocolate mix, then seal and decorate for gifting. Free. Class size is limited. Registration begins 11/14 – register with Reference.

Adult Pendant Jewelry Craft Monday, 12/15: 10 AM. Create a unique pendant (approx. 1”) by recycling dried fluid art paint. Stop by the library to see sample images and/or pieces. Free and all materials provided. Class size limited. Ages 18+. Registration begins 12/1 – register with Reference.

Moonlighters Quilting Group Monday, 11/10: 5:30 PM. From 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, create a quilt block for donation. All welcome. Free and all materials provided.

Indian River Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America Friday, 11/21 & 12/19: 10 AM. Check Facebook page “Welcoming Stitches” for details. Saturday, 12/15: 1 PM. Stitch in. Free and open to all.



Book Clubs: Pick up your copy of the next meeting’s book at the Reference Desk.

Speedy Saturday Walking Club Saturday, 11/8: 10 AM. Meets briefly in the library before walking the nearby paved paths. Reading *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie.

Comic Relief Book Club Monday, 11/17 & 12/15: 6 PM. A graphic novel reading club for adults. Book selections to be determined. Call for latest title.

Tea Time Book Club Monday, 11/24: 1 PM. Reading *Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten.

Tea Time Too Book Club Tuesday, 11/25: 12:15 PM. Reading the same monthly titles as the Tea Time Book Club.

Satellite Beach Woman’s Club Book Discussion Friday, 12/12: 12 PM. Bring a book you want to talk about and a bag lunch

Education and Assistance: **Birdwatching for Beginners** Monday 11/17: 9 AM. Presented by the Space Coast Audubon Society. Attendees are invited to Gleason Park after the talk for a walk.

Health First Memory Disorder Clinic Talk: Healthy Living For Brain and Body Monday, 11/3: 11 AM. Join Health First memory clinic for an informative presentation. Light refreshments will be provided. Ages 18+.

Internet Safety Talk Wednesday, 11/26: 10 AM. Come out and hear a member of the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office share how you can keep yourself safe online. Ages 18+.

Community Support Advocate Friday, 11/14 & 12/12: 9 AM - 5 PM. Offers help with housing, jobs, SNAP benefits, social security benefits, health care and insurance, senior resources, and more. Schedule an appointment with the Reference Department at (321) 779-4004.

One-on-One Basic Tech Help Thursdays by appointment. 30-minute session. Register with Reference at (321) 779-4004. Free!

Exercise Classes: **Yoga with Nancy** - Tuesdays 4:30–5:45 PM. Please bring your own yoga mat. \$5 fee payable at class.

Other Hobbies and Fun: **Adult Game Night** - Monday, 11/3 & 12/1: from 6 PM–7:30 PM. Playing from available tabletop games. Snacks provided. Join anytime. Ages 18+.

Matinee Movies - Monday, 11/10 at 1 PM. Watch movies for free! Shown with Closed Captions. Refreshments provided. Call or check the website for movie details.

Learn to Play the Ukulele Friday, 11/14 at 11:30 AM. Beginner ukulele class. Ukuleles available to check out before the class starts. Ages 18+. Free. Register with Reference.

Beachside Strummers - Friday, 11/14 & 12/12 at 9:30 AM - 11 AM. Ukulele club. No instruction provided.

Youth Events: Please contact the Youth Services department at (321) 779-6134 for the most current information & schedules.

Morning Programs

December Winter Break Silent Disco Wednesday, 12/31: 10 AM

Read Your Way to K: Toddlers Wednesdays @ 10 AM

Read Your Way to K: Pre-school Thursdays @ 10 AM

Afternoon/Evening Programs

Storytime Crafternoon Wednesday 11/12 & 12/10 @ 3:30 PM

Brick Builders Club 1st & 3rd Wed @ 3:30 PM.

Cine-mania 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 3:30 PM. Movies at the library.

December Teen Night 2nd Tuesday, 12/9 @ 6 PM. Ages 13–17. Call for info.

December Teen Book Club Tuesday, 12/2: 6 PM. Enjoy pizza and snacks with a discussion of our bi-monthly read. Ages 13 to 17. Reading “Howls Moving Castle” by Diana Wynne Jones – call for more details.

Read to a Therapy Dog 3rd Saturday: 1 PM. Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Ages 5 to 17. Registration REQUIRED one week prior to the event.