



YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTER

JULY - AUGUST 2025

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK COUNCILMEMBER MIKE CHASE



The City of Satellite Beach is preparing for its annual Budget Workshop, which is scheduled on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers. This public meeting is a critical step in shaping the City's Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget, and community members are encouraged to attend or watch online to better understand how the City allocates resources and plans for future needs.

How the Budget Process Works

Each year, the City's budget is developed through a detailed, collaborative process involving City staff, the City Manager, the Support Services Department, and ultimately, the City Council. The process begins months in advance and includes the following key stages:

1. **Department Requests:** Department heads submit budget requests based on operational needs, strategic goals, and anticipated projects.
2. **City Manager Review:** The City Manager, with assistance from the Support Services Director and Comptroller, reviews the requests and prepares a proposed budget aligned with City priorities and available revenue.
3. **Budget Workshop:** Staff presents the proposed budget to the City Council during multiple public workshops. These Workshops began in March with review of Stormwater and key development projects, continued in April with review of the current and proposed budget for the upcoming year, and will continue in July. During the workshops, Councilmembers and the community ask questions, request changes, and discuss funding priorities and opportunities.
4. **Public Hearings:** Two public budget hearings are held in September to adopt the final budget and millage rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1.
5. **Budget Adoption:** Following the hearings, the Council votes to approve the final budget and set the millage rate.

Understanding the Budget: Property Values, Fund Balance, and the Millage Rate

Over the past five years, property values in Satellite Beach have increased by an average of 8% annually. This year, however, the increase is a more modest 5%. While this still

represents growth, that additional 5% must stretch across an aged infrastructure and support an increase in expenses (energy and insurance).

As the City works to prepare its Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget, the City Manager is developing a proposal that aims to:

- Lower the millage rate;
- Streamline Operations;
- Cover the increase in health insurance costs;
- Provide a 5% wage adjustment for employees;
- Address rising costs in day-to-day operations;
- And, if possible, continue adding to reserves.

What Is Fund Balance?

Our reserves, also known as the fund balance, have increased significantly over the past five years—from \$1.99 million in 2019 to \$5.54 million as of September 30, 2024.

Based on the Government Finance Officers' Association recommendation of two-times the amount of operating expenses, plus due to being more prone to disasters, our goal is to grow our Fund Balance to \$8 million over the coming years.

It's important to understand that fund balance is not cash in the bank. Rather, it represents the City's financial health—similar to a person's net worth. You might own a house, a car, and have some savings, but also carry a mortgage and other obligations. Your total financial picture isn't just what's in your checking account, but the difference from what you owe—and the same applies to the City.

Why Fund Balance Matters

A strong fund balance serves as a financial safety net. Here's why it's important:

- **Emergency Cushion** – Helps the City cover unexpected costs (e.g., hurricanes, equipment failure) without borrowing or cutting services.
- **Cash Flow Support** – Property tax revenue only arrives at certain times of year. Fund balance helps pay expenses between collections.
- **Stronger Credit Rating** – A healthy reserve shows financial stability and can lower borrowing costs for major projects.
- **Funding for Future Projects** – Allows the City to save over time for capital needs like infrastructure improvements or public safety equipment.

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About the Millage Rate

The millage rate is a major part of the City's revenue. One mill equals \$1 in property tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Historically, Satellite Beach has had one of the higher millage rates in Brevard County. That's due in part to the City's commitment to providing both Police and Fire services, as well as preserving approximately 40% of its beachfront property as undeveloped public space. The City also contains numerous schools and religious institutions that serve a vital role in our community, but those properties do not provide tax revenue.

In 2018, the City formed a Citizen's Budget Committee to help assist with the possibility of an additional homestead exemption. That year, the millage was set at 8.8321. Since then, it has steadily decreased to 7.9321—marking the first time in over 15 years the rate has dropped below 8.

Where to Find Budget Data and Financial Reports

The City of Satellite Beach is committed to transparency and public access to financial data. Residents can explore:

- Proposed and Adopted Budgets
- Financial Statements, also known as Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFRs) – These include audited financials, millage rate history, long-term debt, and other fiscal details.

Both are available at: www.satellitebeach.gov under Departments > Support Services > Annual Budget & Financial Audits

- Public Meeting Agendas and Videos – Council meeting agendas, budget presentations, and videos are posted on the City's website for public viewing. Visit www.satellitebeach.gov under Government > City Council

Why Public Participation Matters

You play a vital role in establishing the balance between our community needs and the expenditure to support those services. Community input helps ensure the City's budget reflects the values and priorities of its residents. Attending the July 23rd workshop, speaking during public comment, or emailing City Council members is an important way for residents to be part of the decision-making process. Whether it's advocating for park improvements, public safety, stormwater infrastructure, or recreation programs—your voice matters. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us!

The City Council email address is council@satellitebeach.gov.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

JULY 2, 2025 (CANCELLED)

JULY 16, 2025, 6:00 PM—REGULAR MEETING

JULY 23, 2025, 6:00 PM—BUDGET WORKSHOP

AUGUST 6, 2025, 6:00 PM—REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2025, 6:00 PM—REGULAR MEETING

**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.

May 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

- Jeff Dangler was sworn in as the new Fire Chief.
- Youth Council Annual Report Presentation.
- Approved the FY 2025-2026 Budget Calendar.
- Approved a lease agreement between the City and Wild Florida to lease space in the old fire station.
- Approved Change Request No. 2, Jobear Contracting.
- Approved an IT managed services agreement with Vtech.io.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1270 on first reading, amending the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.
- Discussed an ordinance prohibiting smoking and vaping in public parks.
- Approved a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Construction Loan Agreement.

May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting – Cancelled**June 4, 2025, Regular Meeting**

- Approved Resolution No. 1073, which ratified a prior action pertaining to Arctic Rays, LLC.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the School Board and the City for the School Resource Officers.
- Approved waiving additional rental fees for the Satellite Beach Woman's Club and the 55+ Club for events not previously scheduled; and approved waiving fees for the Brevard Autism Coalition's 2026 Autism 5K Run.
- Approved Planning Advisory Reappointments of Jeff Steger and Ben Glover.
- Approved an Automatic Aid Agreement between Indian Harbour Beach and Satellite Beach for Fire Protection and Emergency Services.
- Approved Lease Agreement with PCI Municipal Services for space at the new Fire Station/Public Works.
- Discussed regulating smoking/vaping and alcohol consumption on City property and directed staff to draft an ordinance to bring back to Council.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1270 on second reading, amending the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

- Presented a proclamation to Aging Matters in Brevard in honor of their 60th Anniversary.
- Received a presentation by Enterprise on the City fleet.
- Approved the 2024 JAG Grant Allocation.
- Approved a request from Arctic Rays for a reduction of the number of additional required parking spots.
- Approved a Joint Use Agreement with School Board to stripe Delaura Basketball Courts for pickleball.
- Approved on first reading Ordinance No. 1271, prohibiting smoking/vaping in City Parks/Beaches and prohibiting alcohol in City facilities except for approved special events.
- Approved applying to secure a \$250,000 Safe Streets For All Planning and Demonstration Grant from the US Dept of Transportation Federal Highway Admin.

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT:

HONORING THOSE THAT SERVED

Rich Wellman was raised on a dairy farm in Harford, PA and attended Mt View Joint High School. Six-months after graduation, Rich enlisted in the USAF in Jan, 1962 at the age of 18. He attended basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas followed by assignment to Amarillo AFB where he attended the jet engine mechanic training course. After completion of tech training, he returned home on leave and the gal from a neighboring high school he met during a bowling outing was at the bus stop to greet him. Rich and Carol married that summer in Aug, 62.

The Wellman's first duty station together was with the 4713th Fighter Evaluation Squadron at Stewart AFB, NY where he worked on the B-57 Canberra twin-engine tactical bomber. In 1965, Rich was reassigned to Chanute AFB, IL where he attended the Air Force's Technical Instructor program graduating as a Jet engine instructor. While at Chanute, he earned a FAA Airframe & Powerplant License, a Commercial Pilot license with a Flight Instructor rating, and attended the University of Illinois part time.

SSgt Wellman was discharged from the USAF in 1970 after 8 years of faithful service. The Wellmans moved to Connecticut after Rich accepted a position with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft located in East Hartford, CT. While working full time, he attended Central Connecticut State College and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Education. His AF experience and time as a civilian engine instructor made him the perfect choice to lead the Customer Training Center which he founded and helped design. He was the General Manager of the center from 1992-2003. In concert with the GM position, he routinely traveled to China (1996-2001) to help establish a training center for airlines located in the Far East. After 33 years with P&W, Rich retired from the company in 2003.

An aviation enthusiast, Rich owned his own airplane for over 15 years, a M20E Mooney. He also loved sailing. In 2003, Rich and Carol embarked on a 10-year nautical adventure sailing up and down the east coast of North America from the southern Bahamas to the Maritimes in Canada. During that time frame, they covered 60,000 nautical miles in their various sailboats, the last being a 42' catamaran.

The Wellmans moved to Satellite Beach in 2009 and immediately became active in community service. Along with volunteering with numerous local organizations and church groups, Rich and Carol also joined the N.O.M.A.D.S. traveling in their RV to numerous states helping folks in need. Rich currently serves as an Associate Chaplain for Health First Hospitals and he and Carol serve as Spiritual Care Volunteers at the Viera Hospital. Rich is a longtime supporter of Space Coast Honor Flight and traveled as an honored Vet to Washington DC in October of 2022 with his favorite Marine Vet as his escort. Rich and Carol have a son, daughter, and three grandkids.

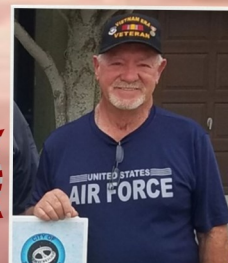
Thank you for your service to our country, Rich, and for the generous amount of time that you and Carol continue to devote to our community.



SSgt Wellman, 1968
(USAF)



Rich celebrating his 83rd with fellow Vets, 2025
L to R: Paul (USMC), Gary (USA),
Ron (USMC), Rich (USAF)



Rich on his 77th Bday, 2021
(photo courtesy of Ron Culp)

CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY

4 FRI	INDEPENDENCE DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED
16 WED 6:00 PM	CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
17 THURS 5:30 PM	BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT CADILLAC COVE
22 TUES 12:00 PM	LUNCH & LEARN: BUDGET CIVIC CENTER
23 WED 6:00 PM	CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AUGUST

6 WED 6:00 PM	CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
20 WED 6:00 PM	CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
21 THURS 5:30 PM	BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT CADILLAC COVE
26 TUES 12:00 PM	LUNCH & LEARN: HOME CONTRACTING CIVIC CENTER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

STORMWATER AND YOU

FERTILIZER AND THE LAGOON

FERTILIZER BAN

Fertilizer is banned from June 1st - Sept 30th to keep harmful nutrients found in fertilizer from washing off lawns and into storm drains that lead to the lagoon.

Fertilizer runoff is one of the primary contributors to the ecological decline of the Indian River Lagoon. When excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus from lawns and urban areas enter the lagoon through stormwater, they fuel harmful algal blooms. These blooms block sunlight from reaching underwater seagrass, a crucial habitat for many marine species like manatees and sea turtles, and deplete oxygen in the water, leading to fish kills and loss of biodiversity. Over time, this nutrient pollution has severely disrupted the lagoon's delicate ecosystem, threatening its health and our local economy that depends on it.

How to Find Wildlife Friendly Lighting



STEP 1: SELECT LIGHTING

A good place to start when looking for lights for your property is Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) website where they list fixtures and bulbs that have been evaluated and certified as wildlife friendly. Although FWC has numerous fixtures and bulbs on their site, it is not an exhaustive list. It's important to note that manufacturers are always creating new products that can be used, as long as the three rules of sea turtle friendly lighting are applied (see below).



STEP 2: LOCATE A DISTRIBUTOR

Unfortunately, you can't just walk into a chain box store and buy wildlife friendly lighting over the counter. We recommend visiting a lighting or electrical distributor that services your area and is knowledgeable about wildlife friendly lighting. Local distributors have access to multiple lighting manufacturers and can order almost any fixture you want for your property.



STEP 3: PURCHASE LIGHTING

Ask your local distributor to look over your lighting selection or help you find solutions for lighting applications on your property. Then, all that's left to do is place your order with the distributor. Please note, most wildlife friendly lighting is specialized and made to order, so it often takes time to receive the product no matter who you purchase them from.



STEP 4: INSTALL YOUR LIGHTING

Once you receive your lighting, it will need to be installed. If you don't want to do the installation on your own, then you can contract a local certified electrician to complete the work.

RESOURCES

FWC Website:
Certified Wildlife
Friendly Fixtures
and Bulbs



STC Website:
Lighting
Examples and
Distributors



Three Rules of Wildlife Friendly Lighting

Walk your property and determine what lights are needed for safety vs. lights that are purely decorative. Remove unnecessary lights and all remaining lights should use the following rules:

1

Keep it Low

Mount fixtures low to the ground and use lower watts and lumens.

2

Keep it Shielded

Shield light sources so they are not visible from the beach.

3

Keep it Long

Use long wavelength lights at 560 nm or longer.

Plastic Free July Say NO to Plastic!

Join the Movement for a Cleaner Planet

4 Ways to Start Living Plastic-Free :

Use Reusable
Bags & Bottles

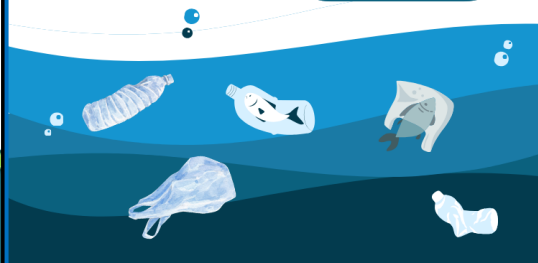
Avoid Plastic
Packaging

Opt for Glass
or Metal
Containers

Switch to
Bar Soap



Sea Turtle Conservancy
(352) 373-6441
www.conserveturtles.org



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

BEEMATs

Floating Treatment Wetlands (FTWs)

What's Floating in the Pond at City Hall?



Maintenance

Mature plants are periodically removed from the mats to prevent nutrients from re-entering the pond as they decay. The mats then begin a new cycle of growth and nutrient removal.



Nutrient Removal

Wetlands naturally help clean water. One way they do this is through the roots of plants, which release oxygen into the water. That oxygen helps tiny living things grow—kind of like nature's cleanup crew—that break down pollution in the water.

The floating mat system copies this process, but without using any soil. Instead, native wetland plants are on floating platforms. Their roots hang down into the water, where they still release oxygen and support the helpful microbes that clean the water.

It works without soil because it's the plant roots and the oxygen they give off—not the soil itself. The floating roots create more space for these natural cleaners to live and help remove extra nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus from the water.

One important process this system supports is called nitrification, where microbes turn nitrogen from things like fertilizer and waste into a form that can safely leave the water as a gas. This is part of the nitrogen cycle, a natural process that moves nitrogen through plants, air, water, and soil to keep ecosystems healthy.

Why They're There

To naturally improve water quality by reducing nutrients (like nitrogen and phosphorus) that can lead to algae blooms.

How It Works:

- Native plants grow on mats that float on the water
- Roots dangle below the surface, soaking up pollutants
- Bacteria and microbes on the roots help break down excess nutrients
- The system mimics the way wetlands filter water in nature!



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

Critter Corner

Did You Know?

Satellite Beach is home to a rare and unique gopher tortoise habitat!

These endangered tortoises are a vital part of Florida's ecosystem and we're lucky to have them right here in our city! Always serve respectfully, and help educate others!



Please drive slowly!
Look for tortoises crossing the road!



Gopher Tortoises dig burrows on land 8' to 12' deep and up to 40' long! Their burrows provide shelter to over 350 other species!

I DO NOT SWIM
DON'T PUT ME
IN THE WATER



I'M PROTECTED
DON'T TOUCH ME
OR MY BURROW!



s. 379.411, Florida Statutes—
Violators may be guilty of third-degree felony.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Update on Roosevelt Ave Baffle Box Project

The city's contractor is finishing up full restoration of the construction area at the Roosevelt Avenue Baffle Box Project. The project saw the replacement of an outdated first-generation baffle box with a third-generation baffle box at Roosevelt Avenue just east of S Patrick Drive. Stormwater flows into the box, which is a concrete structure installed underground. Internal walls or barriers slow the water down and direct it through multiple chambers, where sediment and debris settle to the bottom and are trapped in screens. Cleaner water exits the last chamber and continues through the storm system, discharging into the water body, in this case the Banana River Lagoon.

In addition, this cutting-edge baffle box has a biosorption activated media (BAM) filter to remove bacteria, nitrogen and phosphorous from stormwater flows. Removing these nutrients is vital to preventing harmful algal blooms in the lagoon. These blooms reduce light infiltration, harm seagrasses, and cause fish kills. Preventing nutrient pollution from stormwater runoff is vital to lagoon health.

The City appreciates resident and business patience and support throughout the construction process. The project was funded through federal grant funding administered in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the St Johns Water Management District.



Pelican Coast Improvements



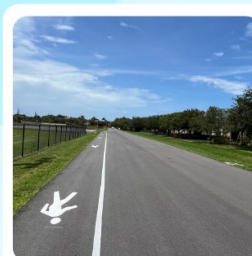
New Storage Bldg
(3,168 square feet)



Modular Restroom
(483 square feet)



New Sidewalk
(150 Linear Feet)



Asphalt Pavement
Resurfacing/Striping



New Fencing
715 Linear Feet

Lease Agreement: City of Satellite Beach &
Patrick Space Force Command
Contractor: Doug Wilson Enterprises
Funding: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Project Status: COMPLETE

NEW TENNIS HUT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT FRANK P. CATINO PARK

A new chapter is unfolding for the Satellite Beach tennis community as construction gets underway on a brand-new tennis hut at Frank P. Catino Park. Spearheaded by the Satellite Beach Recreation Department, the project is set to bring enhanced facilities and a modern touch to one of the city's most active recreational spaces.

The new structure will replace the aging, weather-worn hut, offering a welcoming hub for tennis players and visitors. Once completed, the tennis hut will provide essential amenities including player check-ins, equipment storage, shaded seating, and space for community-focused events.

Designed with a clean coastal aesthetic that complements the local environment, the hut is poised to improve the experience for recreational players, visiting teams, and tournament organizers alike.

Construction is projected to be completed by late 2025, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a community open house planned shortly after.

This investment highlights the City's continued commitment to supporting healthy, active lifestyles and enhancing the quality of public recreational facilities for residents and guests of all ages.

Beach Parking Program



RESIDENT PASSES UPDATED THRU 2026

- All Satellite Beach **Resident Passes** have been renewed and are now valid through **December 31, 2026**.
- No action is required unless your vehicle or license plate changes.
- It is the pass holder's responsibility to keep license plate information updated in the system.

ELIGIBILITY AND ACCESS

- Passes are issued **only to residents living inside the Satellite Beach city limits**.
- Valid at all 10 beach access points within Satellite Beach city limits from Hightower Beach Park to Volunteer Way.
- **NOT valid at Indian Harbour Beach (IHB) beaches**, including Bicentennial Beach and Millennium Beach Park.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- **Stickers are optional** and not required for enforcement.
- License plate registration is what matters – be sure your plate information is accurate and current!
- All beach passes operate on a calendar year basis (January–December).
- Residents will receive **email reminders** each week in December 2026 before expiration.
- Only Satellite Beach Resident Passes have been extended to expire December 2026.

PCI OFFICE IS MOVING!

- Parking & Compliance Inc. (PCI) is relocating in August to **240 Jackson Avenue** (In the lobby of the new Public Works & Fire Station).
- Follow the City's Facebook page and the Mighty App for the official move date and updated office hours.

WELCOME New Businesses

IVANHOE APPLIANCE SERVICE

Ivanhoe Appliance Service brings years of experience in repairing everything from refrigerators to washers.

DOORTECH INC

Specializing in both residential and commercial door solutions, this new company is committed to delivering quality craftsmanship and top-notch customer service.

BEACHSIDE BEANS LLC

Beachside Beans is bringing freshly brewed coffee, artisan teas, and locally made pastries to the community.

POLLACK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, INC.

From coastal gardens to sustainable commercial properties, their projects bring fresh, creative energy to Satellite Beach.

INFINITY CHIROPRACTIC AND WELLNESS LLC

This new clinic is offering chiropractic services, holistic treatments, and wellness coaching.



CITY OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED ON JULY 4



SATELLITE BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Mariana Campos

Join us in welcoming Firefighter/EMT Campos!

My name is Mariana Campos, and I am from Irapato, Mexico. I moved from Mexico to Florida in 2020 and started EMT school to help people in emergency situations. I was inspired to become a firefighter when my instructor mentioned Fire School. I took it as a challenge when many people said I would not make it into Fire School because I was "too small", and the training equipment was very heavy, sometimes heavier than me! That did not mean it was impossible, and I wanted to prove to myself that I could become a firefighter.

I graduated Fire School from Eastern Florida State College in 2021 and volunteered with the Indian Harbour Beach Fire Department for one year. I was then hired by Brevard County Fire Rescue and worked there for two years while I achieved my Paramedic license.

My future goals are to continue studying and achieve my associate's degree. I also would like to complete courses such as Critical Care Paramedic, Fire Hydraulics, and Confined Space Operations.

During my free time, I love being with my family and my blind chihuahua. I enjoy going to the beach or Sebastian inlet with family and friends.

I am happy to continue my career at the Satellite Beach Fire Department and look forward to serving the citizens of Satellite Beach while growing personally and professionally with an amazing team!



SATELLITE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



Back to School Pedestrian Safety Tips for a Safe Start to the School Year

As students head back to school, it's important to remember that pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility—drivers, parents, and students alike. With increased foot traffic around schools, crosswalks, and bus stops, staying alert and following safety guidelines can help prevent accidents and keep our kids safe.

For Drivers:

- ⇒ Slow down in school zones and neighborhoods, especially during pick-up and drop-off hours.
- ⇒ Watch for children crossing the street, especially near schools and bus stops.
- ⇒ Avoid distractions such as texting or eating while driving.
- ⇒ Always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks.

For Parents and Students:

- ⇒ Practice walking the route to school and point out safe places to cross.
- ⇒ Teach children to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- ⇒ Use sidewalks and crosswalks whenever possible.
- ⇒ Avoid distractions like phones or headphones while walking.



A safe start sets the tone for a great school year. Let's work together to make our streets safer for every student heading back to class!

Keep It Safe, Keep It Neighborly: Fireworks Tips from the Satellite Beach Police Dept.

The Fourth of July is right around the corner, and with it comes the excitement of fireworks, family gatherings, and patriotic celebrations. At the Satellite Beach Police Department, we're all for celebrating America—but we also want to make sure that everyone in our community enjoys the holiday safely and respectfully.

Lighting fireworks at home has become a tradition for many families, but before you strike that match, pause and consider how your celebration might affect those around you.

- ☆ Fireworks may be fun for some, but stressful for others—especially veterans, individuals with PTSD, pets, and wildlife.
- ☆ Young kids may love the spectacle but they also have the highest risk of injury from fireworks.
- ☆ And let's not forget the mess fireworks leave behind on our streets, in our yards, and along our beautiful beaches.

That's why we're reminding all Satellite Beach residents to be thoughtful neighbors this Fourth of July holiday. If you're planning to set off fireworks, keep it reasonable—let your neighbors know ahead of time, stick to earlier hours, have a safety plan, and be sure to clean up afterward.

Better yet, why not leave the fireworks to the professionals? Brevard County has some amazing shows planned that are bigger, brighter, and a whole lot safer. These displays are run by trained experts and are a great way to enjoy the holiday with family and friends—no sparks, stress, or cleanup required.

Let's come together as a community this Fourth of July. Celebrate with pride, and with care. Be safe, be kind, and remember—sometimes the best way to light up the night is to leave it to the pros.

From all of us at the Satellite Beach Police Department, we wish you a safe, respectful, and joyful Independence Day!

SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

Satellite Beach Woman's Club asks you to **Save the Date for Founders Day/Marketplace celebration on Sat, November 1, 2025.** The theme is "Join the Flock" Come Celebrate Community Together. If you are interested in a vendor space please contact Caroline Blalock at cblalock@satellitebeach.gov or 321-773-6458. For details on our Club, check out our webpage: <http://gfwcsatellitebeachwomansclub.org>. 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 at Marytiller@gmail.com.

SBWC Environment Service group is doing beach cleanup monthly. If you are interested in joining us at the beach contact Sharon at srozos52@gmail.com.



Volunteers at work and play: Daily Bread

Our 4th Annual Family Picnic to share food and fun.



SATELLITE BEACH LIONS CLUB

Did you know 1 in 20 children is estimated to have some degree of vision loss in one or both eyes? The earlier a problem is detected, the more easily it can be corrected. This is why the Satellite Beach Lions Club has a program called KidSight.

KidSight is a vision screening program where trained Lions Club volunteers conduct free vision screenings in preschools and private schools all over Brevard County. The screenings we conduct use a camera to look inside your child's eye and detect abnormalities that could lead to vision loss (if it hasn't already). It can tell if the child is near-sighted, far-sighted, has astigmatism and more. You can find more information about this program on our website at satellitebeachlionsclub.com.

In other news: Thank you, Satellite Beach (and beyond), for making the Lions Club Tri-Tip BBQ a roaring success in April. The turnout was phenomenal, and we can't thank you enough. A special thank you to the City for their partnership and assistance with space and parking for the evening. The event raised over \$3,000. This money will be used to fund our vision care programs, like KidSight.



Happy Summer 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 Dr.) by paying the \$10 yearly 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.



We have 18 different activities on our regular activity schedule. There's sure to be something to match your interests. On Mondays, bingo continues at the Satellite Beach Civic Center with the Fire Department checking blood pressure every third Monday of the month. Doors open at 9:30am and close promptly at 11am as play begins. Bingo is open to the public.

Our summer schedule is in full swing! We look forward to August 20th when our club meetings start back. September will bring Facts & Snacks, Book Club, and Widowed Friends programs back into the regular schedule. We will also be having a 55+ Club Picnic on September 19 at Pelican Park.

Stay tuned for updates!

More information about the club and our activities can be found at www.55plusclubofsb.com, on the Facebook page 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

Summer Fun is Here! Plus, Get Ready for Fall Programs!

Summer is in full swing, and the City of Satellite Beach Recreation Department has you covered! Our **Summer Activity Brochure**, featuring classes, camps, and special events from May through August, is available online now at www.satellitebeach.gov/recreation.

We offer a wide variety of engaging camps, including Plant Camp, Spanish, Yoga, Dance, Art, Skate, Volleyball, Boating, Cheer, Swimming lessons, and more! Beyond camps, we continue to offer popular monthly classes like our Rhythm in Motion dance program, adult exercise, tennis leagues, adult art classes, and yoga.

For your convenience, online registration is available, or you can always stop by the Recreation Office to see us in person.



Looking ahead, our **Fall Activity Brochure** will become available mid-August, packed with even more exciting opportunities!

Scan the QR code for more information and to register for camps, classes, and programs!

Get Ready for Success! Lift-Off to Learning!

The City of Satellite Beach invites you to our **"Lift-Off to Learning: Community Wellness Day & Recreation Open House!"** event on **July 26, 2025, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM** at the DRS Community Center, **1089 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, FL**. This event conveniently brings together essential services and exciting opportunities for a positive kick-off to the new school year.

Highlights include:

- **FREE Health & Wellness Screenings:** Eye, Dental, Compression, and Back to School/Sports Physicals & EKGs from local providers.



- **Recreation Open House & Early Registration:** Explore Fall programs, meet instructors, tour the Rhythm in Motion Dance Program's Open House, and connect with local Sports Leagues. It's all about making it easy for families to prioritize health and discover amazing ways to **Play Satellite Beach!**

For more information and to pre-register, contact the Recreation Department or scan the QR Code.

July is Parks and Rec Month!

July is Parks and Recreation Month, celebrating 40 years since its launch in 1985 with the theme "Build Together, Play Together." Our recreation programs are vital to our community's health and well-being, fostering friendships, memories, and strong family bonds.

In Satellite Beach, we're dedicated to building and maintaining sustainable parks and green spaces, cultivating thriving communities focused on health and active living, and creating high-quality, accessible programs and welcoming spaces for all. We help residents play and connect through activities like yoga, art classes, family events, and countless other ways to **Play Satellite Beach!**



Come Join the Fun! Stay tuned to our social media this July for fun facts, park improvements, and contests, as we continue to make Satellite Beach a vibrant place to live, learn, and play!

EMS Experience for Neurodivergent Children

The City of Satellite Beach offers a unique program to help neurodivergent children feel more comfortable with emergency situations. "Experiencing the Emergency Medical System for Neurodivergent Children" aims to reduce fear by familiarizing participants with our 911 response system and emergency personnel.

During this two-day session, children will meet and interact with Satellite Beach Police, Firefighters, and Paramedics, exploring their vehicles and equipment. Sessions conclude with a real-life emergency demonstration in a supportive environment. Parents, guardians, and aides are encouraged to attend. This program is led by instructors from Space Coast Urgent Care and Satellite Beach City Police and Fire Personnel.

Program Dates & Time: Sessions will run Monday & Tuesday, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM, on June 23-24, 2025, and July 14-15, 2025, at the DRS Community Room. Empower your child with confidence! Spaces are limited, so register today at www.satellitebeach.gov/rec.



NEURODIVERGENT EMERGENCY READINESS PROGRAM

MONDAY & TUESDAY
All Ages

Cost: \$30

▶ June 23 & 24 9AM-12PM

▶ July 14 & 15 12PM-3PM



Beach Clean Ups

Join us for our regular **monthly beach cleanups at Hightower Beach Park**, held on the **1st Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM**. We provide grabbers, buckets, trash bags, and gloves – just remember to bring your own drinking water!

Special Event Alert!

This year, we're hosting an extra community beach cleanup on **Friday, July 5th**, in partnership with Surfrider and Beef O'Brady's. This is a great opportunity to help us tidy up after the 4th of July celebrations. Check-in at **Pelican Beach Park** to pick up your supplies and join the effort. Your participation makes a huge difference in protecting our coastal environment. **Come Join the Fun!**

Event Dates:

Beach Clean Up – July 5 9AM-12PM, Pelican Beach Park
Lift off to Learning - July 26 9AM-4PM, DRS Community Ctr



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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.

Follow us!

Friends of the Satellite Beach Library Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthesatellitebeachlibrary>

Brevard County Libraries Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/brevardcountylibraries>

Closure: The library will be closed on **Friday, July 4th for Independence Day.**

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: Adult Summer Reading Bingo!! Begins June 1 and ends Saturday, 7/26. For each completed Bingo, earn a chocolate and a raffle ticket (up to 12 per card). Raffle winners will be drawn on July 30. Ages 18+.

Meet Touch of Grey Rescue Dogs: Saturday, 7/12: 10 AM – 12 PM. Meet adoptable dogs and learn about the Touch of Grey Rescue. No obligation to adopt. Same day adoptions aren't available at this event. All ages welcome.

Friends of the Satellite Beach Library – Christmas in July CHILDREN'S Book Sale: Tuesday, 7/15 & Wednesday 7/16. Come browse the wide selection of gently used/like new Youth materials for sale in the Lobby of the Library. Cash or Check only.

Arts & Crafts: Beginner Crochet Class: Tuesday, 7/8: 1 PM. Learn basic crochet stitches to make your own bookmark. Materials provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Craft swap box will be available – bring your unneeded crafting supplies in good condition to leave, and take something else home! Ages 18+. Register with Reference at (321) 779-4004.

Moonlighters Quilting Group - Monday, 7/14 & 8/11 at 5:30PM. All welcome. From 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, create a quilt block for donation. Free & all materials provided.

Diamond Painting Craft Hour Tuesday, 7/15: 1 PM. Diamond painting is a simple technique similar to paint by numbers. Create ocean-themed diamond painting keychains and magnets. Free and all materials provided. Ages 18+.

Indian River Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America Friday, 7/18 & 8/15: 10 AM. Check Facebook page "Welcoming Stitches" for details.

Seaside Piecemakers Quilting Class - Monday, 7/21 & 8/18 from 9:30AM–3PM. Check the Seaside Piecemakers' website at: www.SeasidePiecemakers.com for more information.



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

Comic Relief Book Club Monday, 7/21 & 8/18: 6 PM. A graphic novel reading club for adults. Book selections to be determined – call for current title.

Tea Time Book Club Monday, 7/28 & 8/25: 1 PM. Reading *We All Live Here* by Jojo Moyes in July and *Husbands & Lovers* by Beatriz Williams in August.

Tea Time Too Book Club Tuesday, 7/29 & 8/26: 12:15 PM. Reading the same monthly titles as the Tea Time Book Club.

Education and Assistance: Community Support Advocate - Friday, 7/11 & 8/8 9AM–5PM. Offers help with housing, jobs, SNAP benefits, social security benefits, health care and insurance, senior resources, & more. Free! 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 staff. **FREE!**

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

Other Hobbies and Fun: Adult Game Night - Monday, 7/7 & 8/4 from 6PM–7:30PM. Playing from available tabletop games. Snacks provided. Join anytime. Ages 18+.

Beachside Strummers - Friday, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8 & 8/22 9:30AM–11AM. Ukulele club. No instruction provided.

Matinee Movies - Monday, 7/14 & 8/11 at 1PM. Watch movies for free at the library! Shown with Closed Captions. Refreshments provided. Call or check the website for movie details.

Learn to Play the Ukulele Friday, 7/25 & 8/22: 11:30 AM. Beginner ukulele class. Ukuleles available to check out before the class starts. Ages 18+. Free. Register with Reference.

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

SUMMER READING: Join us for Summer on the Space Coast! Celebrating all things space coast, the summer reading program will run through Saturday, July 26th! Come see us for details!

Morning Programs

Summer Reading Program: Ice Cream Social 7/2 @ 10 AM

Summer Reading Program: Planetarium 7/9 @ 10 AM

SRP: Gator Bill Robb's Reptile Show 7/16: 10 AM

SRP: Mad Science 3-2-1 Blast Off! 7/23: 10 AM

July Read Your Way to K: Toddler & Preschool Thurs @ 10

July Family Craft Event Thur, 7/31: 10 AM

Afternoon/Evening Programs

Brick Builders Club Wed 7/2 & 7/16: 3:30 PM.

Cine-mania Thurs 7/3 & 7/17: 3:30 PM. Movies at the library. Recommended for ages 5+. Call for schedule & movie details. Bring a blanket. No registration required.

July Teen Night 2nd Tuesday, 7/8: 6 PM. Join us for a pizza party! Ages 13 to 17. Call for schedule, activity & registration details.

July Teen Anime Club 3rd Tuesday, 7/15: 6 PM. Ages 13 to 17. Call for anime showing and 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.