CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH BEACHCASTER

YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTTER NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2026



G R A T E F U L L E D

By Councilman Mark J. Boyd

I am filled with gratitude for many things associated with the City of Satellite Beach including having the opportunity to serve as one of its Council Members since being elected in 2022. That gratitude includes the opportunity to briefly share my reflections in this publication as my four-year term comes to an end.

As a City, we collectively have many things for which to be grateful. We have a beautiful – but delicate and challenging in some respects – natural environment. We have fine – but ever aging – infrastructure and facilities.

We have an excellent – and dedicated – team of paid staff members and volunteers. We have a strong – and ever growing - community spirit. In my view, the role of the City Council is not to be responsive to just one of those (and many more which limitations as to space and my own imagination prevent listing here) considerations in policy decisions, including but not limited to those with respect to taxation and budgeting, but to try to balance all of the above to conserve what we are grateful for today for future residents.

Progress is rarely a straight line and important decisions are rarely obvious. To reach the best result, some tacking back and forth – and disagreement without being disagreeable – is necessary. On that note, I am grateful to all who have in good faith shared your views on City issues during my time on Council.

Above all else, I am grateful to my wife and our two sons for supporting me in this endeavor. Thank you all!

SATELLITE BEACH PROUD

By Vice Mayor Jodi Rozycki



As my time on the Satellite Beach City Council comes to a close, I am honored and grateful to have served our community for two terms. My love for Satellite Beach has only grown stronger, and I remain truly "Satellite Beach Proud!"

During my time on Council, we lowered the millage rate, strengthened our city reserves, and completed vital road, stormwater, and infrastructure projects. Fun was had through the many programs and events led by our Recreation Department, and we remained safe and cared for by our dedicated First Responders. Thank you to our amazing city staff for caring for our residents and going above and beyond each day. I also witnessed residents giving their time and talents to volunteer for boards and community programs while giving countless hours for the betterment of our city.

As Satellite Beach prepares to celebrate its 70th anniversary next year, I am proud of the traditions, community spirit, and quality of life that make our city so special.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Councilmember. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the city, where I am so proud to live, work, and play in. I will always be Satellite Beach Proud!

THANK YOU MARK AND JODI FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH!

Your Tax Dollars, Your City: Understanding the Budget and How We Serve Our Community

There has been a lot of discussion about property taxes, the millage rate, employee compensation, how our City has grown, and, perhaps most importantly, how and when residents get to have a say in how their tax dollars are spent. These are all important questions, and we hope this article provides a better understanding of how the City of Satellite Beach operates, how budget decisions are made, and how residents can become more involved.

Our goal is transparency, accountability, and an open conversation with the people we serve.

Who Decides How the City Operates?

The City of Satellite Beach operates under a Council-Manager form of government. This was created through the City Charter, which is sometimes described as being the "Constitution" of the City. In this form of government, City Council establishes policies, adopts ordinances and resolutions, and approves the budget. The City Manager is responsible for carrying out Council policies and overseeing the City's day-to-day operations within the budget approved by Council.

The annual budget is adopted through two ordinances: one establishing the property tax millage rate and another appropriating funding among the City's various funds.

Unlike a strong-mayor form of government, where the mayor oversees daily operations, Satellite Beach relies on a professional City Manager to manage City services, personnel, and operations. The City Manager prepares the proposed budget for Council's consideration, and Council ultimately decides what is funded.

Council receives detailed budget information, proposed amendments, and updates throughout the year. Residents are always welcome to meet with the City Manager or staff to review budget details, discuss individual line items, and ask questions about how public funds are spent.

In the last edition of the Beachcaster, we discussed the City's completion of a zero-based budgeting process.

This involved reviewing expenses and funding needs to help ensure each dollar is carefully evaluated and allocated where it is needed.

What Do We Need to Provide the Services Residents Expect?

Providing reliable City services requires more than having employees available to answer calls and complete daily tasks. Our staff must also be properly trained, maintain required certifications, and stay current with changing regulations and standards.

This applies across departments, including finance, police, fire, building services, and stormwater management. State requirements and standards from other agencies continue to evolve, and staff must dedicate time to reviewing, understanding, and implementing those changes.

Compliance can also require technology upgrades, new software, and systems that communicate effectively with one another. These investments help us meet regulatory requirements, protect public information, and operate efficiently.

Our responsibility is to ensure employees have the training, resources, equipment, and technology necessary to perform their jobs safely and effectively while delivering the services our residents expect.

What Can Be Reduced?

Current service levels our residents receive have been developed over the years through a combination of policy and management decisions made by City Council and the City Manager. Reducing service levels, when necessary due to funding reductions or limitations, can be one of the most difficult questions to answer because many of the services residents value are also the services that make Satellite Beach a wonderful place to live. There are also always competing priorities, as it is not unusual to have some residents enjoy a particular service and express a willingness to pay for that service, while other residents may not support it at all.

Our City's Holiday Open House, golf cart parades, Twilight Santa, the Easter Bunny Breakfast, the Easter Egg Hunt, special events, and Founder's Day are all traditions that bring our community together. We know these events matter to many families, and we recognize the value they bring to our community.

However, when we evaluate potential reductions, we must also consider the resources needed to maintain essential services, keep equipment operating safely, and meet regulatory requirements.

There are always service levels we could reduce. Public Works could mow less frequently, trim trees and bushes less often, or spend less time maintaining ballfields.

Recreation could reduce special event permits, activity brochures, instructor coordination, and programs during summer, winter, and spring breaks. The Building Department could scale back code enforcement, or reduce staffing which would then result in services such as permit inspections taking longer to complete. Staff reductions at City Hall could delay responses to calls and emails, delay the processing of public records requests, or reduce the speed of assistance it provides when residents have concerns about services such as waste collection.

These are not simply line items on a spreadsheet. Each reduction affects the level of service residents receive. The question is not whether we can reduce something. It is whether the savings justify the impact on our residents and the community we have worked hard to maintain.

What Has Changed?

Our commitment to serving Satellite Beach has not changed.

We want to answer the phone, respond to concerns, meet with residents when issues arise, maintain our parks, provide programs for seniors, young adults, and children, and offer community events that residents and visitors enjoy.

What has changed is the cost of delivering those services.

Like our residents, the City faces increasing costs for utilities, waste collection, sewer services, equipment maintenance, replacement parts, contracted services, and the many other expenses involved in operating a community. Employee compensation and benefits must also be evaluated as part of maintaining a qualified workforce and delivering reliable services.

We must continually balance these costs with available revenues while remaining responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

How Are We Working More Efficiently?

We spend considerable time evaluating how the City operates and identifying opportunities to improve efficiency and control costs.

That includes carefully reviewing contracted services and procurement processes to obtain the best value, comparing software options that may save staff time and money, and ensuring new systems work with existing technology rather than creating additional challenges.

We also continually review our cybersecurity practices and changing requirements to help protect City systems and residents' information.

We evaluate existing processes, consider better alternatives, and prepare for new requirements before they become operational challenges. Sometimes outsourcing a service makes financial sense. Other times, bringing work in-house or using a blended approach provides better value. Each decision must be evaluated based on its actual costs, benefits, service quality, and long-term impact.

These evaluations are ongoing. There is no single solution to rising costs, but there are many opportunities to make thoughtful decisions, improve operations, and ensure public funds are being used wisely.

What Happens When Something Is Not Funded?

Sometimes a project, service, or equipment purchase cannot be funded in the year it is requested. Those decisions have real consequences, and we recognize that residents may feel the effects.

When funding is unavailable, staff works to identify alternative funding sources, determine whether a project can be deferred to a future budget year, or evaluate other options. If an urgent or unexpected need arises, staff may present a request to City Council to consider using available reserves, subject to applicable requirements and Council approval.

Not every need can be addressed immediately. Our responsibility is to communicate those limitations, evaluate the options, and help Council make informed decisions about priorities.

When Do Residents Get a Say?

Resident involvement is important, and we want to create more opportunities for our community to understand the budget and participate in the process. Next year, we plan to reestablish a Citizen's Budget Committee, similar to the committee created in 2018. Our goal is to make this an annual opportunity for residents to learn more about how the City operates, review budget priorities, and gain a better understanding of the decisions involved in funding municipal services.

Residents can also participate by attending City Council meetings, reviewing meeting agendas and budget materials, contacting City Council members, or reaching out directly to the City Manager and staff.

Our City website contains a wealth of information, and we continue to share updates through social media, the Mighty App, and the Beachcaster. We encourage residents to explore these resources, ask questions, and share ideas.

An Open Invitation to Our Residents

We cannot answer every question in one article, but we hope this provides a clearer picture of how the City operates and reinforces that our doors are open.

If you have questions about the budget, employee compensation, the millage rate, a particular service, or how a decision is made, please call, email, or stop by. If you have an idea you would like us to consider, we welcome that conversation, too.

We may not always have an immediate answer. Sometimes staff needs to research an issue, review the numbers, or confirm regulatory requirements before responding. However, we will do our best to follow up promptly and provide accurate information.

Being good stewards of taxpayer dollars means continually asking questions, evaluating our decisions, and looking for ways to do better. It also means being honest about what services cost, what reductions would mean, and the choices our community faces.

We are committed to serving Satellite Beach, spending public funds responsibly, and maintaining an open and honest dialogue with our residents. Your questions, ideas, and participation help us do that better.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

September 9, 2026, Regular Meeting

- Presented a proclamation declaring National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.
- Approved Florida Department of Law Enforcement State Financial Assistance Agreement Member Project.
- Approved Surfline Camera Host Agreement for continued surf webcam services at Hightower Beach Park and Pelican Beach Park.
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1296 on first reading, establishing a millage rate of 7.8 mills for FY26-27.
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1297 on first reading, adopting the FY26-27 Budget.
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1298 on first reading, creating the Tree & Sustainability Board.
- Approved Resolution No. 1080, adopting the 2025 update of the Brevard Prepares Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy Plan.
- Directed staff to draft an ordinance to allow dogs on the beach from November 1 – February 28, 6–10am and 4–8pm, from Hightower south and incorporating a regulatory (permit) structure.
- Approved waiving fees for the Ocean Reef Beach Festival.
- Directed staff to draft a letter to the family members of Gail Meredith to alert them to the fact that the forest location has changed.
- Approved a cybersecurity agreement.

September 23, 2026, Special Meeting

- Swearing in of Deputy Chief Steve Owens and Officer Jeremy Verhagen.
- Approved Resolution No. 1081, adopting the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1296 on second reading, establishing a millage rate of 7.8 mills for FY26-27.
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1297 on second reading, adopting the FY26-27 Budget.
- Approved waiving fees for the Eyes on Wellness community health fair, hosted by the Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind (BAAB).
- Approved Ordinance No. 1299 on first reading, allowing Low-speed vehicle rental as a conditional use at 1275 South Patrick Drive.
- Approved Change Order No. 1 for Jobear Contracting Inc. in the amount of $90,738.90 for the Jackson Avenue Streetscape project.
- Adopted Resolution No. 1082, authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Local Agency Program Supplemental Agreement with FDOT for the Jackson Avenue Streetscape project.
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1298 on second reading, creating the Tree & Sustainability Board.
- Authorized the City Manager and City Attorney to draft an ordinance regarding allowing the City Manager's authorization to execute agreements up to $25,000.

October 7, 2026, Regular Meeting

- Presented a proclamation declaring Energy Awareness Month.
- Presented a proclamation declaring Fire Prevention Week.
- Swearing in of Firefighters Autumn Flach and Tyler Hansen.
- Approved Legislative Priorities for 2027 Legislative Session.
- Held a public hearing and approved Ordinance No. 1299 on first reading, allowing Low-speed vehicle rentals at 1275 S. Patrick Drive.
- Approved the Public Safety Training Facility Agreement with the City of Melbourne.
- Appointed Mark Barton, Steve Gillem, Lars Jones, Jessica Kochman, Beth Rieder and Sondra Vail to the Tree & Sustainability Board.

October 21, 2026, Regular Meeting

- Presentation of Proclamation for Florida City Week.
- Approved Resolution No. 1083, authorizing entering into a five-year lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of a fire pumper in the amount of $1,092,482.
- Approved a Right-of-Way Consent Agreement for FPL.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

November 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM—CC Regular Meeting
November 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM— CC Regular Meeting
December 9, 6:00 PM–CC Regular Meeting



VETERAN SPOTLIGHT:
HONORING THOSE THAT SERVED
BY RON CULP

Alan Dillon has lived a remarkable life in the sky and on the ground as a paratrooper, helicopter pilot and flight instructor. His service and experience have had a lasting impact on both military and civilian aviation operations.

Alan was born in Bluefield, WV. When he was 6, his mother Betty accepted a teaching job in Titusville and moved the family to Florida. Alan attended Titusville High School and graduated in 1969. He learned the value of hard work at a young age and was employed at Industrial Steel in Mims while attending school. At the age of 19, while attending Brevard Junior College, Alan received a draft notice. He chose to join the U.S. Army.

He completed Army Basic in Ft Jackson, SC and was sent to Ft Leonard Wood, MO for Advanced Individual Training (AIT). Alan graduated from Airborne and Ranger Schools at Ft Benning, GA. As a Ranger he served with B Company, 75th Infantry out of Ft. Carson, CO where he developed a passion for skydiving. He then went to the 1st Ranger Battalion, Ft. Stewart GA. During visits home, he would stop by the Rockledge Air Park and join the local parachute enthusiasts conducting free fall jumps.

In 1975, SGT Dillon was selected to join the U.S. Army demonstration and competition Parachute Team, the Golden Knights—a highlight of his military career. The team travels nationwide demonstrating precision freefalls, high-performance landings and flag jumps at airshows, festivals and major sporting events.Team members are routinely on the road 250 days out of the year. Three years later, SSG Dillon was accepted to Army flight school and earned his wings in 1979. Warrant Officer Dillon reported to the 5th Special Forces Group located at Ft Bragg, NC to fly the UH-1 Huey helicopter. In 1983, CW2 transitioned to the CH-47 Chinook and was assigned to the 160th SOAR. While participating in the Army SERE Instructor Course at Ft Bragg, Alan suffered a severe injury that halted his promising military career. CW2 Dillon was medically retired in 1985 after 13 years of honorable service.

After leaving the Army, he returned to Brevard County and accepted a job as Chief Pilot at Florida Hospital in Orlando as an EMS pilot flying the S-58T helicopter. When the program expanded to Melbourne, he transferred to Holmes Regional and played an integral role in establishing the hospital's EMS aviation program.While at Holmes, Alan met Teresa, a Neonatal Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner. They married in 1996 and moved to Satellite Beach in 1997.

Before retiring in 2012, Alan also worked as a wildfire helicopter pilot that included fighting the devastating fires of 1998 in Brevard County; Inspector Pilot for the U.S. Department of the Interior; and Operations Manager and Instructor for Bristow Academy in Titusville. During his career, Alan amassed over 10,000 hrs of flight time and some 1300 parachute jumps.

Alan and Teresa have been married for over 30 years and share 3 children together. Daughter Desiree (SHS class of 1993) graduated from FSU, married a career Army Officer and they now live in Satellite Beach. Son AJ (SHS class of 2002) followed his dad's footsteps joining the Army right out of high school and served 20yrs as a Green Beret and Ranger. Cara, the youngest, lives in CO with her husband Travis and two children. Teresa retired earlier this year after 45 years in the Nursing and Healthcare field.They both enjoy traveling in their RV, boating, fishing and spending time with their beloved dogs: Titan and Kimber.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY ALAN,
AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION!





Twilight Santa 2026



Departing the Fire Department @ 6:00 PM

Monday, Dec. 7th: Jackson Ave. south to Park Ave. - East of S. Patrick Dr
Tuesday, Dec. 8th: Park Ave. south to Cinnamon Drive
Wednesday, Dec. 9th: West side of S. Patrick Drive
Thursday, Dec. 10th: Cassia Blvd. south to DeSoto Parkway
Friday, Dec. 11th: DeSoto Parkway south to City Line
Saturday, Dec. 12th: 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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Guest Appearance by THE GRINCH
Live Musical Performances
Kids Games
Bounce House
Face Painters
Roast Marshmallows
Refreshments
Crafts & Story Time
Watch It SNOW!
DJ Timmy Vee
BRING an unwrapped toy for Satellite Cares

For over 20 years the SBFD and Volunteer Fire Department have been collecting and distributing toys and gift cards to assist families and Seniors in Satellite Beach during the holidays.

Our trees and donation boxes will be going up Tuesday, November 17. Please remember Satellite Cares during your holiday shopping trips.

SB Tree and Donation Sites
SB Fire Dept 240 Jackson Ave 8am - 8pm
City Hall 565 Cassia Blvd M-F 8am - 4pm
Police Dept 510 Cinnamon Dr 8am - 5pm
DRS Center 1089 S Patrick 8:30am - 5pm
Planning and Zoning 1390 S. Patrick 8:30am-5:30pm

Checks should be payable to:
SB Volunteer Fire Department

SATELLITE CARES

The Satellite Beach Volunteer Fire Department (SBVFD) is a tax exempt 501 C3 and is a registered charitable organization with the State of Florida. All donations are tax deductible, receipts provided on request.



Congratulations

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

STEVE OWENS

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We are incredibly proud to announce the promotion of Lieutenant Steve Owens to Deputy Chief of Police!

Deputy Chief Owens joined SBPD on January 31, 2007, and throughout his 19-year career has served in nearly every facet of our Department. His experience includes serving as a Patrol Corporal, K-9 Handler for nearly a decade, Patrol Sergeant, Emergency Response Team member, instructor, training coordinator, Administrative Sergeant, and Lieutenant.

One of his greatest contributions has been his dedication to mentoring and shaping the next generation of Satellite Beach Police Officers. Through his leadership and example, he has worked to instill our Core Values and teach not only what it takes to be a police officer, but what it means to serve the unique community of Satellite Beach.

His distinguished career includes five Officer of the Quarter awards, three Officer of the Year awards, the Hartmann-Flagg Award, two Life-Saving Awards, the Silver Star for Bravery, and the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Honor. In 2010, he was also named the State of Florida Officer of the Year for his heroic actions during a critical domestic violence incident, where his courage and leadership directly saved lives.

His service extends beyond the badge through his involvement in community events that bring people together and strengthen the relationship between our Department and the citizens we serve.

Deputy Chief Owens' career has been defined by dedicated service, respected leadership, and a genuine commitment to our Department and community. We are grateful for his nearly two decades of service and confident he will continue to uphold the values and traditions that make serving Satellite Beach so special.

Please join us in congratulating Deputy Chief Steve Owens on this very well-deserved promotion!

INTEGRITY ★ HONOR ★ SERVICE ★ EXCELLENCE

Parking Pass Renewals

Renewals for Parking Passes will be emailed to residents starting 11/2. Satellite Beach Residents continue to receive passes at no charge. Non-residents renew every year, and must decide on a limited free pass or a pass for all lots for a yearly fee.

- Current passes expire December 31, and **do not auto-renew.**
- Each renewal link is unique and based on your personal parking account. Don't share your link or use someone else's.
- Once renewed, your pass will be valid until 12/31/2028.

For information regarding your upcoming renewal, please reach out to our local PCI parking office directly at parksboffice@municipalparking.com

PCI Municipal Services
240 Jackson Ave
321-773-4407 ext 510
Tues-Thurs 9AM-3PM

SATELLITE BEACH



Keeping Satellite Beach Beautiful



KNOW THE CODE

Community Development
321-773-4409 • CDD@satellitebeach.gov
www.satellitebeach.gov

Keeping our neighborhoods clean, safe, and attractive is a shared effort. Routine property care and planning before home improvements can help prevent common code violations and costly repairs. The Community Development Department (CDD) is here to help residents understand the requirements that apply to their properties.



Maintain your home and yard.

- Regularly inspect roofs, soffits, fascia, exterior walls, paint, windows, doors, and paved areas for damage or deterioration.
- Address small repairs before they become larger problems.
- Keep lawns trimmed and vegetation clear of sidewalks, gutters, and roadways.
  - Remember to check areas outside your fence and along the street.
- Clear walkways support safe pedestrian travel.
- Unobstructed drainage areas help rainwater flow properly.



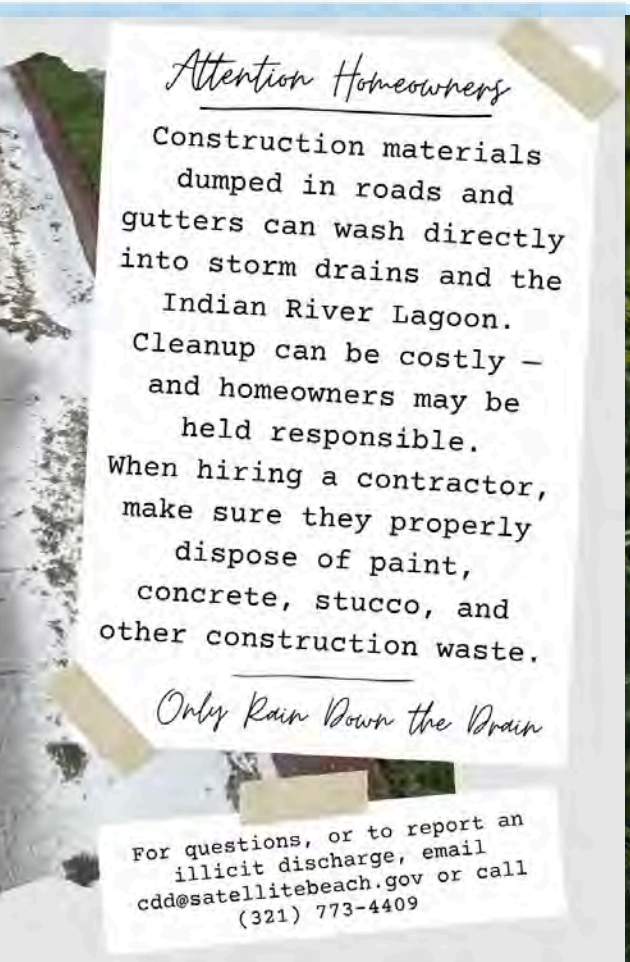
Check before starting improvements.

- Installing or replacing a fence, adding pavers or a patio, or expanding a driveway may require a permit.
  - Property lines, easements, setbacks, fence height, drainage, and lot coverage can affect your project.
  - Roofing and window or door replacements may also require permits.
- Contact CDD before beginning work; a survey and simple sketch can help staff answer your questions.



Confirm parking & storage requirements.

- Residential parking and the storage of boats, trailers, recreational vehicles, and inoperable vehicles are subject to City requirements. Location and screening requirements may apply.
- Keep sidewalks and public rights-of-way clear and ask staff if you are unsure where an item may be parked or stored.





WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Hazardous waste exhibits one or more characteristics of ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity, making it dangerous if disposed of improperly in the environment. Typical household hazardous wastes include:

- Automotive fluids and batteries
- Gasoline/ diesel
- Paints, stains, thinners, sealers and solvents
- Oil filters
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, rat poison
- Pool cleaning supplies
- Aerosol sprays
- Adhesives
- Fluorescent lamps
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Electronics
- Drain cleaner
- Rubbing alcohol, peroxide

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Always take your household hazardous waste to a Brevard County collection center. For a list of collection centers and instructions, visit: https://www.brevardfl.gov/SolidWaste/HouseholdHazardousWaste
- Never dump oils, toxics, or hazardous materials on the ground, in a storm drain, or any other stormwater conveyance. When improperly disposed, they can be mobilized into stormwater, contaminating surface water and groundwater.
- Educate others about the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.



TOGETHER, WE CAN PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVE OUR LAGOON!

Top 5 Invasive Plants

Our landscapes are part of a larger ecosystem. Choosing native plants over invasive species helps preserve biodiversity, strengthen natural habitats, and ensure local wildlife has the resources it needs to survive.



Carrotwood *(Cupaniopsis anacardioides)*

How to Identify It
- Evergreen tree up to 40 feet tall
- Dark, glossy compound leaves
- Bright orange seed capsules that split open to reveal black seeds

Why It's a Problem
Invades coastal hammocks and can replace native canopy trees

Native Alternatives
Paradise Tree • Live Oak • Gumbo Limbo



Brazilian Pepper *(Schinus terebinthifolia)*

How to Identify It
A large evergreen tree or small tree with glossy leaves and clusters of bright red berries. It can form dense thicken.

Why It's a Problem
Forms dense, messy thickets that take over yards, canals, and natural areas.

Native Alternatives
Yaupon Holly • Dahoon Holly • American Holly



Schefflera *(Schefflera actinophyla)*

How to Identify It
A large evergreen tree with umbrella-like clusters of glossy leaflets. Mature trees produce tall flower stalks followed by clusters of small fruits.

Why It's a Problem
Bird-dispersed seeds allow schefflera to escape landscapes and establish in natural areas. It can grow into large trees that compete with native vegetation.

Native Alternatives
Simpson Stopper • Walter's Viburnum • Wild Coffee



Lantana *(Lantana strigocamara)*

How to Identify It
A woody shrub with rough, textured leaves and clusters of brightly colored flowers–often red, orange, pink, and yellow. Dark berries may develop after flowering.

Why It's a Problem
Spreads rapidly and can outcompete native plants. Its seeds are commonly spread by birds, allowing it to move from landscapes into new sil areas. Spreads beyond gardens and can hybridize with Florida's native lantanas.

Native Alternatives
Buttonsage • Native Lantana species • Salvia



White Fountian Grass *(Cenchrus setaceus)*

How to Identify It
A clumping ornamental grass with narrow leaves and distinctive, fountain-like flower plumes that rise above the foliage.

Why It's a Problem
Fountain grass can escape landscapes and establish outside cultivation. Once established, it can compete with native vegetation and spread into natural areas.

Native Alternatives
Muhly Grass • Fakahatchee Grass • Lovegrass • Sand Cordgrass • Wiregrass

Invasive plants are non-native species that spread aggressively into natural areas, where they outcompete native plants and alter healthy ecosystems. Although some wildlife may use them for food or shelter, invasive plants reduce the diversity of native vegetation that supports the greatest variety of birds, butterflies, pollinators, and other wildlife.









Farm Store & More, located at 1592 Highway A1A, Unit D, offers Satellite Beach residents a convenient place to find foods from Brevard-area farms and vendors. The neighborhood market carries seasonal produce, farm-fresh eggs, sourdough bread, local honey, meats, jams, and specialty foods. Its selection brings a variety of local products together in one beachside location. Whether shopping for everyday ingredients or exploring something new, residents can discover local flavors while supporting the area's farmers and small businesses.



Satellite Beach Woman's Club

Please mark your calendars and SAVE the DATE for the November 7, 2026 Founders Day/Marketplace. **Note: extra parking at the SHS Stadium has been approved.** SBWC Environment Service group is doing beach cleanup monthly. If you are interested in joining us at the beach contact Deb Reitz @ debrareitz@comcast.net.

Our Motto is "Service Because We Care". If you are interested in reaching out to the community and giving back, we are the organization for you! Our Community Service Programs are Art, Education, Environment, Health and Wellness and Civic Engagement and Outreach. If you are interested in joining Satellite Beach Woman's Club, please contact Deb Masse: debmasse@yahoo.com

Exciting News! GFWC SBWC participated in GFWC Florida state's Calendar Contest to support Firefighters. The GFWC FL President and our Club President will focus on Firefighters for 2026-2028 administrations. Of the GFWC FL 14 Districts and 280 clubs, GFWC Satellite Beach Woman's Club photo was a winner for the month of May 2027 in the calendar.

WE LOVE OUR FIREFIGHTING HEROES!





SATELLITE BEACH LIONS CLUB



Happy Holidays, Satellite Beach! The Satellite Beach Lions Club 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 36 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 is there to give a meaningful gift?

All letters will be mailed by Dec. 19th. 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 helenevt63@aol.com. For more information contact Terry Bush at terry.bush22@gmail.com or 321-298-7792.

55+ CLUB OF SATELLITE BEACH

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Holiday Lights Trips

St. Augustine Nights Of Lights - January 7, 2026 - $84 per person. The registration deadline is November 24, 2026. Seats are selling fast! Reserve your seats at the Recreation Office M-F 8:30am-5pm.

Celebrate the holiday season with us at the spectacular 33rd Annual St. Augustine Nights of Lights! St. Augustine's beautiful historic district will sparkle with the glow of more than three million twinkling lights, creating one of Florida's most magical holiday traditions.

Price includes transportation, time to walk through the historic downtown area and a train ride through the lights.

For information on our day trips, please contact: Jo Ann Fisher at 321-497-4787 or fisherjoann81@gmail.com or Christine Schverack at 757-332-3830 or SatBeach55@yahoo.com

Annual Meeting & Holiday Dinner at *THE TIDES*

1001 Highway A1A, Satellite Beach
December 17, 2026 11AM - 1PM

We're closing out the year by doing it up in style right on the shoreline! Join us at The Tides for an afternoon of friendship, incredible food, and holiday cheer.

Tickets are $35 for members and $45 for guests (includes membership) and will be on sale at Bingo and the Recreation Office beginning November 2, 2026.

More information about the club and our activities can be found at www.55plusclubofsb.com, on our Facebook page, or by scanning the QR code. You can also call/email Vicki Stevens, President, at 321-446-3206 or alaska11.vs@gmail.com

Chilli Challenge & Baking Battle

You Pick the Champion!
November 20th 11am - 1pm
SB Civic Center

Don't miss this sizzling event! You are invited to join us as we endeavor to crown 3 champions! We will be voting on Chili Champ, Bread Boss and Dessert Dominator. The best part is that you get to taste all the delicious food and vote for your favorite! Don't miss out, purchase your tickets today! Tickets are on sale at the Recreation Office M-F from 8:30am-5pm or at Bingo on Mondays from 9am-1pm. $5 for members and $15 for guests (includes membership)

If you would like to be a contestant and compete, please email raud@satellitebeach.gov

For Information regarding any of our youth sports programs, please feel free to contact us at PAL@satellitebeach.org or 321-777-8336.

SBPAL Winter Basketball practices begin in December with games beginning January 8 & 9. Stop by the gym and cheer on your team!

As SBPAL Volleyball comes to a close, please join us in the Schechter Center gym for playoffs.
Thank you to the coaches, players, fans and sponsors that helped make our season such a success!

- **Volleyball Tournament begins 11/15**
- **Volleyball Semi-finals begin 11/17**
- **Volleyball Championship game 11/20**
- **Spring Season Volleyball Registration begins 1/11/27**

RECREATION news

NOVEMBER DATES TO KNOW

Nov 7 – Founders Day Market

Nov 7 - Founders Day Parade

Nov 26, 27 – Rec facilities closed for the Holiday

Nov 27 – Black Friday Farmers Market @ DRS 10am-2pm



RECREATION SPOTLIGHT

Bonfire Season is Open!

Looking for the perfect way to celebrate the holidays? Host a bonfire for friends and family! Sites are available at our two major beach parks, Hightower and Pelican and reservations are now open. Give us a call to book yours today!

FOR MORE INFO

Give us a call at 321-773-6458 or visit us at ww.satellitebeach.gov/rec

Don't miss these community favorites!!

DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Babysitting Bootcamp
November 14 | 9am-2pm | Ages 11-17
Learn babysitting basics like CPR and first aid in this hands-on workshop!

Crafty Kids Night
Nov 20, Dec 18 | 6-8pm | Ages 6-12
Imagination comes alive as we create holiday crafts, DIY art projects and more!

Winter Break Skate Camp
Dec 28-31 | 9-11:30am | Ages 6-12
Beginner and experienced riders will take their skills to the next level at this camp!

PAL Volleyball Spring Season
Registration opens mid-January for the upcoming season. Mark your calendars!

Register Online at www.PlaySatelliteBeach.org

DECEMBER DATES TO KNOW

Dec 6 – Fire Dept Open House

Dec 7-12 – Twilight Santa, Fire truck parade

Dec 8 – Phone calls from Santa

Dec 18 – Holiday Golf Cart Parade



Recreation Office located at the DRS, 1089 S. Patrick Drive. Mon–Fri, 8:30 AM–5 PM.

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Satellite Beach Public Library Information:
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751 Jamaica Boulevard,
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Friends of the Satellite Beach Library Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthesatellitebeachlibrary
Brevard County Libraries Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/brevardcountylibraries

Operating Hours –
Mondays 9am – 8pm
Tuesdays 12pm – 8pm
Wednesday – Thursday 9am – 6pm
Friday – Saturday 9am – 5pm
Closed on Sundays

The Library will be closed for the following holidays:



Veteran's Day
Wednesday, 11/11



Thanksgiving
Thursday 11/26
Friday 11/27



Christmas
Thursday 12/24
Friday 12/25

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sale: Friday, 11/13: 9 AM – 5 PM & Saturday, 11/14: 9 AM – 3PM. Like new/gently used books & media. Cash/check only. Hosted in the library's meeting room.
Annual Book Club Celebration: Monday, 12/7: 1 PM - 3 PM. Take "Tea-Time" to celebrate! Come have a bite and chat. Includes wrapped book swap, tea and treats, and a sneak peek of next year's book selections. Register with Reference.
Stitching Together: Community Blanket Project: Tuesdays, 12/1 – Saturday, 1/30. Love to knit or crochet? The Satellite Beach Library will be collecting roughly 5x5", machine-washable squares to be made into a community blanket. Drop off squares at the Reference Desk. Limited number of supply kits will be available. Participation open to all ages.

ADULT PROGRAMMING (AGES 18+):

Please contact Reference at (321) 779-4004 for up to date information.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Crochet Classes: Free and materials provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Craft swap box will be available. Ages 18+. Register with Reference.
Beginner Class: Tuesday, 11/3 & 12/1: 1 PM. Learn basic stitches.
Intermediate Class: Tuesday, 11/10: 1 PM. Attendees should be comfortable with basic chaining and single crochet stitches, as this class will build on those skills.
Diamond Painting Craft Hour: Tuesday, 11/17: 1 PM. Diamond painting is a simple technique similar to paint by numbers. Making a snowflake suncatcher. Free, all materials provided. Ages 18+. Register with Reference.
Community Blanket Crafting Hour: Making Squares: Tuesday, 12/8: 1 PM. Spend time with fellow crafters making crochet or knit squares for the library's Community Blanket Project! Learn how to make a basic crochet granny square. Some materials will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Ages 10+.
Moonlighters Quilting Group: Monday, 11/9: 5:30 PM. Create a quilt block for donation from 6 - 6:30 PM. All welcome. Free, all materials provided.
Indian River Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America: Friday, 11/20: 10 AM & Monday, 12/14: 1 PM. Check Facebook page "Welcoming Stitches" for details.

BOOK CLUBS

Pick up your copy of the next meeting's book at the Reference Desk.
Comic Relief Book Club: Monday, 11/16 & 12/21: 6 PM. A graphic novel reading club for adults. Book selections are determined after each meeting – call for latest title.
Tea Time Book Club: Monday, 11/23: 1 PM. Reading "The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife" by Anna Johnston.
Tea Time Too Book Club: Tuesday, 11/24: 1 PM. Reading the same monthly titles as the Tea Time Book Club.

BOOK CLUBS CONTINUED

Speedy Saturday Walking Book Club: Saturday, 11/14: 10 AM. Reading "The Good Husband of Zebra Drive" by Alexander McCall Smith. Book chat starts indoors, followed by an outdoor walk on paved paths. The walk may be canceled in inclement weather.
Satellite Beach Woman's Club Book Discussion: Friday, 12/11: 12PM. Bring a book you want to talk about and a bag lunch.

EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE

Community Support Advocate: Friday, 11/13 & 12/11: 9 AM - 5 PM. Offers help with housing, jobs, SNAP benefits, social security benefits, health care & insurance, senior resources, and more. Schedule an appointment with Reference.
One-on-One Basic Tech Help: Free! By appointment. 30-minute session. Register with Reference.

EXERCISE CLASSES

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

HOBBIES AND FUN

Adult Game Night: Monday, 11/2 & 12/7: 6 - 7:30 PM. Play from available tabletop games. Snacks provided. Join anytime. Ages 18+.
Matinee Movies: Monday, 11/9: 1 PM. Watch free movies at the library! Shown with closed captioning. Refreshments provided. Call or check our website for movie details.
Learn to Play the Ukulele: Friday, 11/6: 11:30 AM. Classes start with beginner instruction for the first half hour, and end in a jam session to improve skills. Ukuleles available to check out before the class starts. Ages 18+. Free. Register with Reference.
Beachside Strummers: Friday, 11/13 & 12/11: 9:30 - 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.
November/December: There is no Youth Services programming during 11/23-11/28 and 12/21-12/30.
New Year's Eve Event: Thursday, 12/31: TBD. Celebrate the new year at the library! **(TBD, PLEASE CALL FOR CONFIRMATION)**
Read Your Way to K: Toddlers: Wednesdays excluding 11/11, 11/25, 12/23 & 12/30: 10 AM. Songs, stories, & more! Ages 15 - 36 months. No registration required.
Read Your Way to K: Preschool: Thursdays excluding 11/26, 12/24 & 12/31: 10 AM. Stories, crafts, & more! Ages 3 - 5. No registration required.
Brick Builders Club: 1st Wednesdays, 11/4 & 12/2: 3:30 PM. Choose between a brick building challenge or free building. Ages 5 - 12. All materials provided. No registration required.
Storytime Crafternoon: Wednesday 12/9: 3:30 PM. Join us for a story and unique craft! Ages 5 - 12. All materials provided. No registration required.
Mad About Music: 3rd Wednesdays, 11/18 & 12/16: 3:30 PM. Enjoy a story and learn about music! Ages 5 - 12. All materials provided. No registration required.
Read to a Therapy Dog: 3rd Saturdays, 11/21 & 12/19: 1 PM. Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Ages 5 to 17. Registration REQUIRED one week prior to the event.