In 2016 the Sustainability Board created the City’s Green Achievement Targets (GATs) and promoting renewable energy was at the top of the list. Fast forward to 2017, in an effort to promote solar energy availability to the general public, the City of Satellite Beach became the first City in the County and one of only a handful in the state to become PACE certified. The PACE program allows the residents of Satellite to use the program’s pre-vetted contractors and established low interest loans to update their homes for hurricane and energy efficiency, which includes solar. The loan is added as an assessment to the property which means it is tied to the property, not the owner. In the event that the property sells prior to the loan completion, the assessment can be transferred to the new owner, or the existing owner has the option to pay off the loan at the time of sale. We have had many residents utilize this program.

With solar becoming more affordable, and our City’s goal to become more sustainable, City Council authorized staff to work toward solar for City Hall. In 2018 the City installed solar on the City Hall/Civic Center complex with an estimated electric bill savings of $247,955 over the life-span of the solar panels. It is a 823 KW system with 232 of panels installed on the roof of the complex. The panels are insured and hurricane rated for winds up to 150 MPH. Currently, the system cannot run on solar when there is an outage, but the system was designed with the ability to hook up to external power storage in the future when that technology is more affordable. Stop by the City Hall lobby to see an interactive display of how our solar system is performing.

With the success of this first solar installation, the Sustainability Board presented City Council with a proposal from FPL to put a solar canopy at the west side of the Pelican Beach parking lot. The decision to place the panels at this particular location was based on the amount of open space and proximity to the necessary equipment needed by FPL to support the system. The city incurred no cost for the installation or maintenance of the system. The solar canopy installed is a 25kW system that has 92 panels that are hurricane rated up to 150 MPH winds. The panels will provide a shade cover for those who park underneath them during those HOT summer days. There are outlets installed that our Farmer’s Market vendors and events that are held at Pelican can use for power. If you happened to attend the Ocean Reef Festival this year and heard the band, you were listening to music that was powered by plugging directly into the solar panels. Solar powered music, It doesn’t get much more sustainable than that. These systems are representative of the City and our residents commitment to move to a more sustainable community.
Mayors’ Fitness Challenge 2019

It’s that time of year again! The 2019 Health First Mayors’ Fitness Challenge is slated to kick-off on February 2nd! Eleven Mayors in Brevard are challenging their citizens to get involved in a healthy competition — the Health First Mayors’ Fitness Challenge. Each Mayor will assemble the largest possible group of people from the community to form a city team. Everyone who joins for a municipality is considered part of that Mayor’s "team." All you have to do is start moving and track it!

Satellite Beach will be hosting a kick-off walk this year at the David R. Schechter Center at 9 am on Saturday, February 2nd! Join your fellow participants for a 1.6 mile walk or run and meet vendors before the walk to find lots of opportunities to keep yourself moving for the challenge too!

Satellite Beach staff has been working on another fun event this year, a City Scavenger Hunt! Join us for a fun, fitness inspired team scavenger hunt around the city starting at City Hall at 9 on Saturday, March 9th. Teams of 4-6 people will follow clues or solve riddles to discover as many destination points as quickly as possible by foot, bike, skateboard or any other ‘exercise vehicle’ you chose. Additional points may be earned by completing a fitness task at each destination. Pre-register at playsatellitebeach.org or in person at the DRS. Cost is $10 per team.

The 8-week challenge will end on March 30, 2019 and still feature the “Great Weight-Off” component. The individual top weight loser (calculated by percentage of weight lost) during the 8-weeks will win a $500 cash prize. To enter one or both of the challenges, visit uwbrevard.org.

Save the Dates from the Sustainability Board

On February 16, 2019 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm the Florida Friendly Landscaping Seminar will be held at the Melbourne Auditorium at 625 E Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne. At this seminar community partners will discuss topics related to Florida friendly landscaping including; bees, bats, plants, and the environment. Additionally, vendors at the event will have educational materials available and items for sale. For free tickets and additional information please visit this link www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-friendly-landscapingtm-seminar-tickets-52865077871.

Join the Board for the monthly Nighttime Bike Rides! The Board has been doing evening bike rides starting at the David R. Schechter Center at 7:00 pm in coordination with the Police Athletic League (PAL) for the past few months and would love to continue the community participation! The 2019 Friday dates planned so far are: January 18th, February 15th and March 15th. Hope to see you there!

From the Police Department

The City of Satellite Beach is providing the following information to citizens celebrating the coming of the New Year with fireworks. This information is provided to ensure citizens have a safe and joyful Holiday Season and not intended to condone the use of illegal fireworks.

If you intend to celebrate with fireworks, please be mindful that loud explosions are a nightmare to citizens suffering from PTSD (or nervous disorders) and are likewise scary to our beloved pets and the local wildlife.

It is illegal to use exploding and/or flying fireworks in Florida, which include: shells and mortars, multiple tube devices, Roman candles, rockets and firecrackers. As a general guideline, anything that flies through the air or explodes is not allowed for consumer use. Floridians should not sign "waivers" in order to purchase fireworks. Signing a waiver will not clear a consumer of responsibility should you be caught illegally using fireworks, which is a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a $1,000 fine.
**DeSoto Pond Project Nearing Completion**

Nearly six months after breaking ground, the DeSoto Park Stormwater Improvements project construction phase is nearly complete. There are still some elements that will be added once the Contractor has finished their work; amenities such as multi-generational exercise equipment, benches and trash cans will be added in the coming months. Also, a floating ADA Accessible kayak launch will be installed in the spring, so as not to interfere with winter time manatee activity.

In the last article regarding the pond and its importance to the role of stormwater treatment, we discussed the different types of BMP’s that made up the “treatment train” and that the pond was the end of the train. Well, that is not actually the “end” of the story.

The water that is collected in the pond will be used to irrigate the entire park area. This reuse of water is a form of treatment that takes advantage of the availability of a valuable resource, while not using water from the already overtaxed aquifer. In addition to not using potable water for irrigation, by redistributing captured stormwater across an extensive landscape area in a controlled fashion, this practice helps maintain the hydrologic balance and uses natural cleansing processes for improved water treatment.

Stormwater reuse is very cost effective for consumers and water utilities. Water costs for stormwater reuse range from $0.12 - $0.50 per kgal (thousand gallons) versus $2.00 - $5.00 per kgal for potable water.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other Public Works Project, please call us at 777-2309 during normal business hours; 7:00 am – 3:30 pm.

**Sidewalk Maintenance Is Everyone’s Responsibility**

The City’s Public Works Department continually responds to calls regarding sunken, broken or unsafe sidewalks. In many cases, raised sidewalks, that cause trip hazards, are easily remedied by use of a grinder that saves time and money, while alleviating the unsafe situation. In other cases, where grinding is not prudent, sections of sidewalk are removed and replaced; this process is more time consuming and costly, but necessary to ensure pedestrian safety.

However, there are other conditions, pertaining to sidewalks, which cannot be addressed by City personnel, but have the potential to cause situations that can be unsafe to your neighbors and to their sidewalk users. Un-edged or overgrown sidewalks can be trip hazards or even impassable depending on the severity of the growth. Also, trees, bushes, or plants, if they go un-trimmed, can grow into the walking path and force pedestrians into the adjacent grass or roadway to avoid them.

In order to prevent these issues from becoming or continuing to be a problem, we ask that residents survey the grass and vegetation located in these areas of concern for possible maintenance needs. The City Code states that homeowners are responsible for any vegetation located in the right of way area abutting their property; failure to do so can be cause for Code Enforcement action, which is a last resort. See some examples below of sidewalks that are considered a code violation. If there are areas that need to be addressed by Public Works, please contact them at 777-2309.
**LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER IN THE NEW YEAR?**

The City is always on the lookout for residents who enjoy giving back to others in our community, and we have many opportunities for those who are looking to donate their time and give back to their community. The Satellite Beach Police Department has a variety of volunteer programs, including our Citizens On Patrol, Marine Patrol, Stop By & Say Hi, House Check, Bike Patrol and Walking Beach Patrol Programs. We also have a wonderful program called Stop By & Say Hi where they literally do just that. Our volunteers have become true best friends with our residents and enjoy visiting with them weekly where they laugh, tell funny stories and enjoy each other’s company. We offer friendship and support while keeping our residents engaged and plugged in with their community.

There are no requirements except to be a city resident. It is free of charge. We stay as long as the resident wants, our visits are confidential and we sincerely care. You must complete a background check and the required training in each program and be able to donate 2 hours a week. Our police department volunteers are an extension of our eyes and ears and provide invaluable services for our community. Our programs are exciting, interesting and throughout the year we also participate in special events.

Our department is always looking for positive, energetic individuals who want to have fun and be a part of our community. Come join us. For more information, please contact: Linda Harlow (321) 773-4400 x 125

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**FOLLOW UP FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

Thank you to all of our wonderful supporters who donated their time, talents, and gifts to help make the Annual Open House event a great success this year supporting our community. Special thanks to: Santa and Mrs. Claus, The Grinch, Cindy Lou Who, and the Mayor of Hooville. Performers from Satellite High School and Holland Elementary sang beautiful music for the event. Satellite Beach Police Department kept our citizens safe directing traffic and people. The Firefighters at Indian Harbour Beach Fire Department who donated the use of their grill and fire truck display. Satellite Beach Volunteer Fire Department for their generous support, Satellite Beach Woman’s Club for baking goods. Our Satellite Beach Fire Fighters for their hard work and dedication in preparing for this event. The support of our City Council and City Manager and all of the volunteers and vendors who contributed their time and talents. Lastly, everyone from the community who joined us in our celebration. On behalf of the Satellite Beach Fire Department, thank you again to everyone who contributed to make this event so special.

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**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SATELLITE HIGH STUDENTS**

The Rufus Fairbanks Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is seeking to award a $1500 scholarship to a senior from Satellite High School before the end of the school year. The deadline to apply is January 18, 2019. For forms and information, please contact Mrs. Jane Sargeant, the Guidance Counselor at Satellite High School at 321-779-2000 or Dr. Beth Dewey, the Chapter Scholarship Chair at edewey123@gmail.com.
South Brevard Beaches Relay for Life 2019

The South Brevard Beaches Relay for Life is changing our venue! For the past several years Relay for Life has been graciously hosted by Satellite High School. Now the American Cancer Society is trying to rebrand the event to be much shorter and more of a celebration event. With this idea in mind, event leads decided to move the event to the beach! So, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Pelican Beach Park! Look for new activities at the event and many more new twists to this celebrated event to fight against cancer. The City of Satellite Beach team has planned some annual fundraising events and we hope to have another successful year! More details to come!

January 12 - Bucket Drop at Satellite Beach Publix from 9 am-12 pm
January 26 - Car wash at Satellite Beach Fire Department from 10 am-1 pm
February 24 - Cornhole and Basket Raffle at City Hall Breezeway from 1-5 pm
Baskets are on display at City Hall NOW, tickets are on sale now until event day! Tickets cost $1 per entry.
March 2 - City Wide Garage Sale at the David R. Schechter Community Center from 8 am-12 pm
March 30 - Relay for Life at Pelican Beach Park from 3 pm-9 pm

November 6, 2018 Election Results

A City election was held this year to fill two City Council seats. Jodi Rozycki and Dominick Montanaro were the only candidates who qualified for the two City Council seats. The candidates ran unopposed for these City Council seats and stand elected as City Council Members. They will serve four-year terms.

Congratulations to Dominick Montanaro, who was re-elected to City Council, and to Jodi Rozycki, who was elected to City Council on November 6th. Thank you to each of the candidates for your willingness to serve the citizens. The Mayor and Council Members are volunteers and serve without pay. The City is fortunate to have such knowledgeable residents who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise. Thank you!

Satellite Beach Police Athletic League (PAL)

January 5 & 19 - Teeny Bopper Nights 6:30-9:30, K-6th grade $5.00 admission.
January 26 - Adult only BUNCO. Tickets are $15 and include BUNCO, dinner, homemade desserts and drinks.
February 2 & 16 - Teeny Bopper Night 6:30-9:30, K-6th grade, admission is $5.00.
February 15 - Third Friday Family Fest 5:00-9:00 pm.
February 23 - PAL Basketball playoffs at Satellite High School Gym.
Satellite Beach PAL will be holding a recreational volleyball league (no experience necessary) for girls ages 10-15. Registration begins January 14th, games begin in March. All interested players should contact SB PAL for further information. Contact PAL at: Pal@satellitebeach.org or call (321) 777-8336
The 55+ Club welcomes all seniors 55 and up and is NOT limited to Satellite Beach residents. Annual dues are $7. A bi-monthly newsletter is either postal mailed or emailed to members. Currently the club offers several activities such as: Bingo, Bunco, various cards and games, Mahjongg, Line Dancing, Indoor Walking, Fishing, Book Club, Chess, Couponing, Day and Extended Travel, Dining Out, Lunch Bunch, Social/Seasonal Parties and Educational Seminars. For more information, contact Joyce Scafidi, Chairperson, at 321-961-6408, roysjoyce@aol.com or visit www.55plusclubofsfb.com

On Thursday December 13th the Christmas Luncheon and Annual Meeting was held. This event was catered by Courtenay Springs one of our generous sponsors and the food was delicious! The newly elected 2019/2020 Executive Board was announced and they are as follows: Joyce Scafidi, Chairperson; Louise Stevenson, Vice Chairperson; Trudy Hughes, Treasurer; Trudy Popitti, Corresponding Secretary; Member at Large, Terry Mellon; Recording Secretary, Position Open.

A Valentine Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 and will be hosted by our sponsor Zon Beachside. Tickets are $5.00 and will be available beginning January 28th from the Recreation office. Enjoy great food, door prizes, 50/50 raffles and friends! Watch for future events and trips in 2019.

FROM THE LIONS CLUB

The Satellite Beach Lions Club raised $7,145 at its twenty-ninth annual Tournament for Sight fundraiser in November. The golf tournament is the Lions’ biggest fundraiser. Fifteen foursomes played in the tournament. Through donations, corporate sponsors and hole sponsors, the tournament gave golfers a chance to win items valued at over $5,000 in team and door prizes, and silent auction items. Golfers were also treated to a catered lunch.

The Crane Private Wealth Group team, which included noted humanitarian, Florida Tech Alumni, and All-Star Boston Red Sox Pitcher Tim Wakefield, won the tournament. Wakefield managed to remain under-the-radar until he registered a hole-in-one on the tournament's Par 3 Contest hole and the crowd erupted in cheers and high-fives.

Monies generated from Lions fundraisers are returned 100% to support various local and international programs. These programs fight the causes of blindness and hearing loss, fund diabetes research and other outreach programs for the sight impaired. In Brevard County, financial support is available to the less fortunate for sight and hearing examinations, glasses, and hearing aids. The Satellite Beach Lions also use the money to support Brevard Sharing Center, Serene Harbor, Boy Scouting activities, Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind, Police Athletic League, Children's Hunger Project, and community betterment projects like food baskets for the needy at Christmas and the benches on Cassia and Cinnamon Park.

SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN’S CLUB

The Satellite Beach Woman’s Club (a part of the General Federation of Woman’s Club’s) gives a big thank you to our community for their help in making 2018 Founder’s Day/Marketplace a success. We will be able to help many of those in need throughout the year. Our members wish our community wonderful a Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year.

Our club has been operating since 1964. If you are interested in joining a GFWC SBWC service organization and making lifelong friendships, please contact: Sharon Rozos at srozos52@gmail.com
ADULTS

Tuesdays, 4:30pm-Gentle Yoga. Bring a mat/towel, wear comfortable clothing. $5 fee per class.

Friday, January 4, 1:00pm-Book Sort with the Friends of the Library. We need your help, get a first peek at the great donations, some lifting required. Getting ready for our Annual Book Sale in February.

Tuesday, January 8, 6:00pm-Library Board meeting. Open to the public.

Friday, January 11, 9:00am-Beachside Strummers Ukulele Club. Drop in to listen or join in. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one from the club.

Thursday, January 31-Saturday, February 2-Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale. Open to the public.

CHILDREN and TEENS

Tuesdays, Teen Tuesdays, 6:00pm-Table Top Games and Tech Challenges. Ages 12-17.


Wednesdays, 3:30pm-Junior Builders Club. Building challenges using LEGO toys. Ages 5 and up.

Thursdays, 11:00am & 3:30pm-Story Time, Alphabet Adventures. Stories, music, crafts. Ages 3 and up. Resumes January 10.

Thursday, January 3, 1-4pm-BREAKOUT: Family Escape Room Day. Pre-register your family for a 30 minute time slot for the breakout challenge. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Monday, January 7, 3:00pm-Maker Monday, shocking projects for Static Electricity Day. Registration required. Ages 8-12.

Tuesday, January 8, 6:00pm-Raspberry Pi Coding Challenges. Ages 12-17.

Friday, January 11, 3:00pm-Coder Dojo. After school coding club. Registration required. Ages 8-12.

Tuesday, January 15, 6:00pm-Ugly Art Challenge. Make ugly art with materials provided. Ages 12-17.

Saturday, January 19, 1:00pm-Read to a Dog with the Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Registration required. Ages 5 and up.

For more information about these programs, please contact the Satellite Beach Library at 321-779-4004.

BEACHSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Beachside Little League is now registering for the Spring 2019 season. Registration can be completed online at www.beachsidelittleleague.org or in person at the David R. Schechter Center on January 12th, 2019 from 9am-12pm. Registration closes January 18, 2019. Practices will begin February 2nd, 2019, and games will start the first week in March. For more information on pricing, other dates, and age specific divisions, please visit our website at www.beachsidelittleleague.org or visit our Facebook page.

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD LOOKING FOR ARTISTS

Attention Artists and Graphic Designers: The Beautification Board is looking to update our Satellite Beach license plates. These are plates that can be mounted on the front of a vehicle. We welcome designs that express the essence of our lovely beachside community. This is just the beginning of several art and mural projects the Board is looking to rollout over the next year. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our local talent, and further beautify our community. Contact the Board through gderosa@satellitebeach.org for further information. *Please note: The Beautification Board is self-funded through donations and fundraising.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2019 Garden Fair & Earth Day event! This year’s event will be held on April 27th at the David R. Schechter Community Center!
January 18 Food Truck & Movie on the Green
TROLLS! Satellite Beach Rec and PAL are teaming up for Food Trucks & Movie on the Green! Purchase dinner from local food trucks from 5pm-9pm in the DRS parking lot. There will be kid’s activities prior to the movie at dusk. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a FREE movie under the stars.

January 20 Rhythm In Motion Dance Showcase
Join these competition dancers at 1pm in the DRS Gymnasium. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased from a dance team member, the Recreation Dept or at the door, and includes a small reception. This showcase assists dancers with competition fees.

January 26 PAL Mini-Bunko Night-This “adult only” game of dice (learn as you go) is sponsored by the Police Athletic League (PAL) to benefit their youth programs. Doors open at the Teen Zone at 6pm (dinner included!) and dice roll is at 7pm. $15/advanced tickets from the SB Rec office or $20/at the door. Questions, call PAL at (321) 777-8336.

February 2 Mayors Fitness Challenge Kick Off Run/Walk-Join us on a community run/walk at the DRS Community Center at 9am as we kick off the 2019 Health First Mayor’s Fitness Challenge! Wear your t-shirt and show your community pride!

February 6-10 5th Annual Locals Only SurfFest-The SurfFest is an event for Brevard County surfers ranging from Pro, Longboard, Ladies, and Groms. There will be 10 openings for people outside of the area. Check the new events added this year at www.villonclothing.com/locals-only

February 10 Satellite Beach Lion’s Club Car Show
The 8th Annual Car Show will be held from 10am-2 pm at the DRS Community Center. Registration begins at 9. Family fun includes raffles, door prizes, music, food and vendors! Contact Lance Smith (321) 403-3971, or email lalink84@aol.com, to register. Cost is $20/vehicle. Awards for 13 categories plus best of show. All proceeds benefit local charities!

February 16 Samsons Island Annual Open House
Experience Satellite Beach’s very own nature preserve! Explore the island’s trails & enjoy a free, light lunch. Activities include: conservation education, kayaking, bird watching and more! FREE boat transportation reservations between 9:30am-2pm must be made in advance by calling (321) 773-6458. Spaces are limited, RSVP early!

Feb 23 Backyard Chicken Basics Workshop-Learn the basics of owning Backyard Chickens at the DRS Community Center from 10am-1pm. Topics include: diet, housing, sanitation, daily care and more. Taught by Extension Agent Joe Walter and Fantastic Farm 4H Leader Erika Maier. For more information contact Joe Walter at (321) 633-1700 or jwalter@ufl.edu or Erika Maier at rogerika@earthlink.net.

February 23 3rd Annual DeLaura Dash 5k-Join DeLaura’s PTO as we race to raise funds for school improvements. There will be food, fun, and music for all ages! Medals awarded for each age group. For info, email president.delaurapto@gmail.com.

Feb 24 Relay for Life Cornhole Tournament and Basket Raffle-Bags will fly at City Hall Breezeway, 565 Cassia Blvd from 1-5 pm! Register with Kelly at (321) 773-4409. Cost is $20 per player. Winners will leave with a 50/50 cash prize! Also enter to win over 20 baskets loaded with local goodies! Pre-sale tickets available at City Hall until event day!

Check out some NEW Classes! Sign Language and Conversational Spanish. To find out about cost and dates/times, see the Activity book online at www.satellitebeachfl.org/departments/recreation_department/index.php