On December 4th, the City Council held the second Public Hearing for the Pelican Coast Planned Unit Development. The 27-acre development site is east of Montecito, north of Shearwater Parkway and is part of a larger 248-acre Planned Unit Development (PUD) that includes all property that was once the Patrick Air Force Base (PAFB) South Housing area. The South Housing area once included 999 units of family housing for service members and was constructed in the 1950s.

In 2000, the Air Force began the privatization of the South Housing Area, with the sale of the housing area north of Shearwater Parkway. The area south of Shearwater Parkway includes Pelican Coast and a large vacant area that was sold to a private military housing property provider and is reserved for future military housing, should it be needed for Patrick Air Force Base needs.

The 27-acre “Vue” site is located north of Shearwater Parkway and east of the Montecito development. The Vue’s owner recently demolished the remaining South Housing area homes and is proposing to construct 72 single-family houses, 147 condominium units and a 222-room hotel. The proposed 4-star hotel will include conference space, a restaurant and a rooftop bar and grill. The proposed hotel and the three condominium buildings will not exceed 85 feet in height.

The proposal is different from one approved in 2004 that included 398 condominium units at a height of 85 feet for three buildings and 45 feet for the remainder of the buildings. That approved plan expired in 2005 due to the property owner failing to proceed to the engineering phase. The City Council adopted an 85-feet height limitation on the entire property in the zoning regulations along with other provisions regarding building setbacks, building width requirements, and a provision for commercial uses.

After taking public comment at the two Public Hearings, the City Council preferred the plan proposed by the current owner because it had less density and a hotel that will benefit local residents. The hotel is approved at 222 rooms on the west side of A1A. In comparison, the Crown Plaza in Melbourne beachside has 290 rooms east side of A1A. Additionally, the proposed hotel will replace rooms previously provided by the Ramada Inn which was across from the Atlantic Plaza. That site is now occupied by the Oceana Condominiums.

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There have been significant incorrect or misleading objections raised on social media about this project that require correction.

*Rumor: This site will impact the Preserve and the State Funding Agreement that purchased the Preserve prevents this development.*

Fact: The Preserve, a City-owned oceanfront property immediately north and south of Hightower Beach Park is not part of the development and will not be impacted. The Vue is west of the Preserve and on the opposite side of SR A1A. This acquisition removed development from the beachfront and allowed the shifting of higher density projects off the beach and west of SR A1A. The Department of Environmental Protection has indicated that they have no control over developments west of SR A1A.

*Rumor: The City is violating its Charter by approving this development.*

Fact: The City is not violating the Charter with approval of this conceptual plan. The Charter specifically requires that any zoning request for an increase in height or density after 2006, must be placed on a ballot for approval. **The Vue is not requesting an increase in building height or density. The 85-foot building height was approved in 2004 and the project density is actually less than currently allowed.** The City is not proposing to amend current height and density restrictions.

*Rumor: This site is contaminated.*

Fact: The site is in full compliance with all governmental regulations. This site has no evidence of site contamination, other than in the groundwater. Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) were tested for in the groundwater by the developer at the request of the City. The test results were consistent with the groundwater test results found in numerous areas across the County and State. These “forever” chemicals are now considered an emerging contaminant and the federal and state government are still grappling with setting up clean-up standards and protocols. Since our groundwater on the beach-side is not used for drinking water, and the chemicals were found in the shallow aquifer, and not in deep wells (which are used for irrigation), the presence of these chemicals do not exceed any regulatory standard that would necessitate clean-up or prevent future use of property.

*Rumor: Our infrastructure cannot handle the impact of this development, and it is not sustainable.*

The site is served by Cocoa Beach Sewer Utility and Melbourne Water Utility. All utilities have capacity for the project and have provided capacity determinations. The project will be built to current building code standards, and include new infrastructure, including pipe replacements. The project will also meet all current stormwater standards. The former base housing project had aging pipes and no stormwater treatment.

The City Council has worked hard over the years to acquire 40% of our beachfront and move development away from the beach as much as possible. This project is part of that strategy. To support keeping taxes from increasing as a result of this preservation, we need to generate increases in taxable values in other areas of the City, including this site. This development project will assist us in paying for much needed infrastructure and lower taxes. Redevelopment ultimately becomes inevitable as structures age and deteriorate. As redevelopment occurs, these improvements will be brought into compliance with newer building codes and environmental standards. The City Council has worked hard with the new property owner and listened to our citizens to insure that Satellite Beach will be better and more accessible to our residents as a result.
2020 Health First Mayors' Fitness Challenge

After a holiday season full of joy, cakes, cookies and other delicious treats, start your new year being more active and join Mayor Frank Catino participating in the Health First’s Mayor’s Fitness challenge once again! Join us for the February 1st, 2020 Opening Ceremony-Kick-Off Event at Viera Regional Park Soccer Pavilion at 9 am followed by a walk in the park! The 2020 Health First Mayors’ Fitness Challenge in Brevard is challenging their citizens to get involved in a healthy competition. Each Mayor is asking residents to sign-up to be the largest possible group of people from the community to form a city team. Everyone who joins from a municipality is considered part of that mayor's "team." All you have to do is start moving and track it! The winning team will be determined by the total number of minutes exercised by the members of each team. The municipality with the most points will win the challenger trophy, “Most Fit City 2020.” The challenge begins on Saturday, February 1st through March 27th, 2020.

All participants must register online before January 8, 2020 (t-shirts are available while supplies last.) Find all the rules and more information on the United Way website https://online.uwbrevard.org/servlet/eAndar.article/494/Health-First-Mayors%27-Fitness-Challenge

City History

Have you ever wondered who founded Satellite Beach? Why was Satellite Beach considered the Softball Capital of the World during the 70's and 80's? For answers to these questions and much more, visit the City website at www.satellitebeachfl.org, select “History,” and learn about our City from the 1950’s to present days.

LAGOON STRAIGHT TALK - Presented by the Brevard Indian River Lagoon Coalition

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 5:30 pm
Satellite High School Auditorium

Hear the latest updates on Indian River Lagoon restoration with a focus on Satellite Beach projects completed and underway, status of the sales tax trust fund and what you can do to Help The Lagoon. Speakers include:

- Dr. Duane De Freese, IRL Council
- Virginia Barker, Director, Brevard Natural Resources
- Frank Catino, Mayor, Satellite Beach
- Courtney Barker, City Manager, Satellite Beach

Get answers to your questions during a Q & A Session

Lagoon Straight Talk brings updated, accurate information to the communities of Brevard. Programs in Melbourne, Titusville and Cocoa Beach were attended by more than 900 people in 2019. The Coalition is a leading, independent advocate for the Indian River Lagoon. Non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental.
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD OFFERS SOLAR SERVICES

The Satellite Beach Sustainability Board is offering Satellite Beach businesses and residents a FREE help to investigate the financial and environmental benefits of converting to solar power. You may be surprised to find that solar power can be one of your best investments. Converting to solar power allows you to lock in your electricity rates, save money on your electric bill almost immediately, and save you thousands of dollars over time. For most people, the decision to convert your home or business to solar power is two-fold, financial and environmental. The Satellite Beach Sustainability Board is ready and willing to answer any questions you have about solar power and help you determine if going solar is right for you. Contact member Steve Gillem, a Sustainability Board member, by calling or texting (919) 218-4039 or emailing stevegillem@gmail.com.

David Vigliotti is a Satellite Beach resident, Sustainability Board member, and proud solar owner, he had solar installed to his home in 2016. He said, “It is so easy, once they are installed you don’t have to do anything.” David saves about $130.00 per month on his power bill. These savings are usually enough to give him 100% savings and completely cover the monthly power cost of his home. Recently, David, had his roof replaced and there was no issue with temporarily removing the solar panels and putting them on the new roof. David says, “the solar is going to help extend the life of the new roof and the panels will last over 20 years.” When David purchased his solar panels for his home, they cost him $22,000.00 before a tax credit that reduced the cost by 33%. One of David’s favorite aspects of having solar is the ability to disconnect from the grid and plug appliances directly into the inverters and converters on the solar panels during an emergency.

If you would prefer to do your own research on whether solar is a good fit your home, the following list will get you successfully started.

1. Have a solar analysis performed, either by a qualified solar analyst or by using an online tool such as the Energy Sage Marketplace (www.energysage.com). This will give an idea of how much energy your household typically uses, which affects the system size needed, and if it is constrained by factors such as roof size and shading.

2. If solar is a viable option, obtain at least two quotes to determine how much a solar system will cost.

3. Meet with your accountant to discuss if solar is a good investment.

CITIZEN’S FIRE ACADEMY

In October, the SBFD presented the annual Citizen’s Fire Academy for 8 sessions, including two Saturday field days. Eight citizen-students were taught by state licensed firefighters and EMS providers from SBFD. Subject matter included classroom and hands-on presentations about fire safety, emergency medical services, and fire operations. On the final day, the students used extrication equipment to remove a “victim” from a vehicle, and were treated to a fly-in from Health First’s First Flight transport helicopter. The Fire Department will open registration to Satellite Beach residents in September, 2020 for 12 new applicants.
**SATELLITE BEACH RELAY FOR LIFE 2020 EVENTS**

Join the City of Satellite Beach Relay for Life team for some fun annual events in 2020! The team is working on creating gift baskets for the Annual Cornhole Tournament and Basket Raffle on Sunday, February 16th. Pre-sale tickets are being sold at City Hall through event day for $1 per entry for baskets, and $5 per entry to win an Absolute branded cornhole set with a jello shot kit! You do not need to be present to win. Pictured are some of the baskets that are created for bidders to win! Register early to secure your spot in the Cornhole tournament by calling Kelly at (321) 773-4409.

Save the date for the City-Wide Garage sale on Saturday, March 14th from 8 am-noon at the David R. Schechter Community Center. The city team will collect donated items from residents and re-sell items to support the Relay for Life team. You can also rent a space that day and sell your own goods! Contact the SB Recreation Office at (321) 773-6458.

**FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD**

The Beautification Board would like you to Save the Date for the annual Earth Day and Coastal Garden Fair Celebration. This year the event will take place on Saturday, April 25th. This will be the second year the Sustainability and Beautification Boards will be collaborating on the event. In December, 2019, the two Boards merged the Holiday Lighting and monthly bike ride for a tour of holiday lighting for bikers. We look forward to more exciting art projects within our City in 2020.

**FROM THE LIONS CLUB**

The Satellite Beach Lions Club raised $8,850 at the 30th annual Tournament for Sight golf tournament in November—the largest profit for a fundraiser in the club’s 59-year history. A record 96 golfers entered the tournament which was won by the City’s team of Lion Jeff Pearson, Allen Potter, and Scott Arnold. Other notable players include former Boston Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield and Oakland A’s pitcher Jeff Lam, who played on the Crane Private Wealth Group foursome.

Golfers participated for items totaling at over $7,000 in team and door prizes and the silent auction. These donated items combined with five corporate sponsors and over 20 hole-sponsors allowed the Club to raise more money, which is deeply appreciated.

Monies generated from Lions fundraisers are returned 100% to support various local, state, and international programs. These programs fight the causes of blindness and hearing loss, fund diabetes research, support disaster relief, the environment, and other outreach programs for the sight impaired. In Brevard County, financial support is given to the less fortunate for sight and hearing examinations, eyeglasses, and hearing aids, and to other Brevard charities.

Also, don’t miss the 9th Annual Satellite Beach Lions Club Car Show on Feb. 23rd from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Car entry fees are $20 and cars can be registered in advance or at the “door” from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The car show will have vendors, music, SB Lions Club’s legendary hamburgers and hot dogs, and of course, tons of cool cars!
The 55+ Club welcomes all seniors 55 and up and is NOT limited to Satellite Beach residents. Annual dues are $10.00 and a bi-monthly newsletter is either postal mailed or emailed to members. The club offers several activities such as: Bingo, Bunco, various cards and games, Mahjongg, Line Dancing, Indoor Walking, Fishing, Book Club, Lunch Bunch, Chess, Gardening, Couponing, Day and Extended Travel, Dining Out, Lunch Bunch, Social/Seasonal Parties and Educational Seminars. For more information, contact Joyce Scafidi, President, at 321-961-6408, roysjoyce@aol.com or visit www.55plusclubofsb.com.

The 55+ Club encourages seniors to stay active by participating in any or all of the activities offered. On Nov. 19th club members enjoyed the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum in Winter Park which houses gorgeous works of art of Louis C. Tiffany. Then on to some shopping and lunch. On Dec. 14th a full bus went to St. Augustine (pictured right) to enjoy the winery, sightseeing, shopping, eating and topped off the evening with the Holiday of Lights Tour. Extended Travel has a great trip planned in March to Biloxi & New Orleans! Travel is just one of the many activities you can be a part of! Education seminars that include refreshments are scheduled for January and February as well as a Valentine social gathering hosted by Courtenay Springs Village, one of our great sponsors! Let us hear from you!

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WRAP UP**

On Sunday, December 8th the Satellite Beach Fire Department and Volunteer Fire Department hosted the Annual Holiday Open House. Attendees were treated to fresh grilled burgers & hot dogs cooked by firefighters, Christmas cookies handmade by the Satellite Beach Women’s Club and 55+ Club, a bounce house, kids games, face painting. A big thanks to the DJ and musical performances by Holland, DeLaura and Satellite High. Fire Chief Dave Abernathy and all the crew wishes to thank the City of Satellite Beach and all the persons and businesses that supported the event! The Open House is the kickoff to the Twilight Santa program which began the next night. SB Fire Department and Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating their 60th year of service to the City of Satellite Beach in 2020! Happy Holidays and Happy New year!
ABOUT THE LIBRARY

ADULTS
Friday, January 3, 12:00pm-Friends Book Sort, help always needed.
Friday, January 10 & 24, 9:00am-Beachside Strummers Ukulele Club, drop in to listen or join in.
Tuesdays, 3:00pm-Chair Yoga with Pyper, bring a towel, wear comfortable clothing, $5 fee per class.
Tuesdays, 4:30pm-Gentle Yoga with Nancy, bring a mat/towel, wear comfortable clothing, $5 fee per class.

CHILDREN and TEENS
Tuesday, January 7, 6:00pm-Teen Tuesday, Anime Club! for ages 12-17.
Saturday, January 18, 1:00pm-Read to a Dog with the Space Coast Therapy Dogs for independent readers ages 5 and up. Sign-up required.
Tuesdays, 6:00pm-Teen Tuesdays, social table top gaming and tech challenges for ages 12-17.

Wednesdays, 3:30pm-Junior Builders Club, creative building challenges featuring LEGO toys for ages 5 and up. Meets January 8, 15, 22, 29.

Wednesdays, 10:30am-Toddler Story Time with Mother Goose on the Loose for ages 15 months to 3rd birthday. Meets January 8, 15, 22, 29.

Thursdays, 11:00am & 3:30pm-Story Time with Alphabet Adventures for ages 3 and up. Meets January 9, 16, 23, 30. No meeting January 2.

SATellite BEach WOMAn’s Club FUNDraiser

Monday, April 20th, 2020
6 pm-Doors Open
7 pm-Games Begin
At Pal/teen Zone

$25.00 Ticket Per Person (non-refundable)
Includes: Dinner, Dessert,

All proceeds benefit Operation Smile, an international charity that has provided thousands of free surgeries for young people in developing countries who are born with various cleft lips.
RECREATION NEWS

**January 19 Rhythm In Motion Dance Showcase**
Enjoy a performance by competition dancers at 1pm in the DRS Gym. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased from a dancer, the Rec Dept or at the door.

**February 1 4th Annual DeLaura Dash 2k** - Join DeLaura Middle School in this 2-mile run fundraiser for DeLaura PTO. Fun, food and a wing-off competition between local restaurants! For more info, email president.delaurapto@gmail.com or phone Jim Reynolds at (321) 355-8912.

**February 7-9 6th Annual Locals Only Surf Fest** - The 6th annual event for surfers ranging from Pro, Longboard, Ladies, and Groms. Additional events include a skate contest, charity relay run and a rock climbing contest. For more info and registration visit: www.villonclothing.com/locals-only.html

**Feb 16 Relay for Life Cornhole Tournament** - Join the team at City Hall Breezeway, 565 Cassia Blvd, from 1-5 pm as cornhole bags fly! Register with Kelly at (321) 773-4409. Check in at 1pm, bags fly at 1:30pm. Cost is $20 per player. See article on page 5 for more info.

**February 22 Samsons Island Annual Open House**
Explore trails & enjoy a free, light picnic lunch. Activities include: conservation education, 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.

**February 23 Satellite Beach Lion’s Club Car Show**
The Car Show will be held from 10am-2pm at the DRS Community Center. See page 5 for more info.

**School Holiday Activities!**

**Skate Dayz** - Sessions for ages 6-12yrs for all levels of skaters and run by skate staff. Work on the basics including dropping in & skating park elements. Cost: Varies: 1 day/$20, 3 days/$60 Date: Jan 20 Time: 9am-12pm Location: Satellite Beach Skate Park, 751 Jamaica Blvd

**Plan ahead!** For Spring Break Camps available-info in the activity brochure www.satellitebeachrecreation.org

**Funtastic Fitness** - Ages: 3-5yrs Safe, effective and FUN exercises that enhance strength, motor skills, balance, flexibility and coordination. Dates: Jan 14-Feb 25 Day/Time: Tues/10-10:45am Cost: $55/6 week session Location: DRS Gym

**NEW Beyond Corks & Bottles** - Ages: 21+. Enjoy an evening of fun, creativity, crafting! Bring a bottle of wine and a glass. All materials will be provided. Dates: Jan 28-Feb 25 Day/Time: Tuesdays/6:30-8pm Cost: $30 Location: DRS Concession Area

**Chair Yoga Fitness & Balance** - A modification of traditional yoga using a chair for stability and balance. Ideal for students with limited mobility, flexibility or strength. Days/Time: Tues, Thurs/10:30-11:30am Cost: $5 paid at the door Location: DRS Dance Studio 2

**Tennis Court Happenings!** New Tennis clinics for Beginners, intermediate Junior Clinic, & Sunday Funday! For information on all the tennis programs, visit www.satellitebeachrecreation.org.

**Spring PAL GIRLS Recreational Volleyball League**
Age/Cost: 10-16yrs/$85 Registration: Begins Jan 9. All forms may be found on the PAL website and may be dropped off at SB Recreation or the PAL office. For more information, contact PAL at (321) 777-8336.

**Summer PAL Youth Basketball League** - Age/Costs: 5-6yrs $65; 7-15yrs $85 Registration begins March 2. All forms may be found on the PAL website and may be dropped off at SB Recreation or the PAL office. For more information, contact PAL at (321) 777-8336.