Satellite Beach is launching Phase 2 of the renovation of our Civic Center located on Cassia Blvd. The first phase, completed last year, included renovation of the Scotty Culp meeting room and remodeled bathrooms. When the second phase of the project is complete, the 50-year-old Civic Center will reopen as a multifunctional space that will continue to provide a place for our many clubs, volunteers, organizations and activities such as the Satellite Beach Lions Club, 55+ Club Bingo, Seaside Piecemakers, and Disabled American Vets #129. It will also be able to accommodate weddings, parties, and reunions—just about anything to celebrate!

I am looking forward to updates at our aging Civic Center that will include a beautiful entryway and complete remodel of the facility with new flooring, decorative architectural ceiling tiles, a state-of-the-art kitchen, new appliances, complete drywall, coastal color paints, a new audio/video system, a wedding room for bridal parties, new LED lighting, and of course updates to the plumbing and electric.

At the January 15th Council meeting, City Council voted to award the renovation bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Watauga Company and Certified General Contractors. The bid also included the much-needed replacement of the Police Department floors, and adding a fire wall to the Mr. Science room at the Schechter Center. Cassie Warthen, Recreation Director, is working hard on placing all the club meetings and activities to other locations and rooms throughout the City during the renovation. The work is slated to begin March 1st so please be patient with our dust while the reconstruction work occurs.

I am very happy that our Satellite Beach community will have a local place to hold events in a facility they can be proud of. This exciting and historic renovation has been many years in the making. I am thankful to my fellow City Council members for the vision and support of this project. The people of Satellite Beach deserve a Civic Center that is a great representation of who we are as a city. I hope you’ll join me and the rest of council at the upcoming Grand Re-Opening of the Civic Center, where everyone will be invited to tour the newly renovated facility.
FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a home fire.

On March 10th, as you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time, please change the batteries in your smoke detectors and test them.

For more information call Satellite Beach Fire & Rescue at (321)773-4404.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY!

Did You Know?

• The Fire Department was organized late in 1960 as a group of 22 fire volunteers, including the first Fire Chief “Shine“ Hedgecock, brother of Mayor Percy Hedgecock.

• The 1st fire engine was a hand-me-down bought for $50 in 1959 from the City of Cocoa Beach.

• Fundraisers, like the annual Fish Fry, sold $1 meal tickets to bring the community together and to raise the monies needed for fire equipment and protective gear.

LAGOON STRAIGHT TALK RECAP

On Wednesday, January 22nd in the Satellite High School auditorium, the Indian River Lagoon Coalition held the Lagoon Straight Talk event. The Coalition is a leading, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organization and is an advocate for the Indian River Lagoon. The event focused on a status update on lagoon related projects completed and underway, the status of the sales tax trust fund, and what you can do to Help The Lagoon.

Speakers included: Dr. Duane DeFreese, IRL Council, Virginia Barker, Director Brevard Natural Resources, Courtney Barker, City Manager, Satellite Beach, and Frank Catino, Mayor, Satellite Beach.

Lagoon Straight Talk brings updated, accurate information to the communities of Brevard. For more information, follow the Indian River Lagoon Coalition on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BIRLC/.
HELP SAVE THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON
PLANT NATIVE PLANTS TO REDUCE FERTILIZER IMPACTS FOR LAGOON FRONT HOMES
APPLY TODAY FOR A $500 MATCHING PLANT GRANT WITH THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH

Contact The City Of Satellite Beach Environmental Programs Coordinator, Nick Sanzone, at nsanzone@satellitebeach.org or call (321) 773-4409 to apply.

KIDS DIG GARDENING PROGRAM

The next Kids DIG Gardening Program will be held on Saturday, April 18th at LOGOS Community Garden at 499 Desoto Pkwy, behind the hand/racquet/tennis courts in the southeast corner of DeSoto Park. This two-hour event, kids and their families will learn about basic gardening, composting, planting seeds and trees and bee pollination through hands-on learning stations. The pre-registration form can be found online at playsatellitebeach.org. A $5 fee is requested, interested parties can also stop into the Satellite Beach Recreation Department, or call 321-773-6458.
YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Gifted students from Surfside Elementary participated in a Youth Environmental Leadership Summit at City Hall. The students were able to participate in numerous educational activities including, mangrove restoration, horseshoe crab monitoring, environmental legislation, types of litter found at beach cleanups and best practices for reducing, reusing and recycling. As a bonus, they got to see the SpaceX Falcon 9 launch! A great time was had by all.

Sat. April 25
9AM - 2PM

Satellite Beach
David R Schechter Community Center
1089 S Patrick Dr.

ALL ABOUT BATS

Quick Bat Facts

- Florida is home to 13 species of bats—all threatened or protected!
- Bats are an important part of our ecosystem’s balance.
- Bats can eat their weight in insects every night.
- The biggest threats to bat population health is pesticides and loss of habitat.

Bat Maternity Season

April 15th - August 15th

It is illegal to evict or exclude bats during this season!
For information about bats, laws, and bat-proofing your home, visit MyWFR.com/bats

What can you do to help?

- Erect a bat house on your property—they are great natural pest control!
- Preserve natural roost sites, such as trees with cavities, peeling bark, and dead fronds on palms.
- Never harm or kill bats! (It’s illegal!)
- If you notice strange behavior or see a bat on the ground, call Wild Florida Rescue (321) 821-7881.
FROM THE LIONS CLUB

Have you ever thought about joining the Lions Club? We have a lot to offer, and we know you do, too! Lions work to serve local community needs while supporting the global causes of Lions Club International by:

- Spreading awareness about diabetes
- Preventing blindness and improving vision for people and preventing hunger
- Protecting the environment

The Satellite Beach Lions are an active club! We mainly fundraise, but we have a couple community events, too. We host a golf tournament, car show, two pancake breakfasts, two tri-tip barbeques, and a theater night fundraiser. We also partner with PAL to give the little ones a Halloween party and a chance to be part of a small, but adorable, parade each year. And we assemble food boxes for area needy at Christmastime.

If you enjoy being part of a team of friendly people who like helping others, we’d love to have you! No special skills are required, but if you like any of the following, we have fun opportunities for you!

- Event planning and management
- Working with youth
- Fundraising
- Cooking
- Health screening (diabetes/vision)
- Being a leader
- Managing paperwork and calendars
- Protecting the environment
- Creating publicity material
- Engaging with the community

Lions pay dues twice a year to support the administrative costs of running a nonprofit so that every penny we make from the public goes back to the public. If you’d like to learn more about the Satellite Beach Lions Club, visit our website: www.eclubhouse.org/sites/satellitebeach/index.php, email us at satellitebeachlionsclub@gmail.com, or call 773-3607.
Police Athletic League
Satellite Beach PAL Summer basketball registration begins March 2 and forms can be found online. Great news... New this season..... We are now accepting players 5-16 for our age groups.

Satellite Beach PAL Youth Leadership Program will be participating in the city-wide garage sale on March 14th. Come by, we have treasurers galore!

The Youth Leadership Program will also be participating in the Surfside Elementary Backyard BBQ on April 18th. Stop by and see us!

Teeny Bopper Nights are here at the Teen Zone for kids K-6th grade and the cost is only $5.00 Join us from 6:30-9:30 for fun, food and games.

The Youth Leadership Program (YLP) meets every Friday after school at 3:30 for youth 6th grade through high school. In addition to mentoring and training programs, our YLP participates in activities which encourages giving back through community service projects. This is an organization all about youth and promotes personal growth in both education and leadership. It is not all work, we also enjoy field trips and various activities with other area YLP Programs. Interested? Come check it out, we would love to have you join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our next BUNKO Fundraiser Night is May 30th here at the Teen Zone. Interested in any of our activities or programs, please contact us at pal@satellitebeach.org

SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER

Monday, April 20th, 2020
6 pm - Doors Open
7 pm - Games Begin
AT PAL/Teen Zone 1089 S. Patrick Dr.

$25.00 Ticket per Person (Non-Refundable)
Includes: Dinner, Dessert, and Beverages. April 1, 2020 Tickets can be purchased at the DRS Recreation Center

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.

Contact Margaret at bruggie3@gmail.com
ABOUT THE LIBRARY

ADULTS

Tuesdays, 3:00pm-Chair Yoga with Pyper, bring a towel, wear comfortable clothing, $5 fee per class. *No class March 10.*

Tuesdays, 4:30pm-Gentle Yoga with Nancy, bring a mat/towel, wear comfortable clothing, $5 fee per class. *No class March 10.*

Friday, March 6, 12:00pm-Friends Book Sort, help always needed.

Saturday, March 7, 3:00pm-Classical Guitar from Around the World: Music As Another Language, a concert presented by Edwin Culver.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday March 9, 10, & 11, 9:00am-5:00pm-US Census Bureau Training.

Friday, March 13, 9:00am-Beachside Strummers Ukulele Club, listen or join in.

Saturday, March 21, 9:00am-Women’s History Presentation by Francis Renáldi, open to the public.

Monday, March 30, 1:00pm-Barbara’s Book Chat, reading *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates.

CHILDREN and TEENS

Tuesdays, 6:00pm-Teen Tuesdays. Create a “Choose Your Own Adventure” using Google tech tools for ages 12-17. Please bring a laptop. Free to attend.

Wednesdays, 3:30pm-Junior Builders Club, creative building challenges featuring LEGO bricks for ages 5 and up. Meets March 4, 18, 25. *No meeting March 11.*

Wednesdays, 10:30am-Toddler Story Time with Mother Goose on the Loose for ages 15 months to 3rd birthday. Meets March 4, 18, 25. *No meeting March 11.*

Thursdays, 11:00am & 3:30pm-Story Time with Alphabet Adventures for ages 3 and up. Meets March 5, 19, 26. *No meeting March 12.*

Saturday, March 21, 1:00pm-Read to a Dog with the Space Coast Therapy Dogs for independent readers ages 5 and up. Sign-up required.

Saturday, March 21, 3:00pm-Teen Volunteer Information Session. Parents welcome. Learn more about our summer volunteer program and requirements.

FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

Please come out and join the Satellite Beach Beautification and Sustainability Boards on Saturday, April 25th at the Schechter Community Center for the Coastal Garden Fair and Earth Day Celebration. This year is the 50th anniversary of celebrating Earth Day. This event continues to grow every year, and truly represents our community. This year we are adding more interactive events and opportunities to take home free earth friendly goodies. Attendees can look forward to everything from coastal art, to plants and many sustainable goods and services and of course, music, food and drinks. Check out the Sustainability Board Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GoGreenSB/ over the next coming weeks as we will be highlighting vendors. We look forward to seeing you there.
March 14  City-Wide Garage Sale-Two Ways to Sell!  
Sell at the DRS Community Center 8am-12noon!  
Individuals or organizations can rent a 10’x10’ space for $15 in the DRS parking lot to sell their garage sale items. Space rental proceeds benefit Relay For Life.  
Contact the SB Recreation Office at (321) 773-6458 or download the registration form online at www.satellitebeach.org/departments/recreation_department/forms.php. Please make checks payable to American Cancer Society.  
~OR~  
City-Wide “At Home” Garage Sale-Sell from your own home! Satellite Beach residents can call (321) 773-6458 and provide your garage sale location to be on a master “City Garage Sale” flyer listing all sale locations to be available for distribution on Friday, March 13th.  

March 28  Big Truck Day-Fire and dump trucks, cement mixer and more will be on hand for kids to climb on, sit in and experience the driver’s seat. Adult must accompany kids at this FREE event held in the DRS Community Center parking lot from 10am-2pm. A horn-free hour, 10-11am, will make the event more enjoyable for children with special needs and/or sensitive ears. Refreshments will be available for purchase from the SB Lions Club.  

April 4  Hook Kids on Fishing-The 9th Annual Event!  
Check in at 8:30am at the SB Library ponds, program begins at 9am and ends at 11am. Have fun with casting, fishing techniques, knot tying and more! This event for 6-16 year olds, is sponsored by the Anglers For Conservation. A parent is required to stay. Adult volunteers are needed, please call the Rec Dept if you have fishing experience and want to volunteer! For more information and to register visit: www.anglersforconservation.org.  

April 4  Keep Brevard Beautiful’s 38th Annual Trash Bash-9 am-12 pm at Pelican Beach Park. Held in conjunction with The Great American Cleanup. Last year 1,200 volunteers removed 54,000 pounds of debris! We need you to help to make this year’s event the most successful cleanup to date! For further questions, please contact Amanda Muzaurieta at amuzaurietakbb@gmail.com or (O)321-631-0501 ext. 210 or (C)727-318-7566  

April 9  Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt-Children in 1st-6th grades hunt unassisted at this night time event. Bags will be provided for your eggs, bring your own flashlight. Cost is $7/child and tickets must be purchased at the SB Recreation Dept by 5pm April 9th. Arrive at DeSoto Baseball Field by 8:45pm. The hunt begins promptly at 9pm. Buy your tickets early!  

April 11  Breakfast with the Easter Bunny-Infants through 1st grade will enjoy snacks and juice, hunt for eggs, and watch the Easter Bunny arrive on the Fire Truck. This event is at 10am at Pelican Beach Park. Cost is $7/child, tickets are purchased in advance at the SB Recreation Department. This event sells out every year!  

April 11 TWLOHA Run For It 5k-Join the non-profit To Write Love on Her Arms for their 8th Annual Run For It 5k. This run is to challenge the stigma of mental health issues in our community. To register or for more information visit www.runforit5k.com.  

April 25  Backyard Chicken Workshop-Learn the basics with a hands-on workshop at the Fantastic 4H Farm at Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Dr., Melb 32935 from 9am-12pm. For more information, contact Erika at rogerika@earthlink.net. The event is free but you must RSVP to the Recreation Dept at (321) 773-6458 to secure your spot.