



CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH BEACHCASTER

YOUR OFFICIAL CITY NEWSLETTER



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK MAYOR STEVE OSMER

E-Bikes in the City of Satellite Beach: What Families Should Know

As most everyone is aware, E-Bikes are a very familiar sight across the country—and right here in Satellite Beach. As more residents, especially teens, begin

using these devices for transportation and recreation, it's important to understand the laws and safety guidelines that come with them. Our goal is to help riders stay safe and help parents make informed decisions before purchasing one.

What Exactly Is an E-Bike?

Florida law provides a simple definition. A true Electric Bicycle (E-Bike) must have:

- Pedals that can be used at any time
- A seat or saddle
- An electric motor under 750 watts

E-Bikes fall into three categories based on speed and how the motor assists the rider:

- Class 1: Pedal-assist only, up to 20 mph
- Class 2: May use throttle or pedal-assist, up to 20 mph
- Class 3: Pedal-assist only, up to 28 mph

E-Bikes share the same rights and responsibilities as traditional bicycles. This means riders must obey all stop signs, red lights, and rules of the road. No driver's license, registration, or title is required.

E-Bikes vs. E-Motos: A Critical Difference

A growing number of electric devices being sold online and in stores are not true E-Bikes—they are E-Motos (electric motorcycles). While they may look similar, the laws surrounding them are very different.

A device is likely an **E-Moto** if:

- It has no operable pedals (often foot pegs instead)
- The motor is 750 watts or more
- It can reach speeds well above 28 mph
- It meets Florida's definition of a motorcycle

Here's what's important for families to know about E-Motos:

- They **cannot be operated** on public roads, sidewalks, or bike lanes.
- They **cannot be registered** in Florida (no title or VIN).
- They require the same licensing and qualifications as a motorcycle—but most models are not street-legal.
- Many “out of the box” E-Motos exceed 6000 watts, placing them far beyond the E-Bike category.

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Because of this, purchasing an E-Moto thinking it's an E-Bike can lead to unexpected legal issues and a device your child cannot use in the community.

Safety First: Tips for Riders and Parents

If you or your child plans to ride an E-Bike around Satellite Beach:

- Helmets are required for all riders under 16.
- Riders should travel at safe, responsible speeds.
- Even at 28 mph, a fall can cause serious injuries.
- Parents should regularly remind children to watch for traffic, obey signs, and stay alert.

As E-Bikes become more common, so do concerns about speed, visibility, and interactions with vehicles and pedestrians. Safety conversations at home make a big difference.

Looking Ahead

The City of Satellite Beach is reviewing additional ways to improve safety for E-Bike users. Many other cities and counties are enacting ordinances to further restrict E-Bikes, particularly when it comes to speed limits on sidewalks and performing tricks. The City of Satellite Beach is also exploring an ordinance to help manage and regulate E-Bike use to enhance public safety, particularly in shared public spaces like roads and sidewalks, and to help minimize accidents by creating clear rules of operation.

The City will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on **Wednesday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center** to discuss these upcoming changes, answer questions, and provide further clarification. We hope you will join us. Following the Town Hall meeting an ordinance will be provided to Council for consideration on Wednesday January 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Our goal is simple: Help keep our residents safe while supporting the responsible and enjoyable use of E-Bikes throughout the city.

Golf Carts/Low-Speed Vehicles (LSV's) Update

In 2018, the City Council approved an ordinance allowing Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) within the City. Since then, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been evaluating whether LSVs could safely cross A1A and South Patrick Drive at signalized intersections.

To meet State requirements, the City ensured LSVs were equipped with all necessary safety features—such as seatbelts, headlights, and turn signals. The only elements the City did not require were license plates, titles, and windshield wipers, as each LSV was individually inspected and verified to be properly equipped and insured.

As part of FDOT's review, the City conducted a traffic study to determine whether these intersections met State safety thresholds for LSV crossings. The study concluded they did not; however, it also noted that a variance could be pursued because the City required nearly all State-mandated safety features. Despite this, concerns were raised by some who felt the crossings would still be unsafe—although the only difference between City-approved LSVs and State-plated LSVs is the license plate, title, and wipers.

Notably, with A1A's speed limit now at 35 mph, plated LSVs are legally permitted to operate on A1A, something the City has intentionally tried to discourage for safety reasons. FDOT's review took longer than expected due to staffing changes and a high volume of public comments. Ultimately, FDOT denied the City's variance request.

As a result, the City is required to revise its ordinance, transitioning from an LSV ordinance to a Golf Cart ordinance. Under this change, golf carts will no longer be permitted to cross A1A or South Patrick Drive. Inspections will no longer be required, though they will remain strongly encouraged. In January, the City of Indian Harbour Beach will be considering whether to allow golf carts within their jurisdiction, which could permit travel between the two cities using designated golf cart routes and City roads.

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The City is extremely disappointed by FDOT's decision, as we know many of our residents rely on their carts to access the beach. This situation is yet another example of why **Home Rule** is so important. We remain committed to ensuring residents can enjoy their golf carts safely and will continue working with State legislators to advocate for future changes that would once again allow carts to cross A1A to reach our beaches.

Dogs on the Beach Pilot Program Coming This Winter

Over the past year, the City of Satellite Beach has received several questions from residents about whether dogs could be allowed on our beaches. While protecting our sensitive dune ecosystem and sea turtle nesting habitat remains a top priority, the City also understands that many residents would like the opportunity to enjoy the beach with their dogs during non-nesting months.

The City Council approved the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance with this change on December 3, 2025.

Pilot Program Details

From **January 1 through April 30**, dogs will be allowed on all City beaches during specific morning hours:

- **Permitted Dates:** January 1 – April 30
- **Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. only**
- **Dunes:** Dogs are *not* allowed in dune areas
- **Leashes:** Required at all times (maximum 7-foot leash)
- **Clean-Up:** Owners must immediately pick up after their dogs

Emergency Adjustments: The City Manager may temporarily adjust hours if needed for public safety.

Enforcement & Penalties

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all beachgoers—human and canine—violations will be enforced as non-criminal infractions:

- **\$50** for the first offense
- **\$100** for the second offense
- **\$250** for the third and subsequent offenses

Violators may also be removed from the beach, and dogs may be impounded if necessary.

How Long Will the Pilot Last?

The program will run through the winter and early spring—**January 1 to April 30, 2026**—and will automatically end at **11:59 p.m. on April 30** unless the City Council takes further action.

At the end of the pilot period, staff will provide a full report to City Council including feedback, enforcement data, and observations from the community. Council will then determine whether to continue, modify, or discontinue the program.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

November 6, 2025, Regular Meeting

- Recognized the 2025 Citizen of the Year, Dave Abernathy.
- Swearing in of Police Chief Brad Hodge, Deputy Chief Ronnie Kinsey and announcement of promotions of Lt. Steve Owens, Lt. Eric Anderson, Sgt. Sean McCrann and Sgt. Aimee Ybarra.
- Approved grant agreement with the Florida DEP for the Westside Basin Water Quality Improvements in the amount of \$1,320,768.
- Approved Mead & Hunt's project Scope and Fee for the design and permitting of the Westside Basin Water Quality Improvements project in the amount of \$153,480.
- Approved Ordinance 1276 on first reading to add car washes as a conditional use.
- Provided consensus to direct staff to amend the ordinance to allow self-storage facilities as a conditional use in Commercial zones and return to the City Council for approval.
- Approved amended Ordinance No. 1278 on first reading to enlarge existing or proposed accessory structures.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1279 on first reading to add definitions for Accessory Dwelling Unit and Car Wash.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1280 on first reading, which amended the FY2024/2025 Budget.
- Approved piggybacking the University of Central Florida's agreement with IM Solutions for physical installation, design, and network engineering services.
- Reappointed Padmini Dhople on Library Board and Adam Floyd on Sustainability Board; appointed Carolyn Sant Angelo as an Alternate on Library Board and Amy White as an Alternate on Recreation Board.

November 19, 2025, Regular Meeting

- Approved applying for EMS Matching Grant for purchase of 2 LifePak 35 Monitor/Defibrillators.
- Adopted Ordinance Nos. 1276, 1278, 1279 and 1280 on second reading.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1281 on first reading, creating a Dogs on the Beach pilot program.

December 3, 2025, Regular Meeting

- Presented a Proclamation Declaring "Florida Arbor Day."
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1281 on second reading.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 7, 6:00 PM—REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 6:00 PM—TOWN HALL

JANUARY 21, 6:00 PM—REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 6:00 PM—REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 6:00 PM—WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 18, 6:00 PM—REGULAR MEETING



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Jan 17th 2026

ARBOR DAY

9 am - 1 pm
750 Jamaica Blvd.
Sports Park

CITY OF
SATELLITE BEACH

Tree Plantings - Native Plant Sale - Live Music - Vendors
Food Trucks - and More!

Hosted by the City of Satellite Beach's Tree and Beautification Board

LEAF YOUR PLANS OPEN...
COME OUT TO CELEBRATE FLORIDA ARBOR DAY!

The event will showcase a variety of native plant vendors offering beautiful, Florida Native species ideal for coastal yards. You'll also find educational booths from local environmental groups, garden clubs, and city partners sharing tips on pollinator habitats, tree care, water conservation, and eco-friendly landscaping.

Enjoy live music, local food trucks, and the chance to connect with neighbors who share a love for our natural coastal environment. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just starting out, you'll find hands-on learning and plenty of inspiration to bring home.

Every plant matters! Help us grow a greener, more sustainable, beautiful Satellite Beach.

The Sustainability Board is offering free solar assessments for homeowners and businesses. If interested, contact Steve Gillem at stevegillem@gmail.com.

STORMWATER AND YOU

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




FREE

LUNCH & LEARN
City Speaker Series

LIGHTS OUT FOR SEA TURTLES: HOW RESIDENTS CAN HELP

12pm - 1pm
February 10
Satellite Beach Civic Center Scotty Culp Room
321-773-4407

..... 23RD ANNUAL BARGAIN SEA OAT SALE ORDER USING QR CODE

PLANT PRICE : \$86.60 PER PACK OF 96 PLANTS!

PLANTS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

ORDER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 5, 2026 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

PICK-UP DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2026

PICK-UP LOCATION & TIME: MELBOURNE BEACH...8AM - 11 AM 509 OCEAN AVE. (COMMUNITY CENTER)

TO CALCULATE THE NUMBER OF PLANTS YOU WILL NEED (PLANTING ON 18" CENTERS) USE THE FOLLOWING EQUATION:
DEPTH (FEET) X WIDTH (FEET) ÷ 2.25 = NUMBER OF PLANTS

EXAMPLES:
10' DEEP X 10' LONG = 100 SQ FT ÷ 2.25 = 44 PLANTS
10' DEEP X 50' LONG = 500 SQ FT ÷ 2.25 = 222 PLANTS

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!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Business Tax Receipts: What Businesses Need to Know

If you operate a business in Satellite Beach, it's important to understand **Business Tax Receipts (BTRs)**. Compliance is governed by **Chapter 205, Florida Statutes**.

What is a Business Tax Receipt?

A Business Tax Receipt is **issued by the local government** that allows a person or company to legally operate a business in the city. It ensures that the business meets local regulations and is properly registered with the state and local authorities.

Who Needs a BTR?

Under **Chapter 205, F.S.**, a Business Tax Receipt is required for:

- Any person or company **engaged in or managing a business, profession, or occupation** within the city.
- Contractors, home-based businesses, retail stores, restaurants, and service providers.
- Seasonal or temporary businesses operating within the jurisdiction.
- Exceptions:** Certain professions may be exempt if they are licensed or regulated by the state (for example, doctors, lawyers, or licensed real estate agents), but these individuals may still need to register a business entity locally.

Important Points

- A BTR is **required even if the business is home-based or part-time**.
- Operating without a BTR can result in fines, penalties, or orders to cease business operations.
- Renewals are **annual** due by September 30th and must be kept up-to-date.

How to Get a BTR in Satellite Beach

- Contact the **Community Development Department** 321-773-4409 cdd@satellitebeach.gov
- Complete the application, provide required documentation, and pay the applicable fee.

Staying compliant with Chapter 205 ensures your business operates legally and helps protect your investment and reputation.



Reporting Code Violations

- **No Anonymous Complaints:** Florida Statute 162.06(1)(b) generally requires you to provide your name, address, and phone number when reporting a code violation.
 - **Exception:** Anonymous complaints may be accepted if the complaint relates to an environmental hazard or life-safety hazard.
- **Emails Are Public Records:** Under Ch. 119, F.S., all emails and written complaints submitted to the City are subject to public records requests.
- **Contact:** Community Development at 321-773-4409 or file a complaint form on the City website.

Your reports help protect property values, community safety, environmental quality, and quality of life in Satellite Beach.



Veteran/Employee Spotlight

By Ron Culp



Anthony Holland was born and raised in Morris County, NJ with his 3 brothers and a sister. He was very athletic growing up and through playing in different sports, learned the importance of discipline and teamwork. As a senior at Mount Olive High School, Anthony was the starting QB and linebacker for the football team and helped lead them to a State Championship title in 2003.

After the events of 9/11, Anthony remained driven and focused on serving his country one day and to pursue a career in law enforcement. In 2006, the 20-year-old enlisted in the USAF and attended basic training followed by tech training (military police) at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. His first duty assignment was at F.E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, WY. As a member of the Missile Security Forces Squadron. Airman Holland was responsible for protecting missile silos, providing physical security for the facilities, and securing convoys.

In 2008, A1C Holland was selected for an 8-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Stationed at Camp Bucca (named after Ronald Bucca, NYC Fire Marshal killed during 9/11), Anthony was assigned to the 800th Military Police Brigade at one of the largest theater internment facilities in Iraq which housed over 20,000 detainees. His outstanding performance and dedication under the harshest of conditions during deployment to a combat zone was recognized by the USAF when he was awarded the Elizabeth N. Jacobson Award for Expeditionary Excellence.

Anthony was honorably discharged in 2010 and transferred to the USAF Reserves, 45th Security Forces Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL. After relocating to Brevard County, he was hired by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and sworn in as a Corrections Deputy under the leadership of Sheriff Jack Parker. During his off-duty hours, he attended the Corrections-to-Law Enforcement Crossover Academy at Eastern Florida State College and earned dual certifications in law enforcement and corrections. While serving with BCSO, he met fellow deputy Aubrey Marek; they married in 2015.

In 2011, SrA Holland was recalled to active duty and deployed a second time to Iraq and was assigned to Joint Base Balad (JBB). JBB was a large, multi-service base that supported ground, air, and logistical combat operations. The base was also known as "Mortaritaville" because of frequent mortar and rocket attacks. After completing a 7-month deployment, Anthony returned to the BCSO and left the AF Reserves in 2014.

In 2013, Anthony was hired by SBPD and served as a Patrol Officer for 3 years before transferring to the Criminal Investigations Division. Detective Holland was promoted to Corporal in 2017 and then Sergeant in 2019. Selected as a Lieutenant in 2022, he currently oversees the Criminal Investigations Division, the School Resource Officer Unit, the Communications Division, and serves as the Team Leader for the Emergency Response Team. During his career at SBPD, he has been recognized with numerous awards, including Officer of the Year (2), Officer of the Quarter (6), Hartmann/Flagg DUI Enforcement Officer of the Year (3), and three Life Saving Awards. Lt Holland is a graduate of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Florida Leadership Academy (FL Class 48).

Anthony and Aubrey have both been in law enforcement positions for over 15 years. Aubrey is currently the Deputy Chief of Police Operations at NASA. The Holland's have three children: Kylee (15yrs), Bryson (9), and Brayden (7).

Thanks Lt Holland! We appreciate your dedicated service to our Great Nation and continued service to the citizens of Satellite Beach.



ATTENTION TOWN HALL MEETING

CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH:
PROPOSED 2026 REVISIONS TO GOLF CART, LSV,
AND E-BIKE REGULATIONS.



COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM



LUNCH & LEARN

CITY SPEAKER SERIES

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM - FIRE DEPT

FREE

12pm -1pm
January 27
Satellite Beach
Civic Center
Scotty Culp Room
321-773-4407



Visits offer companionship, conversation, and emotional support, while volunteers also help connect residents with local services and community resources.

If you're looking to make a difference or know someone who would benefit from a friendly visit, consider joining the Stop By and Say Hi program.

Please contact the Satellite Beach Police Department for assistance with enrollment: 321-773-4400



Kitchen Fire Blankets

A fire blanket is a heat-resistant sheet that you place over a small fire to smother the flames. It is especially effective for grease fires, where using water can make the fire spread.

WHY CONSIDER HAVING ONE:

- Very easy to use:** Just pull the tabs and place the blanket over the fire.
- Fast response:** It works immediately to cut off oxygen and stop flames.
- No mess:** Unlike a fire extinguisher; it leaves no chemical residue.
- Low-Maintenance:** No expiration or servicing required.

HOW TO USE IT:

- Pull down the tabs to release the blanket.
- Hold the blanket in front of you for protection and gently lay it over the fire.
- Turn off the stove if you can do so safely.
- Leave the blanket in place until the pan or surface is completely cool.



"Emergency Fire Blanket." Prepared Hero, <https://preparedhero.com/products/emergency-fire-blanket> Accessed 2 Dec. 2025

RECOMMENDED FIRE BLANKETS:

- Prepared Hero Emergency Fire Blanket - Reliable and very easy to deploy
- Premium Defense 60"x70" Blanket - Larger size for added coverage
- GoFire 40"x40" Blanket - Affordable, practical and effective

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stop By and Say Hi: Bringing Connection to Our Community

The Stop By and Say Hi program brings friendly, meaningful visits to Satellite Beach residents who could use extra social connection.

The goal is simple: reduce isolation, share resources, and strengthen our sense of community.

All volunteers are carefully screened through a comprehensive background check, ensuring that every visit is safe and trustworthy. The program is completely free, and participants can schedule visits at times and lengths that work best for them.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT



Senior Resource Alliance and
Satellite Beach Fire Department Present



DO YOU HAVE CONCERNs ABOUT FALLING?



A MATTER OF BALANCE

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is a FUN, award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This 4-week workshop emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- View falls as controllable.
- Set goals for increasing activity!
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home!
- Exercise to increase strength and balance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone concerned about falls.
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength.
- Anyone who has fallen in the past.
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns.

Dates

February 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25
Monday & Wednesday

Time:

10:00 – 12:00

or

1:00-3:00

Location:

Satellite Beach Civic Center
565 Cassia Blvd.

Satellite Beach, FL 32937

*The Workshop is conducted over 8 sessions, meeting twice a week, 2 hours per session.

To sign up for the 8-session workshop
Please call

Satellite Beach Fire Department at
321-773-4405 ext. 302

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

-FREE TO ATTEND-



SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

The Satellite Beach Woman's Club: Our Motto is "Service Because We Care". SBWC wants to thank our fabulous community for attending this year's Founder's Day/Marketplace. It was great to see everyone celebrating with each other in splendid weather. We want you to know of our charitable contributions. We donated to the SBFD Open house dozens of baked items. We support Satellite Cares, which is coordinated by the Satellite Beach Fire and Volunteer Fire Department for nearly 30 years, in coordination with local organizations to collect and distribute food and holiday items to those families in need, both young and older residents throughout the year. We are collecting hundreds of dollars to help them this holiday season. We awarded three \$500.00 teacher grants to three SHS teachers. We also donate to our six schools \$250.00 each for their free and reduced lunch programs. In November through our project "Diapers for Darlings" we delivered 738 diapers and 900 baby wipes to the Salvation Army. In December, 250 Christmas Cards with 1st class stamps affixed went to the Salvation Army to give to those families who have little means to communicate with their families.

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

If you are interested in joining Satellite Beach Woman's Club and giving back to our community, please contact Terri at marytiller@gmail.com.



SATELLITE BEACH LIONS CLUB

Happy New Year, Neighbors! The Satellite Beach Lions Club wishes you a happy and healthy 2026.

Thanks to the support of the community, the Lions had a successful 2025.

We were able to help 25 people get eye exams and glasses. We screened 3,600 kids for vision problems in 92 schools and referred approximately 7% for further evaluation. We were able to fill 110 food boxes with Christmas dinners that went to local families in need, as well as veterans and seniors. Thank you. Our work could not be done without your generous support.

As we start this new year, we are planning two community fundraising favorites and we hope you'll add these to your calendar: The Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on March 8 and our Tri-Tip Dinner at the beach on April 21. We'll also host our 34th Annual Golf Tournament on April 11th at the Cocoa Beach Country Club.

For more information on these events or how to become a member, check our website: satellitebeachlionsclub.com



55+ CLUB OF SATELLITE BEACH



Happy New Year from your local Senior social club!!! Seniors 55 or older are welcome to join and city residency is not a requirement. Membership can be completed at the David R. Schechter Community Center (1089 S Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach) by paying the \$10 annual dues and filling out an informational card. OR – You can now join or renew your membership on our website www.55plusclubofsb.com. An additional \$1 service fee is added for this convenience.

As 2026 brings new beginnings, the 55+ Club has a new slate of officers. For the years 2026 & 2027, new officers are: President - Vicki Stevens, Vice President - Christi Schverak, Treasurer - Joyce Vorndran, Recording Secretary - Jo Ann Fisher, Corresponding Secretary - Dina Jeremiah, and Member at Large - Terry Mellon. This is an amazing group of women who are dedicated to the seniors in our area. I know great things will happen under their term. We wish them all the best as they forge forward bringing conventional and innovative social, educational and entertainment opportunities to our community. Congratulations to each of you!

More information about the club and our 18 different activities can be found at www.55plusclubofsb.com, on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/55plusclubofsatellitebeach/> or by scanning the QR code. You can also call/email Vicki Stevens at 321-446-3206/alaskal1.vs@gmail.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SBPAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

For girls 10-16 years old and the cost is \$100 for the season

- * January 19 - registration for SBPAL Girls volleyball begins.
- * February 22 - 1:00 skill assessments.
- * March 10 - Practices begin
- * March 29 - Games Begin
- * May 10 - Playoffs begin

Any questions or to request registrations forms, call Rene 321-544-4782 or email PAL@satellitebeach.org

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Happy New Year!

The Satellite Beach Recreation Department wishes you and your loved ones a joyful, healthy, and prosperous New Year! Thank you for your continued support. We loved sharing parks, programs, and play with you in 2025.

We're excited to welcome 2026 with fresh opportunities for fitness, fun, and community connection. To kick things off, we're introducing our newly redesigned activity brochure, **Pathway to Play**, created to make it easier than ever to find the programs and information you need. And as always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions!

Cheers to a year filled with health, happiness, and new adventures. We look forward to making more memories together!

Warmest wishes,
The Satellite Beach Recreation Team

Arbor Day Celebration

Join us as we celebrate Florida Arbor Day and learn about the importance of trees in our urban coastal environment. This family-friendly event features our annual tree planting, native plant vendors offering Florida-friendly species, educational booths from local environmental groups, garden clubs, and city partners, plus tips on pollinator habitats, tree care, water conservation, and eco-friendly landscaping. Plus live music, food trucks, and plenty of inspiration for gardeners of all levels.

Saturday, 9 AM- 1PM
Satellite Beach Sports Park
750 Jamaica Blvd.

Every plant matters. Help us grow a more sustainable and beautiful Satellite Beach! For more information or vendor registration, contact Carley at CKestranek@satellitebeach.gov

Upcoming Events

Jan 13

Bookworms

Jan 17

Arbor Day

Jan 29

Ken Holt
Concert Series

Jan 31

Valentine
Pawtastic
Pet Pics

Feb 7

Samsons
Island Open
House

Feb 10

Bookworms

Feb 21

Brevard
Autism 5K

Feb 26

Dave DeLuca
Concert Series

Feb 28

St. Patrick's
Day Pawtastic
Pet Pics

Check out these NEW Programs!

Bookworms

Ages 2-5yrs. Bookworms is a heartwarming intergenerational reading program that brings together local seniors and preschoolers for shared stories, play, and connection. Children will enjoy themed monthly story times and playtime, while members of the 55+ Club's Between the Lines book group serve as our special guest readers.

Sessions take place on the **second Tuesday of each month**, with a new theme featured each time. **Dates:** January 13, February 10, and March 10. **Time:** 9:00-9:45 AM. **Location:** DRS Community Center

This program is **FREE**, but **pre-registration is required**. Register online at playsatellitebeach.org or visit the Recreation Department office.

Pawtastic Pet Pictures

The Satellite Beach Recreation Department loves our furry friends as much as you do! Pawtastic Pet Pictures gives you the chance to bring your canine companion to the DRS Community Center for a fun, themed photo session where your pup can shine in front of the camera. Festive outfits are encouraged!

The \$20 fee includes a treat, a digital photo, and plenty of unforgettable memories.

Dates & Themes (Saturdays):

January 31 – Valentine's Day

February 28 – St. Patrick's Day

March 21 – Easter

Pre-registration is highly recommended.

Concert Series

Join us for our Vintage Vibes Concert Series, a community favorite celebrating live music and local talent. These concerts are **FREE** to attend; however, we kindly request donations in support of our musicians. All performers generously volunteer their time and talent, and your contributions help us show our appreciation and ensure they continue returning to share their music with Satellite Beach.

Upcoming Performances:

- **January 29** – Ken Holt and The Promise
- **February 26** – Dave DeLuca, "The Crooner"
- **April 30** – New Horizon's Jazz Band

For more information, please call **321-773-6458**.

To register for these or any of our classes and programs, scan the QR code above, visit playsatellitebeach.org, or stop by the DRS Community Center Recreation Office.



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SATELLITE BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Satellite Beach Public Library Information:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries>

751 Jamaica Blvd, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Main Phone: (321) 779-4004

Operating Hours:

Mondays: 9am–8pm

Tuesdays: 12pm–8pm

Wednesday – Thursday: 9am–6pm

Friday – Saturday: 9am–5pm

Closed on Sundays.

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Closures: The library will be closed on **Thursday, January 1** for New Year's Day and **Monday, January 19** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Following are a few of the programs offered at the Library. Please visit the website for the full schedule!

Adult Programming (Ages 18+): Please contact the Reference Dept at (321) 779-4004 for the most up to date information.

Special Events: **Puzzle Swap Month** Throughout January: in honor of national puzzle month, exchange one of your puzzles for one of ours! Repeat as desired.

Speed Puzzling Competition: Saturday, 1/24: 1 PM. Celebrate national puzzle month by registering with Reference staff to join the library's speed puzzle competition. Sign up as a group or individual. Max group size: 4. Smaller groups will be combined to 4.

Murder at Mardi Gras: Friday, 2/6: 6PM – 8PM. A murder mystery night celebrating SBPL's 60th Anniversary! This is an after-hours, ticketed event sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Get your free ticket from the Reference desk at the library starting Wed 1/14. Ages 18+.

Arts & Crafts: **Crochet Class:** Free and materials provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Craft swap box will be available. Ages 18+. Register with Reference at (321) 779-4004. Beginner Class: Tuesday, 1/6: 1 PM. Learn basic crochet stitches. Intermediate Class: Tuesday, 1/13: 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: Monday, 2/3: 1 PM. Diamond painting is a simple technique similar to paint by numbers. Free and all materials provided. Ages 18+. Register with Reference.

Moonlighters Quilting Group: Monday, 1/12 & 2/9: 5:30 PM. From 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, create a quilt block for donation. All welcome. Free and all materials provided.

Embroiderer's Guild of America – Indian River Chapter: Friday, 1/16 & 2/20: 10 AM. Check Facebook page "Welcoming Stitches" for details.

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

Speedy Saturday Walking Club: Saturday, 1/10 & 2/14: 10 AM. Meets briefly in the library before walking the nearby paved paths. Reading *Sandwich* by Catherine Newman in Jan. and *The Bodyguard* by Katherine Center in Feb.

Comic Relief Book Club: Mon., 2/16: 6 PM. A graphic novel reading club for adults. Book selections to be determined – call for latest title.

Tea Time Book Club: Mon., 1/26 & 2/23: 1 PM. Reading *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali in January and *The Wedding People* by Alison Escalp in February.



Tea Time Too Book Club: Tue., 1/27 & 2/24: 1 PM. Reading the same monthly titles as the Tea Time Book Club.

Satellite Beach Woman's Club Book Discussion: Fri., 1/9: 12 PM. Bring a book you want to talk about and a bag lunch.

Education and Assistance: Community Support Advocate: Fri. 1/9 & 2/13: 9 AM - 5 PM. Offers FREE help with housing, jobs, SNAP benefits, social security benefits, health care and insurance, senior resources, and more. Schedule an appointment with the Reference Department at (321) 779-4004

One-on-One Basic Tech Help: Thursdays by appointment. 30-minute session. Register with Reference. Free!

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

Hobbies and Fun: Adult Game Night: Mon., 1/5 & 2/2: 6 PM - 7:30 PM. Playing from available tabletop games. Snacks provided. Join anytime. Ages 18+. Free.

Matinee Movies: Mon., 1/12 & 2/9: 1 PM. Watch movies for free at the library! Shown with closed captioning. Refreshments provided. Call or check our website for movie details.

Special Action Movie Event: Mon., 1/5: 1 PM. Showing a hit 2025 action movie. Shown with closed captioning. Refreshments provided. Call or check our website for movie details.

Learn to Play the Ukulele: Fri., 1/23 & 2/27: 11:30 AM. Level 2 class in January. Beginner class in February. Ukuleles available to check out before the class starts. Ages 18+. Free. Register with Reference.

Beachside Strummers: Friday, 1/9, 1/23, 2/27: 9:30 AM - 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.

Read Your Way to K: Toddlers: Wednesdays: 10 AM. Songs, stories, & more! Ages 15 months to 36 months. No registration required.

Read Your Way to K: Preschool: Thursdays: 10 AM. Stories, crafts, & more! Ages 3 to 5. No registration required.

Brick Builders Club: 1st Wednesdays: 3:30 PM. Choose between a brick building challenge or free building. Ages 5 to 12. All materials provided. No registration required.

Storytime Crafternoon: 2nd Wednesdays: 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: 3:30 PM. Enjoy a story and learn about music! Ages 5 - 12. All materials provided. No registration required.

STEM Club: 4th Wednesdays: 3:30 PM. Come out for different science, technology, or math experiments. Ages 5 - 12. All materials provided. No registration required. First come, first served.

Cine-mania: 1st & 3rd Thursday: 3:30 PM. Movies at the library. Recommended for ages 5+. Call for schedule & movie details. Bring a blanket. No registration required.

Teen Night: 2nd Tuesdays: 6 PM. Ages 13 to 17. Call for schedule, activity & registration details.

February Teen Book Club: Tue., 2/3 6 PM. Enjoy pizza and snacks with a discussion of our bi-monthly read. Ages 13 to 17. Reading "Dear Martin" by Nic Stone - call for more details.

February Teen Graphic Novel Club: Tuesday, 2/17: 6 PM. Enjoy pizza and snacks with a discussion of our bi-monthly read. Ages 13 to 17. Reading "The Infinity Particle" by Wendy Wu – call for more details.

Read to a Therapy Dog: 3rd Saturday: 1 PM. Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Ages 5 to 17. Registration REQUIRED one week prior to the event.