

Beachcaster

Your Official City Newsletter

November 2002

From the Council Desk

by Councilman Mark Brimer

As most of you know, in the Fall of 2003, I plan to throw my hat into the ring for your consideration as Mayor of the City of Satellite Beach. Mayor Bob Bolin will be stepping down from his elected position because of term limitations. In order to qualify for the mayoral office, my last day as a council member will be November 20, 2002.

For the past five years, I have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of Satellite Beach as a Councilman and Vice-Mayor. As many of you know, we have been blessed with a very good group of Council members. Each has worked very hard to make significant improvements within the City while, at the same time, exercising the utmost in fiscal responsibility.

The City Manager and City Staff have been very proactive in taking upon initiatives that have made our city one of the most widely respected communities in the State of Florida. At League of Cities meetings around the state, we are always pleasantly surprised how well known and respected our community has become. Due to the efforts of our many citizen committees and volunteers, the City is helping to set the standard for other communities statewide.



Councilman Mark Brimer

Thank you for your donated time and energy. Your volunteer efforts have, and continue to make a difference in the growth and development of our community.

My last Council Column message is simply this: Thank you for the opportunity to have served as a Council member for the City of Satellite Beach.

I hope to have the opportunity to serve you and our City again in 2003.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Community Meeting Set

Based on the overwhelming response from citizens and community groups to our previous articles on a volunteer Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program, a community meeting will be held at the David R. Schechter Community Center on **Tuesday**, **November 19** at **6:30 p.m.**

The Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program has been advocated by Mayor Bob Bolin and outstanding City volunteer Fred Robitschek. The concept of the program is a volunteer-based project designed to provide small scale, quality of life enhancement services to the community, including the elderly, sick, and needy citizens. This program would be a volunteer, communitybased program, which would assist those in the community needing assistance to make everyday life easier. This would include small everyday necessities, such as mowing a lawn, making a trip to a store or to the doctor, supermarket, post office, or pharmacy, moving some furniture, taking a special needs person to the beach, cleaning a garage, providing a meal, etc. Essentially, whatever comes up can be done by volunteers, without expending large sums of money. This program is about people helping people.

In addition to the numerous citizens who have called to express interest in working with such a program, community groups ranging from middle school children to active/senior adult organizations have expressed an interest. Satellite Beach has long been known as the city where volunteers make the difference. This type of program would enhance that image and lend a hand to those who need assistance.

If you are interested in such a program, please plan to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, but are interested, please contact the City Clerk's office, 773-4407.

Council Highlights

September 18, 2002, Regular Council Meeting

- Conducted a hearing on the proposed FY 2002/2003 Budget.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 842, establishing the millage rate at 6.6404 mills for 2002.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 843, adopting the FY 2002/ 2003 Budget.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 844, amending the Comprehensive Plan Existing Land Use Map and Future Land Use Map from Commercial and Services (C) to Residential Medium Density (RM), maximum 5 units per acre, for property located at the northwest corner of Island Drive and South Patrick Drive.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 845, which amends the Official Zoning Map of the City from "C" Commercial to "RM-3" Residential Mixed Use, maximum 5 units per acre, for property located at the northwest corner of Island Drive and South Patrick Drive.
- Approved binding development plan for the property located at the northwest corner of Island Drive and South Patrick Drive.

October 2, 2002, Regular Council Meeting

- Adopted Resolution No. 763, vacating a portion of the public utilities and drainage easement at the property located at 640 Grant Court.
- Gratefully accepted the following donations:
 - \$500 award from Brevard County Commissioner Sue Carlson and Keep Brevard Beautiful for the Trash Bash
 - 2. Bequest from the estate of Colonel Martin Sporn, donations to the Police Department and Fire Department.
- Established the following 2003 legislative priorities:
 - 1. Continued funding for beach renourishment, with particular emphasis on addressing the "worm rock" issue
 - 2. Provide immunity to local and state governments and agencies from claims arising from personal injury and property damages caused by in-kind, on-site environmental mitigation required to meet regulatory requirements for beach restoration projects.
- Appointments to Boards
 - Appointed Maria Whitehead and Robert Bartruff to the Business Enhancement Committee
 - Appointed Ken Lebron, to the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board
 - Appointed Robert Bartruff to the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board

- Reappointed Rodney Smith to the Samsons Island Park Development Committee.

October 16, 2002, Regular Council Meeting

- Authorized the submission of a Law Enforcement Block Grant Application for purchase of laptop computers for the Police Department, with a total project cost of \$4,400, which includes a City match of \$602.
- Approved purchase of Police Department vehicles for FY 2002/2003.

The next Beachcaster will be a combined December/January edition, which will be mailed the second week in January.

Holiday Schedule For Garbage Collection

- Garbage WILL be collected on Christmas Eve Day (Tuesday, December 24).
- Garbage WILL be collected on New Year's Eve Day (Tuesday, December 31).

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are regularly held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 565 Cassia Boulevard. The agenda for each Council meeting is posted at City Hall and is available on the City Hotline (779-8924) and the City Website (www.satellitebeach.org).

The complete agenda package for each regular meeting is available in the Reference Section of the Satellite Beach Library beginning the Saturday prior to each regular meeting and during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at Satellite Beach City Hall.

Please check the City Hotline or City Website to confirm meeting dates, particularly during holiday times.

Beach Acquisition Program Ends 17.1 Acres Preserved

In April 1998, the City of Satellite Beach embarked on an initiative that will forever epitomize the City's ongoing commitment to preserving its fragile ocean environment. This initiative committed the City to pursue purchasing and preserving all vacant oceanfront within the City of Satellite Beach.

Three grant applications were submitted to purchase every vacant parcel of land in the City east of SR A1A, except for the small triangular block at the end of DeSoto Parkway. Included in the applications was the purchase of the commercial building across from McDonalds as a hoped for future home for the Sea Turtle Preservation Society and the City environmental education center. Also, one of the applications included the potential purchase of all properties between the beach and SR A1A in the block between Satellite Avenue and Palmetto Avenue.

Under program guidelines, only appraised price could be paid for the oceanfront properties. This requirement resulted in many of the oceanfront property owners refusing full price offers, based on the higher of two appraisals conducted by local appraisers. Over the last several years, oceanfront properties have dramatically increased in value and property owners east of SR A1A have been able to sell property substantially in excess of appraised value. As an example, in 1999, the City offered full appraisal price of \$460,000 for the vacant parcel at Jackson Avenue and SR A1A. The property owner made a counter offer of \$900,000. Brevard County tax records indicate that the property owner subsequently sold the property for \$1,050,000!

Even though the market conditions prevented the City from acquiring all vacant oceanfront properties, these efforts resulted in the purchase of 17.1 acres of oceanfront property, which will forever be preserved in their natural state. The properties acquired include the eight acres north of Hightower Beach access and the seven acres south of Hightower Beach access, which results in public ownership of one-half mile of unbroken, undeveloped oceanfront. At the time of purchase, a site plan had been approved to construct a 91-unit time share on the seven-acre parcel. Also, through this program, the City acquired the two-acre parcel at the south end of Pelican Beach Park, which now provides for an additional one-quarter mile of oceanfront in public ownership. At the time of purchase, a site plan had been approved to build a 20-unit condominium complex on this parcel.

Combined with other oceanfront land owned by the City, County and State, these acquisitions resulted in 32% of the City's 2.8 miles of oceanfront land being permanently held in stewardship for public enjoyment and preservation.

Future generations of citizens will be indebted to the citizens of Satellite Beach and City leaders for this long, hard struggle in overcoming significant economic challenges to preserve this fragile beachfront environment. This is another example of the uniqueness of Satellite Beach.

In Satellite Beach, Florida, we are proud to have "Beach" as our middle name!



Seven-acre parcel south of Hightower Beach Park acquired with Florida Communities Trust Grant funds.

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Well, you know the rest of the story. Satellite Beach Fire Rescue and the volunteer organization, along with many supporters, will proudly present our annual "Twilight Santa." Our goal is to bring cheer



and happiness to people of all ages during the upcoming holiday season by parading Santa atop a brightly decorated fire truck through the streets of our community.

This year has brought us all a little closer, more unified and dedicated to freedom. We dedicate this year's "Twilight Santa" to those who perished on September 11, 2001, their families and the service men and women of the armed forces who fight for our freedom.

Santa will not be here long, so listen for the approaching sirens and make haste to the window and view a sight to behold. Santa and his elves will be presented in a true Fire Department fashion.

Please be mindful of Christmas decorations. If used improperly, they may present a hazard in your home or business. Follow manufacturer's instructions and precautions.

Wishing each of you a **Safe** and Happy Holiday Season. *Daniel H. Rocque Fire Chief*



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Beautification Board Sponsors Holiday Lighting Contest

Satellite Beach Beautification Board will sponsor its annual Holiday Lighting Contest. Anyone that sees a home deserving of nomination can call City Hall, 773-4407, or Scotty Culp, 773-8391.

Board members will be judging the contest on Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15.

City Hall Holiday Schedule

Offices Closed:

Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28
	Friday, November 29
Christmas	Tuesday, December 24
	Wednesday, December 25
New Year's	Wednesday, January 1

Are you wondering what to buy for those holiday gifts? What better gift than a "Save the Beach" engraved brick, which will be placed with others on the paver walkway at Pelican Beach Clubhouse? It's a lasting and memorable gift for only \$25. Check in with City Hall and pick up an order form.

Annual Alumni SHS Turkey Bowl

Game(s) will be flag football. 9:00 a.m. – Thanksgiving Day Satellite High School Football Field \$25 per person (Open to any Scorpion alumni)

Includes T-Shirt, registration, drumstick, water, bandages and ice. Come out and support your alma mater!!

Reserve your spot by sending a check (include your name, address, phone number and year graduated) to: Satellite Touchdown Club, Attention Holly Mentillo, Turkey Bowl Coordinator, P.O. Box 372728, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

For more information, contact Holly Mentillo at 459-3908 or mentillo_h@popmail.firn.edu.

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Cardboard Recycling Containers Moved

The cardboard recycling containers have been moved from City Hall to their new permanent location on the southwest corner of the parking lot at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive.

The cardboard recycling containers are emptied twice a week; however, the containers become filled to capacity at times. When bringing cardboard to be recycled, please be kind and come back on another day if the containers are full. Please be sure to insert **flattened** cardboard into the slot located in the front of the container.

Acceptable cardboard includes corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, brown paper bags, and canned soda or beer cardboard containers. Please do not place garbage, food, waxed/ plastic coated cardboard, wet cardboard, magazines, phone books, or newspapers in the cardboard recycling containers.

Lawn Sprinkling Safety Tips

The Melbourne Utilities Department, which maintains fire hydrants in the City, is requesting homeowners to direct lawn sprinklers so they do not spray fire hydrants. This request is made to lessen corrosion associated with the hydrant and prevent possible operational problems.

The Utilities Department would also like to remind residents that children walking or riding bikes to school on sidewalks that are being sprinkled may dart out into the street to avoid the water. Running irrigation systems late evening or in the morning before children go to school could prevent a possible accident.

Call the City Hotline 779-8924 For the Latest City Council Agenda

Magazine Recycling

A magazine recycling container will soon be located on the southwest corner of the parking lot at the David R. Schechter Community Center.

Now is the perfect time to start recycling all of those holiday gift catalogues and magazines, and help save our precious landfill space, too!

You Can Help the Beach

Renourishment of the beach in Satellite Beach is on hold due to problems getting needed permits. Congressman Weldon's staff is seeking information on which to base decisions about what to do now. They are looking for old photographs which might help estimate the width and location of the beach, as well as the amount of rock present along the beach in years past. They also would like to know what people remember, or the older generation has told them, about the beach and rock.

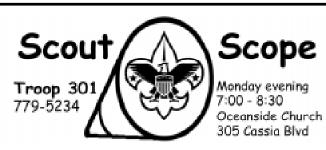
If you have photographs or information, please contact City Clerk Barbara Boyens at City Hall (773-4407, 565 Cassia Boulevard). Photographs will be scanned into a computer and returned. Those with verbal information can complete a short form describing what you recall or talk to an individual.

The City and Congressman Weldon's staff thank all those who help the beach in this way.

BUCKLE UP FLORIDA It's the Law

Did you know it is against the law in Florida to drive without a safety belt? If you or your kids are unbuckled, you risk getting a hefty ticket, or worse, injury or death in a crash. Last Thanksgiving, 36 people were killed in Florida traffic crashes. From November 23 to December 1, law enforcement will be on the lookout for those who are not buckled up. Drive safely this holiday season and buckle up your whole family. They will be *thankful* you did.

For more information on Florida's safety belt laws, visit <u>www.buckleupflorida.com</u>.



The Scouts of Troop 309 have developed their calendar for the coming year's activities. They already enjoyed their first, a visit to **Fantasy of Flight** in Polk County, where they saw firsthand how vintage aircraft are restored. Coming events include **camping outings** to Camp Lanochee near Valkaria (twice); Sebastian Inlet State Park, F. Burton Smith County Park on the St. Johns River west of Cocoa; Forever Florida in Osceola County; Zellwood, Florida (a camporee with many other Scout troops); and camping on the aircraft carrier Yorktown in Charleston, South Carolina. **Noncamping outings** include a visit to the Orlando Science Center and kayaking on the Indian River.

The **Scouting for Food pickup** will be on Saturday, November 9, this year. Non-perishable foodstuffs collected will be distributed to 28 local charitable organizations for distribution to needy families during the holiday season. Please leave bags curbside by 8 a.m. You can drop off any uncollected food at any Winn-Dixie (closest is near the Beachside Wal-Mart). Last year Scouts collected 74 tons of food in Brevard County south of Viera Boulevard. The Scouts, community, and recipients thank you for your generosity.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the troop and its activities, or about becoming a Boy Scout or Scouter (adult volunteer), is welcome to visit during a troop meeting or to call 779-5234.

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By Kash n'Karry, 1087 S. Patrick Dr. - 777-TEEN (8336) www.theteenzone.org director@theteenzone.org

A special thank you goes out to **Danny Reifert**, **Eric Brimer**, and **Nick Abrahams** for all their hard work in painting the inside of the Teen Zone. Because of their extra efforts, we were able to have the inside walls completed before our Adult Bunko Night.

Our Adult Bunko Night was a complete success, with over 120 adults playing Bunko, eating an "Italian Feast" from Bizzarro's in Indialantic, and bidding on over 150 auction items. Congratulations to Frank Bizzarro for winning Bunko, Janet Manaleaus for winning Games, Beth for winning Travel, and David Rieff who won Lowest Games. Thank you to all who made the evening possible: Frank Bizzarro, Kash N Karry, Amy Spindler, Jacqueline Gilcher, and their committees for making our First Annual Bunko Blast such a success! Please see Page 7 for a complete list of Bunko Night contributors.

November Teeny Bopper Night will be on Saturday, November 16. **Santa Teeny Bopper Night** will be Saturday, December 21. The hours are from 6:30 -9:30 p.m. for ages 5-11. Admission is \$3.00. If you are interested in a Birthday Party Package or volunteering, please call the Teen Zone.

Our 2nd Annual **Flea Market/Indoor Garage Sale** will be held at the Teen Zone on Saturday, November 23, from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Space is available for rent (\$15.00) to bring your "Goodies" to sell. Call 777-8336 for details.

The 2nd Annual **Professional Baseball Clinic** will be held in January. Topics will include **pitching**, **hitting**, **fielding** and **base running**. Instruction will be provided by **Matt Skrmetta** of the **Kansas City Royals**. Look for details in the December/January *Beachcaster*.

Our **Youth Director's Council** (YDC) will be **wrapping gifts** outside the Beachside Wal-Mart every weekend (starting Thanksgiving weekend through Christmas Eve). Please bring your gifts to be wrapped and support our YDC!

The **Teen Zone** is open every Friday evening from 6:30-11:00 p.m. for ages 11-15 years old. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the Teen Zone at 777-8336.

Look for information on a **Mini-Bunko Night** in the December/January *Beachcaster*.

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Thank You to the Following Teen Zone Bunko Night Contributors

A Taste Of Cuba – Melbourne About Hair Designs – Satellite Beach Accent On Hair – Satellite Beach Ace Hardware - Satellite Beach Alicia Bardelli All American Sub Company – Satellite Beach Amy White Aqua Art - Melbourne Arlene Norris, L.M.T. Bagel World - Satellite Beach Beach Funeral Home - Indian Harbour Beach **Beachside Gardens** – Satellite Beach Beachside Grille - Satellite Beach Belk – Melbourne Square Mall Beth Vazquez Bingo King - Orlando Bizzarro's - Satellite Beach Bizzarro's - Indialantic **Blueberry Muffin** – Indialantic Boater's World – West Melbourne Bonus Store - Satellite Beach Bridget's Restaurant – Satellite Beach Bunky's - Satellite Beach Burdines – Melbourne Square Mall Cachet Gifts – Beachside Candlessence – Melbourne Square Mall Cantina Dos Amigo's – Indialantic Charlie & Jake's – Beachside Chrissie L. Abrahams, L.M.T. **Cinemaworld** – West Melbourne Classix Salon - Melbourne Corvette's Lounge – Satellite Beach Cove Restaurant – Satellite Beach Crow's Nest Restaurant - Palm Bay Curves For Women – Satellite Beach Da Kine Diego's - Satellite Beach Days Inn - Satellite Beach Dillard's – Melbourne Square Mall Dillard's - Merritt Square Mall Domino's - Satellite Beach **Doubles Hoagies** – Indian Harbour Beach Dove Restaurant – Satellite Beach **Dr. Terry Naberhouse** El Chico's - Melbourne Epoch's Salon - Melbourne **Executive Transport** – Melbourne Beach

Extreme Sports - Indian Harbour Beach Firestone - Palm Bay Florentine Jewelers - Satellite Beach Florida Home Repair Club -Melbourne Foreman's Steakhouse - Indian Harbour Beach **Generation Builders** – Indialantic Hair Cuttery – Palm Bay Holiday Inn Oceanfront - Indialantic Home Depot – West Melbourne Ink Doktor - Melbourne Island Cleaners - Satellite Beach JC Penney – Melbourne Square Mall Johnston's Hallmark -Melbourne Square Mall Johnston's Hallmark - Suntree Juliette's Hallmark - Satellite Beach K & E Travel – Palm Beach Kash-N-Karry - Satellite Beach Kathy Troso's Hair Salon – Satellite Beach Kelly's Deli & Dogs - Melbourne La Moda – Satellite Beach Latorra's Hair Studio - Satellite Beach Longdogger's - Indialantic Lowe's Home Improvement Center West Melbourne Loyal Order Of Moose #2367 Matt Kechele Medical Associates Of Brevard -Melbourne Meg O'Malley's - Melbourne Mike & Harold's Barber Shop -Satellite Beach Mio's Pizzeria – Satellite Beach **M & M Jewelry** – Satellite Beach Moo's Soft Serve - Indialantic Movie Gallery - Satellite Beach MTB Surf Emporium – Indian Harbour Beach Murphy's Irish Pub – Satellite Beach Nevada Bob's - West Melbourne Niki's Restaurant – Satellite Beach Oak Tree Furniture – West Melbourne **Ocean Nails** – Indialantic Olive Garden – West Melbourne Our Club – Indian Harbour Beach Paisano's - Palm Bay

Palm Bay Auto Pappagallo's - Indian Harbour Beach Paradise Beach Florist - Beachside Party House - Beachside Party Outlet - West Melbourne Patrick Paperbacks – Satellite Beach Perkins – Satellite Beach Petty's Meat Market - Suntree Pronto Communications – Melbourne **Publix** – Satellite Beach Purple Porpoise – Indian Harbour Beach Quality Suites - Indialantic Rake's Hair Styling - Satellite Beach Reed's Jewelers - Melbourne Square Mall Roadhouse Grille – Melbourne Ruth Massanova Sam's Club - West Melbourne Sandollars Restaurant - Satellite Beach **Satellite Beach Auto Center** Satellite Beach Cinemas Satellite Beach Lanes Satellite Beach Recreation Dept. Seaside Auto Repair - Satellite Beach Smokey Bones BBQ - Melbourne South Brevard Academy Of **Gymnastics** – Palm Bay **Spectrum Painting** – Indialantic Sports Page - Satellite Beach Taylor Shay's - Indialantic Texas Roadhouse – Beachside TGI Friday's - Melbourne The Coin Shop – Satellite Beach Vagabond's - Satellite Beach Villa Palma Ristorante – Indialantic Vince's Exxon – Satellite Beach WA1A – Melbourne Waldenbooks – Melbourne Square Mall Walker Skateboard – Satellite Beach Walmart – Beachside Walmart - Melbourne Wicky Wacky - West Melbourne Winn-Dixie - Beachside Women Of The Moose #1983 Woody's BBQ - Beachside Worldwide Adventures - Satellite Beach

Physician Assistants Honored



Councilman Mark Brimer, left, presented a proclamation to Stephanie Weimann and John Jones, Physician Assistants at the Disabled Veterans Center in Viera, congratulating them for their contributions to the medical profession.

Constitution Week Recognized



Councilman Mark Brimer presented a proclamation to Dr. Joanna Cocchiarella, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Regent, and Carol McGeachy, Secretary of Rufus Fairbanks Chapter of the National Society DAR, declaring Constitution Week in Satellite Beach.

Happy Holídays! From Cíty Councíl and Employees

Garbage and Curbside Recycling Tips

Each residence with curbside garbage collection service is supplied with three recycling bins: one for newspapers, one for glass and plastic, and one for cans. If you do not have all three bins, please call Harris Sanitation, 723-4455, for replacement bins.

• **Newspaper and the Shiny Inserts** – No magazines, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, paper or plastic bags, cardboard, or styrofoam.

■ **Glass** – Clear, green, brown and blue glass bottles and jars only. *Rinse*. It is OK to leave the labels on. Do not include oven cookware, drinking glasses, ceramics, dishes, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, etc.

■ **Plastic** – OK to leave the labels on, OK to crush. *Rinse*. Do not include the lid or pump. No auto products (motor oil or antifreeze), pool chemicals, pesticides or fertilizers. To determine if a plastic container is acceptable, look on the bottom for a number surrounded by 3 arrows in the shape of a triangle. (Recycle 1 "PETE" or 2 "HDPE" are acceptable.)

• **Cans** – Aluminum or tin only. *Rinse*. It is OK to crush the cans and OK to leave the labels on.

Cardboard recycling containers are located in the southwest corner of the parking lot at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive. No garbage, food, phone books, or newspapers are accepted in the cardboard and magazine recycling containers. Cardboard must be **flattened**.

The regular weekly curbside collection schedule begins at 7:00 a.m. as follows:

- Monday Yard Trash/Recyclables
- Tuesday Garbage Pick-Up
- Friday Garbage Pick-Up

For additional information on curbside collection of garbage, yard waste, or recycling, contact City Hall at 773-4407 or Harris Sanitation at 723-4455.

For additional recycling information, access the Brevard County Solid Waste Management website: <u>www.countygovt.brevard.fl.us/swr</u> or call 633-2043 to reach the Recycling Hotline. For information on proper disposal of household hazardous waste, call Brevard County Household Hazardous Waste at 635-7954.

Child Abduction Prevention Educational Tools Available

Too often, we read in the newspaper that children have been kidnapped, sexually assaulted, or murdered at the hands of a sex offender. Satellite Beach enjoys a low crime rate, and has a reputation as a great place to raise children. However, none of us should be of the belief that it could never happen to us.

For the fourth time in twenty years, since the passage of the Missing Children's Act in 1982, the number of missing persons reported to the police declined from the previous year. Statistics from the FBI's National Crime Information Center reveal that 2,000 children disappear each day.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children statistics reveal that children ages 4 to 11 experience the most attempts; however, almost half of the abducted victims were age 12 or older; 73% were girls; 62% of the perpetrators were strangers and 19% were acquaintances. Most children were removed from the streets (52%) and taken to a vehicle (46%). Force was used against 87% of the victims; and a weapon was involved in 75% of the cases. Ransom was requested in 8% of the cases.

Parents must educate their children, with frequent reminders, not to be lured away from the streets, playgrounds, schools, and their own yard, into a car or in the direction of an unknown adult. Children don't have to be rude or panic when they're spoken to; however, they must know they should stick together with friends, avoid being approached by an unknown adult, and remain outside the grasp of strangers.

The adults in our community, parents or not, must report suspicious persons, cars, or incidents. If a nonfamiliar car is in our neighborhood, parked, watching children pass by, or circling the block where children are playing, make your presence known, obtain license tag numbers, and rapidly summon the police.

Children must be taught that if an abduction attempt is committed in a public place, the old fashioned, "scream as loud as you can and run as fast as you can," still works. Statistically, when perpetrators are detected, they will go in the opposite direction.

Satellite Beach Police Department has information and materials about stranger danger, as well as a video, "Kid Escape! From Child Abductors." If you desire information or would like the Police Department to speak with you, your children, or group, please contact Commander Hodge at 773-4400.



Lions Club Halloween Happening included food, fun, and costume awards. Thank you to Satellite Beach Lions Club for their continued community involvement.



Howlin' at the Dog park during the October 27 Halloween event. Upcoming Event: Thanksgiving pet food drive to benefit the Brevard County Animal Shelter. Please bring donations to the Satellite Beach Dog Park.

CPR Classes Offered

Satellite Beach Fire Department is certified to teach Adult and Pediatric/Infant CPR, and is offering CPR classes for **non-medical citizens** ages 16 years to adult. Classes are offered on the following dates from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.:

Saturday, November 9Saturday, January 11

Classes are held at the Satellite Beach Fire Department, and the instructor will be Scott Manning. The cost is \$10. Class size is limited. **Pre-registration is required.** Registration and payment must be made by noon on Friday prior to the course. Make checks payable to *City of Satellite Beach*. Payment can be mailed to Satellite Beach Fire Department, 1390 South Patrick Drive. Satellite Beach. FL 32937.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Paula Brandt at the Fire Department, 773-4405, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

School News By Scotty Culp

November

Satellite High School has hosted an annual **Community Leaders Seminar** at the beginning of each school year since 1980. Satellite High feeder schools agreed to take turns hosting the meeting to showcase all the schools in the feeder chain. This year, **Sue McCartney**, Principal of Surfside Elementary School, hosted the September event.



Among those attending the Community Leaders Seminar were, front row, from left, Satellite Beach Fire Chief Dan Rocque, Sea Park Elementary School Principal Peggy Baker, DeLaura Middle School Assistant Principal Carolyn Carmichael, host Principal Sue McCartney, Satellite Beach Mayor Bob Bolin, Suntree Elementary School Principal Cyndi Van Meter, Satellite Beach Recreation Director Kerry Stoms, and Brevard County School Board member Larry Hughes. Back row, from left, are Ocean Breeze Elementary School Principal Lyn Rinehart, Holland Elementary School Principal Larry Kuhn, Satellite High School Principal Mark Elliott, Satellite Beach Police Department Commander Brad Hodge, Satellite High School Resource Officer Corporal Darren Frost, and Surfside Elementary School Assistant Principal Carol Mela. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

Satellite High School (SHS) **Instrumental Music Program** is kicking off its biggest fundraiser of the year, the third annual **Poinsettia Sale**. Orders for florist quality plants are taken in November for delivery in December. Special and bulk orders for churches and businesses receive the bonus of free delivery. Wreaths, mailbox swags and balsam garlands are also available. To order, call 779-2470, 777-3916, 779-0511 or 777-3893. SHS's instrumental musicians will perform November 16 at the annual Indian Harbour Beach Art Festival, Gleason Park. The daylong event is open to the public.

Check out the **Satellite High School Website**: <u>www.scorpnet.brevard.k12.fl.us</u>.

Latin students at Satellite High School journeyed to University of Kentucky to compete in the **National Latin Forum**. Some 2,000 students participated in different academic tests and creative projects. Five students from SHS academically scored in the top five of the nation and one-fifth of the artistic awards were presented to Satellite students. "These exceptional students did the work and studied," **Betty Tsatiris**, 16-year Latin teacher at Satellite High School, emphasized.



National Latin Award winners, front row, from left, are Nadia Agha, Karen Riewe, James Martin, Lisa Lee, Alice Artz, and Betty Tsatiris, teacher. Back row, from left, Heather Albright, Caroline Peterson, Jennifer Bewerse, Michelle Brown, and Maggie Heim. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

Ocean Breeze Elementary School was recently given an award for Community Safety by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. During a presentation, **Principal Lyn Rinehart** accepted the award on behalf of the Ocean Breeze staff for their "**Walk Your Child To School**" activities. Students, parents, community leaders, and business partners joined together during the walk to focus on safe bicycling and walking routes, and behaviors for children. The Indian Harbour Beach Police and Fire Departments provided advice and support for the morning activities. The emphasis on safety remains a continued focus at the school.

Holiday Inn Oceanfront was Rockin' and Rollin' — Jumpin' and Jivin' when hundreds of pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students were in tune to "Mr. Al." The nationally famous entertainer involved the audience, young and old alike, moving every part of the body as he sang and played the guitar. The added bonus was when "Mr. Al" mixed educational aspects into his songs. "It was so much fun and we all loved his performance," said **Sue McDonald**, Kindergarten teacher at Surfside Elementary School.

Surfside Elementary School is weedless, the hedges and trees are trimmed, and areas featuring colorful plants are mulched. All hands at Surfside, including students, teachers, parents, grandparents, and guests, were busy making "**Dig In and Make A Difference Day**" an eye-catching success. The annual event has won Surfside many beautification awards. To watch these energetic youngsters drag branches, pull weeds, load up the wheelbarrows with mulch, and with such a caring attitude about

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their school, is something to behold.

The staff and teachers are to be congratulated for coordinating and supervising such a momentous task. **Sue McCartney**, Principal, wishes to thank the **Satellite Beach Public Works Department** for picking up "tons" of debris.



Third grade students at Surfside Elementary School are mulching an area during "Dig In and Make a Difference Day." From left, Savannah Myers, Kristin Bell, Rachel Culp, and Kelly Stokes. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

Lydia Jennings has served the Brevard County School System for over 33 years. She was a faculty member at Sea Park and Surfside Elementary Schools, and is now a substitute teacher at Surfside Elementary.

Joan Taddie, drama teacher in the Brevard County School System for the past 33 years, has volunteered to teach the fifth grade at Endeavor Elementary School in Cocoa. Endeavor was graded "F," so, as Joan said, "It's a tough assignment, but they need all the support they can get." She also teaches singing and dancing. Joan served many years as a drama coach at Satellite High School and will be missed.

HELP! Can You Help???

Volunteers are needed to help on Samson's Island to clean trails, maintain areas, pile brush, outline trails, etc. Call 773-6458.

Samsons Island Park Development Committee

Call the City Hotline 779-8924 For the Latest City Council Agenda

Trash and Our Beaches

Our City has great beaches that thousands of people enjoy every year. One of the things that makes our beaches so great is how clean they are! Our City has a great group of volunteers that regularly hit the beaches to clean up any trash that might be left over from visitors.

Once again, Keep Brevard Beautiful's Trash Bash, headed by Cindy Rogell, cleaned up Pelican Beach Park and won an award for the number of volunteers and amount of trash picked up!

Why is it so important to keep the beaches clean, besides aesthetics? Think about what a clear plastic bag looks like floating in water. It looks a great deal like a jellyfish – right? Well, there are some species of sea turtles and dolphins that eat jellyfish. When they ingest the bags, their body can't break them down, so the plastic sits in their stomachs. If they have a few bags in their stomach, they will start feeling full all of the time and they will stop eating, and eventually starve to death.

This is just one example of how damaging trash can be when it floats in our water environment. So, the next time you hit the beaches, please remember to take your trash with you – and encourage other people around you to do the same.

Together, we can all keep our beaches beautiful and our wildlife safe!

Free Brazilian Pepper Tree Removal

Having nearly reached our goal of eradicating Brazilian Pepper Trees from the City of Satellite Beach, Mr. John Baker is willing to assist nonresidents of Satellite Beach in removal of pepper trees. Sometimes referred to as Florida holly, the Brazilian Pepper Tree has red berries during January and February.

If you have any of these invasive trees on your property, or are not sure if you have one, please call Mr. Baker at **777-0996**. He will stop by to verify the species. He will cut, herbicide and drag the cuttings to the street for pickup, **at no charge!** Thanks, John. This is a valuable service to our community.

Around Town With Scotty Culp

Catherine Kube and **Gary Albritton**, 290 Norwood Avenue, were awarded Yard of the Month, sponsored by the Satellite Beach Beautification Board. Cathy, a native of Japan and a "Military Brat," is an energetic, outdoor lady, beautifying her premises by creating colorful and striking arrangements featuring a multitude of trees, shrubs, and ground cover. A variety of trees and shrubs accentuate the eclectic appearance. Eye-catchers are the multicolored dwarf poinciana, heliconias, jatropha, coleus, ruella, milk seed, and the orchid, tulip, and geiger trees. The backyard is just as beautiful. A huge papaya tree, bearing over 50 large fruit, is awesome.



Catherine Kube receives congratulations and an appreciation certificate from Beautification Board Chairman Bill Mayer. Albritton was absent, so Ms. Kube holds his picture. (Photo by Scotty Culp)

Master Gardeners is a national program organized by the County Extension Service and sponsored by state colleges. **Satellite Beach Master Gardeners** are sponsored by the University of Florida. Training to be a Master Gardener involves ten six-hour sessions, taught by various experts in the field, such as soil biology, insects, tropical fruit, lawns, etc., and the Master Gardeners usually have a wealth of previous learning experience.

Volunteers staff an office at the Agriculture Center in Cocoa and Palm Bay every day. They also staff the **Plant Doctors Clinic**, giving advice and free plants on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon at the Satellite Beach Library. Loyal volunteers for the past 20 plus years at the Plant Doctors Clinic are **Sue Reynolds**, **Jane Mandeville**, **Henry** and **Rita Mohr**, and **Rose Baker**. Also serving for many years are **Patricia Royer**, **Laverne** and **Roger Warner**, **Claudia Crane**, **Peg Horsfield** and **Sergio Santorium**.

Jane Mandeville, member of the Satellite Beach Beautification Board, gives an informal talk at the monthly meetings of In-Har-Bee Garden Club, and teaches a gardening class to Holy Name of Jesus fifth grade students. She grows vegetables to donate to Daily Bread, and will be the guest speaker on April 21 at the Brevard Museum of Art and Science, 1463 Highland Avenue, Eau Gallie. Her topic: "The Art of Gardening."

Brevard Association for the Advancement of the Blind (BAAB) recently enrolled 27 students, ages 38 to 90, in classes for people who have recently lost their sight. The classes teach daily living skills such as threading a needle, counting and identifying money, cooking, using a white cane, and keeping track of medications. Classes are held every Friday, and new classes start in January. Contact **Marge Pailleron**, 35-year BAAB member and past president, at 773-7222.

The Welcome Wagon of Satellite Beach held their annual "Make It-Bake It-Grow It-Sew It" auction during their November 1 meeting. This is the 40 member club's only fund-raiser, and all donations will go to charitable groups. New members added to the roster are Crickett Bardwell and Barbara Roberson. Charlotte Butts is President and Kathee Smith served as auctioneer. The public is always invited to their meetings.

Mark your December calendar now to see a lovely winter wonderland. **Paul** and **Pat Bell**, 560 Cinnamon Drive, will have their beautiful Christmas villages open to the public to help everyone get into the Christmas spirit. The display of over 175 buildings, trains, waterfalls, and lots of snow, creates a tremendous abundance of Christmas exuberance. The display will be open from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on December 18-23.

It's showtime on Verbenia Court! For the past 19 years, the residents of Verbenia Court have been creating a bright display of Christmas lights. They will again create their annual "Christmas in Wonderland" display for all residents of Satellite Beach and guests from afar to enjoy. Through the yearly Christmas spirited efforts of this proud neighborhood, the City of Satellite Beach has become known as the best little city in Brevard County to view a Christmas lighting extravaganza. In the spirit of Christmas giving, residents of Verbenia Court provide an opportunity for visitors to donate canned goods or money for local charities.

Senior Airman **Alan Wilkerson**, son of Major (Ret.) **Herb** and **Esther Wilkerson**, is stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida National Guard Training Center, Sharke, Florida. The 1993 Satellite High School graduate received his basic training at Lackland AFB, Florida, and attended weather flight school at Keefler AFB, Mississippi.

If you have school or community news you wish to submit for publication in the *Beachcaster*, please provide the information to Scotty Culp, 310 Norwood Avenue, Satellite Beach, Florida, 32937, or phone Scotty at 773-8391.

ACTIVE ADULT ACTIVITY SURVEY

"Make your 55+ years the best of your life"

The following survey is a result of the meeting that was held on September 18 regarding forming a 55+ Club. The folks that attended this meeting helped formulate ideas for a Club that will meet socially at the David R. Schechter Community Center each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., although club activities will not be limited to this one day and time. This club is <u>not</u> limited to local residents.

Please complete the survey below and return it to the Satellite Beach Recreation Department office, 1089 South Patrick Drive, by mail or drop it off during business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call 773-6458 for more information. Please check all of the following that you are interested in:

Social

- Card games (please specify your interest)
- D Board games; Bingo (circle your interest)
- □ Arts & Crafts

Music and dancing

- Dance Lessons; Weekly Dances (circle your interest)
- Instrumental Band

Educational, Medical & Financial Programs

- Dependence of the planning; Insurance (circle your interest)
- **CPR/First** Aid
- Sports & Exercise Activities
- □ Walking group (indoor & outdoor)
- □ Bike riding group
- D Bowling Open bowl and leagues
- Description: Basketball; Tennis; Golf Leagues (circle your interest)
- D Billiards or Table Tennis open play & leagues (circle your interest)

<u>Travel</u>

- □ Cruising
- Day Trips

Community Involvement

□ Volunteer Opportunities

Other interests not mentioned above

Can you play a musical instrument? Yes _____ No _____

Are you willing and available to form a band? Yes _____ No _____

Can you assist in the planning stages of this club and attend planning meetings? Yes _____ No _____

Please give us your name so we can keep you updated on the club's progress.

Name	
Address	
City & State	Zip
Email Address	Phone

Special Events

Scrooge – As performed by the Jr. Theatre Workshop! The entertaining performance will be held at the Satellite Beach Civic Center on Friday, December 13, at 7 p.m. & Saturday, December 14, at 11 a.m. Tickets are sold at the door for \$3.

Phone Calls from Santa's Elves – Satellite High School ROTC students are working with S.B. Rec. Dept. to provide calls from Santa's Workshop. ALL parents of little boys & girls who call our office at 773-6458 can receive details on how their child can receive a personal call from Santa or one of his Elves. Be prepared to give us "useful" information about the child. Names for calls accepted now through Dec. 10 only. Santa's helpers will be making the calls on only one evening, Dec. 11, from 5-8 p.m. This service is free.

Kid's Christmas Party – (For ages 2-10 yrs.) Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon, at DRS Community Center. Cost: \$10/child. Is your little elf ready to join the other elves in Santa's Workshop to paint, glue, and decorate goodies to eat? Enjoy crafts, games and fun. Santa will be on hand for pictures, dancing, and festivities! Pre-register by December 11. Don't forget your camera!

Classes

Ongoing Programs – The following programs and classes are held at the David R. Schechter Community Center: Karate; Have Fun, Stay Fit Aerobics; Jazzercise; 3 H's Exercise; Fitness Program for Teens & Adults; Yoga; Rhythm in Motion Dance Program; and Kids Play Day. Many of the programs are classes you can join at any time. Call the Recreation Department, 773-6458, for details.

Room in a Kit Decorating – *Fundamentals of Decorating*: Jan. 7, 8 & 9, \$45; *Decorating On A Budget*: Jan. 14, \$25; *Faux & Decorative* *Painting*, Jan. 21 & 22, \$35. Classes are held at DRS Community Ctr., 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Recreation Highlights

Beginner Line Dancing Session – All styles of line dancing music! Class meets each Thurs., 2-3:30 p.m., in the DRS Community Center. Dancers pay \$5 per session at the door. Loads of fun and great exercise! Join anytime.

Mr. Science – Each program is held on Monday, 4-5 p.m., at the S.B. Civic Center, and costs \$3 per person at the door. For ages 5 & up.

Nov. 11 -	Time Travelers
Nov. 18 -	Confusing Illusions
Nov. 25 -	Human Machines
Dec. 2 -	Future World
Dec. 9 -	Inventions
Dec. 16	Electro-Magnets
Dec. 23 -	Motor Making
Dec. 30 -	Alarming Projects.

Learning Through Arts & Crafts – For ages 2-5 years. Meets Wed., 10-11 a.m., Nov. 13, 20 & Dec. 4, 11 & 18 (again Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5) at the DRS Community Center. Parents stay and enjoy "together time." \$35/child.

Upcoming January Programs Bridge Classes for Adult Beginners and Experienced Players; Tennis Classes for Youth and Adult Beginner, Advanced Beginner & Intermediate players; Tennis Classes Just For Moms, and also for Active Adults 55+ Years; Drawing, Painting, and Watercolor Classes for Adults, each Tues., begins Jan. 7; Jr. Theatre Workshop for 5-12 yrs. old, begins January 27; and Watercolor Class for Beginner Adults, begins Jan. 7. Call the Recreation Dept., 773-6458, for details.

Sports

Adult Sport Leagues Offered Call the Recreation Office, 773-6458, for current information: Men's Racquetball Leagues, Coed Volleyball League, Coed Softball League, Men's Basketball League, Adult Ladies and Men's Tennis Leagues.

November

Youth Baseball Skills Clinic -

Call now for information for this Nov./ Dec. program for ages 9-13 years old & 13-16 years old. Program will improve players' base running, bunting/hitting and fielding skills. Call 773-6458 for details. Get ready for the Spring Little League Season!

Little League Baseball &

Softball – For boys & girls 5-15 yrs. (age date by 8/1/03). Registration held Sat., Dec. 7 & 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Thurs., Dec. 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. New players bring birth certificate, all parents sign waiver form & bring medical insurance info. Cost TBA.

Adventure Series – School Holiday Adventures for Kids:

November 11 – Kayak to Samsons Island from S.B. Fire Dept.

November 11 – **Seining** in the Indian River Lagoon catching critters!

Week of Dec. 23-27 – Family Ice-Skating at Iceplex in Rockledge Call the Recreation Dept., 773-6458, for details on Adventure Series.

Adult Activities

Clubhouse Social – On Thurs.. Dec. 5, seniors and adults are invited to the Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 1495 Hwy. A1A, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., for a potluck lunch (bring a dish to share). Learn how to make poinsettia flowers out of red balloons and enjoy some holiday entertainment. Please RSVP at 773-6458. NOTE: Because we've had success forming a club for active adults 55 + that will meet every Thurs., we will not continue to offer the Clubhouse Social in its original format after the Dec. 5 program. It will be incorporated into the 55+ Club day on an occasional basis.

55+ Club – Several "active adults," along with Rec. Dept. staff, have been working on plans to form a club for active adults 55+ that will meet weekly at the David R. Schechter Community Center. To be included in the club and/or to be a part

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Phone 773-6458 for Recreation Information

of the planning committee that meets regularly, or for more information, contact Louise at 773-6458. <u>Please</u> <u>complete and return the survey on</u> <u>Page 13 of this *Beachcaster* to <u>assist us in planning of this club.</u> December Christmas Lun-</u>

cheon – As a kickoff to the 55+ Club, we will hold a Christmas luncheon on Thurs., Dec. 12, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the DRS Community Center. Come enjoy a free lunch, tour our new facility, and learn more about the 55+ Club that is forming. Please RSVP.

Game Day – Do you enjoy playing Scrabble, Canasta, Bridge, Pinochle, Monopoly or any number of board or card games? Our free Adult Game Day meets every Thurs., 1-4 p.m., at the Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 1495 Highway A1A. Bring your own snacks and supplies, and bring your friends!

Environmental Corner Marine Adventure Club –

Hey kids! Interested in the ocean, Indian River Lagoon, and the cool animals that live in there? Call Tiffany at the Recreation Ctr., 773-6458, and ask about details for our first meeting! You can join any time!

North Atlantic Right Whale Seminar – Join Julie Albert from Marine Resources Council at Pelican Beach Clubhouse on Sat., Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. for a seminar on how to identify the most endangered of the great whales, the North Atlantic Right Whale. Learn why they are so endangered and what we can do to help protect them! If you live beachside, you should attend this seminar!! Coffee, juice, donuts, & literature will be available. Call 773-6458 to RSVP.

Winter Break Activities Pre-registration for these activities will be helpful. Please call 773-6458.

Fun, Tumble in the Jungle – For Kindergarten - 2nd grade, \$3. Mon., Dec. 23, 10-11 a.m. Have fun at this creative tumbling class! Journey through the jungle while crossing the rickety River Bridge, climb Natazoo Mountain, jump through vine hoops & tumble across jungle valley.

Jewelry Making – For children ages 6-11 yrs., Mon., Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; please pre-register. \$7/pp.

Hip Hop – For **Kindergarten** – **2nd grade**, Mon., Dec. 23, 11 a.m. – 12 noon. For **3rd** – **6th grade**, Mon., Dec. 30, 11 a.m. – 12 noon. Hip-Hop is a fun form of dance with the latest tunes. Create your own personal style, no real technique is needed. \$3/pp.

Cheer, Chant & Tumble – For 3^{rd} - 6^{th} grade, Mon., Dec. 30, 1-3 p.m. Come learn fun cheers, chants and tumbling techniques that are used by high school cheerleaders. \$5/pp.

Critters & Creatures – Come see this free humorous slide show on Dec. 30, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., at the DRS Community Center and learn the answers to: Have you ever wondered what a jellyfish tastes like? Do you know the difference between a gator and a saltwater crocodile? How do you do the Stingray Shuffle? How to avoid the perils of the blowfish! Rodney Smith, outdoor journalist, fishing guide, and publisher of *Coastal Angler Magazine*, will take you on an unforgettable tour. All ages welcome.

Winter Marine Adventure Camp for Kids – S.B. Recreation Department may offer a Winter School Break Marine Adventure Camp, depending on interest. If you think your kids might be interested in a winter camp, please call Tiffany at 773-6458.

Game Room – Open for "drop in" play from 12:30-5:00 p.m. for a cost of \$1 per day on Dec. 20, 23, 26, 27, 30, 31 & Jan. 2 & 3. Kids can play pool, ping pong, foose ball and various table games. A pizza lunch can be purchased for \$2 each day. Various special activities will be planned, such as pool and Ping-Pong tournaments, crafts, and table game challenges.

<u>City Facilities Update</u>

Dog Park – Located at the Satellite Beach Sports and Recreation Park (next to the S.B. Library). 1.25 acres of grass, trees, and benches in a fenced park for your unleashed pet. Open 8 a.m. dusk. (Closed Monday & Thursday, 12 noon - 3 p.m. for maintenance). \$2 for up to 2 people and/or up to 3 dogs to enter, \$3 if you exceed the 2/3 rule. ALWAYS bring your dog's shot records (provided by the vet's office) and have rabies & county license tag on your dog's collar.

Skatepark News – Located at the Satellite Beach Sports and Recreation Park (next to the S.B. Library). Open Mon.-Thurs., 4 p.m.-9 p.m.; Fri., 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun., 12 noon-9 p.m. Skate sessions cost \$3/ per person. (Special \$1/pp Beginner Skate is Sat., 10 a.m.-12 noon & Thurs., 4-6 p.m.). Skaters must have a completed waiver, and wear helmet, elbow & knee pads.

David R. Schechter Community Center Gymnasium and Game Room – Located on the corner of Jackson Avenue and South Patrick Drive. The gym and game room offer open play time for youth 8th grade & younger weekdays after school until 5:30 p.m. For additional open game room and gym times, call the Recreation office, 773-6458, or the gym, 773-2128.

Recreation Department Offices - Located inside the David R. Schechter Community Center on Jackson Avenue and South Patrick Drive. Open 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 773-6458.

Free Boat Trip to Samsons Island Nature Park – Meet at S.B. Fire Department dock, 1390 South Patrick Dr., each Sunday a little before 1 p.m. First come, first served; no reservations accepted.

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About The Library

The **Satellite Beach Library Board** will meet on November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Library's Community Room.

Barbara's Book Chats continue! The group will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 25; discussion will be on the book, *The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood.

Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 years is held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. No registration is required. **Evening Story Hours** begin at 7 p.m. on Mondays. Come and learn your "ABCs" at the Library. *Bring a show-and-tell that matches the letter of the week*. Call 779-4004 for more information.

- November 11 (CLOSED), November 13 (11 a.m.), and November 14 (11 a.m.; 3 p.m.) "N" ature's Best Stories
- November 18 (7 p.m.), November 20 (11 a.m.) and November 21 (11 a.m.; 3 p.m.)- "O"utrageous Tales
- November 25 (7 p.m.), November 27 (11 a.m.) and November 28 (CLOSED) - Books on "P"arade. Toddler Time classes are available at the Library.

Pre-registration is required. Call Youth Services, 779-4004.

The Annual **Children's Reading Festival** will be held at Taylor Park near Cocoa Village on November 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Edward Bloor, author of *Tangerine*, will be the featured children's author. There will be many programs, including: Voices of Story, Mascots, K9 Corps, a fire truck

to explore, a band and a choir, Kingdom Animalia, a balloonist, magicians, food, fun, and crafts for all the kids. The libraries will also hold a book sale.

Friends of Satellite Beach Annual Book Sale is coming in February. Donations of good, clean books are being accepted at the Library.

Displays will be by **Patricia Ryan Frazier** of Indian Harbour Beach. She will display "A Dreamer's Reality," as portrayed through her artwork. The **Salvation Army** will display teddy bears crafted by local organizations for police and fire departments to hand out to children in a crisis.

Don't know what to do with aluminum cans, aluminum foil, car batteries, antifreeze, motor oil, fluorescent light tubes, paint cans, or Christmas tree lights and wire? Just call the Reference Department at the Library! We'll look up the appropriate recycling organization for you in Brevard County's *Recyclopedia*. We can even give you a hotline to call for assistance in getting rid of recyclable material! Just call 779-4004; we can help with your recycling dilemmas.

Are you a veteran of the Korean War? Nancy Grout, Director of the Library, would like to hear from you. We are planning a special program for Spring 2003 commemorating the Korean War. Would you share your experiences and memorabilia with us for that event? Call 779-4004 and ask for Nancy.

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