

#### **SPRA MEMBERSHIP MONTH**

It's that time of the year again to renew or become a new member of your South Patrick Residents Association. Ours is an "all-volunteer" community association representing you in government affairs and working to make community improvements.

Inside this month's *Shore News*, you'll find your SPRA Membership Form and envelope. Your \$15.00 per household dues goes toward paying for printing and distribution of the *Shore News* and to support community projects, like signs, landscaping projects, safety concerns, and Santa' fire engine ride. Join us at the monthly meetings and let your Area Directors know your concerns, and share your ideas about community improvements SPRA should support. We need your support to ensure our safety and quality of life. Thank you!

#### **ELECTION OF 2016 SPRA VOLUNTEERS**

SPRA election of officers and area directors will be held on February 8, 2016 at the SPRA monthly meeting. The slate is as follows, although members can nominate qualified member-candidates from the floor, and candidates can provide information about themselves at that time.

President:	Ayn Marie Samuelson
Recording Secretary:	Tania Hanlin
Treasurer:	Mary Lou Coleman
Area 1 Director:	Kreatha Haston
Area 2 Director:	Ben Hayner
Area 3 Director:	Lillian Skinner & Rick Mariani
Area 4 Director:	Marilynn Collins &
	Kreatha Haston
Area 5 Director:	Bob Cahall
Area 6 Director:	Clyde Berry

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#### SANTA'S DECEMBER FIRE ENGINE RIDE

Thank you to Bill Davis and Randy Pitts and their terrific team of volunteers for putting together the Santa fire engine ride in December. They re-built the sleigh, added lights and new reindeer, and put the sound system together. Thanks also to Fire Station #62 for their efforts and driving the fire engine throughout the area and to the Tortoise Island Homeowners' Association for their annual \$125 donation, as well as resident's' donations for candy. SPRA appreciates our beachside Lowes store and Home Depot on Wickham for their donations of lights and reindeer, as well as our beachside Publix, who generously donated candy for the event. There is always a learning curve to running an event like this with regard to scheduling and making certain that overhead tree limbs are trimmed back! Next year promises to be even better.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE.....

South Patrick Residents Association has been working toward a Neighborhood Watch (NW) program in Area 2. We anticipate that this can become an extremely valuable program, impacting the health, safety and security that can be extended to all of our six areas in the community.

A partnership between the Sheriff's Department and the County is essential to its overall success, to ensure that citizens can effectively implement the program. Yet currently, there are economic, procedural, and legal roadblocks that discourage involvement in what could become a showcase program to help both reduce crime

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By Ayn Samuelson

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and enhance citizen involvement.

The Sheriff's Department staff was enthusiastic about giving information about the program and also about handing out several signs, but then citizens must figure out the rest of the process on their own. Several barriers to implementation are as follows:

**Costs:** If a NW program helps cut down on county costs for policing and crime prevention, should residents pay for the signs, find and purchase posts and hardware and then erect the signs? Each sign and post run about \$30 per item, and hardware plus proper installation will significantly add to the costs. **Contact Sunshine 811:** Should residents be expected to ensure that utilities are informed about each proposed sign/post location before they dig a hole for placement of each sign? What are

the consequences if they don't know the procedure? Liability: The County informed me that individuals and associations could become liable for accidents that occur in relation to the sign/post placement. Can the County place the signs in the ROW? The County owns this ROW property, and staff know the ropes for proper and legal installation. Staff suggested to me that signs/posts could be placed in residents' yards rather than in the ROW to avoid complications of logistics and legalities of placement. Direction through the Process: The Sheriff's Department would be facilitated by a partnership with the County and residents to ensure continuity for successful implementation of the NW program by combining their expertise for solid outcomes.

The hurdles citizens must navigate to successfully implement the NW program make it less probable they





will finish the task, even when they are dedicated to helping their local communities. But a partnership that encourages collaboration among government agencies and the citizens, as well as one that also promotes a public good like safety/security, is a worthy goal. SPRA is ready to work with the Sheriff's Department and the County to facilitate implementation of the Neighborhood Watch program in our area, beginning with Chris Davis's efforts in Area 2.

#### SR A1A PROJECT UPDATE – A Timeline

As reported previously, FDOT was examining a possible mid-block crossing on SR A1A, south of Ocean Blvd., as it was determined that removing the Sandpiper Towers condo right turn lane to connect the sidewalk with Ocean Blvd. would cause severe, negative impacts to the condo property. When the midblock crossing option was also nixed by FDOT Traffic Operations, this left our area with unresolved safety issues. SPRA's December email to FDOT: "Two crossing options have been shot down, and we are now waiting to see if there is any other safe alternative The project is at 90% design completion, with a public meeting upcoming on December 10th, 2015. Please be aware of the serious safety issues at this location."

Soon thereafter, I was informed by FDOT that: "We (FDOT) believe the best long-term solution is to provide sidewalk connectivity to the traffic signal. Since the midblock crossing alternative was not recommended, the Department is now looking into lowering SR A1A roadway profile to see if we can remove the right turn lane and fit the sidewalk. It is important to know that the alternative we are looking at now is not the same as what we discussed during the Canova meeting. This new alternative we are analyzing will be 100% within FDOT right of way (if deemed feasible). Which means it will not require additional right of way, will not take any parking spots and will not change the entrance grade, as was expected for the original alternative. Once the





engineer completes his analysis and determines the feasibility of this new alternative, we will definitely let you know."

SPRA's response: "As I have met with several FDOT staff over the years on the sidewalk continuation and safety issue, I recall that lowering the SR A1A profile was discussed several years ago on site. Again, this option must first be designated as feasible by the department, and without it or another option, citizens will continue to be at risk crossing A1A. My concern is that the unincorporated area will end up with ZERO put in place on behalf of our residents. Safety is a primary concern for us, and I assume that it is also for FDOT, the TPO and the County. We need something in place to ensure that residents and visitors can cross safely in that busy area."

I attended the FDOT public hearing on December 10th where locals could view the design plans at 90%

completion, and express their support and concerns. Several residents expressed concerns about midblock crossings and other features included in the overall plan. FDOT's engineer appeared confident that the new assessment of the continuation of the east-side sidewalk along SR A1A would be feasible. He stated the roadway there was about one foot wider in each lane, and he felt confident that the roadway could be lowered to eliminate drainage issues for the condos. Near the end of December, I was notified that the project engineer stated FDOT will be including the sidewalk in this project. SPRA is now waiting to see the actual sidewalk design for that location.

#### SEA PARK ELEMENTARY FACILITY UPGRADES

Our Sea Park Elementary has its design-build project slated for the summer of 2016. The project is 8th on the list for those projects funded by the one-half cent sales surtax, critical needs passed in November 2014.





This sales tax is to be allocated for facility renewal, educational technology, and district security throughout the county facilities. The total facility renewal for Sea Park is estimated at \$1.8 million.

#### **STREET PARKING & FLORIDA STATUTES**

Please remember Florida Statute 316.1945 states that it is illegal to park or stand in front of driveways; park within 30 ft from traffic lights, Stop or Yield signs; park within 15 ft from Fire hydrants; and park within 20 ft from a crosswalk at an intersection. This Statute is in place for safety of citizens and is enforceable by the Sheriff's Department. There have been numerous concerns and complaints expressed on this issue by residents.

#### AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS: February/March 2016

#### AREA 1 🗲

KREATHA HASTON • 536-5137 • khaston@spranews.com • There has been vandalism done to mailboxes and cars in the area. Be mindful of suspicious activity and report incidents to the Sheriff's South Precinct.

• Concerns about speeding on Ocean Blvd. was discussed by residents attending the meeting. Speed humps were discussed, as well as the possibility of painting 20 MPH in the eastbound and westbound lanes along Ocean. Discussion also covered increasing police presence along the roadway for safety reasons.

#### AREA 2 🗲

BEN HAYNER • bhayner@spranews.com

• Discussion about the Neighborhood Watch program was lead by Chris Davis who had met with a Sheriff deputy and residents in Area 2.

• The discussion centered around issues of: cost for the



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signs, posts and hardware; liability, placing the signs in County right of way and coordinating with the County public works.

• The sheriff's office supplied five signs, but the rest is left to residents to set up. (See article)

#### AREA 3 🗲

LILLIAN SKINNER • askinner@spranews.com RICK MARIANI • rick.mariani@yahoo.com

• SPRA welcomed two Area 3 co-directors. They are Lillian Skinner and Rick Mariani, and they're ready to work with residents to better our community.

• Lawn of the month nominations are welcome. Please provide both the name and address of your nominee.

#### AREA 4 🗲

MARILYNN COLLINS • 773-8490 • mcollins@spranews.com KREATHA HASTON • 536-5137 • khaston@spranews.com

• A big thank you to Marvin, Ken and Durward for replanting the bushes and tree in the Coral Reef hedgerow that were removed by FPL contractors workers and not replaced.

• There have been numerous complaints about residents parking too close to signed intersections, especially along Coral Reef. This impacts drivers' line of sight and causes problems for other cars, pedestrians and bicyclists. Parking along the east side of this roadway is leaving ruts and will erode the edge of the roadway over time. The Sheriff's Department is in charge of enforcement for following the statutes for line-of-sight, blockage, and safety.

• Ideas about how the current sign can be lowered and repainted are being explored, as the resident who crafted the entrance sign is also willing to refurbish the sign.

• If you have any suggestions or ideas for further beautification, please call Marilynn or Kreatha.

#### AREA 5 🗲

BOB CAHALL • 779-9282 • bcahall@spranews.com

• We are asking residents in North Waterway to ask their children not to play or sit on the entranceway walls. Globes have been broken, and during the Christmas holiday, the strings of lights were damaged almost daily. Children were pulling the light bulbs out of the strands when playing there, and when asked to stop, they continued to run along the top of our wall breaking the bulbs in their sockets.

• Thank you to all who help make our neighborhood a nicer place to live.

• Lawn of the month nominations are welcome. Provide both the name and address of your nominee.

#### AREA 6 🗲

CLYDE BERRY • 779-3129 • cberry@spranews.com • Sleepy Lagoon is in the process of getting a few quotes for landscaping at their entranceway.

• There are no other issues to report.



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#### **BREVARD COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS**

(1) Gas Tax Proposal & Alternatives: The county commission voted down the proposed gas tax on January 14th, but there are other options that they will consider, beginning at the January 26th meeting. Commissioners' ideas for budget changes and a sales tax referendum will come up for discussion, as well as impact fees on

#### new construction for new roads.

(2) Amending the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act: A county resolution to amend the Act was proposed by D4 Commissioner Curt Smith. He wanted to review the speed zone corridors, water-sports areas, and permitting. The focus was to: review the designation of modern speed corridors in marked channels and water sport areas, and the development of a risk analysis model that will help regulatory agencies and the public better understand when and where we can establish higher speed corridors/channels with a study to determine if the slow speed zones have any effect, good or bad.

Permitting is currently determined by the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). The county's current Manatee plan was crafted as required by such agencies, and maps for protection zones can be found on the County Natural Resources website. The county couldn't pass an ordinance without state approval, since they currently lack the legal authority to do so. After the public spoke and the commissioners discussed the issue, the original resolution was modified and passed 5-0 as Resolution 2016-003 shown below.

"Support and encourage efforts to review the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act during the 2016 Florida Legislative Session to incorporate best science, establish clear criteria and benchmarks for regulatory action, improve the Local Rule Review Committee process, and



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to provide for the long-term health of all valued species; Support the reclassification of the Florida manatee by the US Fish & Wildlife Service based on their scientific review; Formally petitions the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission to re-evaluate and modify as necessary, rule making procedures pertaining to manatee speed zones throughout the county, and to update the outdated Brevard Manatee Protection Plan through a fair and transparent process; In anticipation of prompt and positive FWC action, Brevard County will establish a Local Rule Review Committee within 60 days of approval of this Resolution."

#### FLORIDA STATE HIGHLIGHTS:

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(1) The 2016 Legislative Session began on January 12th, 2016. Three major pieces of legislation were passed with bipartisan support that established a comprehensive water policy for Florida, strengthened pathways to economic independence for individuals

with disabilities, and increased options in education. Speaker Crisafulli outlined several items he would like the House to consider this Session. These are a small number of the issues the House will consider this year: Cutting taxes by \$1 billion (provided revenue estimates hold)

 Passing the Legacy Florida initiative to provide funding for Everglades restoration





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• Reducing costs and increasing access to quality health-care through reforms

• Removing the five-year waiting period on KidCare for legal immigrant children

Modernizing Florida's pension system

(2) Florida Attorney General Bondi's Priorities for 2016. A top priority this session is ensuring the state has the resources to test sexual assault kits. Processing these kits will allow key DNA evidence to be entered into state and federal databases to solve crimes in Florida and to address this public safety issue. Ms. Bondi will ask lawmakers to help advance the fight against synthetic drug use. In 2012, alpha-PVP, the main ingredient found in Flakka was banned, but there are reports of new Flakka abuse and a surge in Flakka-related deaths. The 2016 Florida Designer Drug Enforcement Act will categorically outlaw synthetic drugs, which could be outlawed as a whole.

#### SATELLITE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FOUNDATION

The Satellite Instrumental Music Foundation presents their fund-raising event, the 2016 Classic Car Show. The inaugural event will be held on Saturday, February 20th,



at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center, 1089 South Patrick. Antique and classic cars, plus the SHS Auto Tech Corvette will be displayed. There will be door prizes, silent raffles, and activities for all ages. Entertainment will be provided by Holland, DeLaura, and SHS music students and other local musicians. Admission is free to the public. All funds raised support SHS's band and orchestra programs. For information on the car show, contact Debra at SIMFVP@gmail.com or Marcie at fisher.marcie240@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations can be made directly to SIMF, PO Box 372218, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.





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#### **SPRA AGENDA – January 2016**

1) Treasurer's Report was sent to the SPRA Board. Sthe advertising director collected about \$1,000 more in advertising comparing FY 2014 and 2015. SPRA will step-up membership efforts in the February membership month with the help of our community relations director. Publishing costs for the Shore News were down about \$1,000, and the end of the year total expenses were also down over the previous FY.

2) New Business

• SPRA elections in February/March 2016

• Neighborhood watch discussion - Area 2 Chris Davis

• Feb/Mar Membership drive – Laura & Ayn: membership sheet; Bob: envelopes

• Sea Park renovations in 2016 are funded at 1.8 M from the capital sales surtax, with a project priority of 8th on the school board list

Gas tax proposal – January 14th workshop at 1:00 pm to addressed 6 cent increase



1346 Highway A1A Satellite Beach, FL 32937 (321) 773-2225 Steve Bollinger, Owner Residental • Commercial • District 4 proposal for modified speed zones on the lagoon channels & water-sports areas

• Laura has worked to create contact lists for area directors for SPRA membership

• YOM and area reports for Feb/Mar Shore News are due on January 18th; photo for SN is Area 4; next SPRA meeting is February 8th



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