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SPRA's annual Santa's Ride will take place on **December 14th, 15th, and 16th** and will depart from Fire Rescue Station 62 on Sea Park Avenue at 6:00 pm. Santa will ride his sleigh atop the fire engine throughout South Patrick Shores, including Tortoise Island. Watch for Santa in your area and enjoy the fun!

December 14th in Area 1, 2, & 3: NE 3rd to Exeter St. east of S. Patrick Drive; Arlington residences will view Santa at Berkeley & 3rd Ave.; Melody Estates residences will view Santa on Sea Park; North end of Melaleuca Dr. can view Santa at Sable Palm & Melaleuca.

December 15th in Area 4: South Patrick Park; South Waterway; Tortoise View; & Tortoise Island

December 16th in Area 5 & 6: Moorings; Sleepy Lagoon – Red Sail Way; Lighthouse Landing, North Waterway; Waterway Townhomes can view Santa at Ibis & Skylark

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Christmas Season is on the horizon, and in spite of our best efforts, we have not been able to conjure the right conditions for snow to get you into the holiday mood. But, we have a Christmas Boat Parade to ignite the Season's Spirit on **Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM!** To start the parade, assemble at the north end of the Grand Canal at 5:30 PM. The Boat Parade starts at 6:00 PM. Detailed procedures will be given at a later date. Any Questions - call 321-220-7775 or email us.

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3. View it along the Grand Canal or from the Eau Gallie Causeway.

To register for the Best Decorated Boat Contests, please send the required information below to: BoatParade@ ABCSB.org Registration Deadline is December 7, 2020.

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By Ayn Samuelson

RESIDENTS CONCERNS

Question & Answer: Can vacationers rent a home next to me on a weekly basis in South Patrick Shores? Our SPRA residential areas are protected, as per the Resort Dwelling ordinance descriptions listed in Sec. 62-1945.2.

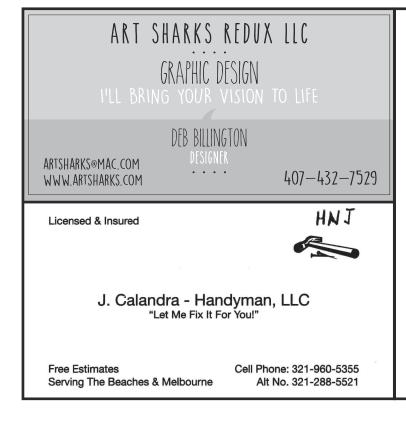
Location. Resort dwellings are allowed east of SR AIA ,but not abutting any single family detached uses, or located on the west side with direct frontage on SR A1A, but not abutting any single family detached uses. All resort dwellings qualifying under this section must meet the following performance standards. Parking. For single family resort dwellings, there shall be at least one designated and available off-street parking space for each bedroom in the residence, with no street parking. **Occupancy.** The number of persons occupying the resort dwelling at any given time shall not exceed the number of rooms in the residence, as approved by the planning and zoning office at the time of business tax receipt review. Excessive or late noise. Noise from the resort dwelling shall not disturb the peace and quiet of the vicinity in which the residence is located, with guiet hours from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Local management. Each resort dwelling shall have a designated local manager who is a permanent resident of the county.

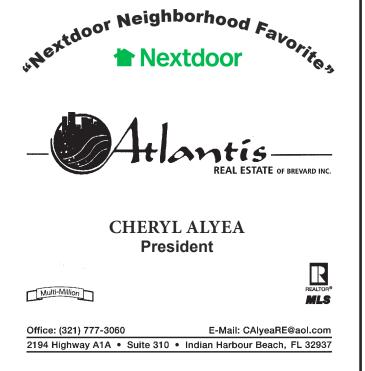
RESORT / VACATION DWELLINGS The Hotel Next Door Sec. 62-1945.2. Sec. 62-1841.5.5. Sec. 62-1102

Resort dwellings.

Commissioner Tobia brought back the issue of resort dwellings/vacation dwellings in our residential areas. In 2006, after hard work that began with our SPRA area, the BOCC added property protection for our unincorporated areas, allowing rentals of more than 90 days, as well as fairly designating many areas that allow resort/vacation rentals. This was an even-handed conclusion for all property owners. SPRA spoke at several public meetings on this issue in 2005 and 2006 and worked with county staff and our commissioners to get the ordinance in place. In 2011, the state legislature passed a law that took away local government control and which allowed resort dwellings to populate residential areas. Since Brevard passed our County ordinance in 2006, we are grandfathered in to keep what we have. We must be careful to ensure that if some parts of the ordinance are changed that we remain protected in our chiefly residential areas, as the Planning & Development Department staff has been charged with bringing this back for discussion and public hearings. Hedge funds and corporations are owning more residential rentals, rather than local rental owners/managers. This is projected to increase in January 2021, when foreclosures are expected to start. Even those who are protected within cities with existing ordinances in place regulating resort/vacation dwellings, may be at risk in the future as changes occur at the state level.

We must all get involved to protect what we value, as any







change could open up our area to hotel rentals next door to our homes. They would also sap staff time, and tax dollars from Code Enforcement, and the Sheriff's Department. There will be updates on the SPRA website and sent out to SPRA members, as this moves through the County public hearing process.

Zoning laws guard the safety and welfare of our communities. Reasonable zoning separates business, industrial, and short term tourist rentals from residential neighborhoods, allowing families to grow and thrive without increased personal risks associated with these businesses next door. Residential character of our neighborhoods are degraded, while being infiltrated by transient occupants, absentee owners, and corporate management. This upsets the delicate balance of property rights already in place, and destroys the fragile character of the communities in which we reside. The balance of current zoning protects neighborhoods from enterprises like the "hotel next door." Please get the word out now and protect where you live. We need the existing Resort Dwelling Ordinance protections to remain in place for the unincorporated areas. The term property rights applies to us as well. Email your Commissioners:

D4.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov; D3.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov; D2.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov; D1.commissioner@brevardfl.gov; D5.Commissioner@brevardfl.gov

Resort Dwellings Documents from the Brevard County website can be found at the link below from the September 16, 2020 commission meeting under item Unfinished Business. Legislative Update - Resort Dwellings. The request was for

permission to advertise and establish legislative intent. This will come back to the Board of County Commissioners as an ordinance amendment requiring two public hearings. https://brevardfl.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4637189&GUID=EBB51637-8674-47EC-8153-1126D2E079E1 Make your voice heard to protect your homes and communities as safe places to live. More information will be found on the SPRA website at www.spranews.com as we move through this process.

SHERIFF MEETING

SPRA's October 12th meeting was fortunate to have Sheriff Ivey and Commander DeSantis discuss the crime and homelessness issues that residents have experienced in our area. This meeting addressed issues regarding what has been occurring around the America's Best Value Inn location. The Sheriff's comments addressed the criminal activities and issues that had been impacting residents, including opioid usage on the streets and thefts from residences. He stressed the importance of residents being proactive in informing the Sheriff's office of suspicious activities and noted that several arrests had been made. He fielded questions from the floor and closed with assurances that the Sheriffs' office would continue to monitor the area to diminish the criminal activity. If you see something happening in your neighborhood and need to report the issue to the BCSO, call the South Precinct at (321) 952-6371. If there is an active crime occurring or danger present, call the 911 emergency number for immediate help. We can work together with the Sheriff's Department to reduce crime. **SPRA Concerns Expressed:** Current issues &

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action being taken; Residents concerns/issues; and Solutions going forward.

PAFB RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) by Rick Mariani

PFOS and PFOA (called PFAS comounds) are contaminants of emerging concern at PAFB and bases and communities across the country. They are found in/generated by AFFF long chain C8 fire-fighting foam used on PAFB, in civilian aviation, and industry, since 1970. They are also found in a variety of products including, non-stick cookware, clothing, food packaging, and pesticides. Patrick AFB switched to C6 AFFF by November 2018, which contains no PFOS.

The main focus of the September 2020 RAB meeting at STARBASE was PFOS/PFOA contamination. The same briefing was given in August to Congressman Bill Posey and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy, John Henderson.

The primary focus of the October 2020 RAB meeting, was to reassure the public that all necessary testing had been done, and that further tests for PFAS were not needed, as the contractor engineer stated that the hydrology of PAFB was such that all groundwater flowed either east or west from PAFB.

In 2016, EPA issued a lifetime health advisory (LHA) for PFAS comounds at 70 parts per trillion (ppt), individually or combined. All 38 groundwater samples taken on PAFB exceeded the LHA with a range of 84 ppt to 4.3 million ppt. Typical contaminants in environmental cleanup are measured in "parts per million" (ppm) or "parts per billion" (ppb).

Contamination between 70 ppt, and up to 130 ppt, was found at one of three test sites at the former South Patrick military housing at the northwest corner of Shearwater and SR A1A. The question was asked, that since PFAS was detected on this former housing property, if there might also be other contaminants present. The reply was that if it is determined that there is contamination on the site that requires cleanup, then the Air Force (AF) would be responsible, since they cannot delegate CERCLA (Superfund law) responsibilities by transferring property. The AF is aware that there is groundwater detection of PFAS above the drinking water LHA (70 ppt) at the south housing property, and they stated they are not aware of other contaminants at the site.

The 45 Space Wing (SW), took samples from the drinking water system on and off base and found the results to be "unremarkable". The City of Melbourne drinking water sample was collected at the adjacent Youth Center (south of STARBASE Center). It was a single sample collected from an outdoor spigot. Low concentrations of two unregulated PFAS compounds, PFBS and PFHxA, were detected. In addition, sewer/wastewater line tests showed a heavy flow going north to Cocoa Beach in excess of 430 ppt at the discharge point from PAFB on the east side of the base. The fire station samples were in excess of 70 ppt, and at two lift stations south of this fire station, each station showed test results between 15 ppt and 70 ppt.

The first two phases of the CERCLA corrective action process have been completed at PAFB, the PR and SI. The next stage, the RI (Remedial Investigation), has been programmed, but funding and timing are subject to prioritization and fund









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availability. The Air Force is actively working to clean up the base from PFAS and taking measures to keep both sewer/wastewater pipes and drinking water lines free of contamination.

Once contamination is identified, few treatment technologies are available, and disposal options are limited and expensive. The drinking water was deemed safe for PAFB and surrounding communities. (No clean-up standards exist for groundwater, as it is not used as a direct drinking resource.) The most likely potential exposure is believed to be through dermal/skin contact from irrigation systems.

Mr. Holmes, a former U.S. Army Officer, who moved to PAFB with his family in 2004, was a guest speaker at the September RAB meeting. Mr. Holmes, who spoke before Congress, expressed concerns about the effects of exposure to PFAS. His daughter died from cancer in 2019, the same year that he found out that AFFF-based foam was used to fight fires at PAFB, and elevated concentrations of PFAS was found in groundwater. He expressed concerns that service members and the community are not fully aware of the concentrations of PFAS in groundwater, even as the technology for cleanup is evolving. He believes there is a connection with PFAS contamination and the higher incidence of cancers in the surrounding communities, like the rare cancer from which his daughter died. He requested that the AF notify the surrounding communities of the PFAS groundwater concentrations at PAFB, as well as supply drinking water treatment systems to communities near PAFB. AF personnel stated that the EPA guidance is voluntary, limited to drinking water only, and that there is no evidence of a PFAS pathway southward from

PAFB.

My perspective is that there are unanswered questions and a lack of response in answering them. I remain unconvinced that there is no spread of contaminant from PAFB to Patrick Shores and Satellite Beach. There is permeable sand beneath homes, and water is found at about the six-foot mark, as well as at lower depths, where aquifers transport underground water. In addition, two unregulated PFAS compounds were found in the drinking water of the youth center next to the current south housing area, ground water is used by residents to fill their pools, and ground water may be drunk from a garden hose connected to a well.

I requested that an update on the CERCLA corrective action requirement process be presented at the next RAB meeting in February 2021, as it pertains to the former South Patrick housing on Shearwater Drive that was annexed by the City of Satellite Beach. The AF should be responsible for any cleanup found through testing, as they cannot delegate CERCLA responsibilities through the title transfer of property. In addition, the AF knows about groundwater detection of PFAS above the drinking water LHA (70 ppt) at this property. Residents can obtain the minutes of the meetings and 45th SW clean up documents on line for the AFCEC Administrative Record at the following link https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil./Search.aspx or view the meetings on video at https://www.facebook.com/groups/BeachsideSustainability32937/

CONGRESSMAN POSEY - PAFB PFAS MEETING

On August 27, 2020, there was a meeting facilitated by Congressman Bill Posey at PAFB to discuss with the Air



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Force and local communities, any health concerns and cleanup with regard to PFAS in the beachside area. The discussion in the meeting centered around the information in a power point presentation. The commitment made by Asst. Secretary for the Air Force, John Henderson, was to find out where Patrick AFB/South Patrick Shores has been placed on the priority list for a remedial investigation and to try and move the Patrick AFB/South Patrick Shores sites to the top of the remediation investigation list. Important issues on the Power Point presentation are as follows:

- PAFB was awarded \$125 M for groundwater intrusion and infiltration assessment, design, and repairs to their wastewater system, with an estimated completion date of 04/2021.
- There are no longer uncontrolled discharges allowed.
- Drinking water for PAFB and the surrounding community was deemed safe, based on multiple tests.
- Efforts are underway for PAFB to minimize PFOS/A concentration in wastewater to Cocoa Beach.
- Groundwater in surrounding communities contains low levels, and no clean-up standards currently exist.
- Projects to further delineate source areas and migration pathways are subject to AF prioritization.
- The South Patrick Shores FUDS site is the responsibility of the Army Corps, not PAFB.

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FUDS PROJECT UPDATE

From USACE: As an update to the August 12, 2020 notice about posting the virtual meeting presentation and the approval of a Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) project, we wanted to give you the latest status. Once project approval for the Naval Air Station Banana River Off-Base Disposal Area was signed on July 25, 2020, the Jacksonville District requested funding through the Corps' headquarters for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. The Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study is included in the Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021, which began October 1, 2020, and we are planning to award a contract to begin the study by March 31, 2021. We will provide further information as we move through this process. Once a contractor is chosen, a draft plan will make the rounds through the various areas of expertise within the Army Corps, and with revisions added, it will move to DEP for their comments and eventual approval. Fact sheets and project documents are available on the project website (www. saj.usace.army.mil/BananaRiver), and you can reach us by calling 800.710.5184 or emailing FUDS.Florida@usace. army.mil.

DREDGING UPDATE - NATURAL RESOURCES

Walker Dawson, PE, reports that the Grand Canal Muck





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Removal Project is currently progressing well. The contractor will likely continue dredging in the northern entrance channel through the end of November. Throughout this time, and likely well into December, there will be construction vehicles regularly entering and leaving the dredged material management area (DMMA) along Pineda Causeway, just to the west of the South Patrick Drive exit. The seasonal manatee closure, as required by regulatory agencies, begins on December 1st each year. During this time the contractor cannot conduct dredging activities until the end of the closure on March 15th of the following year. Please be aware that navigability in the area where the dredge is working is dependent upon the location of the dredge and the size and draft of vessels. Please exercise caution while navigating within this area.

In addition, SPRA has worked with Natural Resources Management in the following areas:

- Natural Resources has tested the muck for chemicals, including arsenic and copper.
- Current testing for arsenic and copper continue from the dredged material within the tubes, prior to depositing them at the DMMA site.
- If levels are too high in the dredged material, the muck deposits will be placed in a lined landfill to prevent leaching into the soil.
- Effluent testing continues to report pollutant levels and ensure they are within acceptable limits.
- PFAS levels were tested and found to be below acceptable limits in areas of the canals prior to dredging.

MELBOURNE UTILITIES UPDATES

- Ocean Boulevard 8" Water Main Replacement, along with Flamingo Drive and NE 3rd Street replacements, should go out to bid in November 2020, with construction in January/February 2021.
- The important Pineda Causeway 16" Water Main Extension between US 1 and SR A1A is expected to begin construction March 2021.
- Melbourne Utilities Aruba Court 12" Water Main Replacement will be completed by early November.

HIGHTOWER PARK SKYBRIDGE

There are updated plans for the Vue development in Satellite Beach that will directly impact the Hightower Beach Park/ Preserve with a development footprint directly on the Park property for the proposed pedestrian skybridge/elevated walkway between a commercial hotel and the Park.

In the Vue development plan revision, the new plans show an elevator and stairway on either side of SR A1A. The dimensions show as 21 feet north/south, with likely larger dimensions east/west, although they are not shown on the plans.

Hightower beach area is an important turtle nesting area that was pledged to be protected and preserved in a signed Preserve Agreement. Millions of state and federal dollars were allocated to acquire this site, so this goes far beyond a jurisdictional issue with regard to preservation of the actual site. The County deeded the property to the City of Satellite Beach in 2012, along with assurances to continue preserving



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the Park, with both FDEP and FWC involved in oversight. There are several points to make that should negate this plan revision and strictly adhere to the Preserve Agreement's original requirements and intent regarding development on the Hightower Park site.

- The safety issue is a non-starter. This addition is of value to the developer. There are safe and ADA accessible n/s/e/w crosswalks at Shearwater Drive, and the speed limit is posted at 35 MPH.
- The east side would be negatively impacted by unnecessary development to the Hightower site, including both the height of the proposed 3 story structure and the actual footprint on the site.
- FDOT will not allow any structure on their right of way, and they must grant approval for any aerial structure over SR A1A, as per my conversation with FDOT. Thus, any new structures would directly impact the Hightower Park site, rather than FDOT property.
- · People cannot navigate a stairway and walkway in the

dark, and lights, even intermittent ones, will impact Hightower and turtle nesting.

- The Preserve Agreement must be honored, and all parties should be held accountable to do so.
- Can you imagine how unattractive these structures would be at that site?

NATURAL RESOURCES ON HIGHTOWER

Brevard Natural Resources Management sent a memo to the County Commission dated September 3, 2020. In this well-written assessment, there are three sections or excerpts that are of import to our SPRA area, as well as the entire County. In addition, cities, counties, and states should be held accountable for the agreements that are made on behalf of our residents and the environmental areas that they have pledged to preserve. We ask that these restrictive covenants remain in place to protect the original intent of the Agreement and Deed. First, is the following found on page 2: *The County deeded Hightower to the City of Satellite Beach with the following restrictive covenants:*

- The property shall be used solely as a public beach park and for the purposes providing public recreational uses and related activities.
- Any user fees required by the City must be applied uniformly with no differential in amount charged to the public.
- A minimum of 33 parking spaces shall be available to the public. (There are 33 parking spaces.)

Second, is the following found on page 2, where development/construction of an elevator/stairway, of at least 400 sq. ft.,





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according to the approved design, is planned for the east side on Hightower Park itself, which would likely impact the integrity of the stormwater management system, thereby impacting the oceanfront area: Staff (County) reviewed a conceptual development plan for the proposed sky bridge/elevators (on Hightower Park). The plan depicts the eastern elevator structure within the park's stormwater management system. While not within the County's regulatory jurisdiction, modifications to the stormwater management system must comply with city and state regulations.

Third, the last paragraph on page 3 is important, as the County can show support by adopting a resolution that strongly supports the FCT plan for preservation of the actual Hightower Park as follows: While Brevard County has no regulatory authority over the properties, the Board could consider adopting a resolution recognizing Satellite Beach's regulations as they apply to coastal land development and environmental protection; and supporting the FCT Preservation Program Management Plan for Oceanfront

Wildlife and Habitat Preservation at Hightower Beach Park.

MOORINGS LIFT STATION PROJECT

Brevard County Utility Services indicated that the proposed lift station for the Moorings is being re-designed. This is the previously discussed Lift Station S-19 Replacement project. The previous set of plans were at 100% completion and close to being advertised. However, without sufficient notice to Utility Services, FPL installed a new power pole in the location that had been selected/proposed for the new, wet well. Consequently, the plans needed to be totally revised, and the permits will need to be resubmitted for the updated design that takes into account the new power pole. It is expected that the plans will be ready for construction bidding in early 2021.

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On October 1, 2020, Waste Management began a new sevenyear contract with the County. Commissioners have received complaints in recent months of missed collections, which the company has blamed on manpower shortages resulting from COVID-19 issues.

To File a Complaint: Solid Waste Collection must be completed by 8 PM on designated collection days. If your solid waste has not been collected by 8 PM, and you want to file a complaint, visit: http://sites.brevardcounty.us/sct#/ and your request will be sent to the Brevard County Solid Waste Department. If you have questions, please contact Solid Waste at 321-633-2042.

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AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS AREA 1 ▶

Crime issues in Area 1 are being addressed with the Sheriff's Department and are ongoing with the focus on drugs, theft, and homelessness.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

AREA 2 ▶

 Crime issues in Area 2 are being addressed with the Sheriff's Department and are ongoing with the focus on drugs, theft, and homelessness.

AREA 3 ▶

RICK MARIANI interim • 501-4080 • rmariani@spranews.com

 Rick received a call from a neighbor about house contents left on Clairbourne Street. The best way to handle these kinds of issues is to call District 4 Commission office at 321-633-2044, and they will call Waste Management, or call Waste Management directly at 321-723-4455. Code Enforcement does not handle these types of complaints.

AREA 4 ▶

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

- All is quiet in Area 4.
- South Patrick Park residents are enjoying the newly paved roads in the subdivision, along with the new entry sign. It was a pleasure working with sign company Artistic Signs, Inc. and owner/artist Dale Nemeth.
- We wish all a Happy Thanksgiving during this trying time with Covid19. Stay safe and well.

AREA 5 ▶

KELLI PETRONE • kpetrone@spranews.com • 321-693-9043

- Kelli reported that all was quiet in her area.
- Kelli will be the contact for FB for S. Patrick Families and Next Door for SPRA area news.
- The lighting has been an issue at the lighthouse, as an electrical connection has been problematic. Bob Cahall has been working on this issue.
- The lighthouse still needs painting.

AREA 6 ▶

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