

Shore News Holiday Issue

South Patrick Residents Association
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SPRA MEMBERSHIP ALERT!

The SPRA Membership Year begins with this *Shore News Holiday Issue*. SPRA has represented our residents' interests since 1965 in local and state government policies, providing information, and making local improvements. We also keep SPRA Members updated as issues arise, and we look forward to our members' input and involvement in South Patrick Shores.

The **\$25.00 Annual Membership Dues** helps pay for the Shore News and projects like signs, landscaping, safety, and Santa's Sleigh Ride. The Membership Form found in this Shore News can be cut out and sent in the enclosed envelope. You may also pay dues by using the PayPal option on the website at SPRA Membership. Join us at SPRA meetings to share your ideas, your concerns, and to support our local community. You do not have to be a homeowner to become a voting member, and project suggestions are always welcome.

SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE: December 15th 16th 17th

SPRA's Santa's Sleigh Ride will depart Fire Rescue Station 62 at 6:00 PM each evening, with Santa riding his sleigh atop the fire engine throughout South Patrick Shores. Watch for Santa in your area and enjoy the fun!

- **December 15th Areas 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 Drive.
- **December 16th Area 4:** South Patrick Park; South Waterway; Tortoise View; & Tortoise Island
- **December 17th Areas 5 & 6:** Moorings; Sleepy Lagoon – Red Sail Way; Lighthouse Landing, North Waterway; Waterway Townhomes can view Santa at Ibis & Skylark

Santa's Sleigh ride is sponsored by SPRA and our Brevard County Fire Rescue Station #62. SPRA volunteers decorate and help supply Santa's candy, so your donations and support are welcome. To volunteer and have fun, please contact: **Bill Davis at bill.d@im.solutions**

2025 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE: December 20th @ 6:00 PM

The Banana River Sail & Power Squadron (America's Boating Club) sponsors the Saturday, December 20, 2025 Christmas Boat Parade. All classes of boats are welcome, and no registration or fees are charged. All boats will proceed to the staging area at the north end of the Grand Canal and fall into line in time to start by 6:00 PM. The Satellite Beach Patrol Boat announces the start of the parade on VHF 71 and leads the parade, followed by *Story Time*, the Santa Claus boat. Communications will be on VHF channel 71, and VHF 16 will also be monitored. The Parade route follows the Grand Canal southbound and circles Lake Shepherd clockwise. The Parade ends just north of Mathers' Bridge in the Banana River. Participants are asked to: Obey all Rules of the Road; Proceed in single file with a safe distance between boats; and Maintain a speed of 4-5 mph (or as directed by the Patrol Boat). Call 321-220-7775 for more information.

SPRA ADVERTISING

We welcome our local businesses to advertise! SPRA features advertising online at www.spranews.com. Ads are mailed to some 4,000 addresses in the Shore News Holiday Issue, posted on the website, and linked to an advertiser's website. The Ads vary in your chosen size and cost. Visit Advertising in the Shore News on our website or contact asamuelson@spranews.com

SPRA WEBSITE USEFUL LINKS

The *Useful Links* page on our SPRA website shows Brevard County information such as the Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Supervisor of Elections, County Commissioners, along with other useful information. You can find the number of the area where you live on the SPRA Areas map, along with your Area Director's name and contact information under *SPRA Officers & Directors*.

SPRA Annual Community Meeting • David Schechter Center
February 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
SPRA, PO Box 372357, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

If you would like to serve on the SPRA Board in 2026, email your application to the Nominating Committee Chair rmariani@spranews.com before January 19, 2026. The accepted Nominations, will be published on the website by January 26th. Elections will occur at our Annual Meeting on February 9, 2026. Position descriptions and applications are available at www.spranews.com under the heading *SPRA Documents*.

GOLF CARTS & LOW SPEED VEHICLES (LSVs) UPDATE

Safety is the first concern. Residents informed us that golf carts and low speed vehicles (LSVs) were driving on the sidewalks and roadways, which present a serious safety issue. SPRA requested help from the county and state to assist us in finding remedies. This October, the last of the NO MOTOR VEHICLE signs were in-stalled by the county at SPRA's request to our County Commissioner. Three were placed on the west side of S.R. 513 (South Patrick), three on the east side of S.R. 513, two on Ocean Blvd., and one on Sea Park Blvd. to

inform people that driving on the sidewalk is not permitted by either golf carts or LSVs.

This summer, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) placed temporary, digital signs stating that golf carts are not permitted on South Patrick Shore's streets, roads, or sidewalks. If there is a violation of that law, the BCSO has the authority to write tickets with fines, depending on the findings of each incident. Florida Statutes 316.212 (references golf carts) and 316.2122 (references LSVs), as well as Brevard County Ordinance 106.73, are the state and local laws that are applicable. An overview of these laws and updates are available on our website www.spranews.com. If you see dangerous driving or golf carts driving in South Patrick Shores, you are encouraged to call the BCSO at 911 or at the non-emergency (321) 633-7162 ext.4. The BCSO Dispatch will sort out the urgency. You may remain anonymous to protect your privacy.

MINIMUM WAKE ZONES IN CANAL WATERWAYS

Brevard County ordinance Chapter 122 and Fla. Stat. Chapter 327 deal with boats on our waterways. **Waterways in the County:** This means any navigable waters of the United States and all inland lakes, rivers, and canals under the jurisdiction of Brevard County, where watercraft shall not exceed slow speed. Operators must run their boats at slow speed with minimum wake in our canals to protect both lagoon life and property.

Slow speed/slow speed minimum wake zone: Slow speed/slow speed minimum wake means that vessels must be *fully off plane and completely settled into the water*. Vessels must also proceed at a speed that is reasonable and safe under the current circumstances to avoid creating excessive wakes or hazardous conditions. These laws are critical as high water levels have flooded onto properties along the canals this year.

NORTH GRAND CANAL DREDGING PROJECT UPDATE

Brevard County Natural Resources Management coordinated the North Grand Canal Project since it began in 2017. After nine years of dredging, a November 30, 2025 completion time for the dredging portion of the project was voted on by the County Commission. Lake Shepard, Berkeley Canal, the ingress/egress canal just north of Samson's Island from the Banana River to the Grand Canal, and a final canal from Tortoise Island into the Grand Canal, will complete the dredging portion of this project. After the dredging is finished, the DMMA site on the south side of the Pineda will begin the restitution process. Residents have been assured that this site will not be used for other dredging projects in the future.



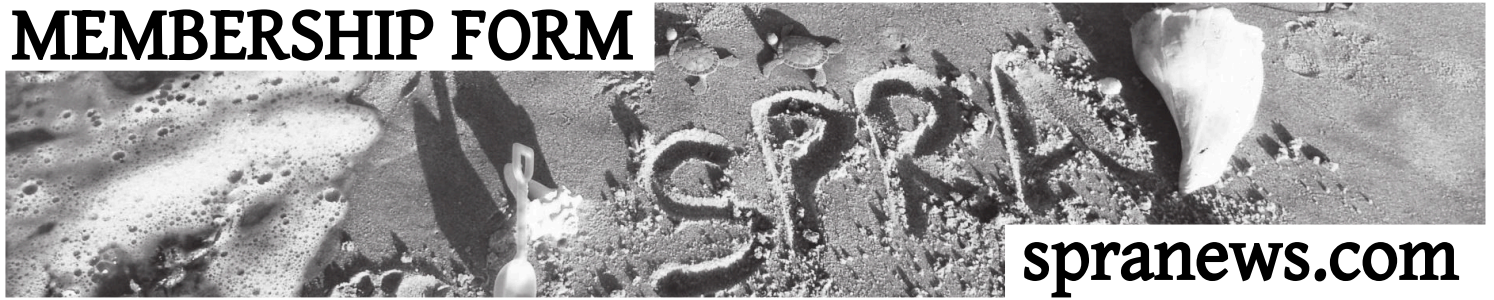
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MEMBERSHIP FORM



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The SPRA community gives a voice to your interests, informs residents, and makes improvements in our South Patrick Shores unincorporated area. SPRA Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday, at 7:00PM inside the north entrance at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 S. Patrick Drive. Our meeting Dates and Agendas are posted on the SPRA website at **www.spranews.com**. **Membership Dues** are \$25.00 per household. Fill out the SPRA Membership Form, and place the Form and Dues in the envelope provided OR use PayPal on the SPRA website Membership Page. Your Contributions are appreciated. Thank you for your support!

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ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SJRWMD)

St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is a Florida regulatory agency that was created to ensure that our water supply remains sufficient, as well as to protect and restore the health of our water bodies, both above and below the ground, to preserve natural areas, and to properly prepare for and recover from flooding events. The SJRWMD operates and maintains nearly 90 water control structures, including three navigational locks and some 300 miles of levees and canals. The main water body in the District is the northerly flowing St. Johns River. The District also includes the Indian River Lagoon, and represents 18 counties in northeast and east-central Florida, including Brevard County. Projects in our area that are led and managed by SJRWMD include the Crane Creek and the M1 Canal Restoration Flow projects. The M-1/Crane Creek Canal flood control feature in Brevard cuts through the drainage divide between the St. Johns River and the Indian River Lagoon, making this an important flood control feature. Water that accumulates in locations to the west of us can be sent into the Indian River Lagoon, but that impacts our area. For more information about the St. Johns River Water Management District, visit their website: <https://www.sjrwmd.com/>

BERKELEY CANAL & JOLLY ROGER DRIVE FLUME

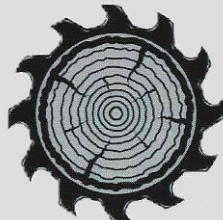
SPRA reported a broken concrete flume along Jolly Roger Drive that allows and facilitates rainfall to flow into the Berkeley Canal to our D4 Commission office. It was found to be broken, and it failed to allow proper drainage into the canal. Brevard County Road & Bridge is in charge of the repair/replacement.

US ARMY CORPS FUDS

Naval Air Station Banana River Off-Base Disposal Area: In response to the continued lapse in appropriations during the government shutdown, the community meeting that was scheduled for November 13th at the Satellite Beach Civic Center to discuss the fieldwork scheduled for the Formerly Used Defense Site was postponed. Once the lapse in appropriations ends, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will publish the new meeting date, time, and location, as soon as they become available. USACE started the next phase of the Remedial Investigation fieldwork at the Off-Base Disposal Area in mid-September, and that phase of the work scheduled will continue throughout the lapse in appropriations. Visit the website for information www.saj.usace.army.mil/BananaRiver, or you may email FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil, or call 800.710.5184.

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FDOT S.R. 513 SIDEWALK REPAIR & RESURFACING

SPRA contacted the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding broken and deteriorated pavement areas that may pose safety issues to residents along the west side sidewalk area along SR 513. Their response was quick and assessments are being done in the areas that were reported. Any repairs will be made in several sequences so as not to not to curtail usage. In addition, S.R. 513 is scheduled to be resurfaced during the new fiscal year that started in October 2025. (<https://www.cflroads.com/project/448792-1>)

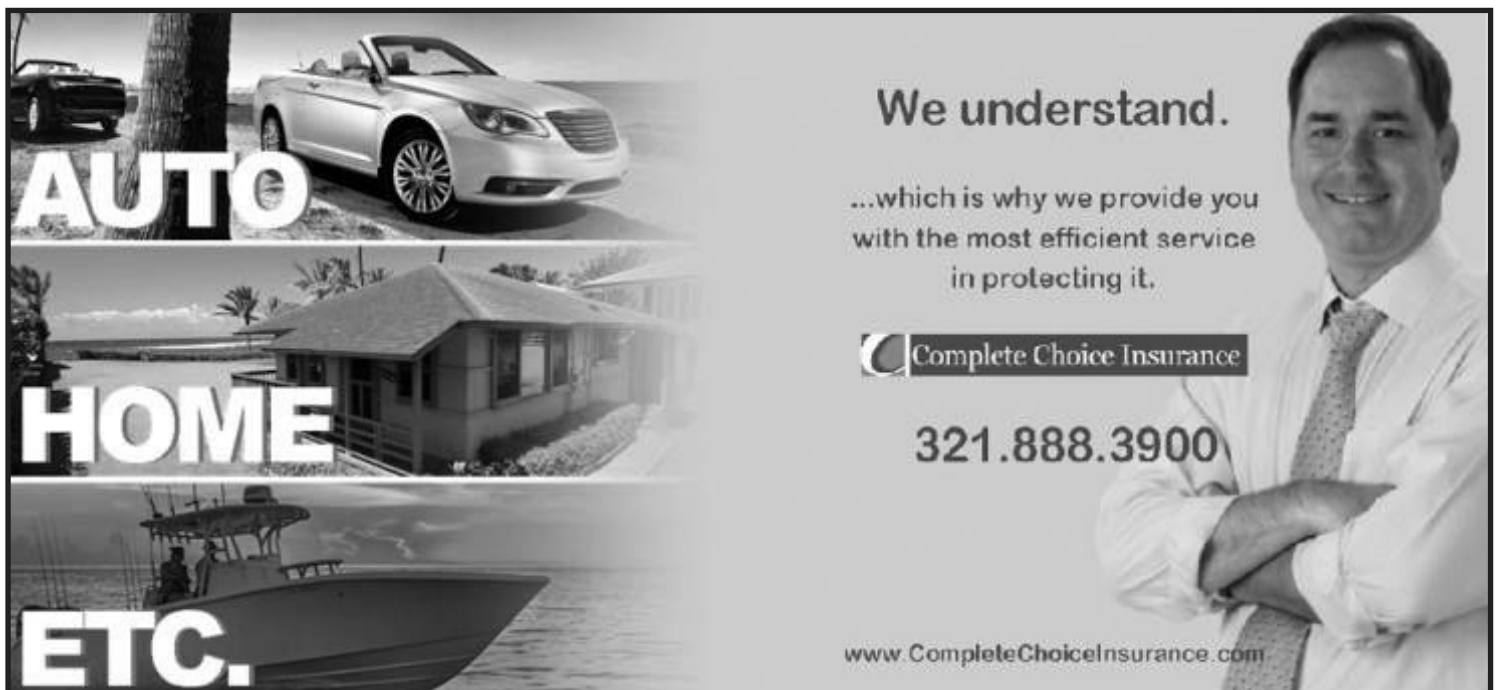
FDOT PINEDA (S.R. 404) RESURFACING

Resurfacing the Pineda Causeway stretches from U.S. 1 to S.R. A1A. The project scope includes the interchange ramps at the following locations that impact our travel area: U.S. 1, South Tropical Trail, and S.R. 513, as well as other operational enhancements, such as reconstructing the traffic signal at the intersection of the Pineda and S.R. A1A with new mast arm poles. Other improvements include installing wrong-way detection systems on ramps, adding bike lanes next to the right turn lane at the S.R. A1A intersection, and updating the pavement markings for bike lanes. Work is estimated to be completed in Spring, 2026. You may also visit the project page on FDOT's Central Florida website at 448785-1 SR 404 from US 1 (SR 5) to SR A1A.

PROPERTY INSURANCE UPDATE

Flooding Coverage: Starting in 2027, if you have a Citizens Property Insurance policy, you will be required to buy flood insurance, otherwise, Citizens Property Insurance will not renew your existing policy. No matter what the replacement cost of your property with Citizens or whether or not you live in a flood zone, you must purchase flood insurance. However, you are not required to buy flood insurance if you are not insured by Citizens. Flood insurance rates are rising due to the increased number of flooding events. Meanwhile, the number of private flood insurance companies is also growing, and these companies can provide options for expanded coverage for your replacement cost on contents, other structures, loss of use, and for coverage over \$250,000, all of which FEMA policies do not offer.

Wind Coverage: If you decide to drop your wind coverage, be aware that dropping wind coverage means that you are excluding damage from weather events such as: hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, thunderstorms, hail, and from any damage resulting from these events. If you choose a policy that excludes all weather damage, you may be able to lower your premium about 50% of the current total cost; however, you would be required to have your policy re-written and would likely be asked to obtain newly updated insurance inspections.




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