



District 4 Dispatch

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Pedestrian Crossing Safety

As we start 2020, my vision is to improve the safety of pedestrian crossings along A1A and throughout Brevard County. Working together with the City of Satellite Beach, Florida Department of Transportation, local congressional representatives, and my fellow Commissioners, I would like to see proven, safer alternatives initiated.

In 2017, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) throughout Brevard County crosswalks. In 2019, they began showing up at mid-block crossings along A1A in Satellite Beach. I had much concern about this system on my first encounter in October 2017 on Post Road in Melbourne. My worst fears were realized with the death of a 11-year old child, Gavin Imes, when he was crossing at the very same Post Road cross walk in December of 2017. In December of 2019, I was devastated when I heard that 12-year old Sophia Nelson was crossing A1A in Satellite Beach and was struck and killed at a crosswalk with the flashing yellow lights. Both of these tragedies occurred in my district, District 4.

I am advocating for better safety including replacing all blinking yellow lights at crossings in Brevard County with the HAWK Pedestrian Hybrid Traffic System. I am also following the lead and request of our beach-front communities, Indialantic, Indian Harbour Beach, and Satellite Beach, by seeking a reduction in the A1A speed limit in these areas from 45 to 35 mph.

Below is the light sequence for the proposed HAWK System. More info, including informational videos, about the HAWK system can be viewed through links on my Facebook group

Curt Smith, Brevard County Commission District 4 Group

or by entering the following link into the web browser:

https://youtu.be/XxQV_OXYd0w



Flash Sequence for a HAWK Beacon System

What Driver Sees:



FY: Flashing Yellow • SY: Steady Yellow • SR: Steady Red • FR: Flashing Red

What Pedestrian Sees:



Golf Cart Safety

Golf cart safety was a common concern for 2019. As we start 2020, I want to remind golf cart owners and those living in communities which have county ordinances allowing golf cart use to please familiarize yourselves with the Florida Statutes, Chapter 316 and Brevard County Ordinance (Chapter 106, Article III, Sec. 106).

Golf cart operators should yield to pedestrians and non-motorized traffic. Violations of traffic law and regulations are punishable by a citation from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and may result in a fine. Golf cart operators are subject to all DUI laws and penalties, including "open container" laws.

Reminder, golf carts are not permitted to cross under or over I95. I continue to work with our Public Works department to install bollards at these locations to prevent golf carts crossing where prohibited.

South Central Wastewater Treatment Expansion

The South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility in Viera, the largest construction project undertaken by Brevard County's Government's Utility Services Department, is 99% complete.

This \$42 million expansion has doubled the size of the facility, which serves Viera, Suntree, and a portion of West Cocoa with wastewater treatment and water reclamation services. The per-day capacity has doubled from six to 12 million gallons which will provide wastewater treatment in the rapidly growing Viera area for the foreseeable future.

The South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility is located at 10001 N Wickham Rd, Viera, near the Ritch Grissom Memorial Wetlands.

Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water for the Suntree/Viera Area is currently available beginning at midnight, seven days per week for as long as supplies last. According to Utility Services, the reclaimed water typically runs out between 3:30 and 4:30 am and the supply is turned off. The reclaimed water replenishes between 7:00 and 7:30 am and the supply is turned back on until 9:00-9:30 am when supplies run out again. During high usage, there will be times when the reclaimed water does run out and is not available at all.

Utility Services recommends setting irrigation timers no more than three times per week with each zone adjusted for the shortest period of adequate irrigation time. This will allow reclaimed water supplies to replenish and provide more availability and higher pressure for all.

For updates on the status of reclaimed water, call the Reuse Hotline: 321-637-5477

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Wickham Park...Baytree...Capron Ridge...Rockledge...Springs of Suntree