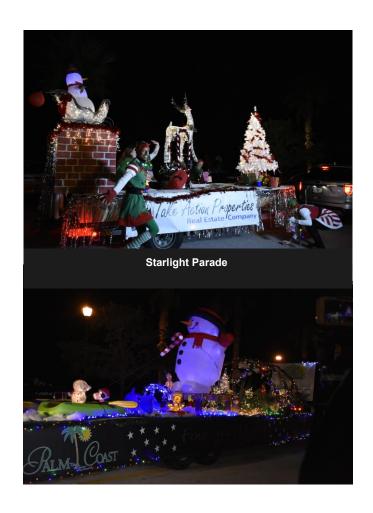


Spotlight



The Starlight Parade

Saturday night was a cold one, but that didn't stop thousands of Palm Coast residents to come out and watch the 9th Annual Starlight Parade. To relive the magic, the City's inhouse video can be viewed here https://youtu.be/jnjG7 c6DZM.



Highlights

Palm Coast Fire Engine Finds New Home:

This week, one of the City's retired fire trucks - Fire Engine 242, found a new home with the Sunshine Volunteer Fire Department in Harlan, Kentucky thanks to former Palm Coast Fire Chief Howard Peiffer, now the Associate Coordinator for the Palm Coast Volunteer Fire Rescue, Inc. City Council approved the donation when the City didn't receive interest in the engine through surplus sales. For more information, see the attached News release.

Palm Coast Ranks in Top 5 Boomtowns of 2017:

Palm Coast has been ranked in the number three spot of the top American Boomtowns of 2017, by *Smart Asset*, an online financial technology company. In its fourth year, this annual study utilized several factors in their determinations, amongst them, Palm Coast's 7% rise in housing units jump in just one year. For more information, the study, including all rankings, can be found on the website at https://smartasset.com/mortgage/boomtowns-2017.

Palm Coast Podcast:

Discover Palm Coast Radio Show Podcast focus this week is on the Fantasy Lights Festival at Central Park in Town Center, with special guests Bill and Libbie Butler and Mike Kuypers of the Rotary Club of Flagler County. To listen to this week's podcast, visit the city's website here http://www.palmcoastgov.com/podcast.







Announcements

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26
for the Christmas Holiday
and
Monday, January 1
for the New Year's Holiday



Saturday, January 6, 8am to 1pm Palm Coast Fuel Depot ~ 22 Utility Drive

Next Week:

- Tuesday, December 19, City Council Business Mtg, 9am, City Hall Community Wing, 160 Lake Avenue
- Wednesday, December 20, Planning & Land Regulation Board Mtg, 5:30pm, City Hall Community Wing, 160 Lake Avenue

Attachments

- Administrative Services & Economic Development Department Update
- BAC Update
- Public Works Department Update
- Community Development Department Update
- Information Technology Department Update
- Fire Department Update
- Parks & Recreation Department Update
- Utility Department Update
- Humane Society Update

News Releases

- Fire Engine 242 has new home in Kentucky
- Parks & Recreation office temporarily
- Home on Wellstream Lane heavily damaged by fire
- Garbage collection altered for holidays and offices to close Dec. 25, 26, Jan. 1
- Road closure planned for Village Circle and Pacific Drive.

ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-Beau Falgout, Director

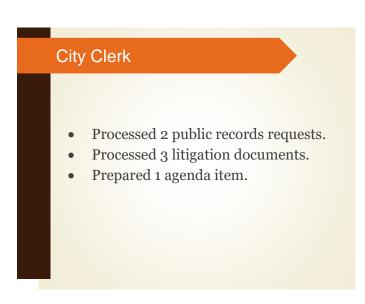
Communications & Marketing

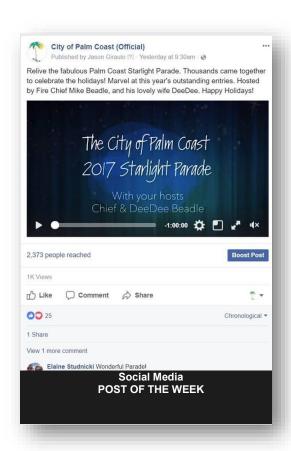
We had a great time at the Starlight Parade – in spite of the un-Florida-like temperatures! We announced the parade winners in a news release, and produced a video so everyone can re-live the magic: https://youtu.be/jnjG7_c6DZM. You have to see Chief Mike Beadle and DeeDee's lovely granddaughter Charlotte (aka Cindy Lou Who) helping emcee the parade!

The Division is looking ahead toward the next events now. A video promo was created for the Christmas Tree Recycling event set for Jan. 6: https://youtu.be/k-SeLT7dEkM. Palm Coast Television created a promo for the upcoming Birds of a Feather Fest (Feb. 9-11 event): https://youtu.be/KGGLpZN_i8M. A new video about the Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup was completed and will debut at Tuesday's Council meeting. The Division also led a focus group discussion to plan for a big video project that will focus on the City's "Rooted in Nature" quality of life brand.

We designed the 2018 Wellness & Safety Calendar, staffed the City Council workshop, responded to media requests and coordinated advertising. Other news releases and road closures that went out this week were: Fire Engine 242 has new home in Kentucky, Parks & Recreation office temporarily, Home on Wellstream Lane heavily damaged by fire, Garbage collection altered for holidays, offices to close Dec. 25, 26, Jan. 1, and Road closure planned for Village Circle and Pacific Drive. The Community Center progress website was updated with new photos: www.palmcoastgov.com/communitycenter.

Our Facebook/Twitter/Instagram pages have been active! The Social Media Post of the Week is:





Central Services Division

Purchasing:

Status	Ref. #	Project	
Pending	RFP-UT-18-17	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	
Pending	ITB-PW-SD-18-08	Sign Shop Materials	
Open	ITB-UT-WD-18-18	Invitation to Bid for Replacement of a Paste-Type Lime Slaking System in Water Treatment Plant #1.	
Evaluating	ITB-UT-17-65	Re-Bid Lime Sludge Hauling & Disposal for WTP 2	
Evaluating	RFSQ-CD-CME-18-19	Construction Management Services for Holland Park Phase 2 Improvements	
Evaluating	ITB-UT-18-21	Lime Sludge Removal, Hauling and Disposal	
Reopened	ITB-CD-CME-18-06	Intersection Improvements Construction Project	
Reopened	ITB-UT-18-20	Waste Water Treatment Plant No. 1 Clarifier Mechanical Equipment Replacement	
Completed	RFP-IT-18-05	Municipal Broadband Network Business Plan	
Completed	RFSQ-CD-CME-18-12	Architectural Services	
Completed	ITB-PW-SD-17-58	Roadway Striping Maintenance	
Completed	ITB-PW-PFM-18-01	Landscape Chemicals and Fertilizer	
Completed	LOI-CD-CME-18-03	New Signal At Belle Terre Pkwy At Market Avenue/Eastwood Drive	
Completed	ITB-UT-18-11	Installation Of New And Replacement Of Existing PEP Tanks	
Completed	LOI-CD-CME-18-13	STORMWATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES	

Contracts Processed:

- Beltram Edge Tool Supply, Inc., Piggyback Agreement for Large Cafeteria Equipment, Catalog Discount Bid, SDOC-14-B-084-LH
- CivicPlus/CivicRec, Piggyback Agreement for Information Technology Professional Services, GS-35F-0124U
- Howard Fertilizer & Chemical Company, Inc., Master Price Agreement for Landscape Chemicals and Fertilizer, ITB-PW-PFM-18-01
- Flagler Volunteer Services, Inc., Agreement for Volunteer Services for FY 2018 and MOU
- Harris Culvert, Inc., Master Price Agreement for Culvert Pipes, ITB-PW-SD-17-64
- Site One Landscape Supply, LLC, Master Price Agreement for Landscape Chemicals and Fertilizer, IT-PW-PFM-18-01
- Pride Lumber Products, Piggyback Agreement for Park Recreational Furniture, Bid # 94131608-16-P
- Safety Products, Inc., Piggyback Agreement for Traffic Cones, ITB-DOT-16/17-9036-CA
- Diamond Communications, LLC, Assignment of Wireless Facilities Contract



The Palm Coast Business Assistance Center

Services Provided by the SBDC at UCF

Located at City Hall 160 Lake Avenue Palm Coast, Florida 32164 (386) 986-2499

www.PalmCoastBAC.com

BUSINESS CONSULTING

- This Week 5 Consulting Sessions, 16 Consulting Hours
- Total for Month 17 Consulting Sessions, 57 Consulting Hours

PALM COAST BAC IMPACT

- Economic Impact This Fiscal Year \$2,324,000
- Economic Impact to Date- \$28 Million
- Return on Investment \$86 per Tax Dollar Invested

NEW PALM COAST COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES

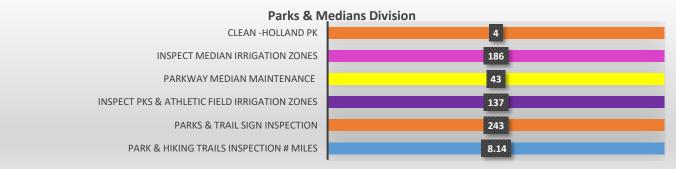
- Adams, Cameron & Co 20 Airport Rd Real Estate Office
- LYK Consulting LLC 14 Utility Drive Storage Facility
- Island Doctors 2 McCormick Drive Medical Office

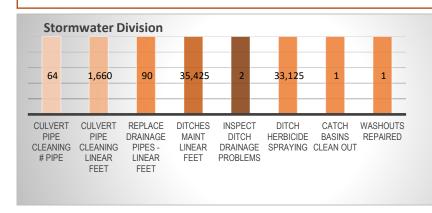
NEW PALM COAST HOME BASED BUSINESSES

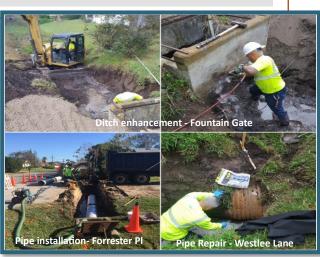
- Michael Tuton Handyman Service
- Spotless Windows LLC Window Cleaning
- Alina's Cleaning Service of Palm Coast LLC Janitorial Service
- Evergreen Landscapes Landscape Service
- Loot Financial Holdings LLC Unclassified Personal Service
- Grace Behavioral Services Counselor

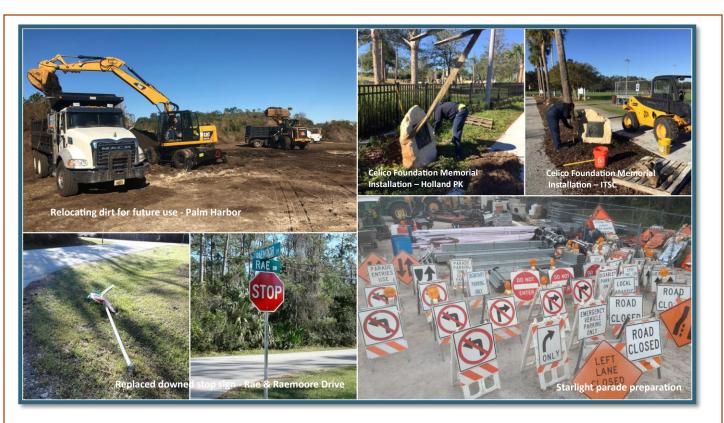
PUBLIC WORKS - Nestor Abreu, Director



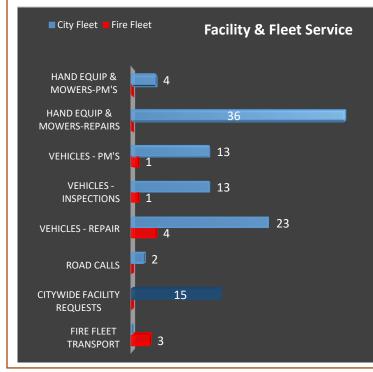








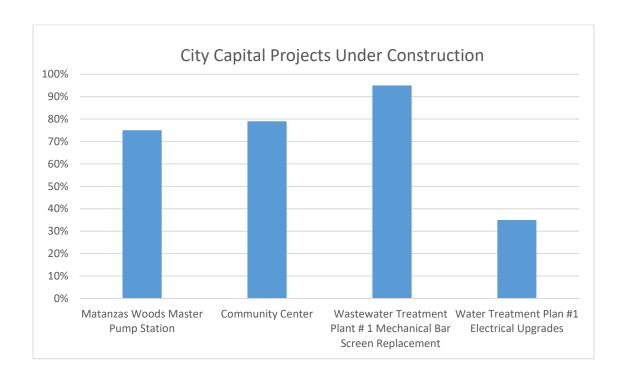


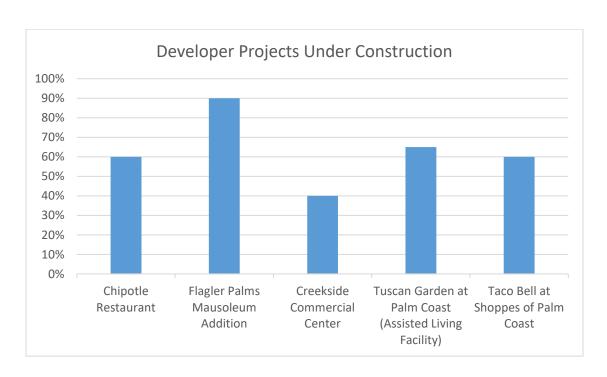




COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Stephen Flanagan, Director

PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR WELL-PLANNED GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CITY'S
NATURAL RESOURCES, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE.





Commercial Permits Issued					
5 Boulder Rock Drive A-C	Interior renovations - Boulder Rock Dental	Fox Construction	\$35,000.00		
5 Utility Drive Unit 17	Interior renovations - title Company and Builder	Machin Construction	\$18,000.00		
250 Palm Coast Parkway Unit 207	Interior renovations - Painting With a Twist	East Coast Building Corp	\$59,000.00		
Occupancy Permits Issued					
27 St Joe Plaza SW # 227B Ocean Jewelry Inc Maria Betina Mon		Maria Betina Monten	egro		
8 Fordham Lane	East Coast Habilitation Group Home	Robert Ramirez			
1 Farraday Lane 2E	Arin-Rada Alterations	Olga Mironova			
20 Airport Road Suite B2	Adams Cameron & Co Real Estate	Kelly Brooks			
3 Kings Way	Amigos Supermarket	Wu Hing			
3 Cypress Branch Way Unit 207D	Kascel Therapy - Pediatric Occupational	Jennifer Baker			
50 Leanni Way D5 Sophisticated Hair Studio		Esperanza Costa			
Permitting Activities					
Total Permits Issues:					
Residential Single Family/Duplex Residences					
Construction value improvements from October 1, 2017 to date					

Spotlight Projects

CHILDREN HELPING IN RESOURCE PROTECTION (C.H.I.R.P.)

On December 5th and 7th, over 200 Belle Terre, 3rd grade students enjoyed a morning of hands on learning at Long Creek Nature Preserve. The C. H. I. R. P. Program hosted by Community Development Department joined forces with staff from Parks and Recreation, Utility and Public Works to educate students on resource protection. The ego-stations included: Turtle Hurtles, Wetlands and Watersheds, Responsible Pet Care, and Marine Life with Whitney Lab. Students, teachers and parents alike, expressed their excitement with the information provided in such a beautiful outdoor classroom.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Steven Viscardi, Director

Applications

- Applications Division successfully completed background integration with Paymentus, CD Plus and Munis
 for online payments, reconciliation and posting within our financial application. Citizens can now pay for
 multiple permits, schedule and pay for inspections, search and review permits and upload or download any
 documents from their projects.
- Applications Division began testing final phase of an automated regularly scheduled update of Flagler Appraiser data into CD Plus.
- Applications Division continued phase one planning efforts with regards to several different modules with the Munis System Fleet, Utilities, Tyler Incident Management to assist in setting project direction for 2018.
- Applications Division provided End User support for various incidents related to Cashiering module, payment transactions, End User security, etc. Also created and modified a number of End User accounts as requested. Launched effort to review & revamp End User security roles for Parks & Rec staff.
- Applications Division worked with TeleStaff Support on changes for system to allow for rules that would assign mandatory overtime to FF based on a set protocol.
- Applications Division effort to explore possible repositories for IT Project Portfolio and developed Project Request form for approval and possible creation in OnBase.
- Applications Division continued working with the City Clerk's office and our vendor to fix issues with the OnBase Minutes module.
- Applications Division fixed issues with emails being sent from Reporting Services.
- Applications Division made several updates on the City's website including Community Center progress
- Applications Division updated several Reporting Services reports to the newer 2016 version.
- Applications Division successfully transitioned our General Billing Report from Crystal Reports to our Reporting Services platform.

GIS

- GIS received our complete 2017 LiDAR dataset from the St. Johns Water Management District. Quality Control checking will begin immediately, with an estimated completion date of late January 2018.
- GIS created a compilation of cell towers in the Palm Coast area for Community Development / FACT team operations.
- GIS Division created SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) spill maps for the Utility division
- GIS Division updated aerial imagery with graphics for the Planning division

Operations

- Operations Division worked on imaging and setting up new computers in preparation to RSView upgrade.
- Operations Division completed numerous service requests. Operations Division continued upgrade of Fire Station computers to Windows 10.
- Operation Division solved issue with Phone System where hold music didn't play and citizens thought they were being disconnected.
- Operation Division completed Surface upgrade for customer surface Supervisor.
- Operation Division started setting up traffic switches for phase 2 of Traffic Optimization Project.
- Operations Division provided support for the following meetings:
 - o Neighborhood Meeting for 40 Colechester
 - City Council Workshop
 - Grading Meeting



GUIDANCE

Tip of the Month:

Holiday Fire Safety Tips / Meet Joey Christmas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xa owMx3wAKY

Download CodeRED to be notified of emergencies that may impact your safety:

http://www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency/codered

Volunteer Intern

"Become a Volunteer"

http://www.palmcoastgov.com/government/fire/volunteer

Register for Basic First Aid & CPR or Healthcare Provider:

http://www.palmcoastgov.com/government/fire/cpr

Car Seat Installs & Smoke Detector Battery Change:

Please call 386-986-2300 or stop by any of our fire stations

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Smoke Detector Battery Change: 4

Basic First Aid & CPR:

December 16th 10 openings

Healthcare Provider:

December 15th 2 openings

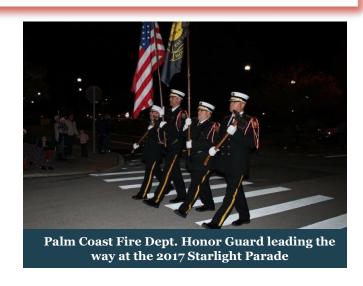
DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Palm Coast Fire Department has a newly promoted Lieutenant and Driver Engineer. Congratulations to Lieutenant Faust and Driver Engineer Bull!

We have a constant flow of Flagler Palm Coast High School Fire Academy students doing ride alongs with our crews. So far this month, we have had 5 ride alongs from the Fire Academy students and potential Volunteer Firefighter Interns.

The Chiefs assisted with some of the pre-planning of the Starlight Parade with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Basic First Aid & CPR and Healthcare Provider class will be conducted this week.



HIGHLIGHTS

FF Steward started her journey to become a Paramedic in January 2017. Working full time and attending Paramedic School full time, Steward has remained focused and maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout Paramedic school.

Deputy Chief Forte, Captain Ascone, and her supervisor Lieutenant Kozloski attending her graduation. Congratulations Steward! We are proud of your accomplishments!

Volunteer Firefighter Intern Training is in full effect at Station 25. Volunteer Firefighter Intern Brandon Davis is going through the Big Five fire training with St 25-A Shift.

Palm Coast Fire Department crews tackled a chimney fire from the roof of a home early Thursday morning. Thankfully, no one was injured, and the Palm Coast Fire Department was able to save large areas of the home.







Parks & Recreation – Alex Boyer, Director

Executive Summary: Parks & Recreation joined Fire Department staff on Friday, Dec. 8 to complete the parade line-up and stake spots for parade participants. Staff then helped host the Starlight Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9. We held an expo during the pre-parade event, which included a tennis demo, teddy bear picnics, nature/fitness walks, sand art, and letters to Santa. Old Kings Elementary School, Wadsworth Elementary School, and Flagler Palm Coast High School all performed and sang festive holiday songs. VertiFit gave a breathtaking aerial arts show with dancers, suspended hoops, and other acts. DJ Vern played music and got the crowd dancing. There were also several food trucks and vendors that had food and much needed hot cocoa for sale.

Moving forward staff is focusing on the quickly upcoming USTA Futures Tournament and opening the Community Center in Spring 2018.

Winter/Spring 2017-18 Activity Guide

http://www.palmcoastgov.com/government/parks-recreation/activity-guide

Online Registration & Activities List

http://www.palmcoastgov.com/register

Program Highlights

Game Day Social

Participants played various games on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Critic's Choice Dinner Club

Participants sampled Baynes BBQ on Thursday, Dec. 7

Parade Line-Up

Parks & Recreation and Fire Department staff staked spots for the parade on Friday, Dec. 8

Starlight Event & Parade

Parks & Recreation helped with the Starlight Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9

Women's Self-Defense

This 3-week program, which teaches women self-defense skills, continued on Monday, Dec. 11.

Discover Trip

Participants explored the Stetson Mansion in DeLand on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Recurring Athletic Programs

Tennis Programs for adults & kids Pickleball







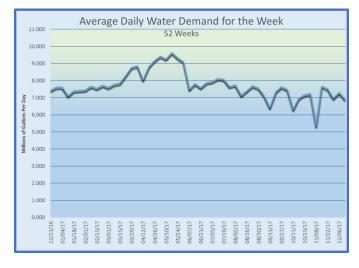
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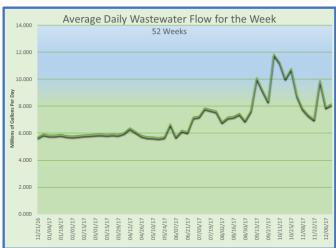
- Men's Futures Tournament (A USTA Pro Circuit Event) Jan. 25 – Feb. 4
- Kid's Day USTA Futures Tournament Jan. 27

Utility - Richard Adams, Director

12-13-17

- The average water demand for the week was 6.904 million gallons per day.
- The average wastewater flow for the week was 8.178 million gallons per day.
- Crews installed 11 new water meters, 1 new irrigation meter and 3 new PEP tanks.
- To keep up with builder demand, currently all new tanks are being installed within 4 days of site ready. Contractors replaced 3 pep tanks.
- There are 225 new meter installations pending, 18 new PEP tanks pending and 49 PEP tank replacements pending.
- There were 53 calls after hours. There were 7 water service line replacements and 6 meter pit adjustments, replacements and repairs.
- Replaced 21 pep pumps, 14 floats, and 2 cleanout caps. Replaced 2 ball valves and boxes.
- Water Distribution crews repaired 1 water service line, 3 water service manifolds and tested and repaired 167 backflow preventers.
- Wastewater staff installed new motor and blower at the Faraday and Casper pump stations and sealed cans to prevent water damage. Staff also installed transducers at pump station 24-2 and pump station 32-2. Staff can now monitor the water level in the stations.
- On Thursday, December 7th, Ryan Bellerive, Lead Operator at Water Treatment Plant #3 presented wetland conservation for the CHIRP program.
- Completed Forklift Certification Training class for 5 Wastewater staff members.
- Completed the Goals, Objectives and Policies for the Water Supply Facility Work Plan update and amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.





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Water Treatment Plant #2 Roof Replacement Project

- As part of the roof replacement project, staff from Water Treatment Plant #2 replaced six exhaust fans on the membrane softening building. The staff will schedule the lift to
 - wire the exhaust fans prior to the completion of the project.
- On December 13th, the roofing contractor began loading the gravel on the membrane softening building to begin the pitch and gravel portion of the roof. The contractor has already applied the membrane and insulation. The hot mopping of the roofing system has been applied. The next phase of the project will be the sodium hypochlorite of the building roof replacement.



You can download photos of the winners from this link, which will remain active through Dec. 31: http://www.palmcoastgov.com/fileshare/sent/b944699d-9579-4b0f-8744-96d241f81d24.



NEWS RELEASE - City of Palm Coast

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Dec. 11, 2017

Winners of 2017 Starlight Parade announced; watch the parade video

Palm Coast – The Starlight Parade was magical, with dozens of sparkling floats, spirited marching units and decorated vehicles. The City of Palm Coast awarded the following winners:

Best of Parade – Encompass Enclosures
Best Marching Unit – Matanzas JROTC
Best Float – Flagler County Centennial Float
Best Decorated Vehicle – Flagler County Sheriff's Office
Best All Around School – Flagler Palm Coast High School

A Facebook Live video is also posted on the City of Palm Coast's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/discoverpalmcoast. The parade will also be featured on PCTV (Channel 495 on BrightHouse/Spectrum and Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse) throughout the holiday season. It can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel at: https://youtu.be/jnjG7_c6DZM.

On the video, you will see this year's outstanding entries as they make their way through Town Center, with the wonderful Fantasy Lights in Central Park as the backdrop. The Starlight Parade was hosted by Palm Coast Fire Chief Mike Beadle and his wife, DeeDee, and this year's Grand Marshals leading the parade were Silver Star Medal recipient 1st Lt. Ray Parker, U.S. Army (Ret.), and his wife, Dr. Claudia Parker, Commander of the DAV Auxiliary Unit 86, Flagler County.

For more information, contact Communications & Marketing Manager Cindi Lane at clane@palmcoastgov.com or 386-986-3708.



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Dec. 12, 2017

Retired Palm Coast Fire Engine finds new home in Kentucky fire department

Palm Coast – The Palm Coast Fire Department continues to save lives across state lines.

Thanks to former Fire Chief Howard Peiffer's efforts, a 1984 Mack fire truck recently retired by the City of Palm Coast has found a new home with the all-volunteer Sunshine Volunteer Fire Department in Harlan, Kentucky. It was the second time that Peiffer helped save a fire engine from going to a scrap yard. In 2015, the City donated a 1986 Mack Fire Truck to the Lower Clover Fork Fire Department in neighboring Evarts, Kentucky.

Fire Engine 242, which was transported to Kentucky earlier this month, has been used for fire rescue operations in three states for over three decades. The truck started its fire-pumping career with the New Hyde Park Fire Department on Long Island, New York. In 2004, a thennewly formed City of Palm Coast Fire Department purchased three Mack fire trucks for \$55,000 in order to have backup apparatus. Backup fire engines are used when frontline apparatus are down for repair, for volunteer firefighter staffing and during large-scale emergencies such as wildfires and hurricanes.

"For the last decade, these fire trucks served our department's needs to ensure that the residents of our City had uninterrupted fire protection," said Palm Coast Fire Chief Mike Beadle.

In 2015, the City began the process of retiring the trucks from service. "The engines no longer met our department's needs," Chief Beadle said. "After not finding interest through surplus sales, we were approached about donating it."

Through his connections with the Society for the Preservation & Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America, former Chief Peiffer found two underserved fire districts in rural Kentucky that needed fire apparatus. The Palm Coast City Council approved the donations.

"This truck will protect lives and homes in our district," Sunshine Fire Chief Steven Hatfield said. "It is very much needed by our department to service our citizens."

The 32-member Sunshine Volunteer Fire Department serves 1,693 people in the communities of Sunshine, Catrons Creek, Grays Knob, Baxter, Keith, Kitts, Eastbrook, Chevrolet and Lenarue. Located in the midst of the Appalachian coalfields in southeastern Kentucky, the community is known for its coal history.

Former Chief Peiffer paid for the transportation cost of the fire engines from Palm Coast to Kentucky. He also volunteered to travel to Kentucky, at his own expense, to train the Sunshine firefighters on how to use their new fire truck. Peiffer is now Associate Coordinator for the Palm Coast Volunteer Fire Rescue Inc.



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Dec. 13, 2017

Parks & Recreation Dept. moving temporarily, Dec. 15-19, to the Tennis Center

Palm Coast – The Palm Coast Parks & Recreation Department's offices will move to the Palm Coast Tennis Center from Friday through Tuesday, Dec. 15 to 19, while roof repairs are made at the department's offices at Frieda Zamba Pool.

Parks & Recreation staff will be available to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 18 and 19, at the Tennis Center, 1290 Belle Terre Pkwy., Palm Coast. The department's telephone number – 386-986-2323 – will remain operational during the temporary relocation.

Parks & Recreation expects to move back to its offices at the pool on Wednesday, Dec. 20. The department will return to its regular home base of the Palm Coast Community Center next spring, once the renovation and expansion of the Community Center is complete.

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 386-986-2323.



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Dec. 14, 2017

House on Wellstream Lane heavily damaged by early-morning chimney fire

Palm Coast – A Palm Coast family was displaced from their home early Thursday morning due to a chimney fire, but thankfully no one was injured, and the Palm Coast Fire Department was able to save large areas of the home.

Palm Coast firefighters responded to a chimney fire at 68 Wellstream Lane about 1:30 a.m. Thursday and found fire in the attic and blowing out the roof by the chimney. The five-member Amiri family (a couple and three children) was already safely outside with their cat.

Although fire crews were able to save large areas of the home and the majority of the family's property, there was significant damage. The residents were advised the home is not habitable. They were able to stay with neighbors initially and are now being assisted by the American Red Cross.

The crews that responded included Palm Coast Fire Engines 21, 22 and 23; Palm Coast Tower 24; Palm Coast Battalion Captain 20; Battalion Chief 21; and Flagler County Fire Rescue 21 and 22.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these fireplace safety reminders:

- Be certain the damper or flue is open before starting a fire. Keeping the damper or flue open until the fire is out will draw smoke out of the house. The damper can be checked by looking up into the chimney with a flashlight or mirror. Do not close the damper until the embers have completely stopped burning.
- Use dry and well-aged wood. Wet or green wood causes more smoke and contributes to soot buildup in the chimney. Dried wood burns with less smoke and burns more evenly.
- Smaller pieces of wood placed on a grate burn faster and produce less smoke.
- Clean out ashes from previous fires. Levels of ash at the base of the fireplace should be kept to 1 inch or less because a thicker layer restricts the air supply to logs, resulting in more smoke.
- The chimney should be checked annually by a professional. Even if the chimney is not due for cleaning, it is important to check for animal nests or other blockages that could prevent smoke from escaping.

- Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of anything that is potentially flammable (ie: furniture, drapes, newspapers, books, etc.). If these items get too close to the fireplace, they could catch fire.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Make sure it is completely out before
 going to bed or leaving the house. If you leave the room while the fire is burning or the
 fireplace is still hot, take your small child with you.
- Minimize your child's chance of burns from the hot glass front of some fireplaces. Safety screens can be installed to reduce the risk of burns.
- Put fireplace tools and accessories out of a young child's reach. Also, remove any lighters and matches.
- Install both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.
- Communicate to children as early as possible the dangers of fires and the heat generated from them.

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Dec. 14, 2017

City of Palm Coast announces holiday schedule, including for trash pickup

City office schedule: City of Palm Coast offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26, and Monday, Jan. 1, for the holidays.

Waste Pro schedule: There will be no pickups by Waste Pro on Monday, Dec. 25, or Monday, Jan. 1. For both holidays, garbage, yard trash and recycling schedules will be moved out one day, with the routes being done Tuesday through Saturday. For example, the Monday schedule will be picked up on Tuesday, the Tuesday schedule will be picked up on Wednesday, and so on. Normal daily schedules will resume on Monday, Jan. 8.

For any issues regarding Waste Pro service, please contact Palm Coast Customer Service at 386-986-2360.



Dec. 14, 2017

Temporary road closures: Village Circle on Dec. 19; Pacific Drive on Dec. 21

Palm Coast – The City of Palm Coast Public Works Department is planning two temporary road closures – on Tuesday, Dec. 19, and Thursday, Dec. 21 – for drainage pipe replacements.

From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, the roadway in front of 7 Village Circle will be closed. Residents will have access to their homes, but the road will be closed to through traffic.

From 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, the roadway in front of 64 Pacific Drive will be closed. Residents will have access to their homes, but the road will be closed to through traffic.

The City of Palm Coast appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents and motorists during this important drainage project.

For more information, call Customer Service at 386-986-2360.



217 Cats

62 Dogs

5 Rabbits

2 Rats

Animals ready for homes

Cats are fun and exciting pets to have. They come in all different sizes and colors. You can have an active one or a calm one. They can be independent or needy of attention. They are the perfect pet for a busy person that can't commit the time to a pet that has to be walked every few hours. They can be left for extended amounts of time as they are good with some food and water! It is not recommended to leave a pet for extended amounts of time but as long as you give them loads of attention when you are home they would be appreciative. Cats are forever faithful friends and can be a lovely companion for a single person or for an entire family. They are relatively easy to care for but do need every day general maintenance. They require their litter boxes to be clean out daily and changed out a least once a week. Stop by your local humane society and find yourself a forever feline friend today!

Donation Opportunities: The *Flagler Humane Society Thrift Store* always accepts donations. They cannot take in any computers/printers or large appliances. Call 386-597-2839 and leave a message.

"General Donations" can be dropped off anytime at your convenience. FHS appreciates all donations, especially those from our Wish List (available at <u>flaglerhumanesociety.org/wish-list</u>). You can also purchase items via the Amazon.com link on the FHS website and ship them directly to the shelter.

Outreach Adoption Events: Don't forget that FHS have volunteers and adoptable pets at Petco in Palm Coast on Sundays and at PetSmart in Palm Coast on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Attend an orientation! Volunteer orientations are held at noon in the Humane Society education room every second Saturday of the month.

Interested in helping at Outreach Adoption Events? Join our Outreach Team! For more information, contact Katie at kshare@flaglerhumanesociety.org.

Interested in fostering? Contact our adoption specialist a adopt@flaglerhumanesociety.org.

Adoption Specials: See the FHS Facebook or Website for upcoming adoption specials.

Upcoming Fundraisers/Events: See the FHS Website for upcoming events.

Offered Services: The Flagler Humane Society has a variety of *Subsidized Spay & Neuter Programs* for members of the community that need to have their pets or community pets sterilized. Please call FHS at 386-445-1814, email info@flaglerhumanesociety.org for questions.

FHS has a *Wellness Clinic* for minor veterinary issues. Call 386-445-1814 for Appointments. *Low Cost Vaccination Clinics* are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 1pm-3pm. No appointments are necessary for the Low Cost Vaccination Clinics.

FHS also offers a "Pet Food Pantry" for those that are in need of assistance. Please call for more information.

To keep up with Flagler Humane Society happenings – visit us on the FHS Facebook/Twitter, our website at www.flaglerhumanesociety.org, or via email at info@flaglerhumanesociety.org.

Pet of the Week



DUSTY

Dusty is a domestic medium haired cat that is approximately 6 years old. He is already neutered, microchipped and up to date on his vaccinations. He has been at the shelter since August and was brought to us as a stray from Palm Coast. He prefers to be the only cat but could probably live with another laid back feline. Come and meet him today!

Adoption specialist:

Katrina Geigley <u>adopt@flaglerhumanesociety.org</u>

Outreach Manager:

Katie Share kshare@flaglerhumanesociety.org