



# WEEK-IN-REVIEW



# City Offices Will Be Closed for the Christmas Holiday Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25

Offices Re-open for Normal Business, 8am, Wednesday, December 26

No trash or recycling pickup on Tuesday, December 25, all pickups will be moved forward one day and commence Wednesday thru Saturday Fantasy Lights Festival Saturday, December 1 thru 30 Central Park at Town Center



Saturday, January 5, 8am – 1pm Utility Fuel Depot

Next Week:

• Tuesday, December 25, City Council Workshop, CANCELLED (City Offices Closed)

# Attachments

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

# **News Releases**

- Jocelyn, dog rescue
- Fire Department Promotions
- City Internship Applications Now being Accepted
- City Employees Donate
- Crafts for Veterans Program
- Adult Athletic Leagues

### **Communications & Marketing**

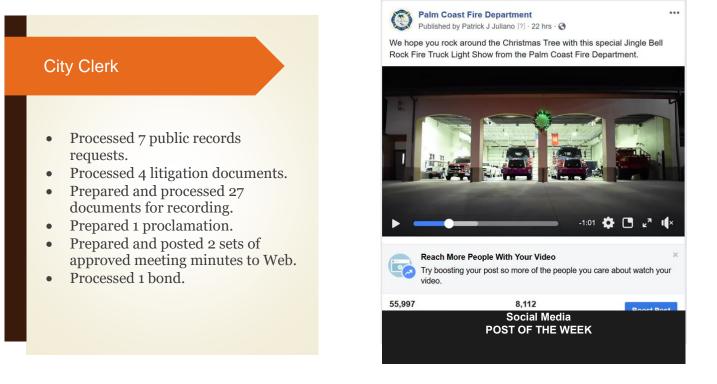
We head into the holiday with a "Christmas Miracle" – the daring rescue of an injured, abandoned dog on I-95 by Palm Coast Animal Control and now the adoption of Jocelyn the Dog by a loving, generous local couple. Jocelyn, nicknamed "Josie" for short, is now resting and recovering at her new home with her fur-ever owners Julian and Doris Boyden of Hammock Beach. The female blue pitbull is recovering following surgery to repair extensive injuries to her right hip and elbow. See the full, heart-warming story in the news release below, and watch Channel 2's coverage here: https://www.wesh.com/article/injured-dog-saved-in-palm-coast/25590579.

As 2018 comes to a close, we had some big news to announce this week! The Fire Department hired a new Deputy Chief and promoted 4 personnel; applications are now being accepted for the City's summer 2019 college internships; and City employees held a holiday food drive to benefit a local food pantry. Read those releases, along with others on Parks & Rec's new Crafts for Veterans program and upcoming adult athletic leagues, below.

In addition, we announced details for the 12th annual Christmas Tree Recycling Event, to be held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5. Don't throw out your tree after Christmas – bring it to the Fuel Depot on Utility Drive and allow us to chip it into mulch for City parks and trails! In exchange, you'll receive a free 3-gallon evergreen to plant in your yard. The event offers a free, professional paper-shredding service and will accept select electronics for recycling, as well. Details below.

The Brand Plus team met this week and brainstormed new ideas for the Rooted in Nature brand for 2019. The Division also staffed the Council meeting. Graphic design this week included design of the BAC Logo, Birds of a Feather Fest ads, the BAC Fantastic Flagler ad, updating the Traffic Engineer brochure and finalizing design of the BAC Business Guide.

Social media for the rest of December and January has been written, with campaigns coming on Tree Recycling, the internship program, new Parks & Recreation programs, and the new Mayor's 90/90 Challenge starting Jan. 10! Posts were added to Facebook/Twitter/Instagram. This weeks' social media focus was pre-holiday wishes. A video created by the Palm Coast Fire Department is going viral on social media. Watch it here: <u>https://youtu.be/-zRsUqRx7m4</u>. And be sure to share it on your own Facebook page!



**Central Services Division** 

Purchasing

Status	Ref. #	Project
		Master Services Agreement Contract for Solid Dried Lime Sludge
Pending	ITB-UT-19-19	removal, hauling and disposal from Water Treatment Plant #1.
Pending	ITB-CD-19-25	Resurfacing of Clay Tennis Courts
Open	RFP-IT-19-21	City Wide VoIP Phone System
Open	RFQ-UT-19-24	SCADA Support Software (Rockwell Factory Talk) & PLC Maintenance
Evaluating	RFSQ-CD-18-49 / ITB-CD-18-49	Palm Coast City Hall Emergency Generator
Evaluating	RFSQ-CD-19-02 / ITB-CD-19-02	Pump Station "D" Improvement
Reopened	ITB-CD-19-04	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-27-R
Reopened	ITB-CD-19-05	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-31-R
Reopened	ITB-CD-19-06	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-33-R
Reopened	ITB-CD-19-07	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-34-R
Reopened	ITB-CD-19-08	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-35-R
Reopened	ITB-CD-19-09	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-36-R
Reopened	RFSQ-UT-19-18 / ITB-UT-19-18	2019 Sanitary Sewer Lining
Completed	RFSQ-SW-18-10	Professional Stormwater and Environmental Engineering Services
Completed	RFSQ-CD-19-12	Professional Utility Engineering Services

Contracts Processed:

- Blue 1 USA / Blue 1 Energy Equipment Piggyback Contract for Fleet Storage & Dispensing Equipment -# 040215-PGE – 12/15/2018 – 06/16/2019
- DRMP, Inc. MSA for Professional Stormwater & Environmental Professional Engineering services # RFSQ-SW-18-10 12/18/2018 12/17/2021
- Garland / DBS, Inc. Piggyback Contract for Roofing Supplies and Services # 14-5903 12/19/2018 12/31/2019
- Gartner, Inc. Piggyback Contract for IT Research and Advisory Services # 81141902-VITA-18-ACS 12/19/2018 03/12/2021
- Grainger Industrial Supply Piggyback Contract for Maintenance, Repair, & Operation Supplies # 141003 12/20/2018 12/31/2019
- Taylor Engineering, Inc. MSDA for Professional Stormwater & environmental Engineering Services # RFSQ-SW-18-10 – 12/15/2018 – 12/14/2021

## **BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER**



### 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 17 Consulting Sessions, 54 Consulting Hours
- Total for Month -33 Consulting Sessions, 103 Consulting Hours

### NEW PALM COAST HOME BASED BUSINESSES

- All Pioneers Realty LLC Unclassified Personal Service
- GoodLife Images Retail Sales
- Gopi Taxi LLC Taxi Service
- The Green Thumb Landscape Service
- The Green Thumb Tree Surgeon
- Nutrisi Consulting LLC Consultant
- Fuller Mountain Woodworks LLC Unclassified Personal Service
- GLS Construction of Northeast Florida LLC Handyman Service
- Government Service Solutions of Florida Consultant
- Fun Low Cost Traffic School Instruction/School
- Top Care Cleaning LLC Janitorial Service

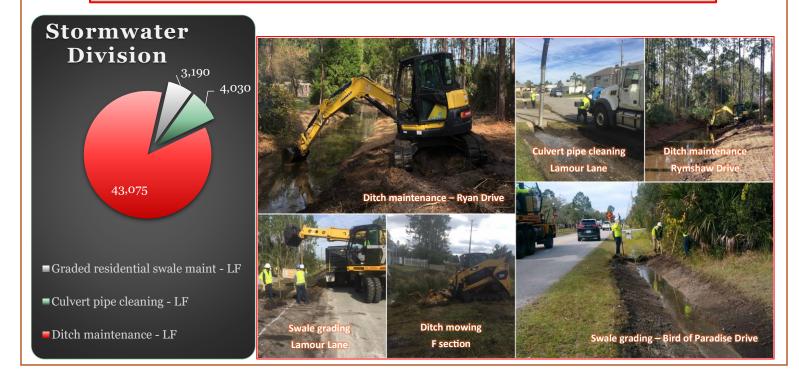
## **PUBLIC WORKS – Nestor Abreu, Director**

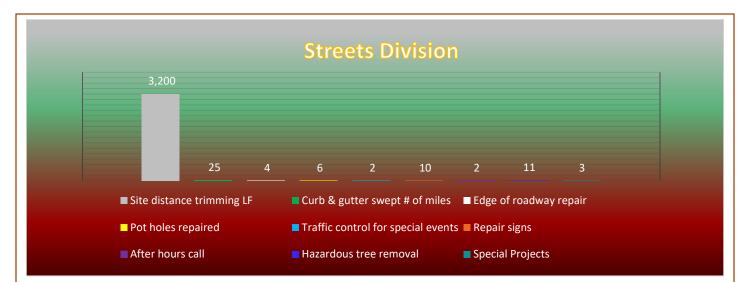


### **Parks & Medians Division**

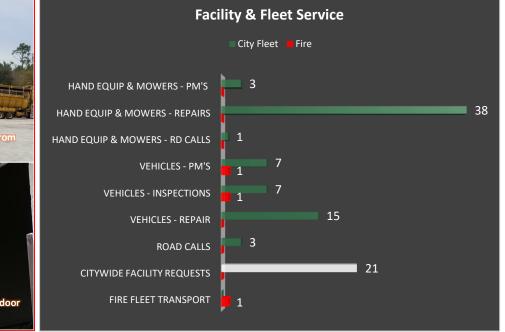
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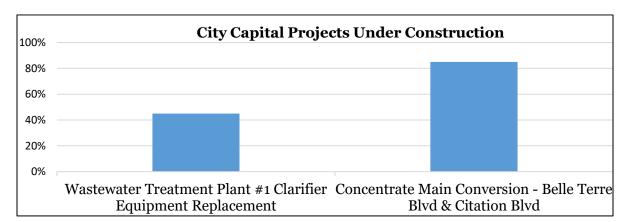


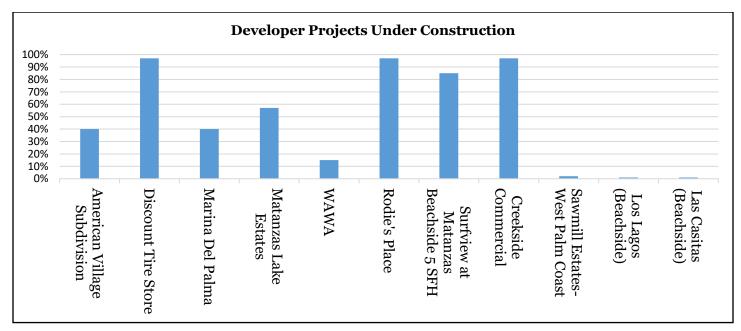


Transporting dirt screener back from major repairs



### DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CITY'S NATURAL RESOURCES, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE.





	Commercial Permits Issued		•
101 Palm Harbor Parkway A101-102	Covered Porch - Vida Restaurant	Lords Roofing	\$13,000
	Occupancy Permits Issued		
17 Old Kings Road N Suite # E	d Kings Road N Suite # E Memedina Enterprises Inc - Group Home Office M		a
1274 Palm Coast Parkway SW # 206	Sunrise Outdoors - Sporting Goods (Kayak and Paddleboards)	Stephen McClellan	
	Development Applications		
Preliminary Plat	Palm Coast Park Tract 18 & 20 Lot 4-Parcel 4: location: 101 Matanzas Woods Pkwy.	Summit Shah, Manager	
Technical Site Plan Tier 2	Azure: location: 144 Cypress Point Pkwy.	NXC Palm Coast Owner, LLC	
Technical Site Plan Tier 1	Pine Lakes Medical Hospital: location: Amended Plat of Belle Terre, Section 13: Reserved Parcel - N	Noah Goerlich	
Subdivision Modification	Marina Del Palma: location: 10000 Harbor View Dr.	Sunbelt Palm Coast Marina, LLC WGA Investments, LLC	
Construction value improvements from October 1, 2018 to date			\$66,570,018
Residential Single Family / Duplex Residences			

### **Spotlight Projects**

### <u>Technical Site Plan Approved</u> <u>for VyStar Credit Union</u>

A Technical Site Plan was approved at 2550 Moody Boulevard for a VyStar Credit Union branch financial institution. It is located on a 1.23-acre lot on the north side of SR 100 in the Beach Village Shopping Center. The new one-story building will be 2,800 square foot and will have two drive-through lanes.



# Turn Lane on Seminole Woods Pkwy Completed

FDOT funded construction of a dedicated 12-foot wide left turn lane on northbound Seminole Woods Pkwy at the intersection with SR 100 is substantially complete. The project also includes intersection improvements such as new pedestrian signals, crosswalks, and signing and pavement markings.



Turn Lane on Seminole Woods Pkwy. & SR 100

### **RaceTrac #1287**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> RaceTrac in Palm has been completed and in service, this 5,411 square foot convenience store with outdoor seating and gas pumps is located at Kings Pointe Commercial Subdivision at 6100 State Road 100.



Race Trac Opened at Kings Pointe on SR 100

## **FIRE- Jerry Forte, Fire Chief**



## **GUIDANCE**

#### Tip of the Month:

The holidays are also the perfect time to watch and share the "Holiday Fire Safety Tips - Meet Joey Christmas" video. Joey Christmas goes around the home to present practical, fire-wise tips for the holidays. Palm Coast Fire Lt. Joey Paci plays Joey Christmas, and also appearing are Lt. Paci's wife, Abby Paci, and Fire Lt. Matt Stevens.

### **PSA – Project Green Wreath**

http://bit.ly/JoeyChristmas

### **Volunteer Intern**

"Become a Volunteer" <u>http://www.palmcoastgov.com/govern</u> <u>ment/fire/volunteer</u>

### Register for Basic First Aid & CPR or Healthcare Provider:

http://www.palmcoastgov.com/govern ment/fire/cpr

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

#### **Basic First Aid & CPR:**

December 22 <sup>nd</sup>
January 19 <sup>th</sup>
February 23rd
March 23rd

9 openings 12 openings 12 openings

3 openings

#### Healthcare Provider: March 22<sup>nd</sup>

7 opening

### **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

Flagler Palm Coast High School students have a total of 41 "Ride-Along" hours this week.

This week we announced the selection of Bradd Clark as the next Deputy Fire Chief. Additionally the promotions of Battalion Chief Kyle Berryhill, Captain Andrew Woolwine, Lieutenant Robert Ballou and Driver Engineer Mike LaGreca!

The Palm Coast Fire Department launched its official Facebook Page. You can visit the page at <u>www.facebook.com/palmcoastfire</u> for more photos and updates on the department's activities.



Winners of the Ugly Sweater Contest! Lt. Dan Driscoll, DE Mike Chandley & FF Leroy Fisher

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **New Deputy Fire Chief**

Please join us in welcoming Chief Bradd Clark to the Palm Coast Fire Department as our next Deputy Fire Chief.

The members of the Palm Coast Fire Department who were heavily involved in the Deputy Chief Assessment Process selected Chief Clark. Our members felt that Chief Clark fit well with who we are and what we are working to accomplish.

### **Department Promotions**

Congratulations on the promotions of the following:

Battalion Chief Kyle Berryhill

Captain Andrew Woolwine

Lieutenant Robert Ballou

Driver Engineer Michael LaGreca

### Probationary Fire Fighter Test out

Congratulations to Firefighter Chris Strozier on completing his 12-month probationary Firefighter test out. FF Strozier is a recent graduate of Daytona State College Paramedic Program.

He joined the department as a volunteer in 2017 and was the 4<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Intern to successfully become a career Firefighter.

Probationary Firefighter Test is a timed evolution that includes:

- 1. Don full gear and SCBA
- 2. Hook up 5" Fire Hydrant
- 3. Drag Fire Hose 159'
- 4. Deploy a 24' extension ladder
- 5. Set up ventilation fan



Palm Coast New Deputy Fire Chief Bradd Clark



**Our newly promoted Fire Officers & Driver Engineer** 



Firefighter Chris Strozier performing his 12-month probationary firefighter test out!

## Parks & Recreation – Alex Boyer, Director

We were excited to host our first ever Multi-Generational Art Exhibition. This event was meant to highlight the creative works of art that have come from our A.R.T. (Artistically.Rewarding.Therapy.) Programs. These included toddler programs, Awesome Art for Young Minds, Open Art Studio, Wood Carvers, and Sit, Stitch N' Give. We also had a cookie decorating station provided by our Cooking is Fun program. This event was a fun way to join the many different generations that participate in our A.R.T. Programs and to showcase their hard work. We will host another Art Exhibition and Show in the spring and have partnered with Flagler Schools on that event.

Our seniors enjoyed another Lunch N' Lecture this time featuring "The Benefits of Exercise" with Lori Faiers and Frank Bennett from Florida Hospital Home Health Physical Therapy. The lecture covered fun ways to combat chronic illness and the aging process as well as to stay fit, reduce falls, and improve your overall well-being. Later on, seniors came together for Christmas Movie Monday featuring White Christmas.

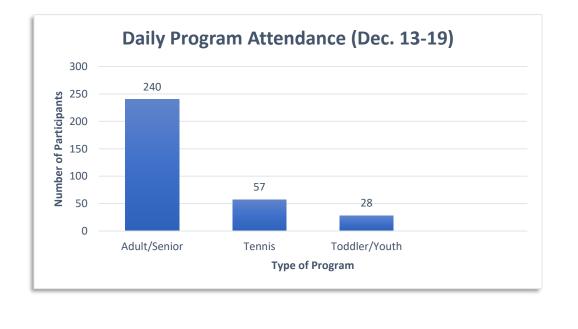
Many of our staff got together this week for a Parks & Rec Summit meeting. In this meeting, we worked together as a team to brainstorm and strategize for our Department and lay the foundation for our 5-year plan. We created our "why statement," which will be incorporated in our programs and messaging. Our current mission statement is, "We strive to make Palm Coast a great place to live, visit, and recreate! Our staff is dedicated to bringing the citizens of Palm Coast quality parks and recreation experiences and improving the quality of life through programs." Our new why statement addresses the why of what we do in our mission. It is "To enhance community so that everyone feels welcome." There are some exciting things to come from our Department in the next several years and beyond.

# Winter/Spring 2018-19 Activity Guide

http://www.palmcoastgov.com/recreation

# **Online Registration & Activities List**

http://www.parksandrec.fun



### Programs Offered this Week

#### Adult/Senior

Weekly Senior Social Programs Line Dancing - Intermediate Christmas Movie Monday Women's Self-Defense Lunch N' Lecture

**Health & Wellness** Yoga for All & Gentle Yoga **REFIT Revolution Family Fitness** FHF Wellness Screening

Athletics **Open Pickleball** 

**Tennis - Adults** Beginners, Cardio, Morning Blast, Doubles Skills, & Round Robins

**Tennis - Youth Tennis** Tots Rallies (Rookie, Red, Orange, & Green) Junior Development

#### **Toddler/Youth/Teen** Munchkin Soccer Cooking is Fun/Cooking is Science Palm Coast Master Builders (Robots) Teen Mountain Biking Monday Funday Our Neck of the Woods

**Special Events** Multi-Generational Art Exhibition



**Multi-Generational Art Exhibition** 

### **COMING UP**

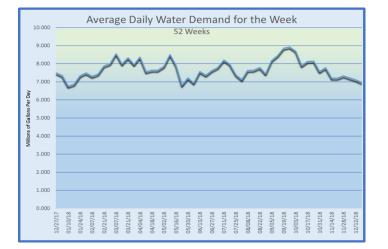
- Jan. 2, 3, 4 Holiday Break Youth Camps
- Jan. 4 Coffee Series
- Jan. 5 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Recycling
- Jan. 9 REV+FLOW Ready-to-Go Kickoff Party
- Jan. 11 Milk and Cookies Senior Social
- Jan. 10 Mayor's 90/90 Challenge starts
- Jan. 14 Teen Adventure Trip
- Jan. 14 REFIT Revolution Yesteryear to New Year Dance Party
- Jan. 18 Lunch N' Lecture
- Jan. 21-27 Palm Coast Men's Futures Tournament
- Jan. 24 Discover Trip

### 12-20-2018

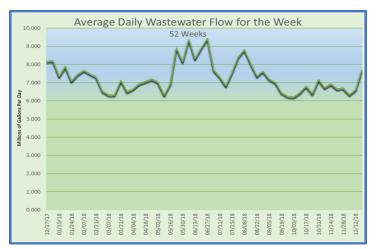
- The average water demand for this week was 6.968 million gallons per day.
- The average wastewater flow for the week was 7.705 million gallons per day.
- Water Distribution crews installed 17 new water meters and 1 irrigation meter.
- There are 245 new meter installations pending with 55 cleared and an average installation time of 4 weeks.
- Wastewater Operations installed 9 new PEP tanks and replaced 3 tanks.
- There are 15 new PEP tanks pending and 3 PEP tank replacements pending. Currently all new tanks are being installed within 8 days of site ready.
- There were 47 calls after hours.
- Water Distribution crews repaired 2 water service lines, 6 manifolds, completed 7 meter pit adjustments/replacements and tested and repaired 147 backflow preventers.
- Wastewater crews replaced 24 PEP pumps, 2 PEP panels, 3 ball valves and boxes, 37 floats, 1 back lid and 5 cleanout caps. Crews installed 3 risers, 5 new PEP pump assemblies and 5 PEP pump electric assemblies and repaired 1 service lateral. Inspected via CCTV 5,324 feet of gravity sewer, 22 manholes and 4 annual maintenance pump station inspections.
- T Wayne Hill Trucking Company removed and hauled away 10 loads (63,000 gallons) of wet lime sludge from south lime sludge thickener basin located at Water Treatment Plant #1.
- Wastewater Operations staff started installation of new Biorem Odor Control Unit located at Pump Station 58-1.
- U.S. Submergent Technologies completed the tank cleaning project removing over 100 cubic yards of sand and debris from Wastewater Treatment Plant #1.
- On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Water Distribution staff replaced a 6 inch broken system valve on Freemont Turn. This resulted in 50 homes being issued a 2 day boil water notice.







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## HIGHLIGHTS WASTEWATER OPERATIONS

• On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Staff from Wastewater Operations repaired a damaged 6 inch sewer lateral line (a pipeline connecting a property to the main sewer line) located on Palm Coast Parkway South West. The repair was a preplanned scheduled job and took a few hours to complete.

• A portion of the sidewalk and a few trees had to be removed in order to gain access to the damaged pipeline. Two businesses were without sewer services during the time of repair. The trees that were removed will be replaced with the same type of trees, and the sidewalk is scheduled to be replaced later this week.







### HIGHLIGHTS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT #1

- An odor control system is currently being installed at Wastewater Treatment Plant #1. This unit (Vapex MILLI) is specifically designed to treat odorous compounds in enclosed spaces. The unit is located at the Headwork's structure in front of the plant where the plant receives flow. The unit will generate Ozone that will be dispersed inside the pump station and eliminate odors caused by Hydrogen Sulfide. This project was needed to supplement the existing odor control system.
- The Vapex building which stores the unit has been positioned and work is being established to complete the installation. Part of the process is to core holes on top of the pump station to install odor control piping. Trenches are made to run the odor control piping to effluent channels. Pipes are buried underground for safety and UV protection.











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### Adoption of 'Jocelyn the Dog,' rescued from the side of I-95, is a Christmas Miracle

**Palm Coast –** The City of Palm Coast is calling it "A Christmas Miracle" – the daring rescue of an injured, abandoned dog on I-95 by Palm Coast Animal Control and now the adoption of Jocelyn the Dog by a loving, generous local couple.

Jocelyn, nicknamed "Josie" for short, is now resting and recovering at her new home with her fur-ever owners Julian and Doris Boyden of Hammock Beach. The female blue pitbull is recovering following surgery to repair extensive injuries to her right hip and elbow.

"She's enjoying all the love and attention," Mrs. Boyden said Friday.

The story began Dec. 4 when Palm Coast Animal Control received a call of a dog injured on the side of I-95 near the weigh station. Animal Control Officer Kasey Hagan found the pup, but she was extremely scared and fled deep into the woods where Hagan could not follow. Kagan set a dog trap overnight in an attempt to contain her and get her the help she needed.

Hagan returned first thing the next morning and was so happy to find the dog in the trap. The pup was very cold and in pain with obvious injuries. She could walk only a short distance.

"All it took was patience, lots of treats and a little bit of love to win her over and gain her trust," he said.

Palm Coast Animal Control took her to the Flagler Animal Hospital for an evaluation of her injuries. She got good care and love and then transferred to the Flagler County Humane Society in hopes of reuniting her with her owners.

On Dec. 7, it was determined the dog would need an orthopedic specialist to repair her broken bones. The Humane Society posted a story on its Facebook page and did receive some donations toward her treatment, but the dog was in a lot of pain and the owners had not come forward, and it was recommended she be humanely euthanized.

The Humane Society gave the dog – whom they had named Jocelyn – a couple of rawhide treats, and that seemed to help distract her from the pain. After conferring with Animal Control, the decision was made that Jocelyn would be put down Saturday morning if the owners didn't come forward by then.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 8, minutes before Jocelyn was to be put to sleep as a result of her significant injuries, two incredible, kind-hearted people – the Boydens – came to the Humane Society after seeing the Facebook post and decided to adopt her! That same morning they also adopted a cat who they've named Freya after the Nordic goddess.

"The timing was truly impeccable and a true Christmas miracle!" Hagan said. "My Christmas has been made already just by knowing this pup gets to carry on living life one treat at a time. This is why we do what we do."

"Palm Coast Animal Control is extremely grateful to the Boydens for taking on this huge role to give Jocelyn a new start at life," said Palm Coast Code Enforcement Manager Barbara Grossman. "We also would like to thank the Flagler Animal Hospital and the Flagler County Humane Society for their part in her rescue. We wish Jocelyn a speedy recovery and a stress-free life from here on."

One final holiday reminder from Palm Coast Animal Control: "Adopt, don't shop!"

For more information, please contact Communications & Marketing Manager Cindi Lane at <u>clane@palmcoastgov.com</u> and 386-986-3708.



### **NEWS RELEASE – City of Palm Coast**

Contact: Patrick Juliano, Fire Public Information Officer 386-986-2488; cell 386-290-9722 **Dec. 17, 2018** 

### Palm Coast Fire Department hires new Deputy Chief, promotes 4 others

**Palm Coast, Florida** – The Palm Coast Fire Department has selected Bradd Clark, program manager at the Florida State Fire College in Ocala, to be its next Deputy Chief.

In addition, Fire Chief Jerry Forte has made four promotions within the Fire Department. Capt. Kyle Berryhill is being promoted to Battalion Chief; Lt. Andrew Woolwine to Captain; Driver Engineer Robert Ballou to Lieutenant, and Firefighter Michael LaGreca to Driver Engineer.

"This next wave of promotions reflects the department's succession plans put in place years ago to ensure we continue forward without missing a step," Chief Forte said.

The Palm Coast Fire Department has a mentoring program to prepare personnel for future promotions. Several senior staff who were part of the original full-time Fire Department staff from the 1980s have retired recently, and the department has been preparing for promotions to fill those vacancies.

"The Palm Coast Fire Department provides high quality service to our citizens and visitors, and I would like to thank our retiring fire officers for their long service and dedication to our community," said Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland. "We welcome our new Deputy Chief and congratulate all firefighters being promoted. I am confident our fire officers, led by Chief Forte, will continue to provide excellent care and fire protection services for Palm Coast."

Palm Coast Fire's new Deputy Chief has been in the fire service since 1984 and has extensive experience as a fire officer. Prior to serving at the Florida State Fire College, Clark's positions included Fire Chief of the Ocala Fire Department, Fire Chief of the Sand Springs (Oklahoma) Fire Department; Fire Chief of the Owasso (Oklahoma) Fire Department; and Fire Marshal for the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Clark served as an adjunct professor for Oklahoma State University in the School of Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology, where he earned his bachelor's degree, and in the Fire and Emergency Management Program, where he was the program's first graduate. He has also completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy and was the first Chief Fire Officer designee in the State of Oklahoma. He began his fire service career in Poquoson, Virginia. Clark was selected from five finalists following a comprehensive search process. The employees of the Palm Coast Fire Department were heavily involved in the process, which included evaluation on topics including fire operations, organizational culture, finance and human resources.

"Every organization is different, with different needs, and our members agreed that Chief Clark is a good fit for what we are working to accomplish," said Chief Forte. "His perspective and experience will be extremely valuable to our department, and we're looking forward to having him join the Palm Coast Fire Department."

### Additional Information about Newly Promoted Personnel

Battalion Chief Berryhill has been with the Palm Coast Fire Department since 2005. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Flagler College and a Master of Public Administration from Barry University. He came up through the ranks, having been promoted to lieutenant in 2011 and captain in 2016. He and his wife Danielle live in Palm Coast with their two children.

Capt. Woolwine joined the department in 2014, having previously served with the Palatka Fire Department. He earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida. Woolwine is also a Captain in the Florida National Guard. He and his wife Kate reside in Palm Coast with their two daughters.

Lt. Ballou has been with Palm Coast Fire since 2009. He earned his Bachelors of Science from Jacksonville University. He attended the First Coast Technical College for firefighting and Florida Medical Technical Institute for his paramedic certification. He was promoted to Driver Engineer in 2016 and also serves as President of the Palm Coast Professional Firefighters. He and his wife Janet live in Saint Augustine with their daughter.

Driver Engineer LaGreca joined the department in 2010 after moving from Elizabeth, New Jersey. A Palm Coast resident, he previously was a paramedic for several EMS agencies in North Jersey.

For more information, contact the Palm Coast Fire Department at 386-986-2488.



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### City of Palm Coast offering 15 college internship positions for summer 2019

**Palm Coast** – The City of Palm Coast is now accepting applications from college students for summer 2019 internships in innovation and economic growth, parks and recreation, finance, public works, fire, information technology, GIS, administration, communications and marketing, stormwater engineering and utility engineering.

These paid, competitive internships are full-time and are open to all current college students and students who have graduated within six months of applying. These internships may qualify for college credit with the student's respective college. Students can get more information about the internship positions and apply online at <u>www.palmcoastgov.com/internships</u>. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Feb. 10, 2019, and 15 positions will be filled.

The internship program allows college students who grew up in Palm Coast and the surrounding community to get professional experience while at home during summer break. The internships are not limited to Palm Coast residents, but the City encourages graduates of Matanzas High School and Flagler Palm Coast High School to apply.

"Our community has a strong focus on innovation and technology, and our internship program gives local college students a chance to obtain hands-on experience in their career fields while also helping us explore new ways to develop as a smart city," said Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland. "We ask all residents to spread the word to their friends and neighbors who are in college. We'd love to have them join our summer internship team!"

Interns will work on special projects designed to meet current needs within City departments and will have the opportunity to learn and practice skills within their field of study. These students will be supervised by professionals who will guide and mentor them.

"Our internships give students the opportunity to network with professionals and make a difference in the community," said Palm Coast Director of Human Resources Wendy Cullen. "We've greatly expanded the internship program in recent years, and we're looking forward to continuing that success next summer."

Applications for summer 2019 internships must be submitted by 5 p.m. Feb. 10, 2019. A list of available positions and link to the online application is at <u>www.palmcoastgov.com/internships</u>. For more information, contact Palm Coast Human Resources at 386-986-3718 or <u>human\_resources@palmcoastgov.com</u>.



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### City employees collect 1,076 pounds of non-perishables for food pantry

**Palm Coast** – City of Palm Coast employees have gotten into the holiday spirit through a variety of friendly competitions such as office-decorating, ugly sweaters and cookie-baking contests.

Employees also put their competitiveness to good purpose – by collecting non-perishable food items for neighbors in need. The food drive was organized by the City's BAM (Boosting All Morale) Team, and the canned, boxed and bagged foods collected were weighed by department.

On Thursday, 1,076 pounds of food will be delivered to the Grace Community Food Pantry! The Community Development Department, which includes the Building, Planning, Construction Management & Engineering, and Code Enforcement divisions, led the way with the donation of 258 pounds of food. Administrative Services & Economic Development came in second with 247 pounds, with a close third from Parks & Recreation with 246 pounds.

That brings the total to 3,376 pounds of food donated by City employees in three food drives this year.

"This time of year is the perfect season to spread holiday cheer, and what better way to show you care for your community?" said Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland. "On behalf of the City Council, I want to thank our City employees for participating in this year's food drives and helping keep the Grace Community Food Pantry stocked up."

One in six adults in Florida – 2.5 million people – are hungry or food-insecure, and the Grace Community Food Pantry helps fill that gap for Flagler County residents who demonstrate financial need through a simple application. The food pantry is located at 245 Education Way (off U.S. 1) in Bunnell.

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



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### Palm Coast Parks & Rec offers new, free Crafts for Veterans program

**Palm Coast** – Transitioning out of a life of service and sacrifice can bring new challenges to veterans' day-to-day lives. With thousands of former and retired military living in Palm Coast, the City is offering a brand new arts program this spring that has therapeutic benefits.

The program is called Crafts for Veterans. Like the namesake, the therapeutic arts and crafts kits range in categories including leatherwork, woodwork, models, painting, needlecrafts, poster art, scrapbooks, jewelry and many more.

The kits are free and supplied through an organization called Help Heal Veterans. First established in 1971, the group has provided the free kits to hospitalized and homebound veterans for generations and also active duty military overseas.

Classes are free and are held on Wednesdays starting Jan. 2 through May 29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Palm Coast Community Center. Those who participate must present a veteran ID card.

It's free, but please register online at <u>www.parksandrec.fun/seniors</u>. You can also connect with Palm Coast Parks & Recreation on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/palmcoastrec</u>.

You can find more information about the Help Heal Veterans organization at <u>www.healvets.org</u>.

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



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### Palm Coast Parks & Rec offers adults many opportunities to play sports

**Palm Coast** – Remember the days when you would play ball on a team with your friends...that competitiveness mixed with comradery made for a fun time!

You can experience that joy again as an adult – Palm Coast Parks & Recreation is hosting several Adult Athletic Leagues in early 2019, along with Adult Open Gym Volleyball and Basketball and a Doubles Cornhole Tournament.

These are in addition to regular clinics at the Palm Coast Tennis Center and FootGolf on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at Palm Harbor Golf Club. Here's a sampling of what's coming up in January:

### Adult Flag Football League

Grab some friends and play on our recreational, non-contact flag football league. The 7v7 Adult Flag Football League plays an eight-game season followed by a single-elimination, end-of-season tournament. Super Early Registration for the team is now through Dec. 31 and costs \$360. Early Registration is Jan. 1-11 for \$400. Regular Registration is Jan. 12-17 for \$440. Participants must be 18 or older.

Games will be played at the Ralph Carter Park field, 1385 Rymfire Drive, Palm Coast from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 21 until March 13. Register online at <u>www.parksandrec.fun/athletics</u>.

### Adult Basketball League

Show your skills in the Adult Basketball League. Register as a team for this 5-a-side style play. Compete for the title of league champions and a \$100 voucher for a future basketball league (within the next year). All players must be 18.

Registration includes eight regular season games; up to 11 players per team; a singleelimination tournament with the top five teams making playoffs; two FHSAA-certified officials per game; and game equipment. The Champion prize will be T-shirt, medal and \$100 voucher off next tournament within next year.

Have a roster of friends ready to play? Sign up a full team to save on registration and have complete control of your roster. Register online at <u>www.parksandrec.fun/athletics</u>.

Games will be played at the Indian Trails Middle School, 5505 Belle Terre Pkwy., Palm Coast, from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays from Jan. 8 to March 14. One game will be played every hour. The fee is \$400 per team.

### Adult Open Gym Volleyball

Bring your friends or meet new ones in this co-ed volleyball program, to be held Monday or Wednesday evenings 7-9:30 p.m., Jan. 28-May 6, at Indian Trails Middle School, 5505 Belle Terre Pkwy., Palm Coast. New "teams" are created weekly.

This program uses two nets, with teams rotating in and out of play. One net is for competitivestyle play and the second net is for recreational-style play. The cost is \$20 per session (13 evenings). Pre-registration required at <u>www.parksandrec.fun/athletics</u>.

### **Coming Later in the Spring**

- The Pickleball Mixed Doubles Ladder League will be played on Fridays 10 a.m. to noon starting March 4.
- Doubles Cornhole Tournaments will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 and April 6.
- Adult Open Gym Basketball will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from March 26 to May 7.

Full information on all of these programs and more is available in the Winter/Spring Activity Guide at <u>www.palmcoastgov.com/recreation</u>. Register at <u>www.parksandrec.fun/athletics</u>. For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 386-986-2323.



# Animals ready for homes

Have your family members been hinting at adding a new member to the family? Many people will disagree and tell you that dogs and cats make for easy pets since you don't have to clean a tank or adhere to heating requirements but many forget about your actual home. The building where the pet will be living. Did you pay your pet deposit? Are you willing to move to a place where pets are allowed? Flagler Humane Society encourages anyone that is thinking about adding a furry family member to take the time to make sure that they are willing to make the needed sacrifices to both their lifestyle and their home environment. It is better to figure all this out prior to bringing in an animal and finding out that you were not ready for so many changes. Animals must be taught how to integrate into a household and it is our job to teach them. You must be willing to put in the time and effort that is required.

**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. Call for our new store location where we will soon be collecting donations.

*"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, PetSmart, PetSupermarket and Tractor Supply in Palm Coast. Stop by and see our adoptable pets!

Want to be a volunteer? Attend an orientation! Orientations are held at noon in the Humane Society education room every second Saturday of the month. Applications can be found on the FHS website.

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

Adoption Specials: Shy cats are only \$10 to adopt for the month of December and Long Term dog residents will be \$20 to adopt. Ask about the upcoming "Home for the Pawlidayz" foster event.

**Upcoming Fundraisers/Events:** See the FHS Website for information on our upcoming Putt for Paws Golf event.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of every month from 1pm-3pm.

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/Instagram/Website at <u>www.flaglerhumanesociety.org</u>, or via email at <u>info@flaglerhumanesociety.org</u>.

# Pet of the Week



# BUG

Bug is a 6 year old spayed female terrier mix. She would prefer to be the only pet as she tends to dislike other dogs and cats. She is very sweet with people and loves to spend time with her humans. Come and meet this lovely girl today.

### Adoption specialist:

Katrina Geigley adopt@flaglerhumanesociety.org

### **Outreach Manager:**

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