



City Manager's

4/5/2019

WEEK-IN-REVIEW

in the

Spotlight



National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

Join Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland, and mayors across the county, in the *Wyland Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation*. This is the 5th year Palm Coast has competed in this challenge, a friendly national competition with other cities around the country, asking our residents to pledge to manage your water resources more wisely to "Stop the Drops". Don't miss your chance to pledge to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution and save energy. Your pledge enters you in the chance to win several giveaways. Take your pledge now thru April at www.mywaterpledge.com. For more information, see the attached news release.



Announcements



NOW through July 6

<https://www.palmcoastgov.com/photocontest>



*State of the City Address
Friday, April 5, 4pm
Community Center*



*Friday, April 12, 7:45pm
Central Park in Town Center*

*Palm Coast Historical Society ~ Lecture Series
Peggy MacDonald: Florida Woman Pioneers
Saturday, April 13, 10am
Community Center*

Next Week:

- *Tuesday, April 9, City Council Workshop, 9am, City Hall – Community Wing, 160 Lake Avenue*
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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
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News Releases

- Palm Coast Aquatics Center open, swim lessons available
 - April 16 will be first Food Truck Tuesday of 2019
 - Discover Trips offer adults and seniors exploration to regional attractions
 - Walk for Senior Wellness to celebrate fitness and health
 - Enjoy festive feature movie 'Peter Rabbit' at free event April 12
 - Pledge to 'Stop the Drops' during National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation
 - 10,000+ eggs up for grabs at Central Park for Egg'Stravaganza on April 20
 - City Offices will be closed April 19 for the Good Friday Spring Holiday
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Communications & Marketing

The State of the City is “connected!” The Division spent the week preparing for today’s event – producing a video, printing copies of the Annual Progress Report, setting up the audio, assisting Mayor Milissa Holland with final touches to her speech and Power-Point presentation. The theme is “One Palm Coast,” and the Mayor shared example after example of the ways we’re connected as we enter our 20th year as a story. If you weren’t able to attend, be sure to watch the video on our Facebook page or YouTube channel. You’ll learn about our new Citizen Engagement Platform and the vision for Town Center.

Spring is here! The newly named Palm Coast Aquatics Center is open, Movies in the Park and Food Truck Tuesdays are back every month, and it’s almost time for Palm Coast’s largest toddler event of the year – the Egg’Stravaganza. The busy schedule keeps our Division busy with promoting our amenities, recreational programs and special events in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department.

News releases that went out this week were: Palm Coast Aquatics Center open, swim lessons available; April 16 will be first Food Truck Tuesday of 2019; Discover Trips offer adults and seniors exploration to regional attractions; Walk for Senior Wellness to celebrate fitness and health; Enjoy festive feature movie ‘Peter Rabbit’ at free event April 12; Pledge to ‘Stop the Drops’ during National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation; 10,000+ eggs up for grabs at Central Park for Egg’Stravaganza on April 20; and City Offices will be closed April 19 for the Good Friday Spring Holiday.

Be sure to take the pledge during the month of April during the National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. Go to www.mywaterpledge.com. See below for great tips on how you can cut down on water use – and save money in the process.

We are so excited to have been named a finalist for the 2019 North American Smart Cities Readiness Challenge! Challenge organizers asked us to create a short video highlighting something unique about Palm Coast to be shown at Smart Cities Week San Diego (where the Challenge winners will be announced). We are “Home to 130 miles of Connecting, Tree-Lined Trails” – and we can’t wait to share Palm Coast with the world.

We’ve been working on branding for the new Citizen Engagement Platform, and we provided staff support for the Council meeting, which we videotaped and aired live on YouTube.

The Social Media Post of the Week was a PSA about alligators. This is the time of year when the public is reminded about alligators being more active due to warmer weather. Our alligator subject was right along Central Avenue in Town Center. It was a good reminder that these creatures are everywhere, even in places not seen. The post was popular, reaching more than 5500 people, 95 likes, 18 comments, and 48 shares. This just also goes to show that any of our employees could be at the right place at the right time to snap a good picture of something relevant and timely to share with our followers and increase our engagement through good content!

City Clerk

- Processed 7 public records requests.
- Processed 3 litigation documents.
- Prepared and processed 21 documents for recording.
- Prepared 1 agenda item.
- Prepared 4 proclamations.
- Prepared and post 1 agenda and 2 sets of approved meeting minutes to the Web.
- Processed 5 resolutions.
- Processed 1 bond.
- Completed 1 Proof of Life documents for a citizen.



City of Palm Coast (Official)

March 28 at 2:26 PM · 🌐

Fact ➡ Alligators inhabit all 67 counties in Florida and can be found anywhere there is standing water, like this one.. by a pond along Central Avenue today. #RootedInNature



**Social Media
POST OF THE WEEK**

Central Services Division

Purchasing

Status	Ref. #	Project
Pending	LOI-CD-19-44	Request for Letter of Interest (LOI) for SWCS L-4 on Lehigh Canal Replacement Design Services
Open	ITB-UT-19-45	Replacement PEP Pumps - Price Agreement Contract
Evaluating	LOI-CD-19-38	Request for Letter of Interest (LOI) for Central Park Master Plan Update and Design Services
Evaluating	RFSQ-CD-19-40 / ITB-CD-19-40	New Traffic Signal and Turn Lane at Belle Terre and Market Ave/Eastwood Dr.
Evaluating	ITB-CD-19-32	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-27-R
Evaluating	ITB-CD-19-33	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-31-R
Evaluating	ITB-CD-19-34	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-33-R
Evaluating	ITB-CD-19-35	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-34-R
Evaluating	ITB-CD-19-36	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-35-R
Evaluating	ITB-CD-19-37	Backup Power to Five (5) Pump Stations FEMA Contract #4283-36-R
Reopened	RFSQ-CD-19-43 / ITB-CD-19-43	Water Treatment Plant No. 1 (WTP1) Electrical Upgrades
Reopened	RFSQ-CD-19-47 / ITB-CD-19-47	Belle Terre Bridge Rehabilitation
Completed	RFP-IT-19-21	City Wide VoIP Phone System
Completed	RFQ-UT-19-24	SCADA Support Software (Rockwell Factory Talk) and PLC Maintenance
Completed	LOI-CD-19-28	Request for Letter of Interest (LOI) for Water Treatment Plants Nos. 1 & 2 Lime Sludge Handling, Removal & Disposal Study Engineering Services
Completed	RFSQ-CD-19-10 / ITB-CD-19-10	Whiteview Parkway Force Main Crossing
Completed	ITB-CD-19-22	Stormwater Utility Site Maintenance
Completed	RFQ-PW-19-39	Debris Disposal Services
Completed	ITB-PW-19-46	Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Celebration Sod (265,000 square feet) installed on ITSC fields 1 & 2
Completed	RFQ-UT-19-49	Utility Department Window Replacement

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 – 11 Consulting Sessions, 42 Consulting Hours
- Total for Month – 11 Consulting Sessions, 42 Consulting Hours

NEW PALM COAST COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES

- Avie Regenerative Medicine LLC – 1 Florida Pk Drive – Medical Office
- The Spot Nutrition – 25 Palm Harbor Village Way – Consultant

NEW PALM COAST HOME BASED BUSINESSES

- HomeSail LLC – Real Estate Broker
- S&R Quality Flooring & Installation – Flooring Contractor
- Southern Stream Services – Landscaping Service
- Rush Power Wash – Power Washing Service
- Steven Guy – Landscaping Service
- The Mama Au Inc – Retail Sales
- Valeriy Pereverov – Janitorial Service
- Essential Soul Coaching LLC – Consultant
- Jax Tax & Bookkeeping Inc – Income Tax Preparation
- Apogee Construction LLC – Residential Contractor
- David's Property Rehab LLC – Handyman Service
- Indida LLC – Handyman Service
- Alpha Blue Pool Services – Pool Cleaning Service
- Waterside Homes Renovations & Designs Inc – Building Contractor

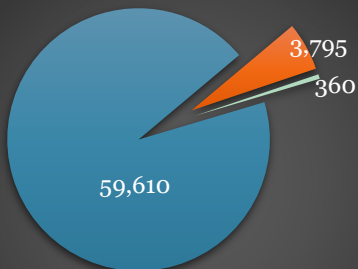
PUBLIC WORKS



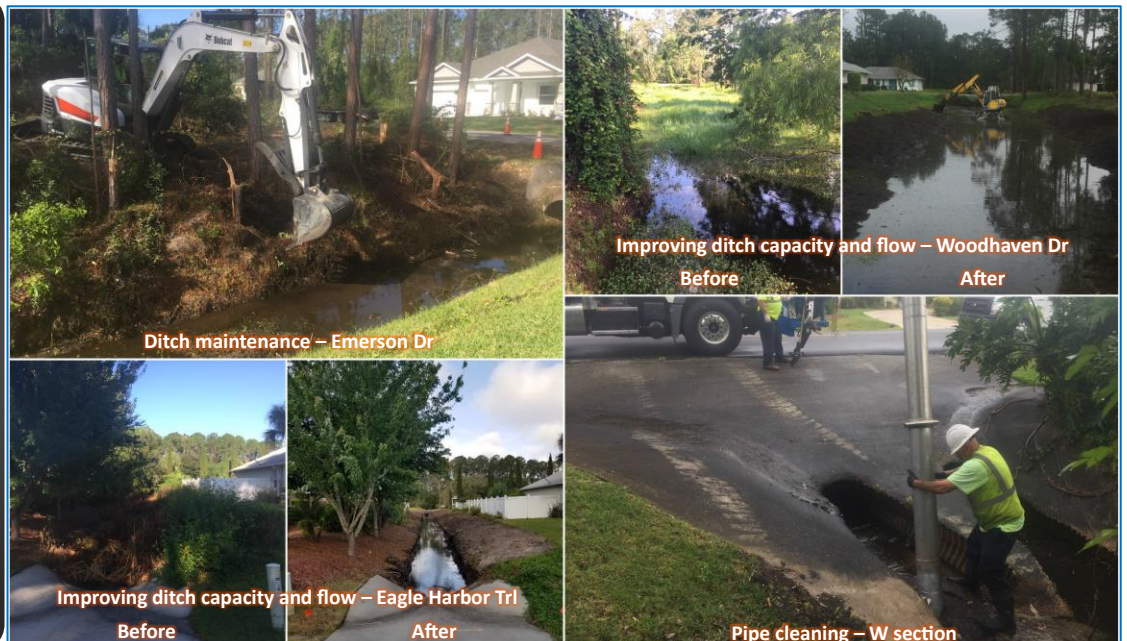
Parks & Medians Division

INSPECT MEDIAN IRRIGATION ZONES	101
PARKWAY MEDIAN MAINTENANCE	29
INSPECT PKS & ATHLETIC FIELD IRRIGATION ZONES	58
ATHLETIC FIELDS PAINTED	8
PARKS & TRAILS SIGN INSPECTIONS	52
PARKS & HIKING TRAILS INSPECTIONS # MILES	7.55

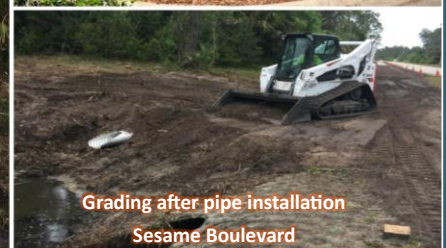
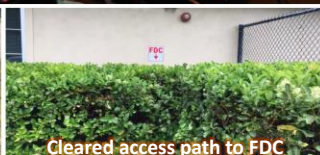
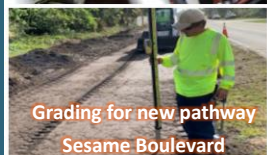
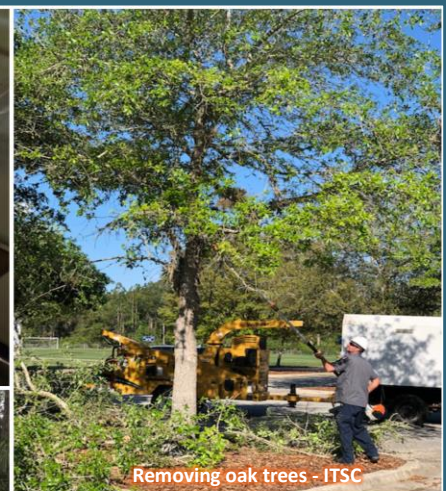
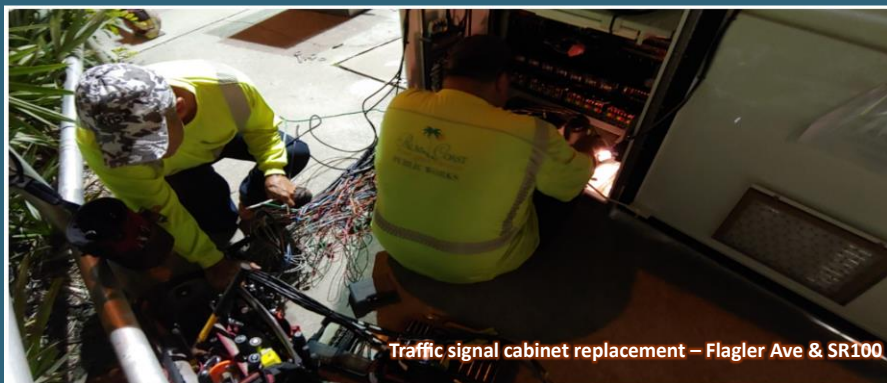
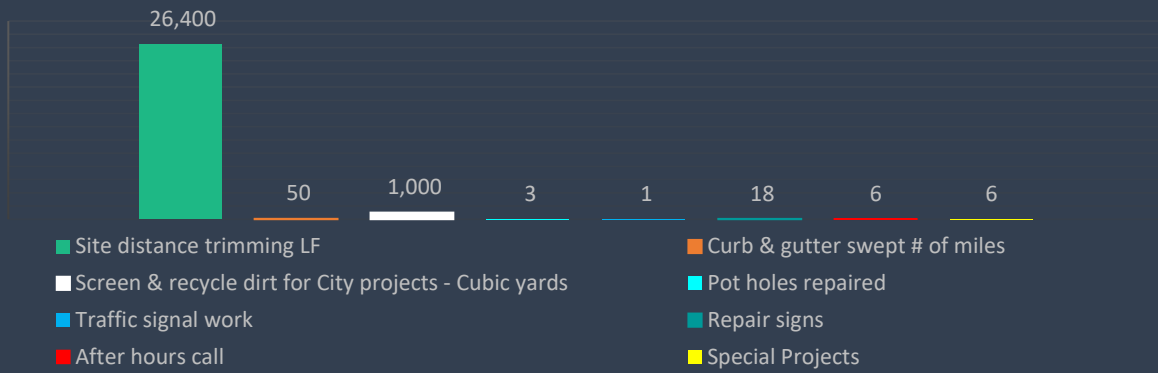
Stormwater Division



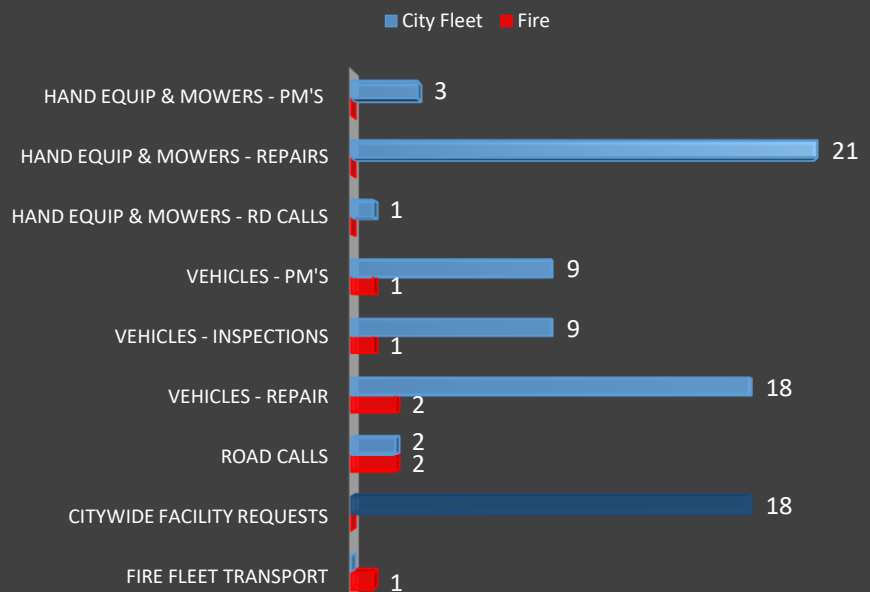
- Graded residential swale maint - LF
- Culvert pipe cleaning - LF
- Ditch maintenance - LF



Streets Division

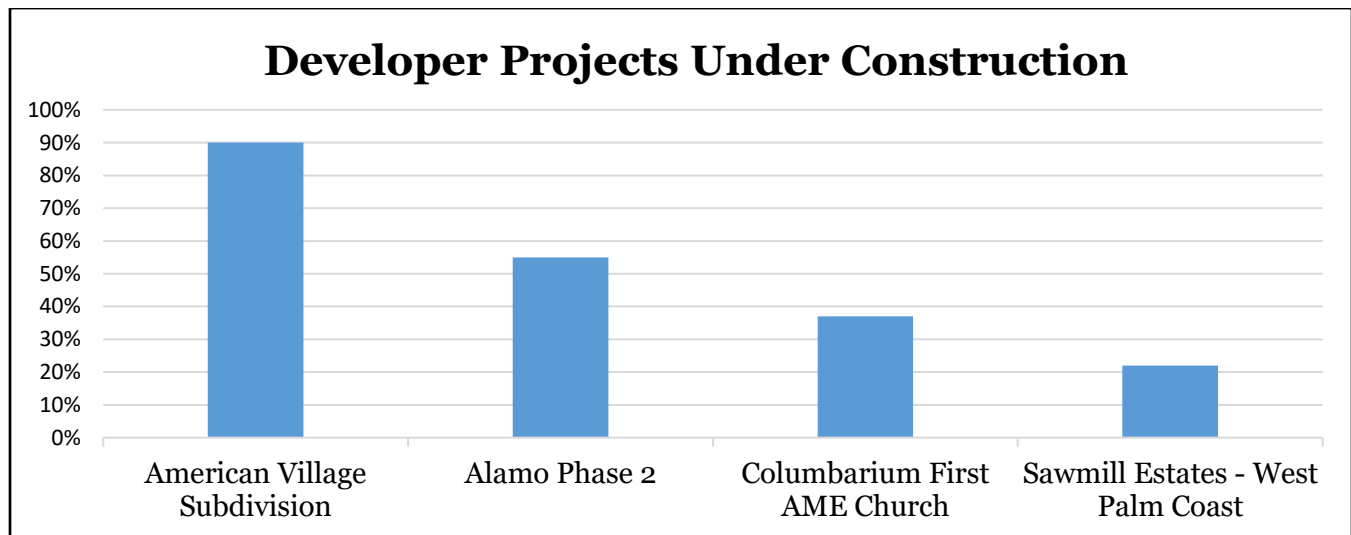
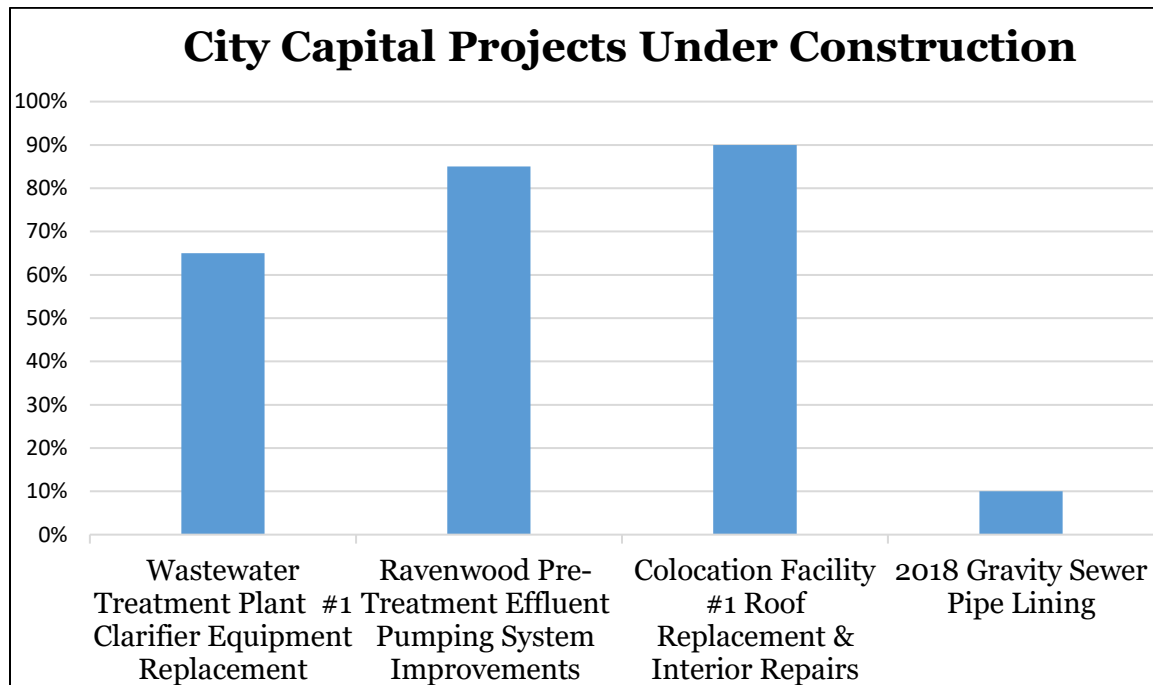


Facility & Fleet Service



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Stephen Flanagan, Director

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



Commercial Permits Applied			
7 Old Kings Road N	Sealcoat and restripe parking lot	Liberty Seal-Coat Ltd	\$106,378
Commercial Permits Issued			
470 Bulldog Drive (The Palms at Town Center)	Three - 3 story apartment buildings and clubhouse	HTG Gomez Construction	\$1,198,534
174 Cypress Point Parkway	Interior Renovations - Walmart/Frozen Food, Deli area	Clarence Almonor	\$175,000
Occupancy Permits Issued			
231 St Joe Plaza Drive SW # 231	"Kids Galore" children's consignment	Desiree Ramirez	
21 Old Kings Road N B201	"Lashes LLC" Eyelash salon	Amber Poorte	
5 Utility Drive # 19	"Euro Lounge Cafe"	Alexsander Martins	
4 Market Place Court	"ANR Motors" - auto motor repair	Anton Korobeinikov	
Construction value improvements from October 1, 2018 to date			\$154,933,421
Residential Single Family / Duplex Residences			15

Spotlight Projects

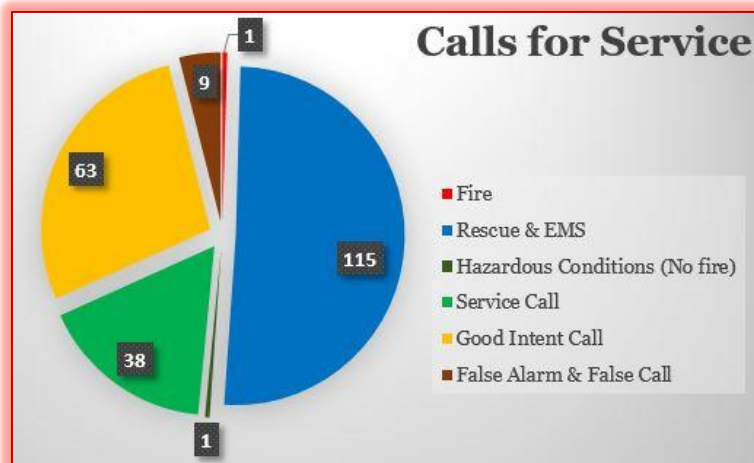
Children Helping in Resource Protection Program

On March 25th and 28th, over 200 Belle Terre Elementary, 2nd grade students enjoyed a morning of hands on learning at Long Creek Nature Preserve. The Children Helping In Resource Protection (C. H. I. R. P) program hosted by the Community Development Department joined forces with, Parks and Recreation, Utility and Public Works staff to educate students on resource protection.

The eco-stations were staffed by employees from Central Florida Zoo, University of Florida, Marineland, and the Museum of Natural History. Students, and teachers, expressed their gratitude with the information provided via this program with a thank you flower.



Thank you note from the Belle Terre Elementary School Children



GUIDANCE

Tip of the Month:

Wildfire Safety – April is Wildfire Awareness Month. Wildfire season is getting longer, scarier and more dangerous. To provide extra protection, create a defensible space by clearing any brush away from your home or items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, woodpiles, swing etc.

PSA – "IAFF – Don't fight Wildfire on your own."

<https://youtu.be/F52uycmEpvo>

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>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Basic First Aid & CPR:

April 13 th	6 openings
June 29 th	10 openings
August 10 th	12 openings

Healthcare Provider:

July 27 th	8 openings
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DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Flagler Palm Coast High School students and Volunteer Firefighter Intern applicants have a total of 9 "Ride-Along" hours this week.

The Fire Department is always active with call volume and citizen outreach. We recently launched the new Home Safety Fire Inspection program for our residents. We also started our Fridays with Firefighters at the local schools.

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



Captain Garnes & FF Greco add new decals & striping to the Fire Police Truck

HIGHLIGHTS

46th Anniversary

April 3, 1973; as with most service organizations, the Volunteer Fire Department at Palm Coast was formed in response to community need. Initiated by the Palm Coast Civic Association's Safety Committee in January 1973, the Fire Department was incorporated with 36 members answering the call to duty. The goal of these founding fathers was to provide the residents of Palm Coast with a prompt response to fire and emergency medical calls.

Firefighters Visit Students

On Fridays, we visit the students at Flagler Schools for lunch & recess! Engine 21 (*Lt. Dan Driscoll, DE Mike Chandley, FF Joshua Meeker & Intern Brandon O'Hara*) visited the students of Lewis E Wadsworth Elementary School & had opening day kickball! We even faced off against Flagler County Sheriff's Office Deputy Conway who is known for his fast roll!

Home Safety Inspection Program

The Palm Coast Fire Department recently launched a new Fire Home Safety Inspection program. Click below to learn more about our new Fire Home Safety program.

<http://bit.ly/PCHomeSafe>



This week in history: Palm Coast Fire Department celebrated their 5th anniversary in 1978.



Lt. Driscoll vs. Deputy Conway for the tag at second



Driver Engineer Nikola Kulev launched the new Home Safety Inspection Program

This week marked the start of the pool season! Although the weather has not been entirely conducive to swimming, we are excited to be open for the season. We are also happy to announce our new, expanded hours after some feedback we received from patrons. We are currently open Monday through Friday, 8am-12pm and 3-8pm. We also have a new feature on the pool page that reports the pool status (open/close) due to weather. You can see the full hours and status here: www.palmcoastgov.com/pool.

The Mayor's 90/90 Challenge is quickly coming to an end. The Challenge will officially end on April 9. Currently, 115 people have already logged 12,924.93 miles! If you are participating, be sure to finish logging your miles here: www.palmcoastgov.com/healthy. Participants who complete 90 miles in 90 days will receive a custom medal at the Arbor Day event on Saturday, May 4.

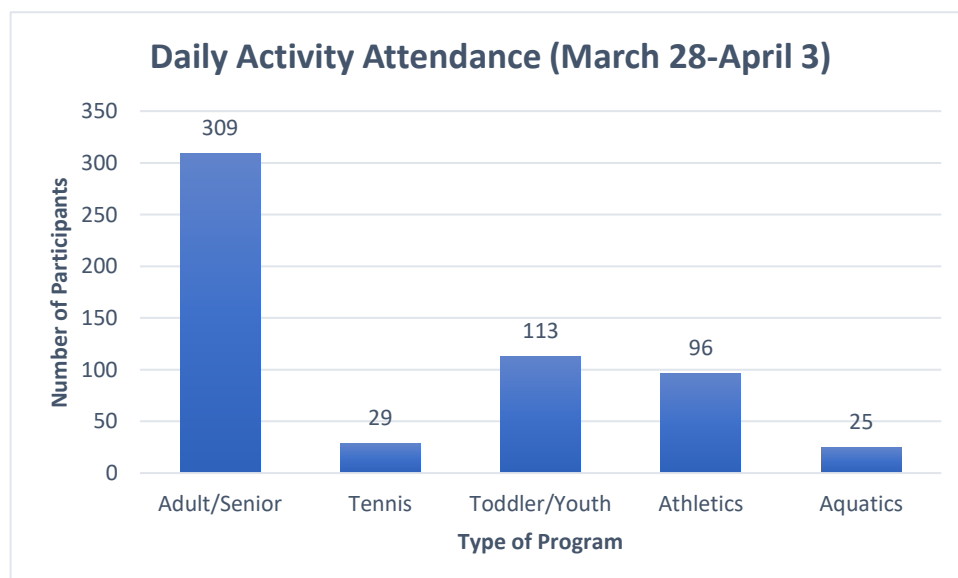
Our Day in the Life of Marineland Trainer for Homeschoolers field trip, which sold out very early on in the season, occurred on March 28. Homeschoolers along with their parents joined at Marineland to explore what it takes to be a marine animal trainer. The trip included a meet-and-greet, lesson plan, dolphin viewing, behind-the-scenes tour, and much more.

Summer 2019 Activity Guide

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/recreation>

Online Registration & Activities List

<http://www.parksandrec.fun>



Activities Offered this Week

Adult/Senior

Weekly Senior Social Activities
Dance with Me Ballroom Dancing
Line Dancing
West Coast Swing
Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
Improv Classes

Health & Wellness

Yoga for All & Gentle Yoga
Mayor's 90/90 Challenge
Indoor Rowing
REFIT Revolution Family Fitness
Zumba Gold

Aquatics

Community Outreach Swim Evaluations

Athletics

Open Pickleball
Beginner's Pickleball
Adult Open Gym Volleyball
Adult Open Gym Basketball

Tennis – Adults

Beginners, Cardio, Morning Blast,
Doubles Skills, & Round Robins

Tennis - Youth

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

Toddler/Youth/Teen

Teddy Bear Picnic
Our Neck of the Woods
Munchkin Soccer
Musical Munchkins
Beginning Ballet
Awesome Alphabet Outing
Teen Mountain Biking
Palm Coast Master Builders
Cooking is Fun
Marineland Trip for Homeschoolers



Day in the Life of a Marineland Trainer for Homeschoolers



COMING UP

April 9 – Walk for Senior Wellness

April 12 – Movies in the Park

April 16 – Food Truck Tuesday

April 19 – Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

April 20 – Egg'Stravaganza

April 26 – Art Exhibition and Show

April 27 – Annual Ladies Day Tennis

May 4 – Arbor Day

May 10 – Movies in the Park

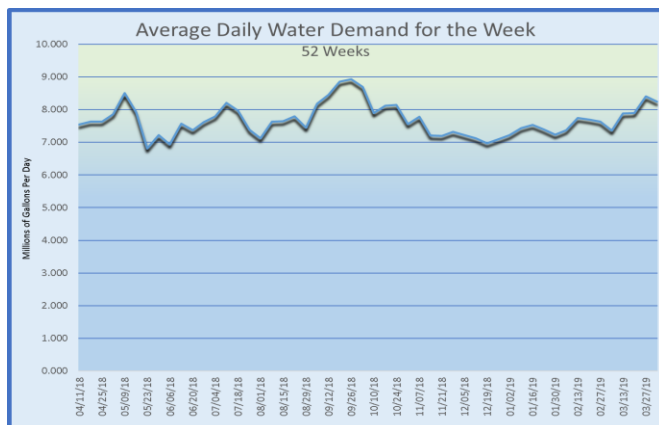
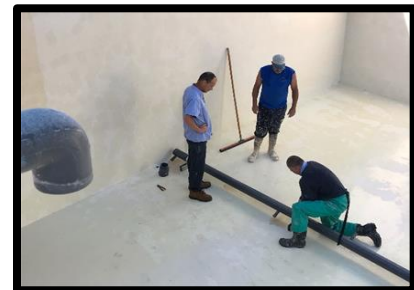
May 21 – Food Truck Tuesday

May 27 – Memorial Day

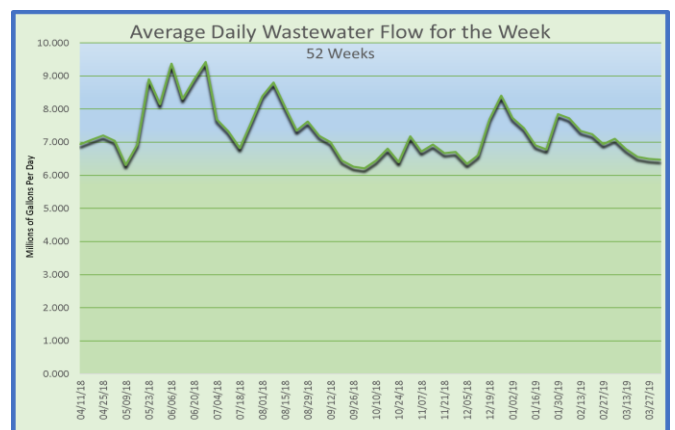
Utility – Richard Adams, Director

4-4-2019

- The average water demand for this week was 8.238 million gallons per day.
- The average wastewater flow for the week was 6.474 million gallons per day.
- The unidirectional flushing operation will continue on April 15th and crews will be returning and working in sections 1, 2 and 6 which includes Florida Park Drive and Fleetwood Drive and surrounding streets.
- Water Distribution crews installed 5 new water meters.
- There are 176 new meter installations pending with 30 lots cleared and an average installation time of 3 weeks.
- Wastewater Operations installed 10 new PEP tanks.
- There are 36 new PEP tanks pending. Currently all new tanks are being installed within 7 days of site ready.
- There were 50 calls after hours.
- Water Distribution crews completed 9 meter pit adjustments/replacements, repaired 1 service line and tested and repaired 73 backflow preventers.
- Wastewater crews replaced 16 PEP pumps, 2 ball valves and 2 boxes, 27 floats, 5 cleanout caps and repaired 1 service lateral. Crews installed 2 risers, 5 PEP pump assemblies and 12 electric assemblies. Inspected via CCTV 100 feet of gravity sewer and 23 manholes.
- On April 2nd, Water Treatment Plant #2 staff installed a new TU5400sc laser turbidimeter to detect particles in the water. This is a 30-day test run and the Hach Company is providing this free service. The existing Hach 1720E turbidimeters are obsolete and will need to be replaced in the next few years. Water Treatment Plant #2 staff are determining if the TU5400sc is a viable product replacement for the 1720E.
- Staff from Water Treatment Plant #2 attended Compact Controller with advanced functionality training from AWC of Louisiana.
- Staff from Compliance/Environmental attended the 21st Annual International Aboveground Storage Tank Conference and Florida Department of Environmental Protection training course on aboveground storage tanks.
- On April 3rd, Water Treatment Plant #2 staff repaired the equalization sludge mixing system. Staff had to cut the pipe open and remove sludge buildup from inside the pipe manifold



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HIGHLIGHTS

WATER TREATMENT PLANT #1 RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT

- Replacement of lime slaker #2 located at Water Treatment Plant #1 has been completed. The entire installation of the slaker was performed by Water Treatment Plant #1 staff. The factory startup will take place sometime in late April or early May. The old lime slaker had outlived its estimated life by about 5 years and it was replaced with the latest version of same brand and model number.



WASTEWATER OPERATIONS

- On April 3rd, Englewood Electric and Rockwell Automation conducted an information tour located at Wastewater Treatment Plant #2. The tour covered Rockwell Automations' line of smart motor control centers and highlighted new safety features. It also highlighted Allen Bradley's line of Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs), Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) and smart overloads. Wastewater Treatment Operations staff from both facilities attended the presentation.



HIGHLIGHTS WATER TREATMENT PLANT #2

- On April 3rd, Water Treatment Plant #2 staff completed a zero liquid discharge plant sludge maintenance cleaning. This includes redirecting the flow of the concentrate to the empty softening basin while draining the ultra-filtration and equalization tank for sludge removal. The belt press will process the sludge from these tanks. Staff will hose out accumulated sludge from the equalization tank and ultra-filtration feed tank.
- On April 3rd, staff from Water Treatment Plant #2 upsized the belt press wash down pump discharge piping from 2" to 3". The larger pipe will allow for more volume from the pump and potentially eliminate the need to redirect a portion of the sludge stream into the equalization tank when operating two belt presses at the same time.



Photo: Local students participate in a STEM program along with swim lessons.



NEWS RELEASE – City of Palm Coast

Contact: Kimberly Norman, Public Relations Associate

386-986-3717

April 3, 2019

Reminder: Palm Coast Aquatics Center open, swim lessons available

Palm Coast – Just a reminder, the Palm Coast Aquatics Center is open and ready for swimmers to enjoy some pool time. The municipal pool, which is heated, is operating on new, expanded hours this year. The hours currently are weekdays only from 8 a.m.-noon and 3–8 p.m. From May 25 through Sept. 2, the pool will be open weekdays from 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be abbreviated hours on Memorial Day, July 3 and 4, and Labor Day of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Palm Coast Aquatics Center is located at 339 Parkview Drive.

Daily admission is \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors (65 and older) and youth (ages 2-17); and free for children under 2. Monthly, seasonal and quarterly passes are available for families, limited families (two people in the same household) and individuals.

At the pool, there are two pavilions on the pool deck currently available for reservation, and the entire facility can be rented for birthday parties and other after-hours events. More information can be found at www.palmcoastgov.com/pool.

Private and group swim lessons, for both spring and summer seasons, are open for registration. Lessons are available for multiple ages (youth, teen, adult) at different levels of skill. Pre-registration, including payment of applicable fee, is required prior to the start of each session.

The Palm Coast Aquatics Center started the new Palm Coast Masters Swim team this month. Led by a certified U.S. Masters Coach, this program is designed for triathletes or swimmers who like to compete or are looking for a good workout. There are also several fitness programs happening at the pool this spring and summer including Aqua Zumba, Water Aerobics and Fitness on the Water. Aqua Zumba requires less impact on your joints, Water Aerobics provides strength training while activating your muscles, and Fitness on the Water allows participants to use the new tsunami fitness boards for a workout designed to improve core strength, joint stabilization and burn calories. For more information on these programs and swim lessons plus dates, times, and costs, visit www.parksandrec.fun/aquatics.

Palm Coast Parks & Rec Marketing Supervisor Brittany McDermott is available for interviews.

For more information, call the pool at 386-986-4741. The Parks & Recreation Activity Guide is available online at www.palmcoastgov.com/recreation.

Photo: Food trucks lined up, ready to serve for a Food Truck Tuesday event July of 2016.



NEWS RELEASE – City of Palm Coast

Contact: Kimberly Norman, Public Relations Associate
386-986-3717

April 2, 2019

Restart: April 16 will be first Food Truck Tuesday of 2019

Palm Coast – Enjoy the backdrop of Central Park while tasting gourmet food at the next Food Truck Tuesday on April 16. The event will be from 5-8 p.m. along Park Street next to Central Park in Town Center. The address of Central Park is 975 Central Ave., Palm Coast.

The first Food Truck Tuesday of the 2019 series was supposed to be held March 19, but was canceled due to weather. That makes the event on April 16 the first Food Truck Tuesday of the year.

Each Food Truck Tuesday features free entertainment with DJ Vern along with a variety of food trucks - mobile kitchens, canteens and catering trucks that offer up appetizers, main dishes, side dishes and desserts. Many menus are kid-friendly. Foods to be featured change monthly but have included lobster rolls, Portuguese cuisine, fish and chips, regional American, Latin food, ice cream, barbecue and much more.

Food trucks participating on April 16 are: Kona, Bruster's, Haole & Ono, Monsta Lobsta and Luvin O-Van. Please check for updates on the City web site at www.palmcoastgov.com/foodtruck to see if additional trucks are joining the event.

Food Truck Tuesday is held on the third Tuesday of every month starting in March and ending in November. This event is presented by Palm Coast Parks & Recreation. For more information, call Parks & Rec at 386-986-2323.



NEWS RELEASE – City of Palm Coast

Contact: Kimberly Norman, Public Relations Associate
386-986-3717

April 2, 2019

Discover trips offer adults and seniors exploration to regional attractions

Palm Coast – Day trips are a popular excursion for many who live in Palm Coast and throughout the state to get away for a few hours and see wildlife, museums, and enjoy new food. Palm Coast Parks & Recreation offers several trips this spring and summer for adults and seniors to connect with nature, learn about history, enhance their cooking skills, or simply enjoy an evening dinner and show.

Here's a listing of the trips offered from now through August:

Florida Museum of Natural History – April 26: An engaging and impactful hub for teaching and learning science, the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville has been particularly successful at utilizing research collections and making them accessible to diverse audiences, demonstrating relevance in their daily lives. Participants can enjoy lunch at the Carmella Court Café, at their own expense. The group will depart from the Palm Coast Community Center at 10:15 a.m. to Gainesville and return at 7 p.m. The fee is \$52 and does not include the price of lunch.

Athen's Theatre – May 9: This famous theatre in DeLand will be putting on a show-stopping performance of the timeless classic, *Singin' in the Rain*. Dinner will be at Urban Brick at the participant's expense. Attendees will depart from the Palm Coast Community Center at 5 p.m. to DeLand and return at 10:30 p.m. The fee is \$68 and does not include the price of dinner.

Publix Apron Culinary School – June 14: Learn to perfect your cooking skills while watching a demonstration class which will allow you to sit back and relax as the chef prepares the menu. Enjoy tasting all of the dishes, following along with the recipes, and asking questions. Participants will depart the Palm Coast Community Center at 10:45 a.m. to Jacksonville and return at 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$67 and includes the price of food.

Jacksonville Museum of Science and History – Aug. 9: The journey takes participants to the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium, one of the largest single lens planetariums in the U.S. Lunch will be at Murray Bros. Caddyshack at the participant's expense. The fee is \$50 and does not include the price of lunch.

The registration fee includes round-trip, motor coach transportation to and from the destination and admission fees for the attraction. Payment is due at the time of registration. There are a limited number of spaces available, so register early at www.parksandrec.fun/adults.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call Parks & Rec at 386-986-2323.



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April 1, 2019

Walk for Senior Wellness to celebrate fitness and health

Palm Coast – Come celebrate senior fitness and health by enjoying a scenic 1-mile walk along the St. Joe Walkway on Tuesday, April 9!

The free event takes place from 9-11 a.m. Participants should meet at the Palm Coast Community Center lobby located at 305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE. Health and fitness related vendors will be set up inside starting at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., participants will warm up by stretching and dancing. The walk down St. Joe Walkway at Linear Park will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a free lunch, entertainment, and door prizes.

Participants will also receive a T-shirt and goodie bag.

To register for the walk, please visit www.parksandrec.fun/wellness. For more information, call Parks and Rec at 386-986-2323.



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Enjoy festive feature movie ‘Peter Rabbit’ at free event April 12

Palm Coast – Watch the adventure unfold in the greenery at the next Movie in the Park – at 8 p.m. Friday, April 12 – as Palm Coast Parks & Recreation and Flagler Schools present “Peter Rabbit” at Central Park in Town Center. Closed captioning is provided with the monthly movies.

The family-friendly movie on the big screen by the lake is free! Central Park is located at 975 Central Ave. in the Town Center area of Palm Coast (off of State Road 100 behind Flagler Palm Coast High School).

The Peter Rabbit (PG) synopsis is as follows: The stubborn and naughty Peter Rabbit causes chaos in the home and garden of an irritable human named Mr. McGregor. However, their rivalry grows even more heated when they both fall in love with a new neighbor who adores animals.

Bring snacks, blankets, lawn chairs and bug spray – and your family, neighbors and friends! What could be better than watching a fun family movie outdoors, under the stars?

Movies in the Park is held on the second Friday of each month through October. Other upcoming movies include:

- May 10, at 8:20 p.m. – Coco
- June 14, at 8:45 p.m. – Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales
- July 12, at 8:45 p.m. – The Lego Ninjago Movie

For more information, go to www.palmcoastgov.com/movies or call 386-986-2323.



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April 1, 2019

Pledge to ‘Stop the Drops’ during National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation

Palm Coast – Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland is joining mayors across the country in asking residents to take or renew their pledges to manage water resources more wisely by taking part in the annual National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. This year’s “Stop the Drops” campaign runs through the end of April.

Please go online at www.mywaterpledge.com between now and April 30 to take the Water Challenge Pledge!

In return, residents can win \$3,000 toward their home utility bills, home irrigation kits, home improvement store gift cards and more. You can also nominate your favorite local charity. The charity with the most nominations from each winning city will be invited to submit a questionnaire to share how they would use the winning prize, a 2019 Toyota Highlander Hybrid, to serve their community. The charity with the highest service score based on the judging criteria will receive the vehicle.

The annual Wyland Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation during the month of April is a friendly non-profit national community service campaign and competition to see which cities can best inspire their residents to make a series of informative and easy-to-do online pledge to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution and save energy.

This will be Palm Coast’s fifth year to participate in the national competition, and the City was proud to come in 18th in the nation for cities with a population of 30,000-99,999 in 2018.

“Water conservation is especially important to us and other communities across Florida,” said Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland. “We are honored to have been in the Top 20 for cities our size in the Water Conservation Challenge for the past five years, and we are excited about participating again in 2019. Let’s all conserve water together!”

Last year, residents from 3,800 cities around the U.S. pledged to reduce their annual consumption of water and energy. This resulted in 22.2 million gallons of oil saved; 191.9 pounds of KWH hours saved; 12.6 billion pounds of CO2 reduced; \$38.4 million in consumer savings; and 3 billion gallons of water saved.

Cities compete in the following population categories: (5,000-29,999 residents, 30,000-99,999 residents, 100,000-299,999 residents, 300,000-599,999 residents, and 600,000+ residents). The City of Palm Coast has 86,516 residents. Cities with the highest percentage of residents

who take the Challenge in their population category are entered into drawings for hundreds of eco-friendly prizes.

The 8th National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is presented by the Wyland Foundation and presenting partner Toyota, in association with the U.S EPA WaterSense, The Toro Company, National League of Cities, Conserva Irrigation, and Earth Friendly Products (makers of ECOS).

Founded by renowned environmental artist Wyland, the Wyland Foundation has helped children and families around the nation to rediscover the importance of healthy oceans and waterways through public art programs, classroom science education, and live events. The foundation gives children the tools they need to become more creative, positive, and solution-oriented. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has worked directly with more than one million children since its inception in 1993.

Here are some tips to help Palm Coast residents stop the drops, saving water and money in the process:

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth, wash your face, shave, or clean the house.
- Take a shower instead of a bath – it uses about a third of the water.
- Run the dishwasher instead of washing by hand – it uses far less hot water.

Beyond that, let innovation and technology work for you.

- For washing machines with variable settings for water volume, select the minimum amount required per load. Otherwise, wash only full loads.
- Install low-flow toilets and showerheads to dramatically reduce your water consumption. There is now a good selection of quality toilets that use just .08 gallons of water per flush (half a current toilet).
- When buying new appliances, look for the Energy Star certification. A new washing machine uses a third of the water of a traditional washer.
- Look for the EPA Water Sense label for any fixtures you're buying, such as faucets, toilets, and showers. Water Sense fixtures are tested for performance as well as low-flow.
- Add a smart sprinkler controller for your irrigation system and use sensors that monitor soil moisture or evapotranspiration (aka ET) to cut down on unnecessary lawn watering.

Lastly, check for leaks and follow the St. Johns River Water Management District's watering restrictions.

- A running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. At 1 drip per second, a faucet can leak 3,000 gallons per year. To check for leaks, read your meter before and after a 1-hour period when no water is being used. (Remember to wait for the ice maker to refill and for regeneration of water softeners, if used.) If readings are different after the hour, you have a leak. Also monitor your bill for unusually high use.
- Lawn watering is limited to twice a week during Daylight Savings Time (March to November), and one day a week the rest of the year. See all the rules at palmcoastgov.com; search for "watering restrictions."
- Select native-Florida trees and shrubs that need less watering when landscaping

For more information about the City of Palm Coast's participation in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, contact Kimberly Norman, Public Relations Associate, at 386-986-3717 or knorman@palmcoastgov.com.

Photo: Children hunt for eggs during a previous Egg'Stravaganza event.



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April 5, 2019

10,000+ eggs up for grabs at Central Park for Egg'Stravaganza on April 20

Palm Coast – It's about that time for children to gather their Easter baskets and prepare for the ultimate egg hunt at Central Park in Town Center on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

More than 10,000 candy or toy-filled eggs will be scattered in a dedicated egg patch at the park. In addition to the Easter egg hunts for children up to 11 years old, there will also be other exciting activities such as balloon art, carnival games, hay maze bunny trail, face painting, refreshments and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Here's the lineup of the egg hunt schedule by age:

- Photo Booth Patch – Fun Hunts for children 2 and under
- 10:15 a.m. for 3-5 year olds
- 11:15 a.m. for 6-8 year olds
- 12:15 p.m. for 9-10 year olds
- 12:45 p.m.–last call

The Easter Bunny will arrive around 10:15 a.m. and will be available until 12:30 p.m. inside City Hall. Families can take their own pictures for free or pay \$2 for a Polaroid picture. Also at the event will be Sheldon (the Daytona Tortugas mascot) and the Chick-fil-A cow in character stations at the event.

The free hunt is one of the City's most popular events drawing more than 4,000 people out for the spring tradition each year.

"Egg'Stravaganza is one of our largest special events held each year," said Lauren Johnston, Parks & Recreation Community Recreation Supervisor. "It's a great opportunity to get outdoors with your family and enjoy a free community event. We look forward to the smiling faces of happy children and families having fun and making memories."

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt on April 19

For youth ages 11-17, there will be a special, after-dark Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt on Friday, April 19 from 7-9 p.m. at Central Park. More than 2,000 glow-in-the-dark eggs filled with candy will be up for grabs. Two separate egg hunts will take place - one at 8 p.m. and the other at 8:30

p.m. - and will include two golden eggs per hunt with grand prizes. A local food truck will serve dessert and the Game Time Game Truck will also be there.

Parks & Recreation Supervisor of Marketing Brittany McDermott is available for media wishing to do interviews.

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



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April 4, 2019

City of Palm Coast offices to be closed Friday, April 19

Palm Coast – All City of Palm Coast offices will be closed Friday, April 19, for the Good Friday holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, April 22, at 8 a.m. Recycling and garbage collection will proceed according to the regular schedule.



141 Cats

87 Dogs

Animals ready for homes

Who has the worst time trying to get their cat in a carrier? So bad that you would rather face a cage of lions then try to shove your cat into a small carrier. Unfortunately, all pet cats will need to be transported at some point. They will need to go to the vet for annual appointments, vacations, if the owner is moving, or in the case of a natural disaster. It is so important to research the best possible carrier for your type of cat. You should do this so that your cat can be comfortable and happy in their travels. The Flagler Humane Society usually has new and used carriers or wire crates for sale at their facility or at their thrift store. For more information, call FHS at (386) 445-1814. Don't forget to follow FHS on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, and tag them in any of your animal adventures.

Donation Opportunities: The *Flagler Humane Society Thrift Store* always accepts donations. They cannot take in any computers/printers or large appliances. Call for our new store location where we collect donations.

"General Donations" can be dropped off anytime at your convenience. FHS appreciates all donations, especially those from our Wish List (available at flaglerhumane.org/wish-list). 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@flaglerhumane.org.

Adoption Specials: 50% off all adoptions until April 14th. You will also receive a goody bag filled with awesome items for your newly adopted pet.

Upcoming Fundraisers/Events: Check out the FHS website and Facebook for information on the upcoming Yappy Hour hosted by Loping Gopher Tap Room.

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@flaglerhumane.org for questions.

FHS has a *Wellness Clinic* for minor veterinary issues. Call 386-445-1814 for Appointments. *Low Cost Vaccination Clinics* are held every Saturday from 1pm-3pm.

FHS also offers a *"Furry Friend 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/Instagram/Website at www.flaglerhumane.org, or via email at info@flaglerhumane.org.

Pet of the Week



CHEER

Cheer is a sweet neutered male terrier mix. He is approximately 2 years old and up to date on his vaccinations. He does currently have an injury to his leg that is being treated. We are unsure at this time if surgery will be required. Cheer would love to have a home ready for him if and when he has to have surgery. Recovering at the shelter can be ruff! Come and meet this awesome boy today.

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