



Awards & Recognition

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The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, annually recognizes communities that effectively manage their public tree resources. Palm Coast has earned the Tree City USA recognition each year since 2005.

The Tree City USA Growth Award is provided by The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America. This award is designed not only to recognize achievement, but also to communicate new ideas and help the leaders of all Tree City USAs plan for improving community tree care. Palm Coast has earned the Growth Award every year since 2006.



The City's "Water Buoys" team claimed its eighth TOP OPS State Championship on April 8, successfully challenging water treatment teams from other Florida entities in a fast-paced question/answer competition.



The annual Florida Water Resource Conference (FWRC) is a joint conference of the American Water Works Association, The Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA), and the Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association (FWPCOA).

The City's state-champion TOP OPS Team will compete for the top national honors at the American Water Works Association Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) to be held in Boston, Mass., June 8 to 12. Since 2005, the Water Buoys have won the national competition four times.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant received the Florida Water Environment Association's (FWEA) Top Ten Safety Award for its well organized and executed safety program including training which resulted in no lost time accidents of any type in calendar year 2013.



The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency (FDEP) honored the City of Palm Coast' Water Plants 1, 2 and 3 with their 2013 Plant Excellence Award. The three plants received recognition for their outstanding plant appearance, staff training and certification, safety, emergency preparedness, record keeping, conservation and customer relations. The department is the only Florida Utility to receive this year's award in the FDEP's Northeast 19-county region and it is the fourth year since 2008 that all three Palm Coast plants were considered and awarded.



Ranked by IHS Global Insight Economists as one of 21 U.S. metro areas to grow at a rate above 4% through 2020.

Chosen as the Wall Street Journal's seventh-ranked Best Small Places for Business and Careers and Where To Retire Magazine's top eight low-cost cities in the US for retirement.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



Palm Coast has won the 2014 Voice of the People Award for Transformation in Economy. The Voice of the People Awards are awarded by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) to the communities with the highest rated services as voiced by their own residents. Winners are identified from the communities that conducted The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS) in 2013 and showed the greatest improvements in ratings from their last survey.

Earned the Forbes Magazine designation as the nation's No. 7 City for the Best Small Places for Business and Careers.

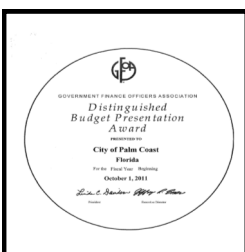


ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TREASURERS
UNITED STATES & CANADA

The Association of Public Treasurers of the United States & Canada is pleased to present the City of Palm Coast with the Association's Investment Policy Certificate of Excellence Award.

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is pleased to announce that Palm Coast, Florida, is being recognized for its performance management efforts with a Certificate of Distinction from the ICMA Center for Performance Analytics™.

"The certificate program recognizes the principles of performance management," said Randall H. Reid, ICMA Director of Performance Initiatives. "Jurisdictions meeting the qualifications have demonstrated leadership in continuous improvement and community engagement, and they serve as examples for other governments to follow."



GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting (13 consecutive years)

GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (11 consecutive years)

GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting

2014 Silver Communicator Award!

The redesigned City website, created by the Information Technology Department with input from the Branding Team and the Communications & Marketing Division, won the 2014 Silver Communicator Award.

A Public Safety Award was received from the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC)

The Fire Department was awarded the Regional Award for Excellence in Public Safety for its efforts to educate residents on the importance of keeping their smoke detectors in good operating order. The Fire Department was invited to a neighborhood event, to 300 homes, and changed 2100 smoke detector batteries. In addition, staff in-house created a Public Service Announcement video that was funny but with a serious message on the importance of changing the batteries in your smoke detector.



From left to right: NEFRC President Kenny Eubanks, Palm Coast Utility Development Manager Stephen Flanagan, Environmental Specialist Brian Matthews, and NEFRC CEO Brian Teeple

The Regional Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship

The City of Palm Coast is an example of how municipalities are approaching water conservation in a globally innovative way through the Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project. This project is a multifaceted approach to improving water quality, conserving water and reducing impacts on water supply.

According to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff, they are not aware of another project just like the ZLD project in the State of Florida. The ZLD process will allow the City to recover and treat nearly 100 percent of the concentrate produced by the water treatment plan, which is currently being discharge to a surface water body.

2014 NATOA Government Programming Award Received

Honorable Mention received for the documentary of the Starlight Tornado – After the Storm”



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