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2013 CITIZEN'S ACADEMY APPLICATION

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The City of Palm Coast proudly presents 'The Citizen's Academy' classes, designed to educate residents about the operation of city government.

The Academy is free and limited to approximately 35 City of Palm Coast citizens per session.

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Welcoming David Ferguson TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL

David Ferguson's family will soon be giving a strong economic boost to Palm Coast's economy. His daughter, Shae, will be getting married here next year, inviting 150 people from across the country to stay in our hotels, have meals in our restaurants and shop at our stores. David will not only be proud of his daughter, but he will also be proud of a City that he will now serve.



Following an extensive, rigorous process, the Palm Coast City Council selected David Ferguson as your new City Council Member, representing District #2. Mr. Ferguson will serve the community until November, 2014. During a recent interview, he shared some enlightening information about his life that clarifies why he was chosen for this prominent

Educational Background: I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Drexel University in Philadelphia and an MBA degree in Finance from Georgia State University.

Professional History:

- Business Strategy Consultant/Advisor/Analyst, Flagler County
- Vice President of the Bank Capital Group, Flagler County

What is important for residents to know about you? I have always had a passion for politics, public service and not wasting anyone's time. Through the years, I always try to remember that the journey is often more exciting than the destination. I continue to be a 'results-oriented' person and I've learned to stop and smell the roses, appreciating the process

Can you tell us a little about your family? My family has been my greatest source of pride. My wife, Krysia and I have four daughters: Jocelyn, Hunter, Shae and Brittany. We also have four grandchildren. Krysia and I have been part-time and now full-time residents of Palm Coast for nine years.

What experiences/skills do you have that will benefit the work of this community? The combination of my qualifications, experience, passion and energy will enable me to find solutions to existing problems, anticipate growth issues and provide a platform to measure the City's progress with quantifiable metrics of success. Creating jobs is a critical component, but an atmosphere of 'rising tides lift all boats' will be at the forefront of my concern for all residents.

What direction do you see the City moving in the coming years? My vision for Palm Coast is for the City to evolve more quickly into a more diverse community of younger demographics, with families raising children and more local employment opportunities to complement our already rich haven for retirees. My goal is to preserve the good of Flagler County and expand the pie for all economic groups. Improving education is also a critical dimension.



A Message From The Mayor Jon Netts

I simply love the Disney World ride, "It's A Small World". On my last visit through this delightful animation of international music and dance, I was reminded of the spirit of ethnic diversity and unity that defines Palm Coast. It's a small world right here in our community where hundreds of different cultures live together harmoniously, sharing and learning about our neighbors' customs, race, gender and religion – influencing each other's views, hopes and dreams. Consider these words of 'A Small World's" theme song:

> It's a world of laughter, a world of tears It's a world of hopes and world of fears There's so much that we share That it's time we're aware It's a Small World after all."

I'm honored to live in a place where 76,000 citizens agree that everyone's beliefs and backgrounds are essential to the delicate weave within the fabric of our City. Our culturally diverse festivals and events are always so well attended, a testament to our durable relationships with each other and our work together to build a strong

In a genuine effort to market our City to the world, our staff is planning a unique new campaign. We'll be reaching out to all of our local cultural organizations, encouraging members to partner with us in creating customized videos that highlight the strengths of their experiences in Palm Coast. City staff will produce the videos, with organizations clinching the starring roles. Individualized DVDs will be offered for distribution to everyone's friends and family living in other cities, inviting them to 'Find Their Florida' right here in our community.

This collaboration will not only help to perpetuate the strength of our cultural organizations, but can also help our economy to continue to grow. Do you think your organization might be interested? Please call Beau Falgout at 386-986-3796.





Giving Our Community More While Balancing A Tight Budget.

During these times with leaner budgets, the City of Palm Coast is committed to completing high quality projects using less money. Staff has been trained to take on more construction in-house, with our new eastern gateway feature being one of the latest examples.

The new coquina rock 'Palm Coast' monument sign, which greets and guides residents and visitors to our beautiful community, was designed and built by City crews at half the cost to taxpayers compared to contractor prices. Located at the intersection of Palm Coast Parkway and Palm Harbor Drive, it features attractive landscaping and is lighted using a solar panel that also lights the nearby panther statue at the eastern end of Linear Park. The four-week project included re-design of the pedestrian crossing at the intersection to improve safety along the sidewalk, as well as drainage and irrigation work. All of the improvements follow the City's philosophy of providing an attractive and enticing welcome to our community.

The City is also utilizing in-house crews for other types of projects that were handled by contractors in the past, including median landscaping, sidewalk work, installation of drainage, park construction, playground upgrades and minor road construction.

"The new gateway project is a great example of the excellent quality of the projects designed and constructed in-house by City planners, engineers and Public Works employees," says City Manager Jim Landon. "There is a significant cost-savings to completing jobs using our own crews. Our employees also complete the projects in a timely manner with consistent quality work. We will continue to take this approach whenever possible."

City Desk News From City Departments





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About Holiday Trash Pick-Up:

There will be no trash pick-up on Christmas and New Year's Days, Tuesday, December 25 and January 1. Regular Tuesday pick-up will be scheduled on Wednesday; Thursday and Friday pick-up will remain as usual and Waste Pro will pick-up yard waste on Saturday.

About Our New Run Along Waterfront Park:

Join the City's brand new Waterfront Park 10 mile/5K Run/Walk on Saturday, January 19th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded to runners, ages 14-80. The event begins at 8am at Waterfront Park, along the Intracoastal Waterway. Log onto palmcoastgov.com for details.



About Your Yard Waste Removal:

If your landscape contractor trims an over-abundance from your trees and shrubs on your property, please be sure to have them haul it away. Waste Pro will remove your standard-sized yard waste (no bundling necessary!) – a reasonable volume of grass clippings, branches and twigs that accumulate from week to week. However, they may charge a fee for excessive piles that require more than an average truck for removal. Please call Customer Service for more information: 386-986-2360.



About Our Men's Futures Tennis Tournament:

The Palm Coast Tennis Center will welcome young pros to play at the Annual \$10,000 USTA Pro Circuit Men's Futures Tournament from January 25th-February 3rd. 128 International players will compete on our prestigious clay court facility with free admission offered for the beginning qualifying rounds and special pricing for the rest of the competition's thrilling live action on the courts. Related tennis events will include a Free Kids Day and Pro Am play for you to volley on the courts with the pros for a slight fee. For ticket information, go to palmcoasttenniscenter.com or call the Center at 386-986-2550.



About the City's FiberNET Connections:

Palm Coast's only all-fiber network for high-speed internet, telephone and other telecommunications services is now available along Palm Coast Pkwy, Belle Terre Pkwy, in Town Center and along US 1. The network connects businesses to a dedicated fiber optic cable so their speed for these services



stays constant and doesn't lag during peak usage times. Presently, the City has connected all of their facilities, as well as the Florida Hospital Flagler complex, the Flagler Schools and many other local businesses. If you are interested in more information, please call Palm Coast's IT Director, Steve Viscardi at 386-986-4732.



Your smart phone will soon be the key to unlocking all the unique treasures in Waterfront Park along the Intracoastal Waterway! Where are the manatees, dolphins, birds and exotic wildlife and exactly what can you learn?? QR Codes will soon be installed throughout the park, with a grand opening expected in spring. Watch for more details about this awesome experience.

