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GAMES PEOPLE PLAY...

The names may be odd, but the games are great. Palm Coast proudly introduces Foot Golf, Pickle Ball and Croquet to our community, wholesome physical activity for absolutely everyone, ages 5-85. What do you know about these sports?

Foot Golf — A new national sport that was organized just a few years ago, Foot Golf combines the precision of golf with the energy of soccer. The object of the game is for players to kick a soccer ball into a large, sculpted cup, using as few shots per hole as possible. Foot Golf is played alongside the grounds of a traditional golf course. Our local Palm Harbor Golf Course is the only Foot Golf course presently established in our area, where nine holes have been framed parallel to the standard course holes. Golfers and Foot Golfers will play at separate times at Palm Harbor, but all will enjoy the beauty and pleasurable amenities at the City's course.

Pickle Ball — A simple yet animated racquet game, Pickle Ball was founded in 1965 by inventor Jack Pritchard who named the sport after his dog, Pickles. The game is a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong. Singles, doubles and mixed-doubles players use a paddle to volley a perforated ball over the net and the first to score eleven points wins the game. Palm Coast's very first Pickle Ball courts have been set up at Belle Terre Park.

Croquet — The object of this historic, genteel game is to advance a hard ball along a grass course by hitting it with a mallet through a series of curved 'wickets.' Once called lawn bowling by royalty, croquet can be traced back to 1600's Europe. Palm Coast has added this game to the numerous activities already offered at James Holland Park. Please bring your own equipment to play.

Recreation in Palm Coast is all about friends and families enjoying time outdoors in our beautiful weather. Whether we go back in time to the centuries-old game of croquet or fast forward to the rising popularity of Pickle Ball and Foot Golf, City staff and residents are working together to support relaxation and good times for young and old in Palm Coast. Introducing these new opportunities to tourists and sports organizations will bring more tournaments to Palm Coast, enhancing our emerging reputation as a family sports venue.

To learn more about Pickle Ball, Foot Golf and Croquet in Palm Coast, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 386-986-2323.


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A Message From The Mayor Jon Netts

Your doorbell rings and you find a contractor at the other side of your front door, validating that your roof needs repair or your trees need to be trimmed. His/her business card looks legitimate and the truck logo seems official, but please remember that you need to be cautious. Whether you've requested a quote or not, you need to verify that the person standing at your door is a professionally licensed contractor.

Why? It's hurricane season and the perfect time of year when all sorts of construction 'providers' look for new customers. Consider these possible consequences of having an unlicensed contractor do your work:

- You may eventually be liable for personal or financial reimbursements or property damage because an unlicensed contractor has no insurance.
- Unscrupulous service providers can disappear with your deposit money and not complete a job.
- Con artists often pose as experts, taking advantage of homeowners at vulnerable times of year.

Hiring a professional is not just good protection for you. It is a Florida law. Only the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation has the legal authority to discipline an unlicensed contractor or revoke a license.

This is a partial list of construction industry services that require a license:

Air conditioning • General or residential contractor
(including aluminum closure repairs)
Electrician • Plumber • Pool contractor • Roofer
Sheet metal or solar contractor

To protect yourself from unlicensed contractors or salespeople who come to your door, always ask to see an official Door-to-Door Solicitation Permit. Only religious organizations or political candidates are exempt from carrying this permit.

Hurricane season is here, so especially this time of year, ask to see a license before hiring a contractor. Ask friends and family for specific referrals. You can verify a license number by contacting the City's Building Department at 986-3780 or log onto www.myfloridalicense.com. If you encounter unlicensed activity, report it at 1-850-487-1395. If you have a question about a Solicitation Permit, call 386-986-3766.

Let's help protect each other to make sure unscrupulous contractors or deceitful salespeople are not welcome in Palm Coast.



Make Your Voice Count... **VOTE!**

If you are a registered voter in Flagler County and believe it is essential to have a say in the future of the City of Palm Coast and other local County and State elected offices, please vote in the upcoming primary election on August 26th.



The polls are open from 7am to 7pm and you must vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day. Your polling location information is located on your Voter Information Card as well as at www.FlaglerElections.com. Acceptable photo and signature identification is required at the polls. Florida is a Closed Primary State, meaning you must vote the Party in which you are registered in the primary election. However, all voters are eligible to vote in nonpartisan races. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER RACES for PALM COAST Districts 2 and 4 WILL APPEAR ON ALL BALLOTS FOR CITY OF PALM COAST VOTERS.

All registered voters are eligible to vote early, vote by mail or vote at the polls on Election Day. If you cannot vote in person on Election Day, August 26th, at your assigned polling location, please request your absentee ballot today at www.FlaglerElections.com, or call 386-313-4170, or vote at any one of the three locations listed below during the early voting period:

Locations for Early Voting, open Aug. 11-23 from 10am-6pm

1. Supervisor of Elections Office, 1769 Moody Blvd., Bunnell
2. Flagler County Library, Palm Coast Branch at 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy NW, Palm Coast
3. Palm Coast Community Center at 305 Palm Coast Pkwy. NE, Palm Coast

Additional facts you need to know:

1. City elections are both non-partisan and at-large. Palm Coast voters can cast ballots for any Council Member candidate(s) from any District.
2. District 2 and District 4 City Council Member seats will be listed on the 2014 Primary Election ballot. 2014 is the first year that Palm Coast will not have a stand-alone election.
3. The Supervisor of Elections mailed a sample ballot to each voter's household. The sample ballot was also printed in the Flagler Palm Coast News Tribune and is viewable on the Supervisor's website at www.FlaglerElections.com

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About Long Creek Nature Preserve:

Words can't adequately describe the splendor you will soon experience at Long Creek Nature Preserve. This coming fall, residents will enjoy this beautiful sanctuary, nine acres located on the east side of Palm Coast between the College Waterway and nearby marshlands. Kayakers, canoeists and fishermen will savor direct access to blue fish, mullet, flounder, manatees and dolphins at new piers, launches and floating docks extending into the canals and wetland. Other amenities will include wheelchair accommodation, colossal coquina rock lining the waterfront, balcony-style overhangs that extend into the canal for a closer view. See all this for yourselves very soon.



About Three Years of Success for the Business Assistance Center:

A recent business survey documents that Palm Coast BAC business clients have generated \$21.3 million in local economic impact over the Center's past three years of operation. Mentors have provided 1,400 business counseling sessions and 3,500 hours of training. These services added 169 jobs in Palm Coast and greater Flagler County, retaining and saving an additional 36 jobs.

The Palm Coast Business Assistance Center was established in 2011 as part of the City Council's Prosperity 2021 Strategic Economic Development Plan to grow a stronger economy. The mission of the BAC provides start-up and existing businesses with personalized service such as business plans, sales and marketing, budgets and inventory control.



About the 2014 Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup:

Waterway and path cleanup volunteers are needed for the City's Annual Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup Event on Saturday, Sept. 6. Groups will gather at 8am at the Palm Coast Community Center to remove trash laying on the Intracoastal walkways or floating the canals. The City will distribute free cleaning supplies for this cleanup. Upon completion, volunteers will return to the Community Center for free snacks and beverages and an awards ceremony to recognize those who discover the most unique trash. Register at www.palmcoastgov.com



About the Pink Army Run:

The Fourth Annual Pink Army 5K Run/One Mile Support Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12, 7:45am. Participants will race round trip from Florida Hospital Flagler to Central Park. Special entry rates for youths, grades K-12, encourage the whole family to have fun and exercise together. First, second and third place honors will be awarded to runners in 15 age categories. 100% of the proceeds for the Pink Army Run will be donated to qualified Flagler patients who need mammograms and other diagnostic services. To register for the event, go to www.palmcoastgov.com/PinkArmy5K



About the Autumn Trails 5K Run/Walk:

The shotgun goes off at 7:45am at the Palm Coast Community Center on Sat., Sept. 13 for a vigorous run through Linear Park. Call 386-986-2323 for more information.



About Our Popular Annual Financial Report:

If you're interested in examining a reader-friendly overview of the City of Palm Coast's financial activities for Fiscal Year 2013, log onto www.palmcoastgov.com. The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) gives citizens an overall financial analysis of activities, revenues, assets, debts and a preview of next year's budget. Printed copies are also available at all City facilities. Contact Chris Quinn, Finance Director at 386-986-4745 with questions.



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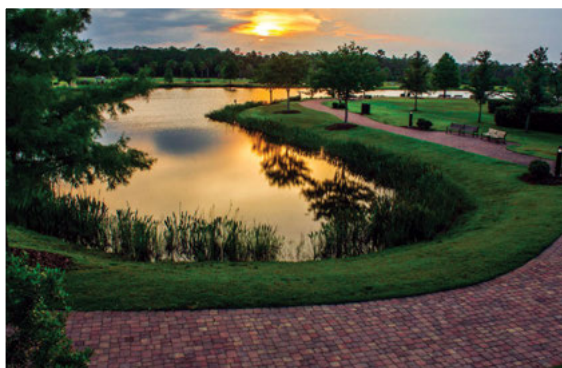


The City of Palm Coast is honored to
announce the winners of its 2014

Find Your Florida Photo Contest



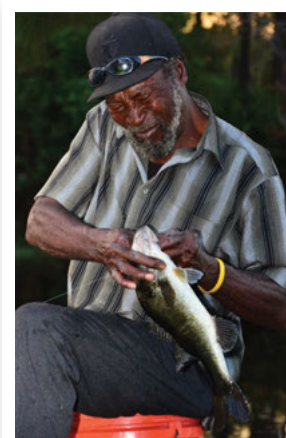
First Place: Ilya Ellerin's
"We are the Champions Again"



Third Place (Tie): Tyson Kinnison's
"Perfect Path"



Second Place: Duane Van Horn's
"Making Friends"



Third Place (Tie): Ilya Ellerin's
"Where is My Hook"

Honorable Mention goes to photos taken by: Richard Acheson, Marjorie Casey, Ilya Ellerin, Joan Twing, Paula Sala, Vern Williams. **Gift cards were awarded to the winners and photos will be posted at www.palmcoastgov.com/photocontest**

In a separate City of Palm Coast employee photo contest, the following winners were recently honored: 1st - Larry Fitzgerald, 2nd - Leo Chumaceiro, 3rd - Mike Beadle.

