It’s been a long time coming! Fifteen years ago, in December of 1999, 32,700 residents voted to incorporate Palm Coast as a Florida municipality. In 2000, we elected our first Mayor, four-member City Council and hired our first City Manager. Ever since then, Palm Coast government officials have been working to improve and enhance the quality of life for residents, providing a solid long-term vision for a growing community. Our leaders purchased environmentally-sensitive land to protect and preserve it for future generations; they constructed two new water plants to provide high quality water; they built five fire stations to keep our community safe; they designated land for a Town Center, earmarked to become the heart of our City. And along the way, our community continued to touch each other’s lives by remembering what is most important for our future together: integrity, diversity and harmony.

City Hall will also stand out as an outstanding example of green building, being LEED certified by the US Green Building Council as environmentally sustainable and energy efficient.

Most of us have moved to Palm Coast from somewhere else across the globe. We brought different experiences with us, but it is at 160 Lake Avenue in Town Center that we will join together with pride and respect to make our future even brighter. It is my earnest conviction that Palm Coast’s City Hall will become a hub of energy where our citizens can interact with their government and where expanded commercial and social activities will be stimulated.

City growth requires investment and expansion. Investment in this City Hall will create and enhance opportunities to bring quality business and jobs to Town Center and other city locations. Our home here in Central Park will be one of the first locations in an expanding development to make this downtown area an inviting place to live, work and play. It’s been a long and arduous road and it took a great deal of hard work and dedication to bring this project together for our community. We’re finally on our way and I look forward to being part of Palm Coast getting started on our future.

Jon Netts
Mayor

Making Our Future Together

Throughout continual strategic planning, the City of Palm Coast has created a clear vision for our future – to provide an excellent quality of life for our residents, visitors, grow the local economy and protect the natural environment. The City updates its Capital Improvement Plan every year, upgrading our infrastructure, building new roads and trails, and beautifying Palm Coast through landscaping and signature signage. The new gateway into Town Center at Bulldog Drive is one example of how we’re Making Our Future Together. As we celebrate our 15th birthday as a City, learn more at www.palmcoastgov.com/future.
Heidi – While I was in high school, I worked as a part time secretary for John Hancock Life. Later I moved on to the loan, dividends, surrender and endorsements divisions and was soon promoted to Senior Case Analyst. After my children were born, I built a home in Cornwall, New York and opened a business for conveyer installation. Along with 200 Union Millwright workers, we successfully completed the installation for the conveyer of the largest post office in Manhattan. Next, I opened my own educational music business as a learning experience for kids and parents. And I also worked as an assistant facilities manager for a Massachusetts Mental Health facility. When I moved to Palm Coast, I began working at Central Florida Regional Hospital utilizing my Associate degree from Keiser University. I also took a Hologic course, passed the boards in mammography and went on to head a local Mammography department performing routine and diagnostic exams. After completing another course, I began completing biopsies and wire localizations.

What is most important for residents to know about you? Steve – Nothing in my mind is pre-determined and certain. I am open to all sides of an issue. I firmly believe our country was formed on the ‘two wings of an eagle’ premise: we have conservative and liberal citizens in our nation and we need to fly with both of them.

Heidi – I serve on the City Council strictly as a member of the community, along with my three grandchildren. For me, this is personal. I want this community to continue to have all the great services we offer now and to do so, we need to have a goal of promoting growth.

If you could determine your own eventual legacy as a City Council Member, would it be? Steve – My vision for this community would embrace Palm Coast as a generational city where grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren can all live and grow together in this beautiful place with good solid jobs and a high quality of life. So far, our City Council has done a good job with building on our infrastructure. Now we need to get to the next plateau. Heidi – I hope I would be known for being a part of something that benefits the whole community. I would love to have a place here in Palm Coast to be able to enjoy a symphony – for myself and my entire family. I also would love to see something new and exciting at the historical Agricultural Museum.

Can you tell us about your family? Steve – I’ve been married to my lovely wife, Angela, for 35 years. We have a daughter, Dana who is 30 years old and is my business partner. I also have two stepdaughters – Jennifer and Kristen.

Heidi – I’ve been married to my husband, Marvin for five years. My son, Richard, works in Washington, D.C. and he has a daughter, Sofia. My younger son, Mikey is employed at Palm Coast Data. He recently passed his EMT exams and is waiting to begin firefighter training. He has two sons, Mikey, Jr and Titan Joseph. I also have two stepdaughters – Jennifer and Kristen.

Is there one characteristic about yourself that very few people know? Steve – Our house on Byrnm Place has been one of the most well-known spots in Palm Coast as ‘THE place to drive by to see our Christmas decorations. For the past 33 years, hundreds of cars steer around our home to enjoy our displays.’ Heidi – I’m pretty much an open book from my Facebook. I will not make promise that I cannot keep.

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Future phases will allow for subsequent expansion including a community wing with a main meeting room and prep kitchen for community events or rentals and restrooms for Central Park visitors.

The building should be ready for occupancy by Fall/Winter of 2013.

Heidi Shipley (District #2) and Steve Nobile (District #4) have been selected by the Palm Coast electorate to serve alongside Mayor Jon Netts and Council Members Bill McGuire and Jason DeLorenzo on the Palm Coast City Council. They recently answered some questions to help you better understand why they were elected.

Can you tell us about your educational background? Steve – I’ve been a Palm Coast resident for 33 years, moving here from Brooklyn. After receiving my GED and passing pre-engineering classes at Kingsborough Community College, I needed to move forward in life by combining my entrepreneurial ambition with the resources I’d accumulated, so I launched HSDS (Home Self Defense Specialties). We’ve expanded the business: HSDS (Home Self Defense Specialties), P.S.C. (Palm Springs Consulting) and cottage industries, so I launched two more businesses on my own: a blue jean distribution center and a car radio parts manufacturing company. Both experiences helped me to develop the inventive and practical capacity that I knew was inside of me.

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