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Our General Election is Finally Here!

Fall is the season for researching candidates and the time is now approaching to analyze your research and vote. The Palm Coast community is preparing for an important general election. Early voting is Mon., Oct. 20 through Fri., Nov 1 at the Flagler County Library/ Palm Coast Branch, Palm Coast Community Center and Supervisor of Elections Office. Election Day is Tues., Nov. 4. Voters will choose City Council members to represent Districts #2 & #4, as well as other county and state officials. On Election Day, voters must cast general election ballots only at their assigned polling locations, located on all Voter Information Cards.



For all details, here is a message from the Flagler County Supervisor of Elections:

Make Your Voice Count—Register and Vote!
To be eligible to VOTE in the November 4th General Election
You must be registered to Vote by October 6, 2014

If you believe it is essential to have a say in the future of the City of Palm Coast and other local county, and state elected officials, then vote in the upcoming November 4th General Election.

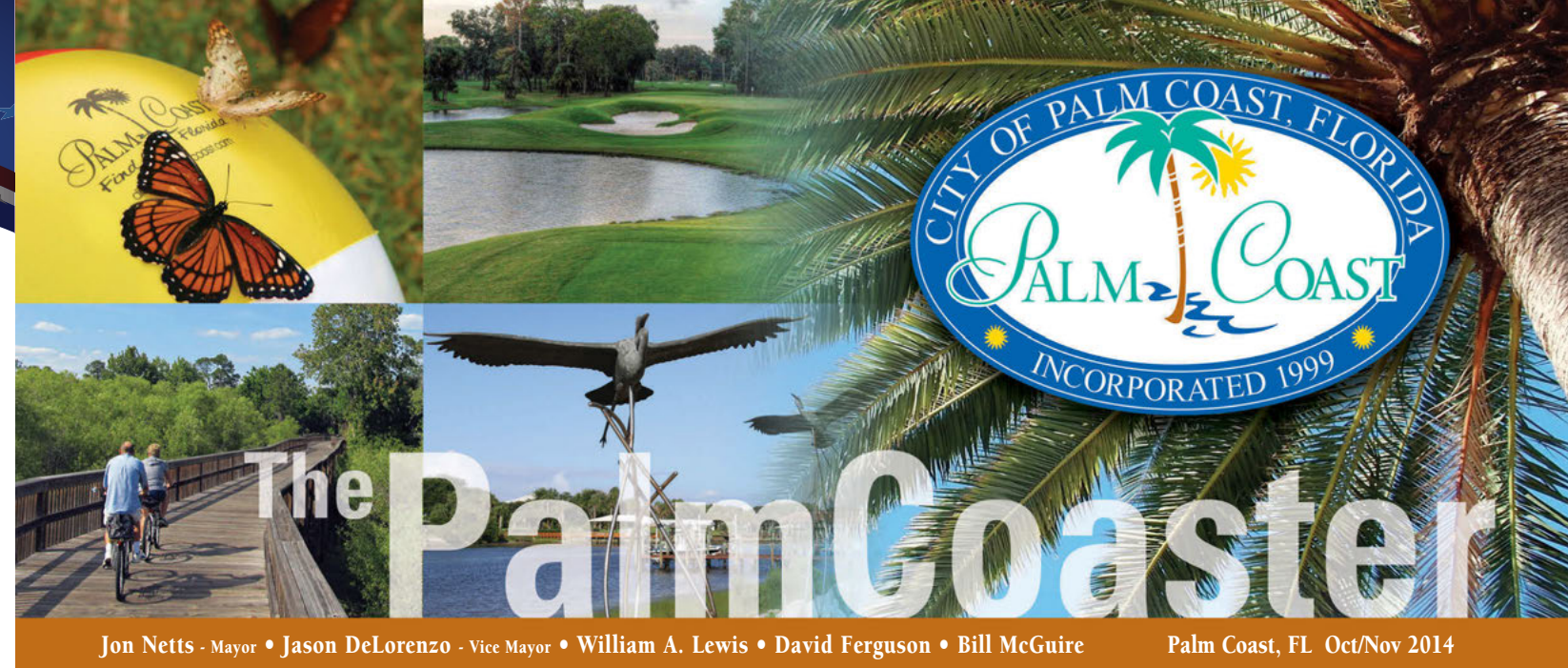
- Book closing to be eligible to vote in this election is October 6, 2014, so register to vote today!
- Early voting will be available from October 20-November 1, from 10am-6pm at the three convenient locations listed below.
- All registered voters are eligible to vote early, vote by mail, or vote at the polls Election Day. Request your absentee ballot today on line at www.FlaglerElections.com or call 386-313-4170.
- Acceptable Photo and Signature Identification is required to vote at the polls.
- You must vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day if you have not voted by mail or voted early. Your polling location information is located on your Voter Information Card.
- You can obtain your polling location information or request an absentee ballot at www.FlaglerElections.com or by calling 386-313-4170.

Locations for Early Voting

Early Voting is scheduled from Oct. 20- November 1, 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, 305 Palm Coast Pkwy. NE, Palm Coast

Kimberle Weeks, Flagler County Supervisor of Elections



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Let's get right to it. Here is a progress report for some of the major projects going on in Palm Coast:

BULLDOG DRIVE – Improved Flagler Palm Coast High School traffic patterns are moving vehicles more quickly and upgraded drainage systems are alleviating flooding. Bulldog Drive is rapidly becoming the premier gateway to Palm Coast's Town Center, at the corner of Bulldog Drive and SR100. The project is wrapping up to complete the beautification with new landscaping and gateway feature.



INDIAN TRAILS SPORTS COMPLEX FIELDS – Thousands of young soccer, rugby, lacrosse and flag football players are enjoying Palm Coast's reconditioned, redesigned athletic fields. Thanks to a partnership between the City of Palm Coast, Flagler Schools and the Tourism Development Council, two new fields have been added at the Indian Trails Middle School, bringing the total number of premier fields to ten at our Sports Complex. The renovated facility will introduce our City to many sports-oriented families across the nation, continuing to boost our local recognition and economy.



LONG CREEK NATURE PRESERVE – We're re-inventing public access to the most beautiful natural wildlife wilderness, right here in Palm Coast. Very soon you will be able to catch snapper, trout, flounder or redfish; locate egrets, eagles and cranes; spot wild boar, possum and deer at Long Creek Nature Preserve, located at Palm Harbor Parkway at the main saltwater canal bridge. You can experience the peace of this marshland via a kayak/canoe launch, with direct access to the Intracoastal Waterway and Princess Place Reserve. Watch for the opening of this paradise, scheduled this fall.



PALM COAST PKWY 6-LANING – Motorists who travel along Palm Coast Parkway can see the extensive work being accomplished to six-lane Palm Coast's main roadway. Construction of concrete barrier walls along the bridge overpass, roadway widening, new traffic signals, pipes and drains continues, with the project being approximately 35% complete.





A Message From The Mayor

Jon Netts

Author and motivational speaker Harold McAlindon once said, "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Most certainly, our City of Palm Coast employees venture in directions not often taken by others. As resourceful leaders, their inventive ideas continue to be acknowledged by state and national organizations. I am honored to give credit to our departments and employees who've recently been recognized for the work they do for the citizens of Palm Coast.

Finance Department: Finance Director Chris Quinn and his team received their thirteenth Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, reflecting the highest principles of government budget reporting and presentation.

Utility Department: Top Op's Team Jim Hogan, Fred Greiner, Tom Martens and Peter Rousell were honored with their fifth National Championship from the American Water Works Assoc. for successfully competing in a competition with other teams about water operations. Environment Specialist Brian Matthews was named Educator of the Decade from the Southeast Desalting Assoc. for his exceptional training of treatment facility operators regarding membrane technologies.

IT Dept/Communications & Mktg. Division. Staff was awarded two Communicator Awards of Distinction for the re-design of our user-friendly website and an innovative video reporting our response to the Dec. 14, 2013, Starlight Tornado.

City of Palm Coast:

- Recognized by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the Florida City/County Management Association (FCCMA) and Alliance for Innovation, for its integrated teamwork between employees, City Council and the community. Partners created and implemented a Strategic Action Plan that guides and tracks the City's vision for improving quality of life, grow the local economy and protect the natural environment and infrastructure over the next five years. City Administration Coordinator Denise Bevan, Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Forte, Planner Constance Bentley and Financial Analyst Lina Williams led a proud team of ten employees with this endeavor. Staff was invited to make several presentations to share our successes with other national cities.
- Accepted the ICMA Award of Distinction for our performance measurement reporting system.
- Earned the Forbes Magazine designation as the nation's No. 7 City for the Best Small Places for Business and Careers.
- Received a Voice of the People Award from the ICMA for the increase in favorable responses in Palm Coast's National Citizen Survey for improvements in our local economy.
- Named Beyond.com's 10th easiest place in the nation to make a hire.
- 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.
- Ranked by IHS Global Insight Economists as one of 21 U.S. metro areas to grow at a rate above 4% through 2020.

I hope you join with me in recognizing and applauding the hard work, creativity and dedication of our City staff.

Take Tornadoes Seriously

Think back to Saturday evening, December 13, 2013. As a dangerous tornado approached Palm Coast, CodeRED and the media rapidly alerted the community, hoping to save lives and prevent property damage. Did you follow instructions to take cover when you received these warnings? If you're like most residents, your answer is probably 'no.'

Could it be that residents don't comprehend the severe potency of southeast regional tornadoes? Because Florida is surrounded by water, tornado season occurs all year long. Storms strike this peninsula-shaped state when a jet stream crosses from the north into our state, accompanied by a strong cold front, a squall line of storms and wind that combine to form 'super cells.' These cells move quickly and furiously, often looking and acting differently than those many of us experienced in the Plain states, Midwest and Northeast.

Could it be that people who move to Florida concern themselves with only hurricanes and not tornadoes? Very possibly. People often underestimate nature and believe that tornadoes are northern storms and hurricanes are southern storms. Those who've moved here from 'Tornado Alley' (Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois) and states on the East Coast may presume that moving to Florida makes them immune to tornadoes. According to the Weather Channel, Florida ranks first in the U.S. for having the most tornadoes strike annually. Yet the Sunshine State more often prepares residents for hurricanes. Tornadoes can be an afterthought, even though they strike quicker than hurricanes and lead time warnings average only 12 minutes.

Here are some truths to remember:

- The safest place in a tornado is inside where there are no windows. If you are near a window or door, KEEP THEM SHUT! It is a myth that open windows and door equalize pressure.
- If you are in a vehicle, get out of your car and seek shelter in a ditch or below ground.
- Listen to NOAA weather radio, programmed strictly for Flagler County's frequencies: 162.400 and 162.425. The Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) code for Flagler County is 012035.
- Always have a family plan developed just in case you are separated: what would family members do if they are at work or school?
- Take your pet with you wherever you go.

The CodeRED and Weather Warning notification system will send you speedy notification on your home or cell phone. To register, call 386-986-2360, 386-313-4200 or sign up at www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency.

City Desk

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About Irrigating Your Landscaping This Winter:

During Eastern Standard Time (November 2, 2014-March 8, 2015), residents can water lawns and shrubs according to the City's Water Conservation Policy:

- 1 – Irrigation is limited to one day per week: Odd-numbered addresses on Saturday; Even-numbered addresses on Sunday; Non-residents (businesses) on Tuesday.
- 2 – Irrigation is allowed between 4 pm and 10am for users of private irrigation wells
- 3 – Residents using city water may irrigate only between midnight and 10am.
- 4 – Hand-held hoses equipped with automatic shut-off nozzles are allowed at any time.
- 5 – Micro irrigation (drip systems and bubblers) are allowed at any time.
- 6 – Reclaimed water usage is allowed at any time, but when reclaimed water is available, the use of private irrigation wells is not authorized.

These restrictions apply to water withdrawn from ground or surface water, from a private well or pump or from a public or private water utility. They do not apply to irrigation using reclaimed water or storm water. Additional information is available at www.palmcoastgov.com.



About the BAC Expo:

Business owners and community stakeholders always look forward to participating in the Palm Coast Business Assistance Center's Annual Expo. The 2014 event, "Be In It to Win It," will be held on Fri., Nov. 7, at the Hammock Beach Resort. Uniquely innovative organizations will make presentations, such as the Orlando Magic, Disney Corp., Salamander Resorts, Coastal Cloud and Franklin Covey. Registration is available at 386-986-2499 or www.bacexpo.com.



About Upcoming Happy Community Events:

Annual Halloween Hall of Terror: Thurs/Fri, Oct. 30-31, 6-11pm at Fire Station 21, 9 Corporate Dr. Free admission includes all the gruesome Halloween scares you can handle, ages 10+. Call 386-986-2300.

Food Truck Tuesday: Nov. 18, 5-8pm in Central Park at Town Center. Feast on delicious gourmet goodies and enjoy free entertainment, with proceeds going to the Frank Celico Foundation for bicycle safety. Call 386-986-2323.

Annual Thanksgiving Feet to Feast Run: First lace your holiday turkey, then lace up your running shoes for our 15 and 5K Run/Walk through Waterfront Park, Graham Swamp and Linear Park trails. The event begins at 7:45am at Daytona State College. Register at www.palmcoastgov.com/FeetToFeast or call 386-986-2323.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony: Mon, Dec. 1, will light up your holiday season with Santa and the Rotary Club of Flagler County's fabulous Fantasy Light displays, illuminated and open for business at 6:30pm at Central Park in Town Center.

About Holiday Trash Pick Up:

Please note that during the holiday season, trash pick-up schedules are altered just a bit. Instead of the Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27 pickup, Waste Pro will collect trash on Fri, Nov. 28. Friday's usual pick up will be moved to Sat, Nov. 29. The same schedule will take place on the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

About the Birds of a Feather Fest:

It'll be fun for the whole flock on Feb. 6-8, 2015 at Palm Coast first Annual Birds of a Feather Fest. Flagler County is a birding/hiking paradise and we're proud to show off just a bit. Watch for more info.

