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It’s Primary Time
Yes, there’s a crucial national presidential election going on this year, but Palm Coast residents also have their own crucial local election to consider. The public will be asked to choose a new Mayor and City Council Members to represent Districts #1 & #3.
The following information should answer any election questions you may have:

WHO

MAYORAL CANDIDATES ARE:
John Brady
Milissa Holland
Dennis McDonald
Ronald Radford

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR DISTRICT #1 ARE:
Robert Cuff
Troy DuBose
Sims E. Jones

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR DISTRICT #3 ARE:
Nicholas Klufas
Anita Moeder
Pam Richardson

WHEN – Primary Election: Tuesday, August 30 from 7am to 7pm. Early voting is scheduled Mon. Aug. 15 through Sat., Aug. 27, 10 am to 6pm daily, including weekends.
WHERE – Primary early voting locations are the Flagler Public Library at 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy NW, the Palm Coast Community Center at 305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE and the Flagler Government Services Building at 1769 E. Moody Blvd. Regular primary voting will be held at precincts indicated on your voter registration cards.
WHAT – Your elected officials serve four year terms on a non-partisan basis, meaning all residents can cast ballots for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation. Officials also serve at-large, which means that even though City Districts encompass specific geographic areas, residents who live in ANY area of the City can vote for Council Members running in ANY District. All voters can also vote for Mayor.

For more city election information, call the Palm Coast City Clerk’s office at 386-986-3713.
It’s time for me to start cleaning out my desk at City Hall. The close of my Mayoral term makes me both sad and happy, humbled and proud, exhilarated and relieved. Eight years ago, the people of Palm Coast elected me as their first Mayor. A year later I was elected as Council Member from District #2, as Mayor in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Palm Coast has accomplished so much over these past sixteen years. A Mayor alone cannot carry out the business of an entire community. So everything has definitely not been about me. My elected teammates have worked by my side: former Mayor James Canfield, Council Members Jerry Full, Ralph Carter, Jim Holland, Bill Venne, Holsey Moorman, Frank Moser, Mary DiStefano, Alan Peterson, Bill Lewis, Dave Ferguson, Bill McGuire, Jason DeLorenzo, Heidi Shipley. Steve Nobile all have led Palm Coast in establishing these astounding accomplishments:

• Elevated Palm Coast as a State environmental leader, receiving so many prestigious awards at all levels from many commissions, coalitions and organizations.
• Expanded recreational opportunities with the construction of Waterfront Park, Ralph Carter Park, a new clay court Tennis Center, Long Creek Preserve, as well as the renovation of the Palm Harbor Golf Club, Indian Trail Sports Complex, Belle Terre Park, Seminole Woods Park and Central Park in Town Center.
• Built four new fire stations, one new water treatment plant and began construction of a second wastewater treatment plant.
• Expanded sports tourism as a prominent economic draw to our City. Connecting over 125+ miles of new biking/hiking trails to connect neighborhoods to businesses and schools.
• Built the City’s first City Hall.
• Expanded roadways, such as 6-laning Palm Coast Pkwy and Belle Terre Pkwy and extended Palm Harbor Pkwy to the new Old Kings Rd and I-95/Manatee Woods Pkwy Interchange.
• Addressed a sluggish economy by establishing a Prosperity 2021 plan to enhance neighborhoods and homes, encourage new local businesses to open here and create the Business Assistance Center to offer free personalized business consulting services.
• Empowered programs such as recycling and an innovative, one-of-a-kind Dosepot Household Hazardous Waste program with incentives for the community to participate.
• Adopted Palm Coast’s first Green Development Incentive Ordinance to offer incentives to builders who adopt energy efficient practices and the City’s first Unified Land Development Code setting forth requirements and procedures to govern land usage.
• Rehabilitated 25 miles of swales and resurfaced 50 miles of roads each year.
• Opened its existing fiber network for local business use, increasing Palm Coast’s role in the advancement broadband telecommunication services and affordable Internet access.

It’s been a great sixteen years. There’s more reminiscing to come in our next newsletter, distributed in October/November.

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About Registering for CodeRED: Nothing is more important during weather emergencies or disasters than instant communication and safety. If you register on the City’s free CodeRED system, we can immediately and automatically alert you of threatening or dangerous situations in Palm Coast, assuring your knowledge of the situation will keep you safe. Go online to www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency or call 386-986-2360.

About Upcoming Special Events:

8th Annual Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup – Sat., Sept. 10, 8am-1pm. We’ll provide everything a volunteer will need to clean up across our community’s precious waterways. Event begins at the Palm Coast Community Center, 305 Palm Coast Parkway NE. Refreshments will be provided after the cleanup, at noon. Registration is required: 386-986-7722 or visit www.palmcoastgov.com/cwc.

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