



Message From The Mayor

Jon Netts



Have you read the article in this newsletter about Palm Coast being named the 39th Most Livable City in the US? Since there are almost 19,500 cities in the United States, I'd say this is a rather notable achievement for a small city.

Naturally, if we're to keep moving up the ranks from 39th, your elected officials are challenged to continue to offer a rich community experience while, at the same time, meeting the needs of new residents. Since there's no doubt that Palm Coast will continue to grow, we want to be able to offer the same lifestyle vibrant in environmental sensitivity, leisure opportunities and economic expansion that our original City leaders envisioned many years ago.

Palm Coast is different from many other places to live – by choice. Early Palm Coasters chose to move here, due in part to our love of nature, our green spaces, trees, parks, bike paths and environmental standards. With the upcoming elections in 2016, residents will have an opportunity to either continue along the path of our founding fathers or to make a change. It is essential that voters understand what the issues are so they can choose wisely. I will be working hard this year to continue to articulate this vision for our community.

One of the issues facing Palm Coast is the need to keep up with increased demand for City services that comes with growth. We don't want to see the economic recovery hampered by a lack of services because necessary capital projects are not funded or City staff is not available to process important applications. While the improving economy will make funding somewhat less challenging than in the past, City Council will need to ensure that adequate resources are available to meet the needs and expectations of our growing community. At the same time, we need to understand that "growth for growth's sake" by itself is NOT the path we want to follow.

We must see to it that our current infrastructure projects – the Old Kings Rd and Palm Harbor Pkwy extension/bypasses – are completed on time so that the opening of the I-95 interchange at Matanzas Woods Pkwy will not subject nearby residents and high school students and staff to excessive traffic. I look forward to continued cooperation between the City and County to complete these projects – on time and on budget.

With the economic recovery in full swing, there's no doubt that along with residential growth, our business community will continue to invest in Palm Coast. This year, the City will continue our trend to prepare for the future. Important projects such as Wastewater Treatment Plant #2 will begin to provide capacity for future growth. Upgrading our first Community Center and Holland Park facilities will finally get the attention they truly deserve.

Yes, 2016 will be a noteworthy year in Palm Coast.



Modernizing Pipes To Upgrade a Neighborhood

It's time to replace two old drainag pipes laying under Boulder Rock Drive near Plaza Drive. These 40-year old pipes are close to failing, so upgrading them will not only restore their function but will also give a portion of the Indian Trails East neighborhood a needed facelift. Residents will soon have a reconstructed road, upgraded landscaping, new side rails and sidewalk. Palm Coast's signature sign will also be erected at this entryway to the eastern B section, identifying the neighborhood as a welcoming place for visitors and residents.

Beginning in March, here's what you'll see on Boulder Rock Drive:

1. A temporary road will be assembled for vehicles and pedestrians to detour around the construction.
2. A 6x10 foot concrete box culvert will be built and deteriorating pipes will be replaced.
3. Boulder Rock Drive will be rebuilt and re-paved, with attractive features added to enhance the surrounding area.

A new crossing is designed to last for the next 100 years, so our grandchildren and great grandchildren can count on this structure to last for a very long time. No need to call the Engineering Department until 2116.



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About Daylight Savings Time Watering Restrictions: Our standard landscape irrigation policy for Daylight Savings Time goes into effect in 2016 from Sunday, March 13 to Sunday, November 6. Residential and business consumers may water lawns and shrubs according to the following provisions:

- 1 – Irrigation is limited to twice a week: odd-numbered resident addresses irrigate on Wed/Sat; even-numbered resident addresses irrigate on Thurs/Sun; businesses water on Tues/ Fri.
- 2 – Users of private irrigation wells can irrigate between midnight and 10am and between 4pm and midnight, on their designated days.
- 3 – Use of City water for irrigation is limited between midnight and 10am on your designated days.
- 4 – Irrigation is limited to ¾ inch of water per irrigation zone and to no more than one hour per irrigation zone.
- 5 – Hand-held hoses equipped with automatic shut-off nozzles and drip systems/bubblers are both allowed at any time.
- 6 – When reclaimed water is available, use of private irrigation is not authorized. Customers may irrigate with reclaimed water at any time.

Go to www.palmcoastgov.com for more information.

About the Flagler Parade of Homes: The 22nd Annual Flagler Parade of Homes™, presented by the Flagler Home Builders Association, will take place from Mar. 5-13. New models and building innovation will be highlighted as you tour homes created by the County's best builders. Homes will be open 10am to 5pm from Monday through Saturday and noon to 5pm on Sundays. Don't miss this Home Showcase presented by **Kargar Construction**. Visit FlaglerParadeofHomes.com.



About our Upcoming Election: Registered voters in Palm Coast will be asked to cast ballots this year for a Mayor and City Council Members representing Districts #1 and #3. The primary will be held on Tues., Aug. 30 and the general election is Tues., Nov. 8. If you wish to run as a candidate, qualifying information is available by contacting the Palm Coast City Clerk, Virginia Smith, 386-986-3713.

About Temporary Modification of Water Disinfection Treatment Procedures: In order to maintain reliability of our water distribution system, the City of Palm Coast Utility Department will temporarily change the disinfection process for our potable (drinking water) supply. From February 17 through March 23, we will disinfect the water with free chlorine rather than combined chlorine/ammonia (chloramines). This helps to ensure the quality of the drinking water in the distribution system. During this period, customers may experience a slight increase in the taste and odor of chlorine. Customers on dialysis who use a proportioning machine to prepare dialysate are advised to contact their physician to obtain the appropriate steps to accommodate the change in water disinfection. Customers who have fish tanks or aquatic species are advised to contact a professional aquarist to avoid any problems associated with chlorine. Call the Department's Customer Service number, 386-986-2360, with any questions.

About Matanzas Woods/Palm Harbor/Old Kings Roadway Extensions:

Construction is moving steadily on the north end of Palm Harbor Pkwy to create safe, direct access to a newly constructed I-95 interchange at Matanzas Woods Pkwy. Palm Harbor Pkwy at Forest Grove Dr. has been permanently closed to complete a new extension that will directly connect to a new signaled intersection at Old Kings Rd and Matanzas Wood Pkwy. The new Palm Harbor Pkwy extension should open soon. **Watch for continued construction updates about the new interchange.**





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Rest in Peace, Bill Lewis

Two words best describe the legacy that Bill Lewis leaves to Palm Coast – heart and art.

His gentle heart guided him to make caring, intelligent decisions that benefited his constituents. His love for the arts helped to make his community a more aesthetic place in which to live.

Council Member William A. Lewis passed away in December. He served on the City Council from 2008 to 2014, representing the City's fourth District. He advocated for increased grant funding to promote diverse music and art events in Palm Coast. He was a leading supporter for civility in our community, seeking common ground as a starting place for dialogue, listening to what residents had to say and keeping an open mind when weighing all sides of a decision.

Bill Lewis once said that his goal for becoming an involved citizen was to energize and strengthen his community and help produce long term benefits. He graciously achieved his goal and Palm Coast owes him a tremendous debt of gratitude for his dedicated leadership and public service.



What's on Your Calendar for Spring?

Set aside some time this spring to spend time with friends and family at so many community special events.

Movies in the Park – Fri., Mar. 11th:
Grab your blanket, lawn chair, bug spray and head to Central Park in Town Center. We've got a free family flick for you to enjoy on the big screen. The movie begins at dusk and concessions are available.

Food Truck Tuesdays – Tues., Mar. 15th:
Bring your appetite to Central Park in Town Center for a huge variety of tasty appetizers, dinners and desserts. Food truck vendors will be parked along the lake, preparing fresh menus for casual outdoor dining. Proceeds from this food fest are donated to benefit local organizations.

Holiday Eggstravaganza – Sat., Mar. 26th:
The hunt is on for Easter eggs with the Holiday Bunny at 10am in Central Park in Town Center. Enjoy family-friendly activities, refreshments and photos at this playful event. Admission is free.

Spring Break Camp – Mon.-Fri., March 14-18th:
Kids will love the fun activities offered at the City Spring Break Camp, offered at the Palm Coast Community Center. Call 386-986-2323 for details.

Annual Arbor Day Event/5K Root Run & One Mile Flutter Fun Run/Walk – Sat., May 7th:
The shotgun goes off for the Running Series portion of this event at 8am when participants will dash across areas of Town Center to open activities for Arbor Day. Following the Run, guests are invited to our Feed a Mouth/Get a Tree/Grow a Community Event, offering environmental-friendly vendor booths, wildlife exhibits, refreshments and a Butterfly Release at 11am. Free 3-gallon trees will be distributed in exchange for a non-perishable food donation. Arbor Day activities run from 9am-2pm.



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We're the USA's 39th Most Livable City

You're all to be congratulated for choosing to live in such desirable place. 24/7 Wall Street Journal confirms your choice. Based on our local environment, leisure services, economy, education, health, demography, crime, housing and infrastructure, they've ranked Palm Coast as the 39th most livable city in the entire United States.

The online news source gives our housing and economy especially high marks. Moving from staggeringly poor figures in 2008 to startling high growth numbers in 2015, City leaders and residents can be proud that people all across our nation are taking a second look at our hometown.

Much of this success can be attributed to City Council's Prosperity 2021 vision to grow the local economy. Their plan directs attention to updating infrastructure, beautifying neighborhoods, attracting sports tourism and providing responsive code enforcement. Council also established a Business Assistance Center, partnering with the University of Central Florida's Small Business Development Center, to equip local businesses with resources to build a strong, reliable customer base.



24/7 Wall Street Journal's recognition of Palm Coast's livability is also the result of Prosperity 2021's strategy to develop an attractive city that values quality of life. Palm Coast has constructed 125+ miles of hiking/biking trails. We've preserved acres of conservation areas for unparalleled peace and built new parks for recreation. We've upgraded drainage, widened roads and welcomed unique sports tournaments. We value a cleaner environment, providing expansive recycling and household hazardous waste collection.

Our City's efforts symbolize the sustainability and beauty of Palm Coast as an enviable community where people are proud to live. People are now moving here from more places and are showing more interest in our City. Instead of others asking us, "Where is Palm Coast?" they're now saying, "You're lucky - you live in Palm Coast!"