



Message From The Mayor

Jon Netts



Our new Matanzas Woods Interchange is not just your ordinary cloverleaf on I-95. It symbolizes the connection between Palm Coast's steady growth and prosperity and its status as a great place to live, work and play. It's our City's third, and now most impactful access to Florida's primary interstate highway.

The spring opening of this interchange at Matanzas Woods Parkway signals increasing expansion potential in our area. What was originally proposed as an emergency evacuation route evolved into direct access to subsequent mixed use development areas and retail shopping near the northern third of Palm Coast. It also improves economic prospects along US 1, alleviates congestion on Palm Coast Pkwy. and cuts drive times to and from shopping, schools, entertainment venues and airports – *a valuable element in our everyday lives.*

As new access in and out of Flagler County, City Council is doing its part to upgrade infrastructure to keep pace with potential growth. Completing the widening Palm Coast Pkwy. to six lanes was one of those essential projects. Constructing a second wastewater treatment plant is a new undertaking. It is anticipated that our existing wastewater plant on Utility Drive will exceed capacity by 2018, so our second plant will come online in late 2017 or early 2018 to meet projected future growth. The new facility will have a capacity to treat an additional 2 million gallons of wastewater per day, with a design that allows for additional expansion in the future.

Finishing extensions of Palm Harbor Pkwy. and Old Kings Rd. that connect to a traffic signal at Matanzas Woods Pkwy. is yet another endeavor. These projects carry traffic on a direct route to Matanzas Woods Pkwy. and I-95, keeping vehicles off streets in our quiet neighborhoods and in front of Matanzas High School.

With continued growth in our City, the challenge for City Council is to plan ahead so we don't fall behind. Our infrastructure and services must keep pace with this growth, allotting plenty of time for organizing, designing, planning, implementing and maintenance to successfully achieve a fine balance that keeps in step with anticipated progress. This process is painstaking and delicate. But it's certainly a great position for Palm Coast to be situated after several years of economic downfall.



Hurricanes, Floods, Tornadoes, Wildfires: MAKE A PLAN!

Knowledge and preparation will keep your family and home safe during any 2016 weather emergencies. The time to plan is NOW.

Gather important personal documents and keep them safe: insurance, bank account numbers, medication, important phone numbers. In case of an emergency, you may need to leave your home at a moment's notice.

Will you stay or leave Palm Coast in case of a hurricane? If you stay, make sure you have these emergency supplies in your home: weather alert radio, flashlight, batteries, matches, filled medications, weather radio, cash, pet care items, 3-7 days of non-perishable food, water (one gallon per day per person), non-electric can opener, standard plug-in telephone, sanitizing hand wipes, personal documents stored in waterproof plastic, first aid kit, mosquito repellent, cash, garbage bags. **Be sure you have an NOAA Weather Alert Radio.** Tune to Flagler County frequencies 162.400 or 162.425. Our specific area message encoding is 012035. Call 386-313-4250 for assistance with programming.

You can register for CodeRED to receive immediate emergency alerts at either of these **Emergency websites:**

www.flaglermemergency.com

www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency

Emergency contact phone numbers:

City of Palm Coast: 386-986-2360

Flagler County: 386-313-4200

The City of Palm Coast and Flagler County compiled a Disaster Preparedness Guide that gives you vital information about hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires. Free copies are available at locations listed at the above emergency websites.

CITY DESK

About Election Facts You Need to Know:

- You will be asked to cast your ballot this year for Palm Coast Mayor and City Council Members representing Districts #1 & #3. The primary election is Tues., Aug. 30 and the general election is Tues., Nov. 8.
- City elections are non-partisan and at large. Candidates run with no party affiliation and voters residing in all four Palm Coast Districts can vote for candidates running in any District.
- Contact City Clerk Virginia Smith for information about qualifying details (June 20-24 is the final week): 386-986-3713.



About Being Victimized by Car Thieves:

Be proactive about keeping your car safe from a dreadful break-in! Lock your vehicle everywhere you go and don't tempt thieves by leaving any valuables in your car. Park where it's well-lit and activate your alarm if you have one. At home, keep your garage doors closed and locked and keep your home visible to neighbors with glowing lights and trimmed shrubs. Ask neighbors to join all of us in a quest to fight car theft in Palm Coast by calling the Flagler County Sheriff's Office with any information at 386-313-4911. Anonymous tips may be eligible for a \$1,000 reward by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-8477.

About Sending Home an Authentic Palm Coast postcard:

Check it out! We've got free postcards for you to send to your family and friends. The card has a lovely shot of the new City Hall on the front and we're encouraging residents to pick up a few and write home to invite everyone to visit Palm Coast and enjoy all the peaceful 'Florida-style' amenities we have to offer. You can get your free postcards at the Palm Coast Community Center, 305 Palm Coast Pkwy. NE and Palm Coast City Hall, 160 Lake Ave.



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 June 7 to July 8, 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 Doorstep Household Waste Pick Up:

Who wants old paint, batteries, fertilizer, pesticides or pool chemicals sitting around the garage? Waste Pro will get rid of it for you. Free pick up is available at your garage door one Saturday each month by calling 386-586-0800.



Improving Your Home for Less Money

The City of Palm Coast Building Department has streamlined plan review and inspection processes and they are proud to pass on cost savings to businesses and residents. Making permits more affordable encourages homeowners to upgrade and repair their properties, investing to enhance the beautiful neighborhoods in our community.

Fee reductions range from \$10-\$80 for these project rehabs:

- ✓ Re-roofing
- ✓ Water heaters
- ✓ Garage doors
- ✓ Windows
- ✓ AC change-outs
- ✓ Fencing
- ✓ Pool enclosures for existing pools
- ✓ Solar pool/hot water heater
- ✓ Patios/sidewalks

- Permits are no longer required for re-sodding or installing pre-built sheds under 50 sq. ft.



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Utility billing, garbage pick-up, streets, maintenance for city signs, street lights, sidewalks, potholes; swales and drainage, driveways/culverts, resurfacing; Code Enforcement, mowing, tree/fire mitigation, property maintenance, vehicle parking, trash on private property, irrigation ordinance, noise/pet issues.

Community Development

Planning 386-986-3736

Building Permits . . 386-986-3780

Fire & Rescue 386-986-2300

Parks & Recreation . 386-986-2323

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SWIMSUITS, TOWELS, FLIP FLOPS AND SUNSCREEN



Grab your swim gear and come over to the Frieda Zamba Pool this summer for some cool events on hot summer days:
World's Largest Swim Lesson – Fri., June 24, 9:30am registration; 10am lesson Share a worldwide swim and safety lesson simultaneously with millions of swimmers. Our attendance will help set a new Guinness World Record for the largest swim lesson ever conducted.

Star Wars Party – Sat., June 25, 2-4pm. Great galaxy and character-themed fun all afternoon. Half price admission all day.

Longfellow's Whale Tales – Sun., June 26 & July 17, 4:30-5:30pm. Kids learn water safety, playing games and enjoying activities. Free of charge with paid admission.

Dive In Movies – Fri., June 24, July 29, 8-10pm: Great movies, great fun, great friends at the pool. Admission is \$1.

Everything Beach Ball – Sat. July 16, 2-4pm. A pool day filled with beach ball games and activities. Half price admission all day.

Palm Coast shows off its best when residents have fun together.

Join us to celebrate Parks & Recreation Month.

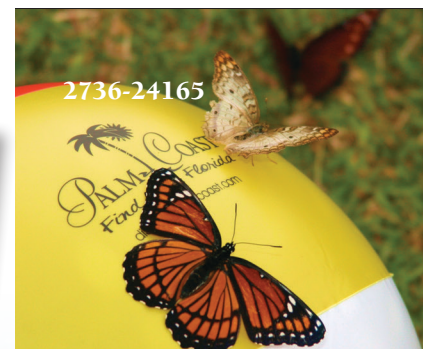
Fireworks in the Park – Sun., July 3, 9pm in Central Park at Town Center. Bring dinner, blanket and chairs earlier in the evening to enjoy a family picnic; plan to and stick around for fireworks at dusk.

Superheroes Volleyball – Thurs., July 7, 5:30-6:30pm at Buddy Taylor Middle-School. Dress like your favorite superhero and compete in free, fun round robin play.

Skate Safe Day – Sat., July 16, 10am-2pm at the Ralph Carter Skate Park. 4 hours of free skate park events and classes focus on how to perform techniques and tricks safely.

Tour de Palm Coast – Sat., July 23, 8am at Linear Park. Take a bike ride along the scenic route at St. Joe's Walkway through Waterfront Park, Graham Swamp Trail and the newly completed walkway along Palm Coast Parkway. Riders, 8+, should wear helmets and bring water.

Superheroes Swim – Sat., July 30, 1-4pm at the Frieda Zamba Pool. Dress as your favorite Superhero and enjoy games and fun swim activities. Half price admission all day.



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It's All About Our Kids

School buses belong to the Flagler Schools. Streets belong to the City of Palm Coast. Enforcement procedures belong to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office. But our children belong to all of us.

Protecting our children is precisely why the City partnered this past spring with the School District and Sheriff's Office to complete a pilot project to build concrete pads at bus stop corners. When kids get squirmy anticipating their school day each morning, they often wander towards the streets or neighbor's yards to wait for the bus. New pads channel their energy to a common secure place to linger.

Weighing factors such as the number of riders per stop, their varying ages and the multiple stop locations across all of Palm Coast, a team of City and school officials chose three bus stops as the most representative places for the pilot program:

- Farmsworth Dr. and Fairbank Ln.
- London Dr. and Lee Dr.
- Rolling Sands Dr. and Rolling Fern Dr.

Pads were constructed for kids to use beginning last March and there are plans for new No Parking signs to be installed on both sides of the pads to keep them clear of visual obstruction by stopped vehicles.

During the summer months, project partners will assess the success of this program. It is anticipated that additional pads will be constructed across the bus routes, based on current findings and available funds.



STOP

Please Remember:

Florida State Law requires drivers to **STOP** behind any school bus with its stop sign extended and blinking red lights flashing. Attempting to pass a school bus can result in a moving violation and hefty fine.

