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.

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

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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 every 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.

Superheroes Swim – Sat., July 30, 1-4pm at the Frieda Zamba Pool. Dress as your favorite superhero and come over to the Frieda Zamba Pool this summer for some cool events on hot summer days:

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 arrive at 8pm to see the fireworks and enjoy the newly completed walkway along Palm Coast Parkway. Riders, 8+, should wear helmets and bring water.

- 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 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.

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

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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.