

Those of us who lived in Palm Coast during the golden days of our Community Center happily recall tender memories that are linked to this building. My own remembrances make me smile.

My daughter found the Golden Egg at the City's first Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn outside the Center. I won and lost several games of HORSE on the basketball court. I watched my kids run happily into the building for several summer camp seasons. I proudly sat in the Council Chamber at a 2004 City Council meeting in awe of my dad, Jim, as he was sworn in as one of our first City Council Members.

Palm Coast has truly outgrown this decaying structure. After 41 years, our City needs and deserves a community center that embraces everything recreational that has become Palm Coast's signature trademark. As you read this newsletter, our entire facility is in the process of being demolished, with the exception of the room formerly used as our Council Chamber. This room will be restructured as the foundation for a brand new 21,000 square foot facility. The new Community Center will be three times the size of the present one, offering residents five meeting/program rooms, two kitchens, a beautiful new playground and basketball court. It will serve as our new focal point of recreation and socialization in Palm Coast, a place where we can all feel proud to gather.

Here's another point of pride for all of us: the Community Center was designed around the magnificent, historic oak trees that will forever grace the property. We are a City that strongly embraces and values our natural environmental heritage. Our numerous green awards and Tree City USA certifications have recognized Palm Coast as a place that protects its beauty. Preserving these towering oak trees is a perfect example.

The City is now working to create an informational website for you. You can log onto www.palmcoastgov.com/communitycenter to learn about ongoing construction and program information.

It's time to put aside some of our former community center memories and prepare to create new ones. The opportunities for expanded programs and events at our new Center will be endless. My own family is certainly looking forward to renting a room for a party or taking a new class. Anyone for a game of HORSE?





## City Hall Takes the LEED

It opened to the public less than two years ago. Our Palm Coast City Hall has now brought a prestigious honor to our City, awarded LEED certification at the Silver level. The U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) program awards structures that demonstrate high performance in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, building material selections and indoor environmental quality. These are the outstanding design and construction features that helped us win the award and make us all proud:

**Sustainable Site** – bicycle racks; special parking for energy-efficient vehicles and carpoolers; maximizing open space on the property; stormwater and roof design.

**Water Efficiency** – landscaping; water-use reduction through efficient fixtures.

**Indoor Environmental Quality** – outdoor monitoring of air delivery; thermal comfort; use of low-emitting paint, coating, adhesives, sealants, flooring; indoor chemical and pollutant source control; controllable lighting systems.

**Materials & Resources** – construction waste management diverting materials from landfills, recycled content; use of regional materials and certified wood.

**Innovation in Design** – utilization of LED lighting; Green Building education by a LEED-Certified professional.

The Palm Coast City Hall is only the fifth in Florida to be LEED-certified, joing an international network of LEED projects in more than 162 countries. Its efficient use of natural resources makes it a model not only for other cities but also for future projects right here in the neighborhoods where we all live, work and play. Crafting City Hall to meet these high performance standards was and always will be the right thing to do for our community.

Tour Palm Coast's City Hall to check out the features showcasing LEED certified elements of the building.

Sat., April 1, 10am-1pm
Palm Coast City Hall • 160 Lake Ave.

You might find some unique ideas for your own home!

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**About the Flagler Parade of Homes:** The 23rd Annual Flagler Parade of Homes™, presented by the Flagler Home Builders Association, will take place from Mar. 18-26. 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 2017 Showcase Home presented by Saltwater Homes. Visit FlaglerParadeofHomes.com.



#### **About Daylight Savings Time Watering Restrictions:**

Our standard landscape irrigation policy for Daylight Savings Time goes into effect in 2017 from Sun., Mar. 12 to Sun., Nov. 5. 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. Irrigation is limited to ¾ inch of water per irrigation zone and to no more than one hour per irrigation zone.
- 4. Hand-held hoses equipped with automatic shut-off nozzles and drip systems/bubblers are both allowed at any time.
- 5. When reclaimed water is available, use of private irrigation is not authorized. Customers may irrigate with reclaimed water at any time.
- **6**. Irrigate using city water only between 12 midnight and 10am on your designated days. Go to www.palmcoastgov.com and search for watering restrictions.

**About our Egg'Stravaganza Event:** The hunt is on for 10,000+ candy and toy filled eggs for children ages 2-12 on Sat., Apr. 15, 10am-1pm in Central Park. Our Bunny will make his annual joyful visit to Palm Coast.

## **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 21 to March 22, 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 Customer Service, 386-986-2360, with any questions.

**About our NCCAA Youth Sport Clinic:** Young athletes, ages 6-16, can learn and practice basic soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball and golf skills, free of charge, on Sat. Mar. 18, 9:30-11:30am. Professional coaches and collegiate athletes representing the National Christian College Athletic Association will be on hand at the Indian Trails Sports Complex and the Palm Harbor Golf Club to assist future young stars. More information: 386-986-2323.

**About Paying Utility Bills Your Way:** With just the push of a button, you now have several convenient new ways to pay your monthly utility bill. Do you use a tablet, smart phone or home computer? Whichever option works best, you can log on to www.palmcoastgov.com and select: "I want to; then, Pay for; then Utility bill"... to set up your account. You can create your account and customize it exactly the way you want. If you need assistance, your Palm Coast Utility Department Customer Service representatives can help you at 386-986-2360.







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#### **Community Development**

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Our James Holland Park opening is getting really close. Active residents will be genuinely impressed with many of the fantastic renovations in the park. Plan to get out your new shorts and athletic shoes to soon enjoy these brand new renovations:

- Three tennis courts, renovated with new surfacing, nets, fence, windscreen.
- One junior-sized tennis court
- Two basketball courts
- Four striped pickleball courts
- New volleyball court
- Two multi-purpose sports fields
- Perimeter walking trail
- Baseball dugouts, bleacher shade coverings added to two baseball fields
- Two shuffleboard courts
- Two horseshoe pits, a first for Holland Park





Kids are really going to love playing at Holland Park's awesome new playground. Reflecting Palm Coast's historic Bulow Plantation Sugar Mill flavor, the primary structure integrates old Mill ruins with a six-foot coquina rock climbing wall, three slides, a zip line and archeological digging area. These elements will challenge youngsters to increase their confidence and independence on play equipment, as well as their sense of curiosity and adventure.

Even our dogs will be inspired to have some fun. A new secure entry will open onto two separate play areas, one for large and one

for small dogs. New wash down stations have also been installed.

Watch for more updates regarding Holland Park grand opening details.

It will be worth your wait!



## Introducing an Illuminating Instagram

If you Instagram...the City's social media team is focusing on the lighter

side of Palm Coast with a new Instagram account. Enjoy photos from the 1970s and '80s for

"Throwback Thursday," photos from parks and trails for "Wildlife Wednesday" and photos of residents having fun at community events.

Follow us at discoverpalmcoast.com





## Our Next Era of Recreation

If you were to ask a random Palm Coast resident what they know about the City's Community Center, what possible answers might you hear?

"Isn't that the old YMCA?... I think I voted there...There aren't enough recreation programs at the Center...Where's the Community Center?" It's safe to say that the Palm Coast Community Center is not high on the list of acknowledged amenities in our City. The facility was built by ITT



Corporation in 1975, adequately accommodating recreational needs of the 10,800 residents living here at the time. However, there are now 82,000 of us. Over 41 years, the Center structure has badly deteriorated and our community needs more program space, meeting rooms and parking. The building presently is not ADA compliant.

The antiquated Center on Clubhouse Dr. will be torn down this year to make way for a state of the art facility. Revitalizing so many recreation opportunities for the entire community, it will house five meeting/party rooms of varying sizes, two kitchens, new playground and basketball court, restrooms accessible from both inside and outside, as well as added parking. It will be constructed, designed and operated to achieve LEED certification as a sustainable site for energy efficiency and environmental quality.

Anticipating sufficient time needed to complete construction for a quality facility, we're asking residents to please be flexible and have patience during the upcoming alterations and schedules being adjusted. Staff is presently attempting to provide new space for reoccurring program rentals. Temporary accommodation assignments will be ongoing.

The Parks and Recreation Administration/Registration office will be relocated to the Frieda Zamba Pool. 386-986-2323, 386-986-4741

Log onto a new website being established just for Community Center updates: palmcoastgov.com/communitycenter. You can also call 386-986-2323. Keep in mind that in the not too distant future, we'll all enjoy a Community Center that will meet our needs as our City continues to thrive.

