**ATTENTION**

**AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile & Verizon: We’re Getting Ready for You!**

Cell phones are indispensable in our lives. From the moment we wake until the moment we go to sleep, we constantly need to stay connected. Consistent cell reception has been a challenge in Palm Coast, caused by network towers that leave gaps in service. This is going to change.

The City has adopted a long-term plan to eliminate cell service breaks by adding new cell towers to improve our technology infrastructure. We have worked with Diamond Communications, our telecommunication partners, to develop a five-year plan to attract AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon to lease space on existing and new towers to improve coverage.

Here’s an outline of our plan:

- **Twenty-nine possible public sites have been identified across Palm Coast as the most suitable locations for ten new monopoles.** These single pole towers will rise at least 150-feet from the nearest residential property.
- **From beginning to end, this master plan will take five years, but you’ll begin to see plan implementation within this year.**

**About Daylight Savings Time Watering Restrictions:**

Our standard landscape irrigation policy for Daylight Savings Time goes into effect in 2018 from Sun., Mar. 11 to Sun., Nov. 4. Residential and business consumers may water lawns and shrubs according to the following provisions:

1. Irrigation is limited to two days per week
2. Odd-numbered residential addresses irrigate on Wed., and Sat.
3. Even-numbered residential addresses irrigate on Thurs. and Sun.
4. Non-residential (businesses) irrigate on Tues. and Fri.
5. Users of private irrigation wells may irrigate at any time on their designated day except during the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
6. Users of the City’s water system for irrigation may water only between midnight and 10 a.m. on their designated day.
7. The use of reclaimed water is allowed at any time. When reclaimed water is available, the use of private irrigation wells is not authorized.

Restrictions and exceptions can be found on the City of Palm Coast website at www.palmcoastgov.com. Search for “watering restrictions.”

**About Arbor Day 2018 - Sat., May 5, 9-2pm in Central Park:**

It’s time for your favorite event again!

- **Free three gallon trees given in exchange for a non-perishable food item**
- **Kids, Zone, nature exhibits, crafts, butterfly release at 11am**
- **Live Patty Shukla musical concert**

**About Spring Swimming Pool Hours:**

It’s getting warm outside, so grab your bathing suit and head over to the Frieda Zamba Swimming Pool. The pool opens for a fabulous season on April 2, 2-7:30pm, Mon. – Fri. Practice safety techniques at the Pool Safety Day on Sat., May 26th, 1-3pm and join a Tribute to the Troops on Monday, May 28. New aquatics programs this year include Kid’s Kayaking on Saturdays in May and Teen Log Rolling Night on Sundays, May 27–July 22. More info: 386-986-4741.

**About Summer Camps:**

Here are some awesome camp ideas for your kids this summer:

- **Fun in the Sun:** June 4-Aug 3; K-6 grades, 7:30-4:30pm. Games, sports, crafts, swimming. A 4:30-6pm program after camp is available for an additional fee.
- **Firefighter Camp:** June 11-15, grades 3-5, 8:30-11:30am, Main Fire Station. Campers learn about fire safety and firefighting techniques.
- **Junior Summer Camp:** June 11-Aug 3, for 6-13 year-olds, 9am-4pm, Belle Terre Park. Kids practice stroke fundamentals, footwork, and match play.
- **Junior Golf Camp:** June 11-July 12, in three sessions, 6-16 year-olds, 9am-1pm, Palm Harbor Golf Course. Golfers learn basic skills and sportsmanship.
- **Junior Lifeguard Camp:** June 23-28 for 11-15 year olds, 8am-12pm, Frieda Zamba Swimming Pool. Learn water safety, lifeguard rescue, and First Aid CPR/AED.

Register for camps at www.palmcoastgov.com/camps.

**About the 2018 Find Your Florida Photo Contest:**

Share your Palm Coast photos that show why living here is so special! Examples may include active outdoor lifestyle, landscapes, waterways and parks. New this year: a “Palm Coasters” category focused on people enjoying life and an Instagram-based contest. To enter on Instagram, use the hashtag “PCpics2018” and include the photo location (where in Palm Coast?) in the caption. Gift certificates from local businesses will be awarded to winners, and winning photos will be showcased at a City Council meeting. Entry is free. Submit by May 31. www.palmcoastgov.com/photocontest.

Visit www.palmcoastgov.com for more information
Prune Soon

Palm Coast is well known for valuing the pageantry of its trees. Residents have a sensitivity for protecting our legendary tree canopy and caring for the healthful growth of our landscape. Spring is the right time for you to consider trimming your trees so they can grow to natural maturity. THE single most important thing you can do is to select a qualified tree surgeon to do your job.

How do you determine who is qualified?

• Commercial tree surgeons who’ve completed an official City course and passed a final exam
• Individuals who carry proof of insurance
• Those who can show you proof of an ISA certification (International Society of Arboriculture)
• Tree surgeons listed on the City’s website under Business Tax Receipts Tree Surgeon category.

Go to: www.palmcoastgov.com/local-business-search

If you are contemplating tree trimming, consider these guidelines:

1. Remove healthy green fronds from your palms and never just take off the top.
2. Note that the City’s tree density requirement is one tree for every 2,500 square feet of total lot area on your property.
3. If you need to remove a live or dead tree, obtain a free permit from the City’s Urban Forestry Department: 160 Lake Ave. in Central Park.

In July, 1998, all 35,000 residents of Flagler County were ordered to evacuate the area. Thousands of firefighters struggled to contain dangerous runaway brush fires that threatened to consume our lives. In the end, 87 homes were destroyed. Twenty years later, firefighting has changed, but Mother Nature hasn’t. Although our Fire Department has evolved with progressive protection practices, Palm Coast is just as vulnerable to the most treacherous wildfires.

It’s time for you to get ready:

1. Prepare to leave your home with little or no warning. Have an emergency kit ready with medications, copies of all your important documents and personal needs. Create an evacuation plan, including routes, a meeting place and emergency contact (preferably someone outside the area).
2. Clean your house gutters from debris, keep underbrush and move vegetation that lies within 30 feet of an adjacent structure. Trim trees and hanging branches. Store flammables away from your home.
3. Be cautious when grilling. Don’t dump used charcoal just anywhere at any time. Soak it in a bucket of water and dispose of it properly.
4. Call 911 for emergency assistance. DO NOT call the Fire Department directly. The City has implemented CodeRED to swiftly inform residents in neighborhoods that may be affected by a wildfire.


The spirit of our City has regenerated on Palm Coast Parkway. The stunning new Palm Coast Community Center has emerged as our multi-generational Parks & Recreation facility. Renovations have tripled the size of the Community Center to an impressive 21,000 sq. ft featuring a grand entrance/lobby area and contemporary coastal design.

Features inside the structure include an extraordinary 5,000 square foot room with attached catering kitchen. A rubberized floor covers another room, perfect for fitness and active programs. The Palm Coast Community Center serves as home base to many weekly activities for our youths all the way to our seniors. Classes, programs, special events and rentals are available in four spacious rooms, conducive for parties, weddings and business conferences.

Outside, kids will love the new playground, complete with modern age-specific equipment and interactive fun for all age groups. The basketball court has been re-positioned to allow for more parking. A trailhead with restrooms now connects to the Linear Park trail. Historic oak trees surrounding the Center were preserved to uphold the tradition of old Florida beauty in Palm Coast. A trailhead with restrooms now connects to the Linear Park trail. Historic oak trees surrounding the Center were preserved to uphold the tradition of old Florida beauty in Palm Coast. A trailhead with restrooms now connects to the Linear Park trail. Historic oak trees surrounding the Center were preserved to uphold the tradition of old Florida beauty in Palm Coast. A trailhead with restrooms now connects to the Linear Park trail. Historic oak trees surrounding the Center were preserved to uphold the tradition of old Florida beauty in Palm Coast.

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Check out the trip to the Tampa Bay stadium to catch a Rays/Yankees game!