

## Testing Your Storm Readiness

A Hurricane Watch is posted for Palm Coast:  
**How should you be preparing?**

Fill your emergency kit. Make copies of your important documents and seal the rest in waterproof bags.

Find out which evacuation zone you live in. Zones are posted at various intersections east of I-95 so you'll know if your neighborhood is announced that you are under a voluntary or mandatory evacuation.

If you've lost electricity and you have a PEP system: Your system operates at a control panel located on the outside wall of your home. If your panel light is green, your system is energized and working properly. If you've lost electricity, there is no way the system can effectively pump waste.

### If this happens --

1. Place your household in 'conserve' mode by limiting your water use immediately: showers, toilets, dishes, laundry, etc. If possible, stay at a friend's or relative's house. Don't put cigarettes, grease or coffee grounds into the system.
2. In normal circumstances, PEP systems can go for about three days with no electricity, if you conserve water. You can call customer service at **386-986-2360**.

## Meet Your New Council Member



*Vincent T. Lyon*

In June, the Palm Coast City Council welcomed Vincent Lyon to temporarily take over as the new District 4 Council Member. He was appointed as an interim replacement for the five-month period until the community elects a permanent representative this year.

Council Member Lyon is a guardianship and probate litigation attorney and has served as a past president for the Flagler County Bar Association. He is also active in the Flagler County Rotary and Flagler County Chamber. Mr. Lyon has lived in Palm Coast for 5 1/2 years.

## Vote As If Your Rights Depend on It

Our 2018 Primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 28. City elections will take place in conjunction with county-wide elections.

### Here are the facts you should know:

#### ON THE BALLOT:

- City of Palm Coast Council Member for District 4 - Eddie Branquinho, Corinne Hermle and John E. Tipton IV. All registered voters in Palm Coast can vote for any of the candidates on the ballot for the City's race, regardless of the District in which they live. The District 2 race between Jon Netts and Jack Howell will be held in November.
- Proposed City Charter Amendments will be on the General Election ballot in November, 2018.
  - Amendment to update and clarify outdated and ambiguous charter provisions
  - Amendment to revise the charter review process to include an advisory charter committee
  - Amendment revising how to fill a Council Member vacancy

#### EARLY VOTING:

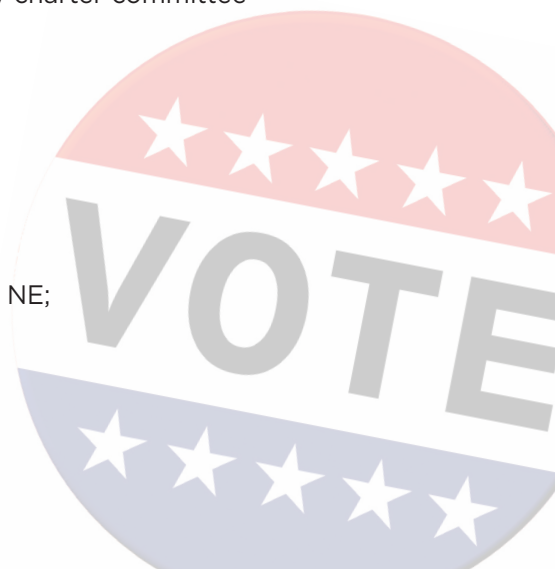
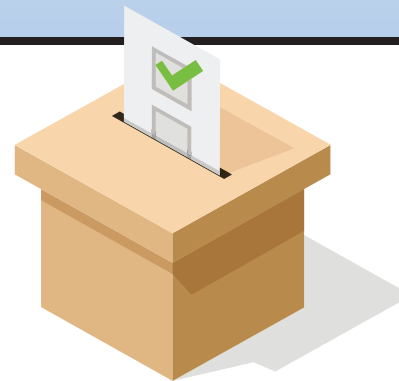
- Deadline to register is July 30. How?
  - Fill out an application at 1769 Moody Blvd., Ste. 101
  - Pick up an application at the above address and mail it to Flagler County Supervisor of Elections, PO Box 901, Bunnell, FL 32110
- Voting will take place Sat.-Sat., Aug. 18-25, 10am-6pm
- **Locations:** Flagler County Library at the corner of Belle Terre Pkwy and Palm Coast Pkwy; Palm Coast Community Center at 305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE; Government Services Building at 1769 W. Moody Blvd.

#### VOTE BY MAIL:

- Online at [www.flaglerelections.com](http://www.flaglerelections.com)
- Call 386-313-4170 for more information

#### ALSO ON BALLOT:

- Federal, State, County, Judiciary, Special District Offices
- Flagler County Constitutional Amendment



## CITY DESK

### About New Teen Programs:

We've got a brand new Community Center and along with it, a lengthy list of awesome fun for teens. What's happening? Teen Council for kids to share ideas and opinions; Mountain Biking; Chill Zone on Friday nights; Build Lego Robots; Art/Cooking/Science classes. So many choices, so much to do! Register at [www.palmcoastgov.com/register](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/register).

### About Our Fall Palm Coast & the Flagler Beaches Senior Games:

We're proud to have you join us again this year for the Senior Games, a series of Olympic-style competitive sports for men and women, ages 50+. It's a great time for everyone: serious competitors, fun-at-heart, seasoned athletes, late bloomers or physically challenged. From Sept. 7-23, these are some of the unique competitions scheduled for you to join: **Tennis; Sailboat Racing; Archery; Tai Chi; Golf; Pickle Ball; Bridge; Cribbage; Corn Hole/Bean Bag Toss; Horseshoes; Swimming; Ballroom Dancing.** [www.palmcoastgov.com/seniorgames](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/seniorgames)

### About Upcoming Special Events:

**11th Annual Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup** - Sat., Sept. 8, 7:30am-2pm. We'll provide everything a volunteer will need to clean up trash across our community's precious waterways. Event will be held at the Community Center. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. Registration is required. Visit [www.palmcoastgov.com/icwc](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/icwc).

**Fallen Heroes 9/11 Memorial Service** - Tues. Sept. 11, 8am at Heroes Memorial Park. Pay tribute to the men and women who lost their lives in the worst terrorist attack ever committed on American soil.

### 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 Sept. 19 to Oct. 9, 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 Your New Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Last month, Palm Coast opened a second wastewater treatment plant. Located west of US1, the facility will increase our capacity to treat more wastewater and improve the quality of the product that we treat. The new plant increases wastewater treatment by 2 million gallons/day to accommodate population growth in our City.



Visit [www.palmcoastgov.com](http://www.palmcoastgov.com) for more information





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**Customer Service**  
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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**

**Finance/Budget . . .386-986-3723**

**City Clerk. . . . . 386-986-3713**

**Communications/Newsletter . . . . . 386-986-3708**

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It's the first word we hear when people enter the front doors of the new Palm Coast Community Center. We're getting lots of 'WOWs' about our beautiful facility. This stunning new building opened in March, an expansive, inviting space for having fun.

"WOW" also describes the contemporary event/meeting rooms that have become so popular. We're booking an average of 3-5 events per week and we've gotten lots of positive feedback about our new venues.

"All I can say is, "WOW," says Wendy MacKinnon, a mom who booked the very first event held at the Center. "My son's wedding was perfect," she says. "I've lived in Palm Coast since 1980 and my family spent lots of time at the old Community Center. To be the first to host an event at the new one is really special. We've come full circle in Palm Coast."

WOW also expresses how the community has embraced all the new programs we're offering for all age groups:

- Computer classes
- Health & Wellness Initiative that includes; Tai Chi, yoga, exercise along with Florida Hospital Flagler sponsoring the new Couch to 5K Challenge and monthly screenings for muscle tone, blood pressure and diabetes
- Senior Special Events with an I Love Lucy marathon, Ice Cream Social, holiday parties
- Senior Social Corner that sets aside time just for you and your friends to talk, share coffee, read a book
- Open Art Studio
- Mah Jongg
- Sit, Stitch n Give
- Ballroom & Line Dancing
- Family Corn Hole & Kickball

### Here's how to register for everything:

You can stop by the new Community Center at 305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE (on Clubhouse Dr. between east and westbound Palm Coast Pkwy), 8am-6pm. You can also go to **[www.palmcoastgov.com/register](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/register)**.

Be next to say **WOW**.



Milissa Holland - Mayor • Robert Cuff - Vice Mayor • Heidi Shipley • Nick Klufas • Vincent T. Lyon Palm Coast, FL Aug/Sept 2018

## Message From The Mayor *Milissa Holland*

Your City Council takes its responsibility for setting taxes very seriously. We recognize the amount of money you pay for your government services is an important part of your family budget. We carefully work to set a budget each year, one that establishes the most efficient and essential costs each taxpayer will need to pay for those City services.

In August, you'll be receiving your annual Notice of Proposed Property Taxes for 2018. This is a preliminary notice that shows your local governments are making plans. Your City Council very thoroughly goes through a budget-making process that involves utilizing the results from a citizen survey, implementing a strategic planning process, public workshops and hearings. All expenditures have a meaningful purpose and value to our residents. We focus on how much money it takes to keep the City running to the standards our residents expect, all the while understanding we are spending tax payer money. The budget relies on conservative projections and reflects the City's commitment to spend every dollar wisely.

It can sometimes be confusing to sort out which of your government entities deliver which services. Please know that each government body can only modify the services they each provide. Council is limited only to Palm Coast's sphere of authority. **What should you know?**



### PROPERTY TAX BILL

**Only 22% of your entire annual tax bill goes directly to the City of Palm Coast.**

Other taxing authorities on your bill include Flagler County, Flagler County School District, St. Johns River Water Management District, East Flagler Mosquito Control District and the Florida Inland Navigation District. Your City property taxes pay for: **Fire & law enforcement protection; Streets & Parks Maintenance; Capital Projects**



**UTILITY BILL** Monthly services include water and sewer to and from your home; garbage, yard waste and household hazardous waste pickup; recycling; stormwater drainage maintenance. Your monthly fees pay for: **Garbage and recycling services, maintaining 500+ miles of water/wastewater pipes; 70 miles of freshwater and saltwater canals; 150+ miles of interconnected ditches; 1,200+ miles of roadside swales; 500+ miles of water/wastewater pipes**



**SHOP LOCAL SPENDING** Spending your money locally for gas, groceries, clothing, gifts and dining out returns tax dollars directly back to our community. Your local spending helped pay for: **Community Center & Holland Park complete makeovers; multi-use pathways**

You can learn more about budgets and spending by going online to:  
**[www.palmcoastgov.com/vca](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/vca) or [www.palmcoastgov.com/government/finance/budget](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/government/finance/budget)**

