We're proud to live in a green City where residents have a passion for saving the environment. Palm Coast is a leader in energy and natural resource preservation, evidenced by our multiple Florida Green City awards and our deeds that are rooted in nature. Partnering with FPL to support their SolarNow program was our perfect outcome. Adding FPL solar panels and trees at our popular public locations indicates how committed we are in the use of clean solar energy in Palm Coast.

Take a ride across the City to appreciate our newest venture. Clean, renewable energy is being generated through our 271 solar paneled canopy providing shade for 26 vehicles parked at the Community Center. A second solar canopy will be added soon to cover areas of the parking lot near baseball fields in Holland Park.

A stop in Central Park will reveal three solar trees that were ‘planted’ along the walkway. They’re anchored with ‘free trunk’ pedestals supporting paneled leaf canopies. The trees have USB connections that can be used by park visitors to charge their mobile devices.

FPL is installing, operating and maintaining our mutual solar project. So far, about 200 Palm Coast residents have donated $9 per month to their monthly electric bill to help fund SolarNow. If you wish to join your neighbors in this endeavor, log onto your FPL account online and follow the prompts regarding SolarNow.

Palm Coast is also a partner in FPL’s project to exchange conventional streetlights to energy-saving LED lights across the City. 2,700 lights were converted in 2017 and LEDs will continue to be installed, as we convert streetlights in residential neighborhoods.

With a shared commitment to sustainability, Palm Coast and FPL’s partnership in the SolarNow program is another step towards advancing clean, renewable energy in our community. You might say we’re making hay while the sun shines.

As you can see, our City is committed to building a bright future together and dedicated to resiliency, ingenuity and hard work. It’s certainly not hard to see or find when you think of what we’ve accomplished just this year!

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 6 to July 11, we will disfect 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 dialysis 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 at 386-986-3360, with any questions.

About Parks & Recreation Month Fun:

**Summer Pool Party & BBQ** - Sun., July 15, noon-2pm at the Frieda Zamba Pool. Hot dogs and fun for 1/2 admission price.

**Parks & Play Night** - Wed., July 18, 6-8pm at Holland Park. Fun outdoor activities for the whole family.

**Tour de Palm Coast** - Sat., July 21, 8-10am. Free guided bike tour round trip from Community Center through St. Joe Walkway/Linear Park. Bring water and wear a helmet.

**Skate Safety Clinic** - Sat., July 28, 9-11am. Free skateboarding class at Ralph Carter Park for all ages.

About Adult/Senior Programs at the Community Center:

**Senior Social Corner:** Get-togethers each Tues./Thurs., 9-11am to chat and laugh with new and old friends.

**Sit, Stitch N' Give:** Knitting, crocheting, embroidering with friends on Mon, 9-11am.

**Color Me Happy:** Newest in coloring techniques to combat stress and promote mindfulness. Mon., 9-11am.

**Mah Jongg or Pinochle:** 1-4pm on Tues. for Pinochle or Wed. for Mah Jongg.

**Dance With Me! Ballroom Dance Classes:** Fox trot, Tango, Cha Cha. Beginners welcome; partners not required. Tues., June 5-July 10 or July 17-Aug. 21, 6:30-7:30pm.

About New Summer Swimming Pool Events at the Frieda Zamba Pool:

**Kid’s Kayaking:** Thurs., June 21-July 19, 7:30-8:30pm, 5-12 year olds learn how to kayak.

**Teen Log Rolling Night:** Sun., May 27-July 22, 4:45-5:45pm, Log rolling lessons and competition for ages 10+.

**Flippa Ball:** June 5-26 & July 10-31, 7:30-8:30pm, 8-12 year olds learn to play water polo.

**Mini Triathlon Challenge:** Each Sun. in July, 8-11 year olds compete in swimming, cycling and running events. Sun. 10-11am.

**Frieda’s Festive Fridays:** June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, 5:30-7:15pm. All ages enjoy games and music at the pool.

About a Special Partnership:

The City of Palm Coast and Florida Hospital Flagler are strongly united to improve the quality of life for Palm Coast residents. Announcing their new Health and Wellness Event Partnership officially launches several joint initiatives to address our health habits. Programs include Parks & Recreation’s Lunch N’ Lecture and Coffee Series, and a July 27 free public health screening event at the Community Center.

More info: www.palmcoastgov.com

Visit www.palmcoastgov.com for more information coming soon.
Are You Ready to Vote?

2018 is a significant election year. Are you prepared to vote? Here’s some information to get you started:

Primary Election: Tuesday, August 28
Deadline for Voter Registration: Monday, July 30

To register or update your information:
1. Fill out an application in person at 1769 Moody Blvd., Suite 101
2. Pick up an application at the address above and mail it to Flagler County Supervisor of Elections, PO Box 901, Bunnell, FL 32110
3. Log onto www.flaglerelections.com

Offices on the ballot:
1. Palm Coast City Council Members representing Districts #2 & #4
2. Various Federal, State and County officials

Primary Early Voting Dates: Aug. 18-25, 10am-6pm. Voting takes place at: 1. Flagler County Library, corner of Palm Coast Pkwy and Belle Terre Pkwy 2. Supervisor of Elections Office, 1769 Moody Blvd, Suite 101 3. Palm Coast Community Center, 3055 Palm Coast Pkwy NE General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 6-more information to follow in a later newsletter

On the ballot:
1. Runoff from Districts #2 & #4, if necessary
2. Charter Amendments

For more information, call Palm Coast City Clerk, Virginia Smith, at 386-986-3711.

Oh No... Not Again!

Sorry, but it’s time again to talk about hurricanes. Together, we made it through Hurricane Matthew and Irma. Who knows what we can expect in 2018? Advance readiness can help keep you safe. It’s time to start preparing.

• Gather your important insurance, medical and bank documents, medications and phone numbers so you can grab them quickly in case of an evacuation.

• Determine if you will leave Palm Coast or stay. If you stay, make sure you have 5-7 days of food and bottled water for family and pets, charged phones, first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, cash, garbage bags, sanitizing hand wipes.

• Purchase an NOAA weather alert radio and write down Flagler County’s frequencies: 162.400 and 162.425. Our specific area message encoding is 012035.

Call 386-313-4250 for assistance with radio programming.

• Get a CodeRED app for your phone or register at www.flaglergov.com/emergency

CodeRED will send you immediate emergency alerts.

• Learn about available local special needs and pet shelters.

• Know the City’s customer service phone number: 386-986-2360.

The Palm Coaster

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Last month, Palm Coast opened our second wastewater treatment plant. Located west of US-1 and south of Matanzas Woods Parkway, the facility will increase our capacity to treat more wastewater and improve the quality of the product that we treat. Here’s how it all works:

Palm Coast’s system of 530 miles of underground pumps and pipes collect and carry everything liquid and solid that is flushed down your drains and toilets. The central sewer system pumps these materials to two wastewater treatment plants: the first located at the end of Utility Drive and the newest off US-1. Plant treatment equipment cleans and disinfests these solids to a quality acceptable to be released into the environment, resulting in two by-products.

1. An effluent clear liquid that is reused for public access irrigation (medians, public parks) and for filling ponds to percolate into the ground and recharge our groundwater.

2. A bio-voluble block of organic materials that is trucked out of Palm Coast and eventually used as fertilizer.

Our newest plant is classified as an Advanced Wastewater Treatment facility,signifying that it produces the highest possible quality water. Because it removes more nitrogen and phosphorus from the water than our first wastewater plant, we can discharge this excess advanced treated water into the nearby wetlands. The water revitalizes the wetlands as it is absorbed by the plants and percolates back into our aquifer. The new plant also increases our treatment capacity, adding 2 million more gallons/day to the 6.83 million we presently treat.

The City received a low-interest loan from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to fund the new facility, so it was built without the need for an additional increase in rates to Palm Coast Utility customers.

The plant was designed by CPH Engineers and was built by PC Construction.

Advances in research and technology are continually driving improvements in wastewater treatment processes. Palm Coast continues to invest in this promising expertise as building a new plant will take care of community growth for years to come.

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