We've always known that one of Palm Coast's most precious resources is your people.

They are the heart and soul of our future. They'll be the ones who enjoy the fruits of our labor – the ones who will thrive on the foundation we build for them in Town Center. We must certainly should give them a voice in its development.

Members of the i3 Academy Flagship at FPC High School are going to help us design the future of our Innovation District in Town Center. During this fall semester, they are teaming in groups to design a hypothetical 5-acres of District property, applying trends in creative planning, zoning and technology. Their proposals will include research on the Innovation District, targeting area customers, problem solving and funding. Students will also be consulting with volunteer community mentors for guidance in marketing, urban planning, design and recreation. Final presentations will be submitted in December, with a winner chosen by the City’s innovation team.

For those of you who don’t know about our Innovation District in Town Center, here’s a little history. It’s an area designated within the newest bustling segment of Palm Coast (bordered by Old Kings Rd to the east, Hwy 100 to the south, Belle Terre Pkwy to the west and Royal Palms Pkwy to the north) that will cluster retail, commercial and residential properties. Infrastructure for this area was created in 2004, but our economic downturn put a rapid halt to any expansion. We're now seeing prodigious growth to the east, Hwy 100 to the south, Belle Terre Pkwy to the west and Royal Palm Pkwy to the north)

It’s inspiring to share these incidents with you, each one bonding City employees with residents. It’s your worst nightmare. You drive your car out of your driveway, forgetting you accidentally left your wallet on the hood. Missing her credit cards, military ID, cash and even movie tickets, Lauren B. was certain her wallet was gone for good. When Palm Coast maintenance techs Jamie Raposo and Luis Janeiro spotted her wallet while mowing in the W section, they picked it up and immediately brought it to her home. Everything was still intact. The incident made her husband believe once again in the decency of people. Their good deed saved us a lot of leg work and gave us peace of mind that City workers are out there doing good things,” he said.

While leaving his utility assignment on US1, City Foreman Joel Wizman spotted a truck engulfed in fire. He quickly pulled his City vehicle alongside driver Jeff Hart to put out the blaze, using a pressure washer attached to the truck’s water tank. “Who would’ve thought a City water truck would show up at a time like that?” Jeff said. “I couldn’t be more grateful for the job Joel did.”

Living in a makeshift coop in the backyard of an E section home is no ideal place for a hen and rooster. When the owners called Palm Coast Animal Control for help, little did they know that Officer Kasey Hagan lived on an eight-acre farm. Kasey eagerly adopted the chickens - Chip and Dip - and now they are living healthy lives roaming his fields in Central Florida.

Thanks to our kids, Town Center's story will continue this legacy.
PHOTO CONTEST

Congratulations to the following winners:

First Place Special Events: Corinne Chapman

First Place Photo by Linda Robbins

Second Place: Linda Robbins, “Sunbathing Lizard”

Third Place: Lori Vetter, “Evening Preening”

Honorable Mentions: Lori Vetter, Shannon Russell, Craig Tedeton, Ellen Wyatt, Elena Cunningham, Rachel Atkins

Youth (under age 17): Narias Tinsley

Special Events: Riley Carter, Joan Twig

Instagram: Maricruz McDermott, Brenda Lawson, Joyce E. Connolly, Ines Najpaver

Winners photographs can be viewed on the City’s website at www.palmcoastgov.com/photocontest and will be displayed at City facilities.

What makes Palm Coast such a special place for all of us to live, work and play?

Photos taken by so many talented local artists say it all. We proudly honor the following photographers whose pictures were chosen as winners for our 2019 PHOTO CONTEST.

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