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# **Picture Perfect**

Enjoy these snapshots of the beautiful place where you live. The photographers are winners of the City's 2013 Find Your Florida photo contest.



## **Nature Category**







Grand Prize - Ilya Ellerin

3rd Place - Ilya Ellerin

## **Active Lifestyle Category**







1st Place - Amy Higgs

2nd Place - Ken May

3rd Place - Amy Higgs

# **Family Fun Category**







2nd Place - Michael Payne

3rd Place - Amy Higgs

1st Place - Amy Higgs

Go to discoverpalmcoast.com/photo contest to view all the winning photos

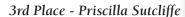
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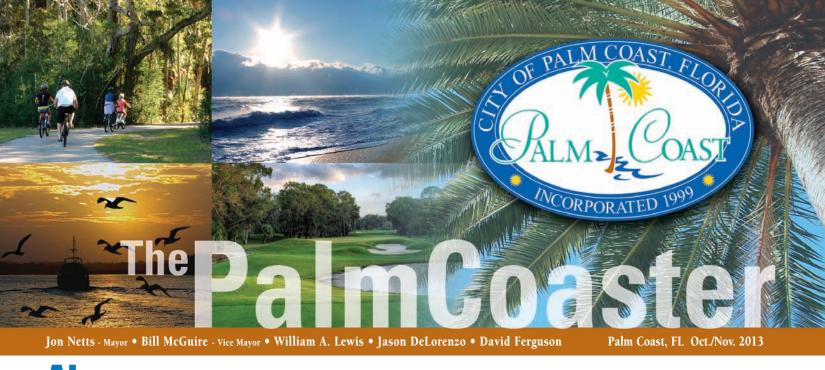




1st Place - Mary Thompson

**Tyson Kinnison** 





# Ah, yes ... There's ALWAYS Something To Do in Palm Coast! Take a moment to tear this article from this newsletter,

affix it to your refrigerator and circle your favorite events. It will help remind you of the many fun things we have for you and your family to do in Palm Coast.

# 2013 Seafood Festival

Sat/Sun, November 2/3 Delicious seafood, beer, entertainment, kids activities

and much more!

# HALLOWEEN:

**Annual Halloween Boo Bash:** 

October 25th, 5-8pm in Belle Terre Park behind the Wadsworth/Buddy Taylor School Complex.

# **Annual Hall of Terror:**

October 30/31, 6-11pm at the Fire Station at 9 Corporate Drive. Admission is free for this maze of horrors, filled with scary surprises and fun for



# PALM COAST RUNNING SERIES:

# **Third Annual Pink Army Run:**

Sunday, October 13, 7:45am at Florida Hospital Flagler. 5K/Kid's Fun Run event designed to promote breast cancer awareness, education and screening opportunities.

# **Third Annual Feet to Feast Thanksgiving Run:** Thursday, November 28, 8am at Daytona State College. 5/15

K races, for runners ages 14-80+, will showcase the beautiful scenery along Waterfront Park and the Graham Swamp Trail.







Saturday, October 19, 10am-2pm in Central Park. Everything you need to help take good care of your pet -- low cost shot clinic, micro chipping, groomers, pet parade, pet product vendors, rescues, adoptions, obedience training food and fun.

Find more information regarding all of these events at www.palmcoastgov.com.



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# A Message From The Mayor Ion Netts

Palm Coast residents are nothing less than passionate about the beauty of their community - and rightfully so. Many of us moved here because of the serenity that our environment creates - and this includes your City Council representatives.

This brings us to a current discussion - the widening of Palm Coast Parkway from Florida Park Drive to Cypress Point Parkway. As is often the case, City Council is challenged with striking a balance between protecting our scenic surrounds, while at the same time providing improved public roads. Planning for this roadway widening began almost 25 years ago and has finally worked its way up the FDOT work plan to the point of becoming a reality. Widening is necessary to alleviate current and future traffic congestion, improve hurricane evacuation efforts, speed mobility for emergency vehicles, and add dedicated turn lanes and an 8-ft. sidewalk. To widen the road to six-lanes, 395 trees in the city right-of-way are scheduled for removal, with palm trees being transplanted along the Intracoastal Waterway at Waterfront Park and several other locations across the City. In their places, 266 hardwoods and 192 palm trees will be replanted, including species such as Bald Cypress, Eagleston Holly, Crape Myrtle and Live Oak.

The Palm Harbor Shopping Center is another point of discussion. A prospective new owner is conducting a tree survey on the property; the



ribbons you see on the trees represent a number count and not trees slated for removal. Presently, drawings of the redevelopment are conceptual, but we hope to see an economic upgrade of this historic area of Palm Coast. Our Planners and Urban Forester will work closely with the owner in a

collaborative effort to assure that as many trees possible will be saved and the Center is attractively landscaped.

Many of us who hail from the Northeast are familiar with 'blight flight', a concept which describes what happens when deteriorating shopping centers drag down adjoining property values. In our Prosperity 2021 Vision Plan, City Council has committed to preserve, protect and rejuvenate our older neighborhoods, both commercial and residential, hopefully preventing blight flight from occurring in Palm Coast.

Take a close look at Palm Coast's history for protecting our environment. We purchased and preserved Linear Park, Waterfront Park and Long Creek Estuary. We've built 100 miles of natural trails, upgraded numerous parks, added abundant landscaping to medians and constructed five welcoming gateways to our City. We've preserved and added trees at the new ABC and CVS stores on Old Kings Road to assure commercial properties are aesthetically pleasing. We've won eight national Tree City USA Awards that recognize our City's attention to higher level of tree care for our citizens.

In the end, the goal for all of us is to safeguard the landscape that we've all come to treasure. Establishing equilibrium between environment, transportation and economic needs is a tough balancing act. Please know that your City Council takes its responsibility to this community seriously. Let's all work together to keep Palm Coast a great place to live, work and play.







It's back to the basics for the BAC. Uniting our growing business community, the Palm Coast Business Assistance Center will host their Third Annual Expo on Friday, November 1st at the Hammock Beach Resort. The Expo promotes the unique partnerships between our public and private organizations that work closely to grow the local economy. This year's theme, "How Successful People Think', will feature the following business professionals:

- **Randall Cheney**, Principal, Wentworth Group, an international Consulting Company, discussing the importance of leading change in every organization.
- Robert Cascio, PhD, Adjunct Marketing University of Central Florida Professor, speaking on Marketing Strategies for Small Business.
- Ken Mattison, CEO, Florida Flagler Hospital, expressing ideas on Business Leadership.







Robert Cascio

The cost to attend the full-day Expo is \$85, including a gourmet lunch. If you register before October 22nd, fees are only \$75. During the lunch program, the Palm Coast Observer will present their Business Excellence "O" Awards to winners in the agriculture, financial services, health care, home-based business, technical services, leisure & hospitality, manufacture, retail and small business categories.

To learn more about the Expo, please go to www.bacexpo.com or call 386-986-2499.

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### **About the new www.palmcoastgov.com**

Find answers to your city questions quicker than ever before. Our newly designed website helps you locate job availabilities, contact numbers, utility bill payments, issue reporting, licensing, special events, facility locations, up-to-date news and so much more online -- in a more mobile friendly, uncomplicated, user-friendly format. Check it out!

### **About Reuniting Lost Animals with their Owners:**

Cats and dogs that flee from their homes can be reunited more quickly with their rightful owners if they are licensed with the City. Animal control officers who find your precious pets can easily cross-check a database to find the registered owner and safely bring them home. Licensing is required, is valid for one year and costs just \$5 for spayed/neutered pets. Call 386-986-2520 for more information.



### **About our new Life-Saving Equipment:**

With a State grant and law enforcement automation funds, Palm Coast has purchased upgraded life-saving equipment for first responder vehicles. Eighty Automatic External Defibrillators are being installed in Sheriff Department cars, portable electronic devices that automatically diagnose a potentially life-threatening cardiac episode and re-establish a heart rhythm right on the spot. Also, upgraded cardiac monitors have been installed in the City's emergency response vehicles to allow crews to send a person's heart rate directly to the hospital from the field.

#### **About Widening Palm Coast Parkway**

Watch for roadwork near Dunkin Donuts to begin in December – the first stage for widening this busy thoroughfare. A special website will be set up next month to update citizens on the progress of this project. Palm Coast Pkwy will be widened to three lanes in each direction, with completion scheduled in 2015.

## **About Push Button Lighting in our Parks:**

Push a button, save some energy: push-button night lighting has been installed in Ralph Carter, Seminole Woods and Belle Terre Parks and the Palm Coast Community Center. When the sun sets, visitors can activate court and playground lighting by pressing a button on a nearby concrete pole. Lights will illuminate for one hour and can be re-activated again for one additional hour at a time. By implementing this program, lights won't be continuously running and the City can save money on electric bills.

## **About Seasonal Habits of Bald Eagles and Manatees:**

At this time of year, bald eagles begin nesting activities and manatees swim out of town to seek warmer waters. Keep your eye out for these precious species and try to keep your distance to avoid any disturbance during their transitioning. To learn more, visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website, www.myfwc.com





## **Let the Games Begin...**

If you love to shoot arrows, dance, pitch horseshoes or lift weights, we've got something you should know: Palm Coast active adults are invited to compete in the Ormond Beach Senior Games, scheduled on the following dates:

Oct. 26, 8am – Archery in Central Park

Oct. 30, 6-10pm – Ballroom Dancing at the Flagler Auditorium

Oct. 31st – 9am, Horseshoes at Old Dixie Community Park

Nov. 2nd – 8am – Power Lifting at Matanzas High School

Does this sound like fun?? Join us and call 386-986-2323 for more information.