



# A Message From The Mayor

## Jon Netts



It's been a long time coming! Fifteen years ago, in December of 1999, 32,700 residents voted to incorporate Palm Coast as a Florida municipality. In 2000, we elected our first Mayor, four-member City Council and hired our first City Manager. Ever since then, Palm Coast government officials have been working to improve and enhance the quality of life for residents, providing a solid long-term vision for a growing community. Our leaders purchased environmentally-sensitive land to protect and preserve it for future generations; they constructed two new water plants to provide high quality water; they built five fire stations to keep our community safe and they developed multiple parks and trails to promote a healthy, active lifestyle. They designated land for a Town Center, earmarked to become the heart of our City. And along the way, our community continued to touch each other's lives by remembering what is most important for our future together: integrity, diversity and harmony.

On Oct. 29th, we commemorated the groundbreaking for Palm Coast's City Hall in Town Center. I am reminded of the numerous temporary quarters we've occupied to get to this moment. We first opened for business in two small rooms at the community center. Next we moved to still insufficient space at ITT headquarters at One Corporate Drive and then progressed to the former public library at the Palm Harbor Shopping Center. And our offices just kept moving -- next to the former Wittemann Company warehouse on Commerce Boulevard and then to the City Marketplace retail plaza. None of these locations met the needs of a newly incorporated city government. None gave the City of Palm Coast a genuine heart and home.

Our very first City Hall in Town Center will become a gathering place for residents and future generations. This handsome structure will be a one-stop shop for everything city-related.

City Hall will also stand out as an outstanding example of green building, being LEED certified by the US Green Building Council as environmentally sustainable and energy efficient.

Most of us have moved to Palm Coast from somewhere else across the globe. We brought different experiences with us, but it is at 160 Lake Avenue in Town Center that we will join together with pride and respect to make our future even brighter. It is my earnest conviction that Palm Coast's City Hall will become a hub of energy where our citizens can interact with their government and where expanded commercial and social activities will be stimulated.

City growth requires investment and expansion. Investment in this City Hall will create and enhance opportunities to bring quality business and jobs to Town Center and other city locations. Our home here in Central Park will be one of the first locations in an expanding development to make this downtown area an inviting place to live, work and play.

It's been a long and arduous road and it took a great deal of hard work and dedication to bring this project together for our community. We're finally on our way and I look forward to being part of Palm Coast getting started on our future.



### Making Our Future Together

Through continual strategic planning, the City of Palm Coast has created a clear vision for our future -- to provide an excellent quality of life for our residents, visitors, grow the local economy and protect the natural environment. The City updates its Capital Improvement Plan every year, upgrading our infrastructure, building new roads and trails, and beautifying Palm Coast through landscaping and signature signage. The new gateway into Town Center at Bulldog Drive is one example of how we're Making Our Future Together. As we celebrate our 15th birthday as a City, learn more at [www.PalmCoastGov.com/future](http://www.PalmCoastGov.com/future).

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**About Holiday Trash Pick-Up:** Trash pickup schedules will be altered a bit during the upcoming holidays. Waste Pro will collect trash on Fri. Dec. 26 instead of the Thurs. Christmas holiday. Regular Fri. pick-up will move to Sat., Dec. 27. The same schedule will take place for the New Year's holiday.

**About Christmas Tree Recycling:** The City will recycle your Christmas tree free of charge on Sat., Jan. 10, 8am-1pm at the Utility Department Depot at 22 Utility Dr. Your tree will be recycled into reusable mulch to use for landscaping across other Palm Coast locations. Also, your old electronics such as computers and monitors can be recycled at the same event (no TV sets please).

**About the Birds of a Feather Fest:** Palm Coast is your perfect nesting spot to experience the new Birds of a Feather Fest weekend event. Held from Fri-Sun, Feb 6-8 at various city venues, activities will include workshops, keynote speakers and field trips to offer a fun, educational weekend for your entire flock! Register now at [www.birdingfest.com](http://www.birdingfest.com).

**About the New Island Walk Shopping Center:** Goodbye Palm Harbor Shopping Center and hello Island Walk! You should soon see demolition in the center portion of the shopping area on Palm Coast Parkway. Also, the west side of the site is being prepared for the formation of a new addition to the Center. Publix will remain open while they prepare to erect a new store in the middle of Island Walk. Drivers entering and exiting the site should be aware that construction fencing and activities could create different traffic routes within the Center. Please use caution.

**About the Waterfront 5K/10 Mile Run:** Beautiful scenery is awaiting runners for the Palm Coast Annual Waterfront 5K & 10 Mile Run Sat., Jan. 24th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded to runners in all age groups. Log onto [www.palmcoastgov.com/WaterFrontRun](http://www.palmcoastgov.com/WaterFrontRun) for more information.

**About our 2015 USTA Pro Circuit Men's Futures Tennis Tournament:** Beginning with the Wild Card Tournament on Jan. 19 and ending with the crowning of a court champion on Feb 1, Palm Coast's USTA Men's Futures Tournament promises thrilling, live pro tennis action right here at our Palm Coast Tennis Center. Two additional events will include our Free Kids Day (ages 6-12) on Sat., Jan. 24 at 2pm for youngsters to play with the stars and a Pro Am event on Tues., Jan. 27 at 5pm for adults to play with the pros for \$35. Support super tennis stars of tomorrow and enjoy live tennis competition at its very best. For more details, log onto [www.palmcoasttenniscenter.com](http://www.palmcoasttenniscenter.com).

**About Palm Coast Pkwy 6-laning:** This project continues to stay on schedule and is approximately 45% complete. Work along the south side of the Parkway (eastbound traffic), including roadway widening, bridge barrier wall installation and onramp modification work, is nearing completion. The sidewalk along the entire south side of the roadway has been completed and is open for public use. The contractor will be transitioning to the north side of the project (westbound) to construct the same roadway improvements. Some of the new traffic signals along the project route will soon be activated.







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Our New City Council Assembles Continued . . .

Heidi - While I was in high school, I worked as a part time secretary for John Hancock Life. Later I moved on to the loan, dividends, surrenders and endowments divisions and was soon promoted to Senior Case Analyst. After my children were born, I built a home in Cornwall, New York and opened a business for conveyor installation. Along with 200 Union Millwright workers, we successfully completed the installation for the conveyor of the largest post office in Manhattan. Next, I opened my own educational mascot business as a learning experience for kids and parents. And I also worked as an assistant facilities manager for a Massachusetts Mental Health facility. When I moved to Palm Coast, I began working at Central Florida Regional Hospital utilizing my Associate degree from Keiser University. I also took a Hologic course, passed the boards in mammography and went on to head a local Mammography department performing routine and diagnostic exams. After completing another course, I began completing biopsies and wire localizations.

What is most important for residents to know about you?

Steve - Nothing in my mind is pre-determined and pre-set. I am open to all sides of an issue. I firmly believe our country was formed on the 'two wings of an eagle' premise: we have conservative and liberal citizens in our nation and we need to fly with both of them.

Heidi - I serve on the City Council strictly because I care. My children live in this community, along with my three grandchildren. For me, this is personal. I want this community to continue to have all the great services we offer now and to do so, we need to have a goal of promoting growth.

If you could determine your own eventual legacy as a City Council Member, would it be?

Steve - My vision for this community would embrace Palm Coast as a generational city where grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren can all live and grow together in this beautiful place with good solid jobs and a high quality of life. So far, our City Council has done a good job with building on our infrastructure. Now we need to get to the next plateau.

Heidi - I hope I would be known for being a part of something that benefits the whole community. I would love to have a place

here in Palm Coast to be able to enjoy a symphony - for myself and my entire family. I also would love to see something new and exciting at the historical Agricultural Museum.

Can you tell us about your family?

Steve - I've been married to my lovely wife, Angela, for 35 years. We have a daughter, Dana who is 30 years old and is my business partner. I also have a 34-year old son, Joseph, a daughter-in-law, Sandy, and three-year old granddaughter, Effie.

Heidi - I've been married to my husband Marvin for five years. My son, Richard, works in Washington, D.C. and he has a daughter, Sofia. My young son, Mikey is employed at Palm Coast Data. He recently passed his EMT exams and is waiting to begin firefighter training. He has two sons: Mikey, Jr. and Titan Joseph. I also have two stepdaughters - Jennifer and Kristen.

Is there one characteristic about yourself that very few people know?

Steve - Our house on Rymm Place has been one of the most well-known spots in Palm Coast as 'THE' place to drive by to see our Christmas decorations. For the past 33 years, hundreds of cars steer around our home to enjoy our displays.

Heidi - I'm pretty much an open book from my Facebook. I will not make promise that I cannot keep.

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- A modest 33,000 sq. ft. structure will be LEED certified as environmentally sustainable. Its durable construction will save taxpayers thousands of dollars in energy bills.
Logically-placed customer service-friendly areas will be available on the main floor of the building for you to pay your utility bill, obtain permits or obtain general information.
Future phases will allow for subsequent expansion including a community wing with a main meeting room and prep kitchen for community events or rentals and restrooms for Central Park visitors.

The building should be ready for occupancy by Fall/Winter of 2015.



Jon Netts - Mayor • Jason DeLorenzo • Heidi Shipley • Steve Nobile • Bill McGuire

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Our New City COUNCIL ASSEMBLES



Heidi Shipley (District #2) and Steve Nobile (District #4)

have been selected by the Palm Coast electorate to serve alongside Mayor Jon Netts and Council Members Bill McGuire and Jason DeLorenzo on the Palm Coast City Council. They recently answered some questions to help you better understand why they were elected:

Can you tell us about your educational background?

Steve - I've been a Palm Coast resident for 33 years, moving here from Brooklyn. After receiving my GED and passing pre-engineering classes at Kingsborough Community College, I needed to move forward in life by combining my entrepreneurial ambition with the resources I'd accumulated, so I launched two businesses on my own: a blue jean distribution center and a car radio parts manufacturing company. Both experiences helped me to develop the inventive and practical capacity that I knew was inside of me.

Heidi - Fourteen years ago, I moved to Palm Coast from Revere, Massachusetts, located just north of Boston. While living in Massachusetts, I attended a variety of specialty insurance courses with the John Hancock Life Insurance Corp. Upon moving to Palm Coast, I took Esthetician classes to become a skin care therapist while working to receive my Associate degree in Radiology from Keiser University. I subsequently took Hologic and Mammography courses to be able to perform biopsies and wire localizations.

We'd also like to hear about your professional career.

Steve - When I resided in New York, I became a Certified Operating Engineer at One United Nations Plaza, responsible for the operation of the building's entire heating/cooling system. When I moved to Florida in 1981, I served as an IT consultant and program instructor for a variety of small and large conglomerates. I continued working in the IT field, providing senior systems engineering service support for Florida corporations, the US Navy and US Air Force. I also own a local Palm Coast business: HSDS (Home Self Defense Specialists) Gun Shop.

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All in Good Time - Our New City Hall

The stately clock tower that will rise above the new City Hall building in Town Center will remind us that time never stops, never waits. Like the City of Palm Coast, time marches forward to a future of unexplored growth and challenge.

Construction of a new Palm Coast City Hall will soon be underway, a vibrant hub of energy that will become the heart and home of your city government. 160 Lake Avenue will house offices for Palm Coast's Finance, Utility Billing/Customer Service, Code, Permitting, Zoning, Planning, Green Team, Animal Control, IT, Administration, Stormwater, Engineering, Human Resources and the Palm Coast Business Assistance Center. Notable features include:

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