



# Message From The Mayor

*Jon Netts*



Palm Coast is preparing to tackle several significant construction projects that will revitalize our older neighborhoods and enhance leisure and recreation opportunities for our residents. City Council has been tasked with structuring a practical timeline to renovate two of our facilities - James Holland Park and the Palm Coast Community Center - and to schedule construction in such a way that keeps meeting rooms, sports facilities and restrooms open to the public while saving money. Here's some background on our thinking process:

The plan for rehabilitating James Holland Park is certainly ambitious. It is Palm Coast's first, largest and oldest park. This year, we will replace utility infrastructure, correct drainage and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issues, build a new dog park, shuffleboard, horseshoe pit, walking trail and fitness stations. A portion of the playground will be upgraded, parking space will be expanded and new lighting added. Tennis, volleyball and basketball courts will be improved and the existing restroom building will be repaired. The majority of the park will need to be closed during construction.

Our Palm Coast Community Center is also one of our oldest facilities and in need of repair and reconstruction. The design and construction management team determined that closing the Center and completing the renovation in one phase would be safer for the public and more cost-efficient. Closing the Community Center to the public will save approximately \$560,000 because construction crews would not have to provide temporary generator service and portable bathrooms. In addition, the construction timeframe will be shorter by six months so construction crews will not need to return for costly remobilization.

If we close the Community Center, where will community groups meet and where will City Council hold its workshops and meetings? To accommodate these essential needs, City Council accelerated the Central Park Community Wing of the new City Hall in Town Center, originally scheduled to be built in 2019. Once construction is completed at the end of 2015, we'll have a brand new Council Chamber, expandable public meeting rooms with a kitchenette available for event rentals and restrooms accessible to outside park visitors. Building the wing now will save approximately \$500,000 because the City will be completing two construction phases at one time. When the public begins using these new facilities, we then will be able to close the Community Center for renovation.

*All three projects are connected in one very meaningful way: they will enrich the quality and character of the way Palm Coast residents live, work and play. Completing construction at Holland Park, the City Hall Community Wing and the Palm Coast Community Center within a sensible timeline, while saving our citizens money, is the key to making our future better - together.*

James Holland Park

City Hall Community Wing

Palm Coast Community Center



## Boundless Aligning Education with Opportunity STUDENTS Get Down to Business

Company CEOs traditionally spend decades earning their prestigious titles. The opposite will occur at Flagler Palm Coast High School this semester and right on campus. Students will become instant executives as soon as they open their own new companies.

With support from a new "Boundless: Aligning Education with Opportunity" program launched by a partnership between The Palm Coast Business Assistance Center (BAC), Florida's Small Business Development Center, the Flagler County Education Foundation and the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce, Palm Coast students will operate and staff their very own enterprises, offering products and services they've established completely on their own. The Boundless 'mentors' will serve as advisors, offering guidance and strategies with an emphasis on hands-on, real world business skills. Examples may include young graphic artists opening their own printing business or journalists writing a weekly newsletter.

"Boundless is another creative opportunity to help our own local teens connect with the economic success in Palm Coast," says Joe Roy, area manager for the Palm Coast BAC. "We're hoping this grassroots effort will show our youth they can ultimately stay in our community to succeed in business."

As the program develops, it is conceivable that some elements will become part of the Flagler School curriculum.



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**About Daylight Savings Time Watering Restrictions:** Our standard landscape irrigation policy for Daylight Savings Time goes into effect in 2015 from Sunday, March 8 to Sunday, November 1. Residential and business consumers may water lawns and shrubs according to the following provisions:

1. Irrigation is limited to twice a week: odd-numbered resident addresses irrigate on Wed/Sat; even-numbered resident addresses irrigate on Thurs/Sun; businesses water on Tues/Fri.
2. Users of private irrigation wells can irrigate between midnight and 10am and between 4pm and midnight, on their designated days.
3. Irrigation is limited to ¾ inch of water per irrigation zone and to no more than one hour per irrigation zone.
4. Hand-held hoses equipped with automatic shut-off nozzles and drip systems/bubblers are both allowed at any time.
5. When reclaimed water is available, use of private irrigation is not authorized. Customers may irrigate with reclaimed water at any time.
6. Irrigate using city water only between 12 midnight and 10am on your designated days. Go to [www.palmcoastgov.com](http://www.palmcoastgov.com) for more information.



**About 6-Laning Palm Coast Pkwy Updates:** Widening on the south side of Palm Coast Pkwy has been completed and construction to expand the north side of the Parkway is now underway, including underground utility work, storm drainage installation and barrier walls.



**About the Seminole Woods Pkwy Path:** Phase Two of this multi-purpose path project is winding down, with work recently completed on the sections between Ulaturn Tr. to Universal Tr. Residents will soon see the final pieces finished, extending to Citation Parkway.

**About Paperless Billing:** Paying your utility bill online saves you time, paper, envelopes and stamps. Enroll in Palm Coast's paperless billing program so you can manage and control your utility account. Learn more at [www.palmcoastgov.com](http://www.palmcoastgov.com) and search Paperless Billing. You can also speak to a Customer Service Rep at 386-986-2360.

**2015 Parade of Homes :** March 21st-29th Tour models designed by many premier builders from Bellagio Homes to the Showcase Community Beach Haven. Visit [www.flaglerparadeofhomes.com](http://www.flaglerparadeofhomes.com) for more information.



## Making Our Future Together

The City of Palm Coast is working hard to bring in new companies and jobs, and economic indicators are strengthening. Our Prosperity 2021 strategic economic development plan focuses on improving existing neighborhoods and commercial areas while also attracting new investment. The Palm Coast Business Assistance Center and its partner agencies help businesses get started and grow. We've developed the perfect business climate for entrepreneurial imagination. Our infrastructure paves the way for innovation in technology and clean industry. We're investing in our future with design and purpose.

Learn more at: [www.PalmCoastGov.com/future](http://www.PalmCoastGov.com/future).





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TRIVETT HOMES
Gives Us
Something
GREEN
To Build On

Bo Trivett smiles humbly but speaks proudly when he talks about the recognition his company received from the City of Palm Coast. "Being the first to qualify for Palm Coast's GREEN Building Incentive Program means everything for a homebuilder who wants to aggressively pursue saving energy and money for clients," Bo says. "I've always believed it's the right thing to do for our community."

Trivett Homes was recently acclaimed for meeting specific green criteria designated by the City Council. Council adopted a construction-based incentives program for contractors who volunteer to construct green homes that enhance sustainability and integrate environmental stewardship, resource efficiency and sensitivity into our community. The program's ultimate goal is to change the culture of the local development industry. Trivett's Tessa model, located on Ulysses Drive, is a classic example of all the above conservation techniques in homebuilding. All plumbing fixtures (toilets, faucets, showerheads) are 25% more energy-efficient than standard fittings. Bahia sod is planted outdoors because it is a more drought-resistant product and needs less water to thrive.

As a result of its efforts, Trivett Homes earned permit fee reductions and fast-track reviewing from the City. It also received recognition for being certified for the prestigious Florida Water Star Certification from Florida's St. Johns Water Management District. Water Star endorsement acknowledges a builder's commitment to construct with an eye on increased water efficiency both inside and outside their new homes.



With his extensive business background in the automobile, mortgage and cell phone industries, Bo believes he has ultimately found a passion and profession where he can have a sustainable impact on raising environmental awareness in his hometown. "I've lived in Palm Coast all my life and I genuinely care about the viability of how we expand for our next generations," he says. "If Trivett Homes can do a little bit right now to safeguard our environment, I figure we'll be doing a lot to preserve our future."

For more information, go to www.palmcoastgov.com/green



Councilman DeLorenzo & Bo Trivett



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Pouring rain is flooding your street and moving onto your property.

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If you have an urgent after-hours utility crisis, Palm Coast Emergency Staff never shuts down. Make the call and a City utility technician will be contacted to rapidly respond to your emergency. Write down this phone number and keep it handy whenever you have a water-related crisis - no matter what time of day or where you live in Palm Coast, we're here for you.

While We're on the Subject
of Flooding and Water. . .

Please know that standard homeowners insurance does not cover a flooded home. Contacting an insurance agent will help you learn more about specific policies that might protect your property from disastrous damage costs. The City of Palm Coast participates in the national Flood Insurance Program, so you may be able to purchase a separate flood insurance policy at a reduced rate, depending on how your property ranks as a special flood hazard area. When talking with an agent, use the City's Community Identification Number (CID) - 120684 - so your agent can identify Palm Coast properties and apply any applicable discounts.

You should also know that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) upgraded Palm Coast's new insurance rating to Class 5, the highest of any Florida city or county. Only 20 others have earned this rating.

Based on the improved rating, Palm Coast property owners living in a Special Flood Hazard Area may receive a 25% discount on premiums. Properties outside hazard areas may receive a 10% discount on their already lower premiums. City staff teams continue work to improve our insurance ratings as we enhance public safety, protect property and preserve the natural functions of flood plains.

To help prevent flooding, please remember to keep your swales and other waterways free of debris.
If you have questions, log onto
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