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The City of Palm Coast is honored to announce the winners of its 2016 Find Your Florida Photo Contest



Palm Coast Pictures are Worth 1,000 Words
No words can describe the sights. The photos say it all.
Congratulations to the following winners:

FIRST PLACE
Steven Sobel



SECOND PLACE
Rachel Dolezel



THIRD PLACE
John A. Pascucci

Best Bird Photo - Christopher Lemke, Best Youth Photo - Selena Munoz
Honorable Mention goes to photos taken by: Emilie Vallarejos, Gwen McCarthy, Duane Van Horn, John Pascucci, Marcia Jewell, Rachel Dolezal, Richard Acheson

In a separate City of Palm Coast employee photo contest, the following winners were recently honored:

First Place - Heather Priestap, Second Place - Tom Hanson, Third Place - Lucy Nabico



Best Bird Photo - Lucy Nabico

Honorable Mentions: Barbie Bembry, Lucy Nabico, Tom Hanson, Heather Priestap

Winners photographs can be viewed on the City's website at www.palmcoastgov.com/photocontest.



Jon Netts - Mayor • Heidi Shipley - Vice Mayor • Bill McGuire • Jason DeLorenzo • Steve Nobile Palm Coast, FL August/September 2016

It's Primary Time

Yes, there's a crucial national presidential election going on this year, but Palm Coast residents also have their own crucial local election to consider. The public will be asked to choose a new Mayor and City Council Members to represent Districts #1 & #3.

The following information should answer any election questions you may have:

WHO

MAYORAL CANDIDATES ARE:

John Brady
Milissa Holland
Dennis McDonald
Ronald Radford

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR DISTRICT #1 ARE:

Robert Cuff
Troy DuBose
Sims E. Jones
Arthur J. McGovern Jr.

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR DISTRICT #3 ARE:

Nicholas Klufas
Anita Moeder
Pam Richardson



WHEN - Primary Election: Tuesday, August 30 from 7am to 7pm. Early voting is scheduled Mon. Aug. 15 through Sat., Aug. 27, 10 am to 6pm daily, including weekends.

WHERE - Primary early voting locations are the Flagler Public Library at 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy NW, the Palm Coast Community Center at 305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE and the Flagler Government Services Building at 1769 E. Moody Blvd. Regular primary voting will be held at precincts indicated on your voter registration cards.

WHAT - Your elected officials serve four year terms on a non-partisan basis, meaning all residents can cast ballots for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation. Officials also serve at-large, which means that even though City Districts encompass specific geographic areas, residents who live in ANY area of the City can vote for Council Members running in ANY District. All voters can also vote for Mayor.

If you will be out of town to vote in the primary, you can vote by mail. Contact the Flagler County Supervisor of Elections Office, 386-313-4170.

WHY - Your vote is your voice. Submitting your ballot means you are voicing your opinion on how to guide the successful future for Palm Coast. Remember that races may very well be decided at the primary election. If a candidate receives more than 50% in the Primary, he/she will win their election. If no one achieves more than 50%, the top two candidates move on to a run-off in the general election on Nov. 8.

For more city election information, call the Palm Coast City Clerk's office at 386-986-3713.



Message From The Mayor

Jon Netts



It's time for me to start cleaning out my desk at City Hall. The close of my Mayoral term makes me both sad and happy, humbled and proud, exhilarated and tired. Right at this moment, I am nostalgic.

My wife, Priscilla and I moved to Palm Coast from New Jersey in 1992, searching for a city with four characteristics: serene, clean, green, and marine (we love boating). We couldn't have found a more ideal place. As we settled into our new community, the movement toward Palm Coast's incorporation as a new City fascinated me. I began attending meetings, both pro and con and when Palm Coast residents overwhelmingly voted to incorporate I was chosen to serve on the City's first Code Board. A year later I was elected as Council Member from District #2, as Mayor in 2007 and re-elected in 2011.

Palm Coast has accomplished so much over these past sixteen years. A Mayor alone cannot carry out the business of an entire community. So everything has definitely not been about me. My elected teammates have worked by my side: former Mayor James Canfield, Council Members Jerry Full, Ralph Carter, Jim Holland, Bill Venne, Holsey Moorman, Frank Meeker, Mary DiStefano, Alan Peterson, Bill Lewis, Dave Ferguson, Bill McGuire, Jason DeLorenzo, Heidi Shipley, Steve Nobile all have led Palm Coast in establishing these astounding accomplishments:

- Elevated Palm Coast as a State environmental leader, receiving so many prestigious awards at all levels from many commissions, coalitions and organizations.
- Expanded recreational opportunities with the construction of Waterfront Park, Ralph Carter Park, a new clay court Tennis Center, Long Creek Nature Preserve, as well as the renovation of the Palm Harbor Golf Club, Indian Trail Sports Complex, Belle Terre Park, Seminole Woods Park and Central Park in Town Center.
- Built four new fire stations, one new water treatment plant and began construction of a second wastewater treatment plant.
- Developed sports tourism as a prominent economic draw to our City.
- Constructed over 125+ miles of new biking/hiking trails to connect neighborhoods to businesses and schools.
- Built the City's first City Hall.
- Expanded roadways, such as 6-laning Palm Coast Pkwy and Belle Terre Pkwy and extended Palm Harbor Pkwy to the new Old Kings Rd and I-95/Matanzas Woods Pkwy Interchange.
- Addressed a sluggish economy by establishing a Prosperity 2021 plan to enhance neighborhoods and homes, encourage new local businesses to open here and create the Business Assistance Center to offer free personalized business consulting services.
- Emphasized green programs such as recycling and an innovative, one-of-a-kind Doorstep Household Hazardous Waste program with incentives for the community to participate.
- Adopted the City's first Green Development Incentive Ordinance to offer incentives to builders who adopt energy efficient practices and the City's first Unified Land Development Code setting forth requirements and procedures to govern land usage.
- Rehabbed 25 miles of swales and resurfaced 50 miles of roads each year.
- Opened its existing fiber network for local business use, increasing Palm Coast's access to advance broadband telecommunication services and affordable Internet access.

It's been a great sixteen years. There's more reminiscing to come in our next newsletter, distributed in October/November.



Gators & Snakes Live Here, Too

They were here first. Alligators, snakes, turtles, insects and fish all have resided in Florida even before our ancestors or forefathers. The State they've always inhabited is surrounded by water on three sides and the climate is tropical, so those of us now living in Florida should anticipate some eventual interaction with any of these creatures. People move to Palm Coast because of our beautiful natural environment and the snakes, gators and insects are all part of this ecosystem. Our choice is to do our best to co-exist harmoniously with all of our wildlife.

What to do? Most gators or snakes simply want to be left alone. Calmly walk away and don't mess with them. Avoid any initial contact by staying away from swamp, wetland or lake shorelines and don't swim in questionable areas. And certainly don't feed these creatures! They'll just keep coming back, looking for more hand-outs.

Living in Florida is a great experience for people and creatures when we respect each other's differences.

Your Palm Coast Property & FEMA

Every property in Palm Coast is vulnerable to flooding. Either heavy rain, high tides or Intracoastal Waterway overflow can cause flood damage to a home. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has studied our community and proposed new maps for floodplain designations. Proposed changes may take effect as early as August 2017.

Protect your home by following these two steps:

1. Go to www.palmcoastgov.com and follow to the Emergency Management/Insurance Rate Map section. The City has created an interactive map that can locate your specific address to determine existing and proposed flood map designations.
2. Policyholders should continue to work with their insurance agents to resolve any questions or concerns that they have related to flood insurance, or contact FEMA Floodsmart at (888) 379-9531. For more information please contact the City of Palm Coast, Denise Bevan, Certified Floodplain Manager, at (386) 986-2458. The City of Palm Coast encourages all residents to have flood insurance. Take note of the City's Community ID Number 120684 to secure the optimal discount for your flood policy.

CITY DESK

About the Bunkers: No, not Archie and Edith...the bunkers at the Palm Harbor Golf Course are being renovated this fall. Some of these sand traps will be re-configured for maintenance efficiency, and others will be revamped to eliminate drainage problems. The course will remain open during the project.

About Registering for CodeRED: Nothing is more important during weather emergencies or disasters than instant communication and safety. If you register on the City's free CodeRED system, we can immediately and automatically inform you of threatening or dangerous situations in Palm Coast, assuring your knowledge of the situation will keep you safe. Go online to www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency or call 386-986-2360.

About Upcoming Special Events:

8th Annual Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup – Sat., Sept. 10, 8am-1pm We'll provide everything a volunteer will need to clean up across our community's precious waterways. Event begins at the Palm Coast Community Center, 305 Palm Coast Parkway NE. Refreshments will be provided after the cleanup, at noon. Registration is required. 386-986-3722 or visit www.palmcoastgov.com/icwc.

Fallen Heroes 9/11 Memorial Service – Sun., Sept. 11, 8am at Heroes Memorial Park. Join your fellow community members to pay tribute to the men and women who lost their lives in the worst terrorist attack ever committed on American soil. 386-986-2300.

Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches Senior Games – Competition in 14 sports for people ages 50 and older will be held at various Palm Coast/Flagler County locations Sept. 10-18: archery, 5K road race, basketball, horseshoes, softball, pickleball, golf, tennis, cycling, table tennis, indoor volleyball, ballroom dancing, power lifting and golf croquet. Events are sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and are qualifiers for the Florida Senior Games State Championships. Details at www.palmcoastgov.com/seniorgames. 386-986-2323.

5th annual Palm Coast International Festival – Sat., Oct. 1, noon-9pm at Central Park in Town Center. Celebrate Palm Coast's diverse cultures, enjoying a variety of ethnic cuisines, international wines and imported beers, music, cultural displays and dance. Free admission. 386-986-2323 or www.palmcoastgov.com/international-fest.

About a New Traffic Signal: Lines of cars sitting at the Old Kings Rd. & Town Center Blvd. intersection will be moving more safely and efficiently now that a new traffic signal is being installed. The signal's timing will vary to accommodate vehicles at the busiest traffic times of the day.

A PLAYGROUND WORTH THE WAIT!



Kids are really going to love playing at Holland Park's awesome new playground, presently under construction at the Florida Park Drive property. Its defining title, "Discover Palm Coast", will be the first themed phase of this play area. Reflecting our historic Bulow Plantation Sugar Mill flavor, the primary structure integrates old Mill ruins with a six-foot coquina rock climbing escarpment, three slides, a zip line and archeological digging area. These elements will challenge youngsters to increase their confidence and independence on play equipment, as well as their sense of curiosity and adventure.

Future Discover Palm Coast playground phases will eventually include The Construction Zone's small scale excavating equipment for kids featuring a manhole at the top which leads to lighted pipes/tunnels; The Hammock's native plants and replica of an airstream trailer camp site; The Spring's two splash pad zones with turtles, frogs and butterflies; The Shore's beach dunes with dolphin, ray and starfish replicas and natural features found along beachfronts.

Discover Palm Coast is intended to ultimately become a destination playground for anyone visiting our region in Florida. It's sometimes hard to be patient, but this playground will certainly be worth the wait!

