



Message From The Mayor

Melissa Holland



Here's the one true thing I believe about public safety: in today's world where so many things tear us apart, the one stance we take together rests on the magnitude of safety in our community. Our number one obligation as your government officials is to safeguard security in our neighborhoods.

Your City Council presently contracts with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office to ensure your public safety. Together we interact as a high impact safety partnership. Council has authorized five new deputy positions for Palm Coast, dedicated to additional traffic enforcement to make our roads safer. They will be focused on high traffic and crash locations and they'll monitor roadways, with emphasis on speed enforcement and aggressive driving.

Sheriff Staly has also implemented a new Problem Area Crime Enforcement (Pace) unit. It will focus on criminal activity as data is analyzed to determine crime trends and develop suspects. Additionally, a new Domestic Homeland Security section conducts threat assessments for events that anticipate large crowds.

In the wake of recent national incidents involving police and community confrontation, a top priority for our citizens is building trust and creating ongoing dialogue with the Sheriff's force. As community partners, Council consistently reaches out to the Sheriff's Office to ensure they are involved in many of our activities. Their programs are hosted at our facilities and their presence is requested at our events. We proudly support their efforts to broaden their presence and their programs, whether on the streets, at community gatherings or on social media.

Meanwhile, there are several things that you can do on your own to help assure your safety:

1. If you see something, say something. Contact the tip line at TIPS@flaglersheriff.com or call CrimeStoppers of North East Florida. Anyone can submit an anonymous tip and be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000:1-888-277-TIPS.
2. Pay attention to your surroundings. Don't act like a potential victim.
3. Always lock your vehicle and never leave valuables in site.
4. Don't leave your keys in your car.

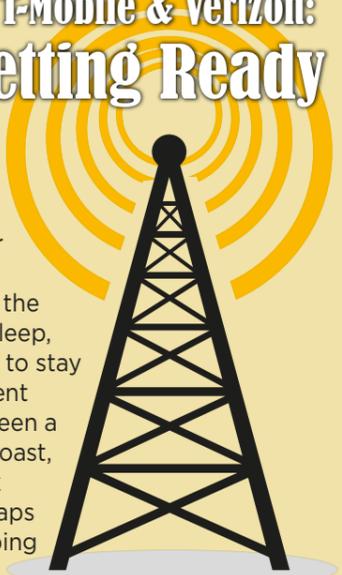
Ultimately, your elected officials must do everything possible to protect our citizens. To be successful, we must continue to create an environment not only where people want to live, but also for investors to want to place their resources. If we remain committed to maintain strong relationships and mutual trust with our deputies, together we will continue to keep Palm Coast as a safer, more viable community.



Melissa Holland
Bob Staly

ATTENTION

AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile & Verizon: We're Getting Ready for You!



Cell phones are indispensable in our lives. From the moment we wake until the moment we go to sleep, we constantly need to stay connected. Consistent cell reception has been a challenge in Palm Coast, caused by network towers that leave gaps in service. This is going to change.

The City has adopted a long-term plan to eliminate cell service breaks by adding new cell towers to improve our technology infrastructure. We have worked with Diamond Communications, our telecommunications consultant to develop a five-year plan to attract AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon to lease space on existing and new towers that we will build.

Here's an outline of our plan:

Twenty-nine possible public sites have been identified across Palm Coast as the most suitable locations for ten new monopoles. These single pole towers will rise about 150 feet and their buffers would be located at least 150-feet from the nearest residential property.

We are aggressively marketing our plan to the four prominent wireless carriers, offering necessary infrastructure and fast-paced approval process. Our final goal is to plug all those coverage gaps while boosting our image as a great place for companies to do business.

From beginning to end, this master plan will take five years, but you'll begin to see plan implementation within this year.



CITY DESK

About Daylight Savings Time Watering Restrictions:

Our standard landscape irrigation policy for Daylight Savings Time goes into effect in 2018 from Sun., Mar. 11 to Sun., Nov. 4. Residential and business consumers may water lawns and shrubs according to the following provisions:

1. Irrigation is limited to two days per week
2. Odd-numbered residential addresses irrigate on Wed. and Sat.
3. Even-numbered residential addresses irrigate on Thurs. and Sun.
4. Non-residential (businesses) irrigate on Tues. and Fri.
5. Users of private irrigation wells may irrigate at any time on their designated day except between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
6. Users of the City's water system for irrigation may water only between midnight and 10 a.m. on their designated day
7. The use of reclaimed water is allowed at any time. When reclaimed water is available, the use of private irrigation wells is not authorized.



Restrictions and exceptions can be found on the City of Palm Coast website at www.palmcoastgov.com. Search for "watering restrictions."

About Arbor Day 2018 - Sat., May 5, 9am-2pm in Central Park:

It's time for your favorite event again!

- Free three gallon trees given in exchange for a non-perishable food item
- Kids Zone, nature exhibits, crafts, butterfly release at 11am
- Live Patty Shukla musical concert



About Spring Swimming Pool Hours:

It's getting warm outside, so grab your bathing suit and head over to the Frieda Zamba Swimming Pool. The pool opens for a fabulous season on April 2, 2-7:30pm, Mon. - Fri. Practice safety techniques at the **Pool Safety Day** on Sat., May 26 from 1-4pm and join a **Tribute to the Troops** on Monday, May 28. New aquatic programs this year include **Kid's Kayaking** on Saturdays in May and **Teen Log Rolling Night** on Sundays, May 27-July 22. More info: 386-986-4741.

About Summer Camps:

Here are some awesome camp ideas for your kids this summer:

- **Fun in the Sun:** June 4-Aug. 3, K-6 grades, 7:30-4:30pm. Games, sports, crafts, swimming. A 4:30-6pm program after camp is available for an additional fee.
- **Firefighter Camp:** June 11-15, grades 3-5, 8:30-11:30am, Main Fire Station. Campers learn about fire safety and firefighting techniques.
- **Junior Tennis Summer Camp:** June 11 -Aug.3 for 6-13 year-olds, 9am-4pm, Belle Terre Park. Kids practice stroke fundamentals, footwork, and match play. More info: 386-986-2550.
- **Junior Golf Camp:** June 11 -July 12 in three sessions, 6-16 year-olds, 9am-1pm, Palm Harbor Golf Course. Golfers learn basic skills and sportsmanship. More info: 386-986-GOLF.
- **Junior Lifeguard Camp:** June 23-24 for 11-15 year olds, 8am-12pm, Frieda Zamba Swimming Pool. Learn water safety, lifeguard rescues, and First Aid CPR/AED.



Register for camps at www.palmcoastgov.com/camps

About the 2018 Find Your Florida Photo Contest:

Share your Palm Coast photos that show why living here is so special! Examples may include active outdoor lifestyle, landscapes, waterways and parks. New this year: a "Palm Coasters" category focused on people enjoying life and an Instagram-based contest. To enter on Instagram, use the hashtag "PCpics2018" and include the photo location (where in Palm Coast?) in the caption. Gift certificates from local businesses will be awarded to winners, and winning photos will be showcased at a City Council meeting. Entry is free. Submit by May 31. www.palmcoastgov.com/photocontest.

Visit www.palmcoastgov.com for more information



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Utility billing, garbage pick-up, streets, maintenance for city signs, street lights, sidewalks, potholes; swales and drainage, driveways/culverts, resurfacing; Code Enforcement, mowing, tree/fire mitigation, property maintenance, vehicle parking, trash on private property, irrigation ordinance, noise/pet issues.

Community Development

Planning 386-986-3736
Building Permits . . . 386-986-3780

Fire & Rescue 386-986-2300

Parks & Recreation.386-986-2323

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Prune Soon

Palm Coast is well known for valuing the pageantry of its trees. Residents have a sensitivity for protecting our legendary tree canopy and caring for the healthful growth of our landscape.

Spring is the right time for you to consider trimming your trees so they can grow to natural maturity. THE single most important thing you can do is to select a qualified tree surgeon to do your job.

How do you determine who is qualified?

- Commercial tree surgeons who've completed an official City course and passed a final exam
- Individuals who carry proof of insurance
- Those who can show you proof of an ISA certification (International Society of Arboriculture)
- Tree surgeons listed on the City's website under Business Tax Receipts Tree Surgeon category.
Go to: www.palmcoastgov.com/local-business-search

If you are contemplating tree trimming, consider these guidelines:

- Don't remove healthy green fronds from your palms and never just take off the top.
- Note that the City's tree density requirement is one tree for every 2,500 square feet of total lot area on your property.
- If you need to remove a live or dead tree, obtain a free permit from the City's Urban Forestry Department: 160 Lake Ave. in Central Park.



20th Anniversary Marks Devastating Flagler Wildfires

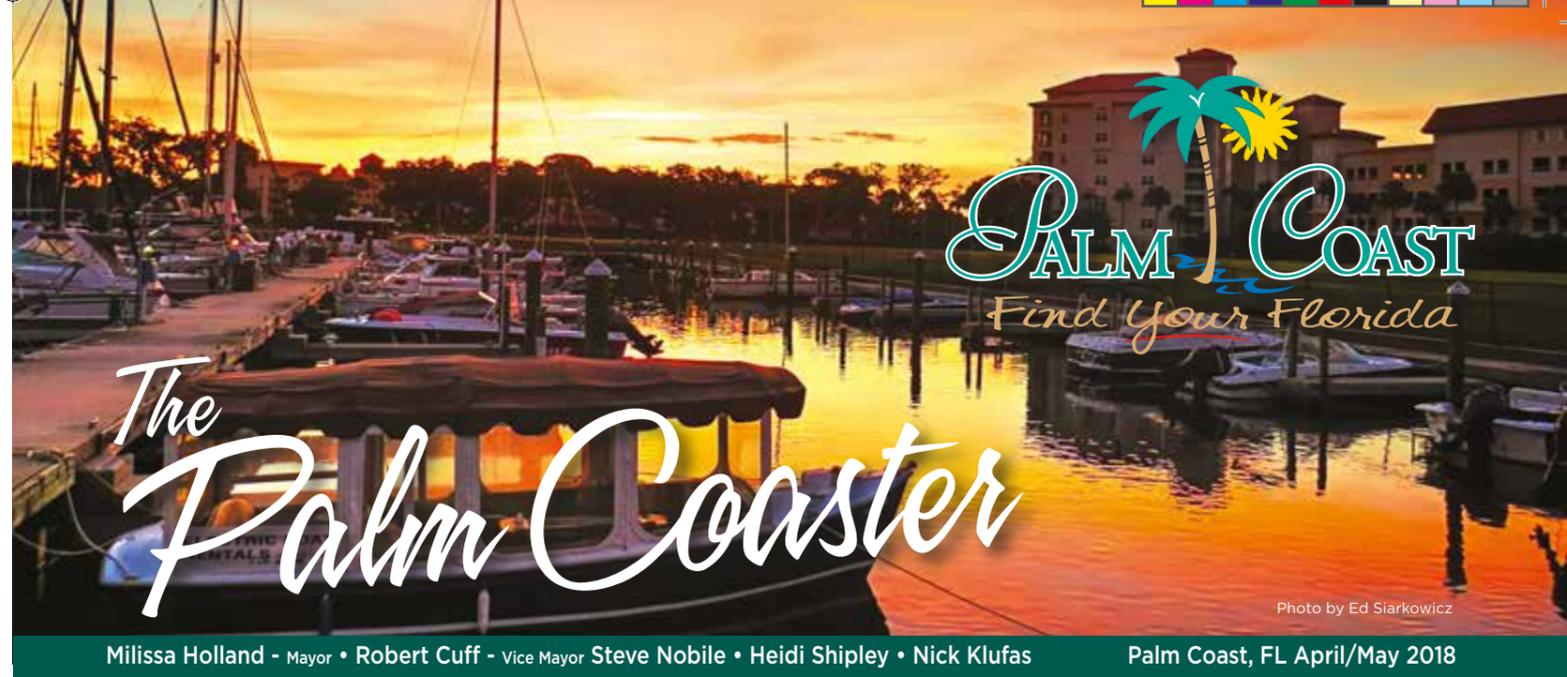
In July, 1998, all 35,000 residents of Flagler County were ordered to evacuate the area. Thousands of firefighters struggled to contain dangerous runaway brush fires that threatened to consume our lives. In the end, 87 homes were destroyed.

Twenty years later, firefighting has changed, but Mother Nature hasn't. Although our Fire Department has evolved with progressive protection practices, Palm Coast is just as vulnerable to the most treacherous wildfires.

It's time for you to get ready:

1. Prepare to leave your home with little or no warning. Have an emergency kit ready with medications, copies of all your important documents and personal needs. Create an evacuation plan, including routes, a meeting place and emergency contact (preferably someone outside the area).
2. Clean your house gutters from debris. Mow underbrush and remove vegetation that lies within 30 feet of an adjacent structure. Trim trees and hanging branches. Store flammables away from your home.
3. Be cautious when grilling. Don't dump used charcoal just anywhere at any time. Soak it in a bucket of water and dispose of it properly.
4. Call 911 for emergency assistance. DO NOT call the Fire Department directly. The City has implemented CodeRED to swiftly inform residents in neighborhoods that may be affected by a wildfire.

Register at www.palmcoastgov.com.



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The New Heart of Everything: Our Palm Coast Community Center

The spirit of our City has regenerated on Palm Coast Parkway. The stunning new Palm Coast Community Center has emerged as our multi-generational Parks & Recreation facility. Renovations have tripled the size of the Community Center to an impressive 21,000 sq. feet featuring a grand entrance/lobby area and contemporary coastal design.

Features inside the structure include an extraordinary 5,000 square foot room with attached catering kitchen. A rubberized floor covers another room, perfect for fitness and active programs. The Palm Coast Community Center serves as home base to many weekly activities for our youths all the way to our seniors. Classes, programs, special events and rentals are available in four spacious rooms, conducive for parties, weddings and business conferences.

What's Returning?

- Game Day
- Nature & Fitness Walks
- Lunch & Lecture
- Monthly Discover Trips

What's New?

- Knitting/Crocheting
- Fantasy Football
- FIFA World Cup Soccer Parties
- Pot Luck Socials

Outside, kids will love the new playground, complete with modern age-specific equipment and interactive fun for all age groups. The basketball court has been re-positioned to allow for more parking. A trailhead with restrooms now connects to the Linear Park trail. Historic oak trees surrounding the Center were preserved to uphold the tradition of old Florida beauty in Palm Coast.

Your sales tax dollars funded most of this \$8 million community center. When residents spend their money locally, the cash goes into a dedicated reserve for projects like the Community Center. Thanks to you, this new renovation was subsidized without the City needing to borrow a single penny.

Be proud that your new Community Center is now the distinct heart of gathering and playing in Palm Coast. And the beat goes on.

Check out the trip to the Tampa Bay stadium to catch a Rays/Yankees game!

Palm Coast Community Center
305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE
386-986-2323
Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm

