



Message From The Mayor

Melissa Holland



Wait until you see your brand new Community Center!

The Grand Reopening of the Palm Coast Community Center will be held this spring when we'll have an official ceremony, refreshments and tours. At the very heart of our community, this Center will serve as our new focal point of recreation and social activities, a place we can all feel proud to gather.

The beautifully renovated and expanded Community Center will be three times its original size, offering a variety of leisure activities, recreation programs and spaces for special events and rentals. The facility is 21,000 square feet, providing five meeting/program room options, two kitchens, a beautiful new playground, outdoor trailhead and basketball court. Parking spaces will double.

The Community Center project was funded with sales tax revenue, and we are paying for it in full with no need for a loan. It affirms one of my favorite messages as Mayor: Shop Local! Every time we all do our shopping at restaurants, stores, and gas stations located in Palm Coast, revenue comes back to us for important capital projects. Thanks to all of you, our "new" Community Center is truly a reality!

Speaking of capital projects, the City Council updates our Capital Improvement Plan every year, aligning our community's needs by prioritizing construction projects and infrastructure improvements. In addition to sale tax revenue, funding comes from grants, impact fees, service charges and property taxes. The CIP is our guide for upgrading roads, parks, stormwater and Utility systems.

Some of this year's projects include:



Wastewater Treatment Plant #2: The new sewer plant west of US1 will use the latest technology, adding 2 million gallons per day of additional wastewater treatment capacity for our City. This is needed to accommodate our growth. The plant begins operating soon with a grand opening in Spring.



Street Lights: We're developing a new master plan for the City's continuous street lighting program, with the top priorities for this year being Lakeview Boulevard and Belle Terre Parkway from Palm Coast Pkwy to SR100.



New Pathways: In the Seminole Woods area, a pathway along Sesame Blvd. will be started this year. In north Palm Coast, construction will begin in late summer on the Lakeview Blvd. path.



Weir Replacement Projects: Three aging water control structures located in freshwater canals along Sentinel Trail, September Place and Belle Terre Pkwy are being replaced and will soon function soundly, controlling the level of water in the freshwater canals located nearby.



Holland Park Phase 2: Construction will start this summer on the new splash park and additional playground equipment. Phase 2 also includes a covering for the Bocce court, new handball and pickleball courts, exercise/fitness stations, lighting, a new maintenance building and upgrade to Pavilion #3 restrooms. The Park will remain open during the additions.

Delicious Dining with a Side Order of Golf

Remember to bring your appetite to the Palm Harbor Golf Club and not just your irons and putters. Actually, you may not need clubs at all. Now that the Green Lion Café has opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this new dining experience is becoming a Palm Coast favorite, attracting diners who love all sports or no sports at all. Yes, golf is always great at Palm Harbor, but at this clubhouse the food preparation is also pretty special.

The Green Lion is a branch of the popular Golden Lion Restaurant in Flagler Beach, but with a delightfully different menu. Daily freshly-caught fish, onsite baked bread and desserts have become customer favorites. The Café highlights specialties such as seafood pot pies, lobster claws, short ribs served over cheese grits and an amazing sticky toffee pudding. It accentuates standard fare like colossal shrimp, grilled steak, giant sandwiches and vegan/gluten free meals. Patrons can indulge in a Charcuterie Board with cheeses, meats, nuts and fruits for group sharing or a gourmet breakfast blend of bacon, eggs and grilled veggies offered for dinner.

"Our restaurant pampers people hungry for a something mouthwatering, served in a serene atmosphere overlooking the golf course," says Green Lion General Manager Dan Keglo. Head Chef Ramses Delao agrees.

"Your experience here will be unlike anywhere else in this area," he adds.

The Palm Harbor Golf Club is located at 100 Cooper Lane. Dining hours for breakfast, lunch and dinner are 7am-8pm daily. Two-for-one Happy Hour runs daily from 3-6pm. The restaurant is a perfect spot for you to book special gatherings like showers, weddings, businesses and organization meetings. Certainly, golf outings continue to be popular at all times of the day.

The Green Lion Café is not just for golfers. It's for anyone who loves to eat. For info, please call 386-986-4653 (GOLF).



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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. 3. Residential and business consumers may water lawns and shrubs according to the following provisions:

1. Irrigation is limited to one day 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. Irrigation is limited to 3/4 inch of water per irrigation zone and to no more than one hour per irrigation zone
8. Hand-held hoses equipped with automatic shut-off nozzles and drip systems/bubblers are allowed at any time
9. The use of reclaimed water is allowed at any time, but 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 the Flagler Parade of Homes: The 24th Annual Flagler Parade of Homes™, presented by the Flagler Home Builders Association, will take place Mar. 3-11. New models and building innovation will be highlighted as you tour homes created by the County's best builders. Homes will be open 10am to 5pm from Monday through Saturday and noon to 5pm on Sundays. Visit FlaglerParadeofHomes.com.



About Temporary Modification of Water Disinfection Treatment Procedures:

In order to maintain reliability of our water distribution system, the City of Palm Coast Utility Department will temporarily change the disinfection process for our potable (drinking water) supply. From February 21 to March 21, we will disinfect the water with free chlorine rather than combined chlorine/ammonia (chloramines). This helps to ensure the quality of the drinking water in the distribution system. During this period, customers may experience a slight increase in the taste and odor of chlorine. Customers on dialysis who use a proportioning machine to prepare dialysate are advised to contact their physician to obtain the appropriate steps to accommodate the change in water disinfection. Customers who have fish tanks or aquatic species are advised to contact a professional aquarist to avoid any problems associated with chlorine.

Call Customer Service, 386-986-2360, with any questions.

About Having Some Fun in Palm Coast:

Now is a great time to check out all of the upcoming programs and special events in our Spring Activity Guide. Copies are available at all city facilities. And wait until you see your new Community Center! (hint: coming soon).

Here are a few approaching events:

- **Egg'Stravaganza Event:** The hunt is on for 10,000+ candy and toy filled eggs for children ages 2-10 on Sat., Mar 31, 10am-1pm in Central Park. Take photos with the Bunny, enjoy games, music and magic.
- **Teens, ages 11-17, will gather on Mar. 30, 7-9pm in Central Park to hunt for 2,000 glow-in-the-dark eggs at our Teen Flashlight Hunt.**



Community Center Jubilant Grand Opening!

Watch for the opening coming in Spring.



Visit www.palmcoastgov.com for more information



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Homebased Interns are Fired Up



In a moment of crisis, you'd want interns like Fortunato Damiano and Sean McBride to come to your rescue. These firefighters possess profound expertise and integrity that has been bolstered by their training in our Fire Department's newest program. And by the way . . . they are your neighbors, homebased right here in Palm Coast.

Fortunato and Sean are two members of a new City of Palm Coast Fire Department internship program that addresses department growth and retention. Several years ago, Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Forte discovered that some of our career firefighters were resigning from their jobs to go back to fight fires in their hometowns. He worked to develop an innovative plan, recruiting volunteer firefighters who reside in Palm Coast as an internal source to fill vacancies within the department at the entry level.

Here's how it works. Candidates first apply as volunteers to learn the operational and educational requirements needed to advance within the system. Next, after applying and being accepted for the internship program, they are assigned to one of the department's career lieutenants for training and advancement. Upon successful completion of their educational requirements and certification as a Firefighter II and EMT, they are eligible for the next career opening, based on a point system and their training time.



"When you grow your own, there's no guessing about the character of the people you're hiring," Jerry notes. He feels the best place to find dedicated career people with the permanent sense of duty to protect our community is right here. And he knows that Fortunato and Sean now possess these essentials for success to confront emergencies in Palm Coast.

The program has become a win-win for residents and firefighters. "Working in my own community makes me feel that now I am the best 'me'," Sean says. Fortunato savors the rush he feels when he's called to an emergency. "When I'm helping my fellow residents, I just know I'm living the life I was meant to live."

And the crowning achievement of all? The Palm Coast Fire Department's Internship Program was recently recognized by the Northeast Florida Regional Council with the Regional Award for Excellence in Public Safety. This distinguished honor is presented to a venture that models cooperation and success in planning and growth management. This is a fitting tribute to the men and women who serve our City as firefighters/EMTs and to a community that endorses innovation.

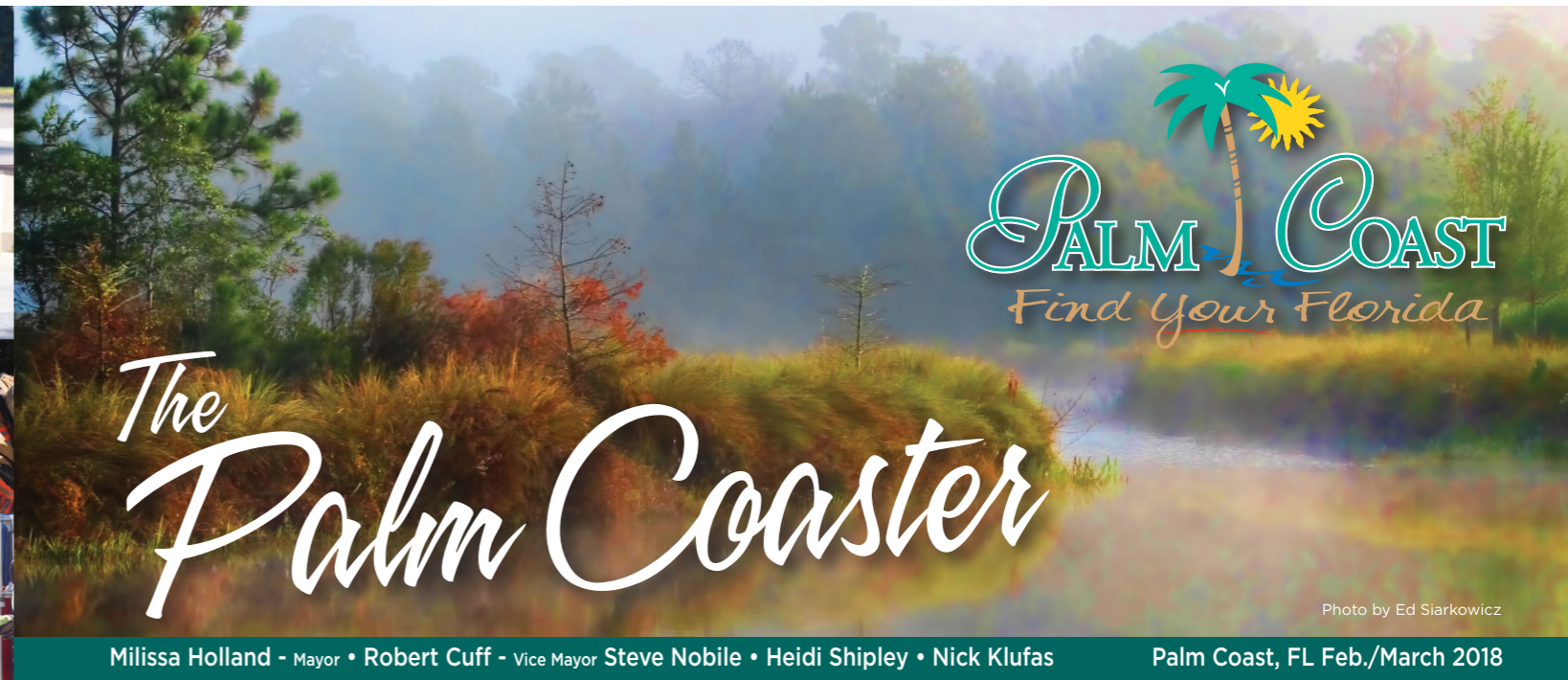


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MEMO

TO: The Palm Coast Community
FROM: Ray Peter, Area Manager, Palm Coast Business Assistance Center
RE: Two new local businesses that will enrich your quality of life



Every day, someone falls in love with the natural richness of Palm Coast. Those of us who live here are often introduced to new factors that continue to supplement this quality of life. That's why I'm pleased to help support businesses that raise this awareness.

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Ray Peter, and I'm the Area Manager for our Palm Coast Business Assistance Center. Partnering with the Florida Small Business Development Center (hosted by the University of Central Florida), we provide free consulting services and resources for new and existing businesses. We help them with planning, permitting, networking, marketing and research so they can make money to invest back into our community and contribute to our growth. In 2017, the BAC eagerly provided 1,300 hours of service to 148 clients. In this memo, I'd like to acquaint you with two growing businesses that are contributing to Palm Coast's roots in nature.

Candace Flanagan wants you to know that just one small bottle cap of water standing for more than a week is enough for hundreds of mosquitos to breed. This is one of the alerts she forewarns in her Safety-Pulse Online Magazine, a venture she's passionately pursued for several years. "Everything you do outdoors comes with a safety risk," she tells me. "If you like our natural environment, you have to be prepared if something unpleasant happens." Her free publication covers vital topics like water safety, heat stress, sunburn, bites and pollutants in wildlife. I've been working with her on website content and design for several months. Her magazine is now viewed by over 4,000 people. Check it out at www.safety-pulse.online.

Did you know that nine out of every ten monarch butterflies hatched are female? David Shipman can confirm this for you. His zeal for butterflies and flowers consumed his life, so he came to me to help him turn his obsession into a business. Armed with a few milkweed plants and caterpillars, he began by creating a grand butterfly garden at home. Tying this to his expertise on orchids, David conceived Butterflies & More, a unique experience for those who want to connect more with the outdoors. He's expanded from attending farmers markets to making appearances at libraries, organization meetings and schools. His remarkable Butterfly Kits (milkweed plant and caterpillars breeding in a small cage) are best sellers in our community.

It's my privilege to help businesses like Safety-Pulse and Butterflies & More thrive in Palm Coast. If you need help, the BAC provides assistance in starting and growing businesses in Flagler County, at no cost to businesses. We're located at the Palm Coast City Hall, 160 Lake Ave.

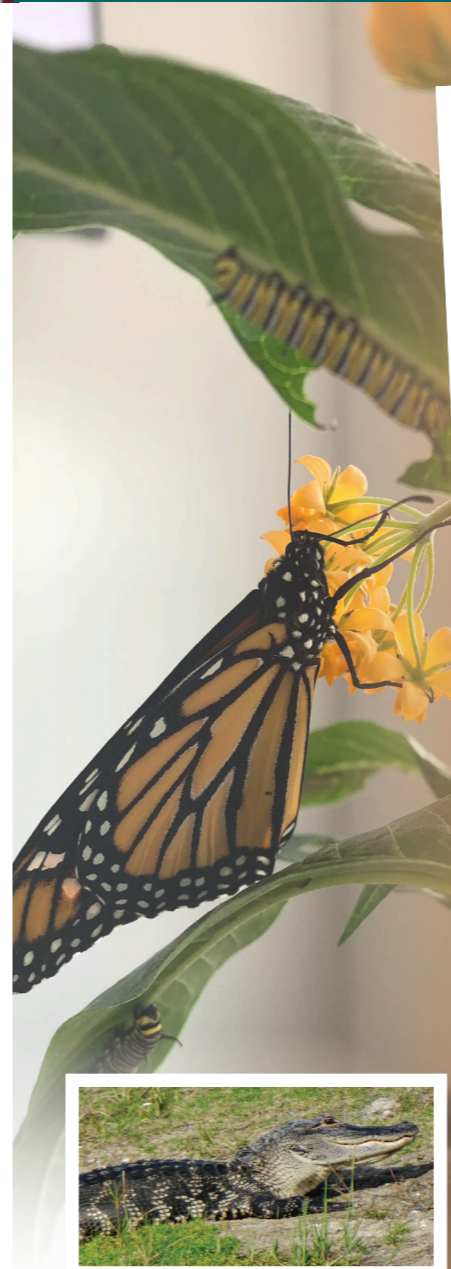


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