



Message From The Mayor

Melissa Holland



You may have seen previous Palm Coast advertisements with the tagline **Find Your Florida**. This tagline is based around the idea that if you are searching for that special something in Florida - whether it be a new home, activity, lifestyle or pace - you can find it right here in our City. When I think of what I've found, I think of the wonderful people in this community, how far we've come in such a short period of time, and how we're strategically cultivating today to bring us forward into the future.

Now the word "future" can have a different meaning to different people. Someone may think that the word future implies what the immediate tomorrow looks like, others may think of an ultramodern scene straight out of The Jetsons. However, when I think of the future of Palm Coast, I see one that is vibrant, sustainable and practical. It's a future of what we're doing today to prepare for a brighter tomorrow. Yet, this is not my vision alone. Your City Council wants this vision to become a reality. And our efforts today will directly affect future generations of Palm Coasters.

One of the ways we're taking action today for tomorrow's future is growing our Town Center and making it a "live, work, play" downtown area - but not just any old downtown. We want to build a hub that's authentic, evolving, lively, innovative, diverse and engaging. We want to stay connected, relevant and forward-thinking. To serve as a catalyst in getting us here, we are currently integrating an Innovation District into Town Center where we're building a stronger, more sustainable and more inclusive community.

Just over the last few months, the City has created an Innovation Team to move important projects forward, initiated a Kick Start Program that encourages new developments in the Innovation District, became a designated Opportunity Zone to help attract new investments, and is in the midst of wrapping up a study to maximize our broadband assets as we work towards becoming a Smart City. To further ignite our spark, we are continuing efforts in fostering entrepreneurship and creating a full-circle ecosystem that allows businesses to grow.

As you can see, our City is committed to building a bright future together and dedicated to resiliency, ingenuity and hard work.

It's certainly not hard to see or find when you think of what we've accomplished just this year!

Opportunity
Just Ahead

Let the Sun
Shine In

We're proud to live in a green City where residents have a passion for saving the environment. Palm Coast is a leader in energy and natural resource preservation, evidenced by our multiple Florida Green City awards and our deeds that are rooted in nature. Partnering with FPL to support their SolarNow program was our perfect outcome. Adding FPL solar panels and trees at our popular public locations indicates how committed we are in the use of clean solar energy in Palm Coast.

Take a ride across the City to appreciate our newest venture. Clean, renewable energy is being generated through a 217 solar paneled canopy providing shade for 26 vehicles parked at the Community Center. A second solar canopy will be added soon to cover areas of the parking lot near baseball fields in Holland Park.

A stop in Central Park will reveal three solar trees that were 'planted' along the walkway. They're anchored with 'tree trunk' pedestals supporting paneled leaf canopies. The trees have USB connections that can be used by park visitors to charge their mobile devices.

FPL is installing, operating and maintaining our mutual solar project. So far, about 200 Palm Coast residents have donated \$9 per month to their monthly electric bill to help fund SolarNow. If you wish to join your neighbors in this endeavor, log onto your FPL account online and follow the prompts regarding SolarNow.

Palm Coast is also a partner in FPL's project to exchange conventional streetlights to energy-saving LED lights across the City. 2,700 lights were converted in 2017 and LEDs will continue to be connected, as we convert streetlights in residential neighborhoods.

With a shared commitment to sustainability, Palm Coast and FPL's partnership in the SolarNow program is another step towards advancing clean, renewable energy in our community. *You might say we're making hay while the sun shines.*

CITY DESK

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 **June 6 to July 11**, 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 dialysis 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 at 386-986-2360, with any questions.

About Parks & Recreation Month Fun:

Summer Pool Party & BBQ - Sun., July 15, noon-2pm at the Frieda Zamba Pool. Hot dogs and fun for 1/2 admission price.

Parks & Play Night - Wed., July 18, 6-8pm at Holland Park. Fun outdoor activities for the whole family.

Tour de Palm Coast - Sat. July 21, 8-10am. Free guided bike tour round trip from Community Center through St. Joe Walkway/Linear Park. Bring water and wear a helmet.

Skate Safety Clinic - Sat. July 28, 9-11am. Free skateboarding class at Ralph Carter Park for all ages.

About Adult/Senior Programs at the Community Center:

Senior Social Corner: Get-togethers each Tues./Thurs., 9-11am to chat and laugh with new and old friends.

Sit, Stitch N' Give: Knitting, crocheting, embroidering with friends on Mon, 9-11am.

Color Me Happy: Newest in coloring techniques to combat stress and promote mindfulness. Mon., 9-11am

Mah Jongg or Pinochle: 1-4pm on Tues. for Pinochle or Wed. for Mah Jongg.

Dance With Me! Ballroom Dance Classes: Foxtrot, Tango, Cha Cha. Beginners welcome; partners not required. Tues., June 5-July 10 or July 17-Aug. 21, 6:30-7:30pm

About New Summer Swimming Pool Events at the Frieda Zamba Pool:

Kid's Kayaking: Thurs. June 21-July 19, 7:30-8:30pm, 5-12 year olds learn how to kayak.

Teen Log Rolling Night: Sun. May 27-July 22, 4:45-5:45pm, Log rolling lessons and competition for ages 10+

Flippa Ball: June 5-26 & July 10-31, 7:30-8:30pm, 8-12 year olds learn to play water polo.

Mini Triathlon Challenge: Each Sun. in July, 8-17 year olds compete in swimming, cycling and running events, Sun. 10-11am.

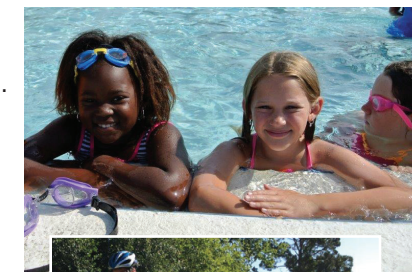
Frieda's Festive Fridays: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, 5:30-7:15pm. All ages enjoy games and music at the pool.

About a Special Partnership:

The City of Palm Coast and Florida Hospital Flagler are strongly united to improve the quality of life for Palm Coast residents. Announcing their new Health and Wellness Event Partnership officially launches several joint initiatives to address our health habits. Programs include Parks & Recreation's Lunch N' Lecture and Coffee Series, and a July 27 free public health screening event at the Community Center. More info: www.palmcoastgov.com

Plan to participate in our Fall Senior Games. Watch for more information coming soon.

Visit www.palmcoastgov.com for more information





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Community Development

Planning. 386-986-3736
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Are You Ready to Vote?

2018 is a significant election year. Are you prepared to vote? Here's some information to get you started:

Primary Election:
Tuesday, August 28

Deadline for Voter Registration:
Monday, July 30

To register or update your information:

1. Fill out an application in person at 1769 Moody Blvd., Suite 101
2. Pick up an application at the above address and mail it to Flagler County Supervisor of Elections, PO Box 901, Bunnell, FL 32110
3. Log onto www.flaglerelections.com

Offices on the ballot:

1. Palm Coast City Council Members representing Districts #2 & #4
2. Various Federal, State and County officials

Primary Early Voting Dates:
Aug. 18-25, 10am-6pm.

Voting takes place at:

1. Flagler County Library, corner of Palm Coast Pkwy and Belle Terre Pkwy
2. Supervisor of Elections Office, 1769 Moody Blvd., Suite 101
3. Palm Coast Community Center, 305 Palm Coast Pkwy NE

General Election:

Tuesday, Nov. 6-more information to follow in a later newsletter

On the ballot:

1. Runoff from Districts #2 & #4, if necessary
2. Charter Amendments

For more information, call
Palm Coast City Clerk,
Virginia Smith, at
386-986-3713.



Oh No... Not Again!

Sorry, but it's time again to talk about hurricanes. Together, we made it through Hurricane Matthew and Irma. Who knows what we can expect in 2018? Advance readiness can help keep you safe. It's time to start preparing.

- Gather your important insurance, medical and bank documents, medications and phone numbers so you can grab them quickly in case of an evacuation.
- Determine if you will leave Palm Coast or stay. If you stay, make sure you have 3-5 days of food and bottled water for family and pets, charged phones, first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, cash, garbage bags, sanitizing hand wipes.
- Purchase an NOAA weather alert radio and write down Flagler County's frequencies: 162.400 or 162.425. Our specific area message encoding is 012035. Call 386-313-4250 for assistance with radio programming.
- Get a **CodeRED** app for your phone or register at www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency. CodeRED will send you immediate emergency alerts.
- Learn about available local special needs and pet shelters.
- Know the City's customer service phone number: 386-986-2360.

EMERGENCY WEBSITES

www.flaglercounty.org

www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency

The City of Palm Coast and local government partners compiled a valuable Disaster Guide that gives you vital information about hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires. Free copies are available at government facilities across the City and County.



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Palm Coast, FL June/July 2018

FLUSH IT AND FORGET IT

Where does all that solid stuff go when you flush your toilet? When you pull that chain, you don't want to think twice about what happens next. But your City utility staff is always preparing for whatever goes down the drains. Because our population keeps growing, more toilets and drains are flowing. So it's our job to ensure that whatever goes down our drains travels unobstructed and is properly treated.

Last month, Palm Coast opened our second wastewater treatment plant. Located west of US1 and south of Matanzas Woods Pkwy, the facility will increase our capacity to treat more wastewater and improve the quality of the product that we treat.

Here's how it all works:

Palm Coast's labyrinth of 302 miles of underground pumps and pipes collect and carry everything liquid and solid that is flushed down your drains and toilets. The central sewer system pumps these materials to two wastewater treatment plants: the first located at the end of Utility Drive and the newest off US1. Plant treatment equipment cleans and disinfects these solids to a quality acceptable to be released into the environment, resulting in two by-products:

1. An effluent clear liquid that is reused for public access irrigation (medians, public parks) and for filling ponds to percolate into the ground and recharge our groundwater.
2. A bio-solid block of organic materials that is trucked out of Palm Coast and eventually used as fertilizer.

Our newest plant is classified as an Advanced Wastewater Treatment facility, signifying that it produces the highest possible quality water. Because it removes more nitrogen and phosphorous from the water than our first wastewater plant, we can discharge this excess advanced treated water into the nearby wetlands. The water revitalizes the wetlands as it is absorbed by the plants and percolates back into our aquifer. The new plant also increases our treatment capacity, adding 2 million more gallons/day to the 6.83 million we presently treat.

The City received a low-interest loan from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to fund the new facility, so it was built without the need for an additional increase in rates to Palm Coast Utility customers. The plant was designed by CPH Engineers and was built by PC Construction.

Advances in research and technology are continually driving improvements in wastewater treatment processes. Palm Coast continues to invest in this promising expertise as building a new plant will take care of community growth for years to come.

