



THERE'S PLENTY YOU CAN DO TO HELP

WATER

Are you ready to win the **National Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge** again this year, Palm Coast?

We placed first in the U.S. in 2019, pledging to save 33 million gallons of water. The competition reminds people to be mindful of the smartest and simplest ways to save water and energy.

Winning this competition in 2020 is a matter of both conservation and pride for Palm Coast. "Palm Coast prides itself on being rooted in nature with our 130 miles of tree-lined trails and 12 gorgeous parks that demonstrate how we cherish our environment," Mayor Milissa Holland says.

"Our iconic Palm Coast Water Tower is a symbol of our everlasting commitment to sustainability and a reminder that water is one of our most precious resources. I support the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation as it embodies what it means to be a green city and a smart city."

Go online to mywaterpledge.com on behalf of Palm Coast and encourage others you know to do the same.

WINNERS

Hundreds of residents and visitors enjoyed world class tennis action here in Palm Coast, watching some of the world's potentially top future stars at our February Palm Coast Open. Our City's very own superstar, Reilly Opelka, was the headlining sponsor for this year's USTA Pro Circuit event, staged at the Palm Coast Tennis Center. Reilly's lofty 6 ft. 11 in. figure lent a soaring presence both figuratively and literally. This top fifty men's world ranked player grew up in Palm Coast and played at our tennis center, so watching his welcome video and seeing his image injected sincerity and celebrity to the tournament. Supporting our local event was the perfect way for Reilly to give back to his community.

Congratulations to doubles champions Alex Rybakov and Justin Butsch; Simon Freund and Jaume Pla Malfeito as runners-up; Kudos to singles champion Alexander Ritschard and Martins Podzus as runner-up. They shared \$25,000 in prize money.



SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Doubles Picture from left to right:
Michael Arrigo, Tennis Pro
George Opelka
Vice Mayor Klufas,
City of Palm Coast
Martins PODZUS (LAT)
Alexander RITSCHARD (USA)
Lauren Johnston,
City of Palm Coast Parks
& Recreation Director



DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
Doubles Picture from left to right:
Jaume **PLA MALFEITO (ESP)**
Simon **FREUND (SWE)**
Ball kid
Alex **RYBAKOV (USA)**
Justin **BUTSCH (USA)**
Ball kid
Michael Arrigo, Tennis Pro

WILDFIRES

Spring's price for paradise is wildfire season. Here's what you need to know to keep your family and property safe:

1. Have an action plan to leave with little or no warning, carrying your important household and financial documents. Write down the quickest route out of your neighborhood and keep it in your glove compartment for quick access (smoke in a neighborhood easily disorients drivers).
2. Clean your home gutters, trim trees, remove underbrush and vegetation within 30-feet of adjacent structures or an empty lot.
3. Store flammables away from your home and instead of dumping used charcoal, soak it in water.
4. **Call 911 for emergency assistance only if you see flames:** Do not call the Fire Department directly.
5. Follow the Palm Coast Fire Department on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @PalmCoastFire and go to www.palmcoastgov.com and register for Alert Palm Coast. This emergency notification service will deliver a pre-recorded warning message to you.

CITY DESK

Arbor Day 2020 - Sat., May 2, 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 performance by Vertifit Aerial Arts

How Did You Rate Palm Coast?: Residents recently completed a National Community Survey to rate Palm Coast regarding the livability and desirability of our community. **Here are a few highlights:**

1. Residents feel positive about their quality of life and City government. Ratings for overall quality of life as a place to live and retire, general appearance, city services, sense of community, value for taxes paid, cost of living, safety and government treating residents fairly all received increasingly higher rankings compared with our previous surveys.

2. Residents continue to place a strong emphasis on the economy, transit services, housing options and recognition for our Be Local Buy Local shopping campaign. More details are available at <https://www.palmcoastgov.com/about/citizen-survey>

About Awesome Summer Camps for all ages:

We've got twelve different summer camps for your kids to have a great time this summer. For ages 3-15, for those who love football, baseball, soccer, art, swimming, firefighting, games, tennis, golf, technology, lifeguarding, field trips and just hanging out with friends, go online to register at www.parksandrec.fun/camps

TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF DISINFECTION TREATMENT PROCEDURES:



In order to maintain the reliability of the water distribution system serving our customers, the City of Palm Coast Utility Department will temporarily change the disinfection process for the Palm Coast potable (drinking water) water supply. From May 6 through May 26, we will disinfect the water with free chlorine rather than combined chlorine/ammonia (chloramines). **This change will also affect residents and customers of Marineland and Flagler County Utilities who reside in Painters Hill and Beverly Beach.** The periodic and temporary conversion from chloramines (which are a longer-lasting disinfectant) to free chlorine (which is a stronger disinfectant), helps to ensure the quality of the drinking water in the distribution system. The maintenance program, which is a normal procedure for water systems, is supported by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and will include daily testing to monitor water quality and measure the effectiveness of the program. After this process is completed, we will revert to disinfection by the chloramines method.

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.

Customers are asked to call the **Utility Department's Customer Service** telephone number (386) 986-2360 with any questions concerning this change in disinfectants.

Visit www.palmcoastgov.com for more information





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Utility billing, garbage pick-up, streets, maintenance for city signs, street lights, sidewalks, pothole, 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..... 386-986-2300

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Turtle Trail Leads to the Wonders of Art

First there was Claude, Tiff, Marc-Sea, Pablo, Nadia, Quilty, Garfield and Bessie. These are the first eight sculptured turtles located on a designated trail across Palm Coast, symbols of creative art placed in public places. Two years ago, the Palm Coast Arts Foundation initiated this community project to invite donors and their selected artists to express their own creative visions on the blank canvas of a fiberglass turtle. Donors and their local artists were invited to choose their own images and select a public venue for permanent display. This impassioned project continues and has become really popular in our City.

Turtles have been dedicated along their own identifiable 'trail', marking a route of beauty. They inspire the enjoyment of the parks and public locations where they're consigned, piecing together a cohesive cultural route that simply makes people happy. Soon a map will be created for residents and visitors to follow.

NOW THERE'S VINCENT

...as in Van Gogh. Sponsors Dave and Patti Paukovich commissioned artist Jan Jackson to reproduce Vincent Van Gogh's famous painting, Café Terrace, on the shell of their turtle. Unveiled last month at the front of the Palm Coast Community Center, Vincent is dedicated to the serenity and charm of our City and the spontaneous way we come together to mingle and enjoy each other's company at the Center. To personalize Vincent, the Paukovichs had family photos replicated on his back - one with their daughter, Hope, with grandson, Dakota, and another of their favorite family pets. It's their hope that Vincent will pay tribute to the love shared here by all residents and their families.

NEXT THERE'S NANCY MARIE

On May 12, turtle Nancy Marie will be revealed at a special ceremony at 9am at the Palm Harbor Golf Course. Sponsor Mery Gable asked artist Bob Teller to honor LPGA golfer Nancy Lopez (Palm Coast's original resident professional) and fellow player, Billy Casper on the shell of her turtle. Mery lives on Casper Drive in ITT's pioneer Palm Coast neighborhood, so recognizing Casper's history with our City and its developer was important to her. She's also directed the artist to paint symbols of the former and new Palm Harbor Golf Course, Casper Drive and emblems representing Palm Coast sports on Nancy Marie's flippers.

For more information about the Palm Coast Turtle Trail, log onto www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com



Milissa Holland - Mayor • Nick Klufas - Vice Mayor • Robert Cuff • Eddie Branquinho • Jack Howell Palm Coast, FL APRIL/MAY2020

BE LOCAL

Awhile back, I stood at the hostess station in a crowded Palm Coast restaurant and as I glanced into the room lined with full tables, I wanted to shout out **'THANK YOU FOR DINING IN PALM COAST! EATING LOCALLY FUNDS PROJECTS YOU WANT TO SEE RIGHT HERE AT HOME!!'** Not wanting to sound brash, I just smiled to myself. So now I want to give all of you a shout out about what it means to Be Local Buy Local.

Think about this: every time you stay in Palm Coast to buy a meal, fill your car with gas or purchase clothing, home goods or groceries, remember your money comes right back to your City. A portion of the sales tax collected locally funds public projects and keeps your property taxes lower. We use it to build, upgrade and maintain amenities and infrastructure to make your life better in Palm Coast. And we can often subsidize these projects without ever having to borrow money. In 2019, your shopping here gave us \$5 million in local, sales and fuel tax. Incredible, isn't it?

Here are some examples of how you benefit from spending your money here:

1. We're completing Phase 2 of our Holland Park enhancements. The new playground has inclusive elements with accessibility features encouraging participation from wheelchair visitors. We've also added swings for children, parents and grandparents to sway together and additional toddler swings. State-of-the-art bocce ball courts are now covered with a supple HydroGrid clay surface. A new shade canopy protects players and new deck seating makes the crowd more comfortable.
2. We've added streetlights on Lakeview Blvd. And we used funds to pave arterial roadways on Belle Terre Blvd. from Cypress Point to Royal Palms Pkwy.; on Old Kings Rd. from Town Center to SR100; on Palm Harbor Pkwy from Palm Coast Pkwy to Coral Way.

So many of us have come to live here from somewhere else and we chose this City because we love the quality of life. So the next time you need to shop for anything ---**Be Local Buy Local.** You'll be showing your pride for Palm Coast.

Now, I think maybe I'll go search out a local gas station and thank everyone I see at the pumps.



Message from the Mayor

Milissa Holland

