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## Thank You for Shopping in Palm Coast

*Do you pump your gas at a local station? Do you purchase your dog or cat food at a local pet store? Do you drop off your dry cleaning at a corner store?*

If so, your spending right here in Palm Coast helped to enhance our amenities and also pay, in part, for these projects:

### Projects Paid for with Sales Tax:

*Holland Park's Splash Pad, tennis court LED lights, bocce ball courts, playground equipment*

*Indian Trails Sports Complex's baseball field and multi-use field renovations*

*Ralph Carter and Seminole Woods Parks upcoming basketball courts resurfacing*

*Palm Harbor Golf Club's maintenance building cart barn roof*

### Projects Paid for with Gas Tax:

*Street Resurfacing for 37 lane miles of roadway in the E, R, W and P sections*

These are the three tax revenue sources Palm Coast utilized to help pay for amenities and infrastructure: **the local gas/fuel tax** is 6 cents per gallon at the gas pump, levied by Flagler County. The City receives a portion of this money to use for street improvements, road construction and maintenance; **a half-cent sales tax program** that provides relief from Ad Valorem taxes. If we didn't receive these funds from the state we would have to either raise the millage rate or cut services in order to make up the difference; **a small county surtax** which is .5 cents levied on purchases in Flagler County. This revenue is used for recreation improvements, public safety facilities and general public infrastructure. In 2020, Palm Coast received a combined \$8.2 million from these three tax categories.



Remember when you grab your car keys to go out to shop, **BE LOCAL BUY LOCAL**. Spending your money right here in Palm Coast does the most good for all of us.



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## Message from the Mayor

New career opportunities are on the way for students and residents in Palm Coast. From the growing demand for local healthcare professionals, to technology and engineering – local students and residents will soon have the chance to enter a career-path pipeline and stay right here with their family and friends.

Several options will open soon, most notably a developing medical ecosystem across the City. Both the University of North Florida's MedNexus and Jacksonville University will open satellite sites in Town Center, adding educational opportunities to Daytona State College and expanding the City's medical educational community. This grouping will offer undergraduate and graduate opportunities in various fields that have growing demand in the area.

Imagine this scenario: Students who graduate from our high school's Medical Flagship Program will be ready to continue their education at Daytona State College and then have the option to progress to the University of North Florida's MedNexus program for career paths in nursing, therapy, technician, nutritionist or counselor. Or they can earn a master's degree at Jacksonville University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Leadership in Healthcare Systems, Speech Language Pathology or Clinical Nursing.

Graduates can complete these programs and be ready to practice their careers at either of two AdventHealth Systems branches – our present facility on SR100 or a brand new hospital that will be constructed on Palm Coast Parkway NW (expected 400-700 new jobs will be offered at this new location). This pathway keeps everyone local to meet the critical shortage of trained healthcare professionals in Northeast Florida. And it aligns education with a workforce that keeps our most ambitious and determined youth settling down in Palm Coast.

We've also recently welcomed renowned boat construction company, Boston Whaler, to the east side of town. They're eager to join our business community because they appreciate our superb quality of life and the potential workforce here that will meet the unique demands of their industry.

These job opportunities have long been a strategic vision for Palm Coast that is consistent with our identity to become an engine for demographic growth, community development and civic pride – a major step in securing a bright, stable future for our City.



Milissa Holland  
Mayor



## “A Book is a Dream You Hold in Your Hands” – Neil Gaiman

If reading and books are your passion, there's a wonderful new place for you to visit, located on the playground at the Palm Coast Community Center. Parks Maintenance staff constructed a charming new Little Free Library, lovingly carved out as a little house built securely on a wooden stand. You are invited to bring your gently used books to exchange for others you'd like to read. It's the City's new entrance into promoting the value of reading in our community by providing free access to so many more reading materials.



Stop by to leave a book to share and feel free to take one in exchange. The door to the little book house is open daily during park hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Epilogue: If you find the little house is full of books when you stop by, please consider dropping off your donation at either Flagler County library locations: 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy NW in Palm Coast or 103 E. Moody Blvd in Bunnell.

## Start Preparing Now for Your Safety in Wildfire Season

*Imagine this scenario: Wildfire flames are reported to be fast approaching the Palm Coast section where you live. You're being warned by local authorities that you have less than ten minutes to immediately evacuate your home.*

### What can you do right now to prepare?

- 1 – Organize your plan to be ready to leave with little or no warning. Have your important family, household and financial documents ready to grab in a moments notice. Be sure you have personal and homeowner insurance policies ready to grab and take.
- 2 – Keep your medications accounted for and take all of your medical prescriptions with you if you evacuate.
- 3 – In case access is restricted or cut off, write down two quick routes out of your neighborhood and keep it in your glove compartment for quick access (smoke in a neighborhood easily disorients drivers).
- 4 – Clean your home gutters, trim trees, remove underbrush and vegetation within 30 feet of adjacent structures or an empty lot.



- 5 – Store flammables away from your home.
- 6 – Don't dump used charcoal anywhere at any time. Soak it in water and dispose of it properly.
- 7 – Keep a “to go” bag handy. Fill it with nonperishable food and snacks in case you are evacuated to a shelter and will be there overnight up to three days.
- 8 – Register at [palmcoastconnect.com](http://palmcoastconnect.com) for emergency notifications.

# CITY DESK

## NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

**How Did You Rate Palm Coast?** Residents recently completed a 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>.



**Palm Coast Aquatics Center News:** The Aquatics Center pool will open for spring hours (Mon-Fri., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.) on Monday, April 5. This year, Florida Health Care Plans has partnered with the City to encourage swimmers to stay healthy: members of their plans can swim for free.

**About Awesome Summer Camps for all ages:** 2020 proved that we could safely operate a wonderful summer camp program for your kids, regardless of the pandemic.

Ten camps for kids from toddlers to teens can play sports, learn robotics, firefighting and enjoy many more options. Various dates and times are available, from June 7 to August 6. Go online to register at [www.parksandrec.fun/camps](http://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 5 through May 25, we will disinfect the water with free chlorine rather than combined chlorine/ammonia (chloramines). This change will also affect residents and customers of Marine land 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.

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