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## Splash Pad Opens and We're Gushing with Pride

This is going to be a big deal in James F. Holland Park. Palm Coast's new splash pad is now one of the largest public splash pads in Florida, a place where your whole family will love to play. It's not only its mere size that's key: it's all those shooting water jets!







The "Swamp" area is designed with 14 spray features and a set of 9 spray hoops along a sidewalk that links the "Swamp" with the "Shore." The Shore features 27 spray features plus an additional 12 embedded spray nozzles. Water jets shoot out at you from lifelike frogs, turtles and dolphins, and you can also swing from hammocks or climb around treehouses.





You can feel safe and confident knowing that your City is watchful for your good health. The Splash Pad boasts a state-of-the-art disinfection feature in its water filtration system. Bring your own towels and seating around the pad is abundant. You can wear water shoes or run barefoot.

Come for the splash pad – stay for all the rest of the fun in Holland Park.

Construction is completed and you'll enjoy the new bocce court with shade covering, LED lights on the tennis courts, new family swings and playground elements with several accessibility features. Play areas depict Florida's Oak Hammock, Ruins and Construction Zone stories that document historic Florida.

The splash pad is open from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Holland Park is located at 18 Florida Park Drive.

Join us at the park -- it's a really big deal!



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## **Message from the Mayor**

Wouldn't you be delighted if you knew that our City could retain an abundance of healthcare professionals available right here to meet the future demands of our growing, aging population?

It's my pleasure, Palm Coast, to inform you that you can begin to smile. Last December, Jacksonville University (JU) and the City of Palm Coast announced an historic, first-ever off site campus expansion within the Innovation District in Town Center. This public/private partnership aligns with our plans for a robust medical development/economic growth plan in this location. The satellite will cycle students through Flagler County high schools, Daytona State College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and AdventHealth systems.



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Graduate students who wish to be trained as our next generation of healthcare professionals will study, complete internships, practice clinical rotations and receive advanced degrees here in Palm Coast. Diplomas will include Masters of Science in Nursing, Speech Language Pathology and Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Future programs would also include accelerated nursing degrees. Town Center will soon become the epicenter of a medical ecosystem that will alter our entire dynamic, shifting the tax burden from residential dwellings and creating a pathway to high paying medical careers.

City Council approved a \$1.5 million grant to JU for initial campus start-up costs and a \$1 million, 3-year performance-based forgivable loan to offset actual program expenses. JU has already invested resources for curriculum development and accreditation, providing immediate value to our City. University President Tim Cost announced they expect to enroll up to 50 students this fall and a total enrollment of up to 150 students in two years. The campus will instantly create up to 30 new jobs.

Our long term growth in this collaboration cannot be overstated. Students and faculty will live, shop, raise families and work in Palm Coast, spending their money here. We'll embrace this strong healthcare industry, providing us local talent and stability. Our partnership with JU captures the creativity, spirit and innovation that Palm Coast reinforces, energizing our expectations for 2021 and beyond.

## "You Don't Make Progress By Standing on the Sidelines; You Make Progress by Implementing Ideas."

- Shirley Chisolm

Shirley Chisolm, a Palm Coast resident and America's first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives, said it correctly. When people actively implement ideas, they make progress in their community. For four decades, Palm Coast's African American organizations have been our "doers," making actively meaningful contributions to our City. We are proud to honor these groups on the occasion of Black History Month 2021.

Organizations, including the African American Cultural Society and the African American Caribbean Heritage Organization, have preserved their heritage of cultural tradition, seeking to serve people from all races and unite them through social, cultural and educational programs.

With their steady presence in Palm Coast, these organizations have contributed the following: a fully accredited Black History course established at Flagler Palm Coast and Matanzas High Schools; thousands of dollars for college scholarships awarded to qualified community high school graduates; a Black History Youth Reality Program inspiring youngsters to adapt the lives of iconic black statesmen for the stage; many glorious festivals, parades and exhibits across our City.



Black History Month is a time when a celebrated culture is shared in a harmonious environment. Palm Coast is honored to provide this environment for the African American Cultural Society and the African American Caribbean Heritage Organization. Whatever we can do actively to encourage a better understanding of mutual cultures makes us a stronger community.

## 90 Miles/90 Days: Get Moving & Improve Your Health

Mayor Holland and your City Council welcomes all ages, all skill levels to join the Mayor's 90/90 Challenge, with the goal to inspire you to create a 'forever' fitness routine.

We're moving forward this year with a combo of in-person and self-motivated activities, so all you need to do is roll out of bed, choose your favorite activity and work the equivalent of a mile before you go to sleep at night.

Here's your challenge: simply walk, swim, bike, clean your house, weed your garden, bowl, kayak, play golf, pickle ball or tennis. Whatever motivates you to move most will count.

Record your daily progress through April 3 on Palm Coast Connect. Your goal is to achieve 90 miles of progress in 90 days. For a list of in-person activities you can join visit, palmcoastconnect.com.

## **Orange Cone Alert**

The City of Palm Coast is always working to improve traffic flow along roadways throughout the city by widening streets, adding lanes and turn lanes, revising road designs and modifying traffic signal operations.

#### Recent projects you're seeing include:

1 – Old Kings Road North: Drivers will continue to see construction on Old Kings Road between Utility Drive. and Celico Way. Roadways will be widened, dedicated turn lanes and sidewalks added. Landscaping will be added northbound as the project continues. Further northbound phases of this project will continue as FDOT grant funding becomes available.

- 2 Citation Boulevard: The entire length of Citation Boulevard, between Seminole Woods Boulevard and Sesame Boulevard, is being re-configured. Turn lanes will be added and the ninety-degree stop at Sesame Boulevard will be eliminated. Paths will also be extended.
- 3 Streetlights: New streetlights are currently being installed along Belle Terre Parkway, from Palm Coast Parkway south to SR100. Designs being completed this year include lights on Ravenwood Drive, Belle Terre Boulevard and Seminole Woods Parkway, with installation slated to begin late this year.



#### **NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS**

Daylight Saving Time Watering Restrictions: Our standard landscape irrigation policy for Daylight Saving Time goes into effect in 2021 from Sunday, March 14 to Sunday, November 7.

#### 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 Wednesday and Saturday.
- 3 Even-numbered residential addresses irrigate on Thursday and Sunday.
- 4 Non-residential (businesses) irrigate on Tuesday and Friday.
- 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.

#### Add These Spring Activities to Your Family Calendar:

#### Egg'Stravaganza:

Thousands of candy/toy-filled eggs will be scattered across Central Park in Town Center on Saturday March 27, 10am-1pm. Admission is free.

#### **Spring Break Camp:**

Your child's days will be filled with a variety of safe and appropriate fun-filled themed activities, such as crafts, stories, games and nature hikes at the Palm Coast Community Center. Campers must bring their own lunch and snack each day, Monday - Friday, March 15 - 19, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (after care 4:30-6 p.m.). \$25 per day and \$10 for aftercare. Register at parksandrec.fun/camps.

#### **NCCAA Youth Sports Clinic:**

Kids, ages 6-16, will love learning soccer, baseball, volleyball, golf, and basketball fundamental skills with National Christian College Athletic Association coaches and athletes at a FREE spring clinic. Lessons run from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday March 20 at James F. Holland Memorial Park for all sports but golf, which will be at the Palm Harbor Golf Course. Register at parksanderec.fun/events.

#### 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 February 3 through February 23, 2021 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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