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WEEK IN REVIEW

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING - JAN. 4

CPR TRAINING - NOV. 23, DEC. 21, JAN, 11

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"YOU NEVER SEE THE FALL; YOU ONLY SEE THE CRASH. IF WE CAN TALK ABOUT TRAUMA, THEN WE CAN MANAGE IT."

-FROM DWIGHT BAIN'S MENTAL HEALTH



HOLIDAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Waste Pro is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. This means all trash schedules will be pushed a day forward. For example, if you are scheduled for garbage or recycling pick up on Thursday, it will be pushed to Friday and if you are scheduled on Friday, it will be pushed to Saturday.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on a Wednesday. So yard waste will be rescheduled to get picked up both of those weeks on the following Saturday. If you have recycling on Wednesday during those weeks, it will also be picked up on Saturday.

For more information, please visit <https://www.palmcoastgov.com/trash> or submit a question or concern through Palm Coast Connect.

AROUND THE CITY



JORDAN MYERS

The underlying theme in Jordan Myers career with the City of Palm Coast has been preserving one of our best assets: nature. She has worked for the city on and off since 2016. She started as an intern for the Planning Division in the summer and winter of 2016. After graduating college with her bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Geography from FSU, she got a job with Palm Coast Parks & Rec as a Recreation Leader II of Nature Programs. Now, she's an Environmental Planning Technician. She reviews elevation certificates for building permits, performs environmental reviews, geographic information systems (GIS) work, organizes the annual Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup event and is the leader of the Green Team. Jordan is also a Certified Floodplain Manager currently working on getting her graduate certificate in GIS.

Here are three fun facts about Jordan!

- She used to ride horses competitively.
- She loves roller coasters.
- Her favorite animal is a Manta Ray.

JAMES (JIM) LUTHER

Jim Luther is on the frontlines of delivering exceptional customer service to our residents and businesses. He started with the city in 2005 as a Meter Reader. In 2007, he was promoted to Utility System Tech I and in 2012 was promoted to Utility System Tech II. He's responsible for daily work orders in the field that relate to turning on service, high bill concerns, leaks, main break repairs, meter change outs, repairs and more. Jim is a people person. When helping a resident, he takes the time to educate them if they're new to the area. And if a resident has a high bill, he is quick to problem-solve in order to find a solution to help the resident lower their bill – in turn, cutting back on wasting water. Jim is also involved with the Palm Coast Little League where he's been a volunteer coach and umpire for the past 12 years.

Here are three fun facts about Jim!

- He was born and raised in West Haverstraw, N.Y.
- He has umpired Little League games, sectional state tournaments and the Southeast Regional Tournament in Salisbury, N.C. trying to get a World Series invitation.
- He ran a family-owned theme park in Panama City Beach for 14 years.

BELLE TERRE ELEMENTARY DRONE CLUB PRESENTS TO STATE SCHOOL BOARD

Flagler Schools was in the spotlight recently showcasing its flagship programs to Florida Department of Education board members. Those board members toured schools ahead of their monthly board meeting, which was held in Bunnell at the county government services building on Nov. 15. Students from each of the schools manned information tables to interact one-on-one with board members and attendees.



One of the featured programs included the Drone Club at Belle Terre Elementary School. Sixth-grader Benjamin Iannotti, city of Palm Coast employee Kendra Iannotti's son, was handpicked by the vice principal to participate.

Ben and other students from Flagler Palm Coast High School's drone team, which partners with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, showed board members what kind of drone they use in the program, how they take care of the equipment and the cool uses they have for it such as



recording video of school events. This is similar to what the city has used its drone for in recent months.

Ben is in his second year with the club and is a drone instructor to first year participants.

The goal for the day was to showcase career interests and opportunities developing in local schools as they evolve from the elementary to high school level.



SIGN UP FOR CITIZEN’S ACADEMY



Join us for the next session of Citizen’s Academy beginning Feb. 3, 2020!

This is a unique opportunity for you to go behind the walls at City Hall and other departments to learn the ins and outs of how your city works - the who, the what, the how, and why. Ask the questions you’ve always wanted to ask. And you’ll get to interact with our top leadership and eat dinner with us, too!

Space is limited - sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2qCYI5t>



MESSAGE FROM FLAGLER HUMANE SOCIETY

It’s the holidays again! My favorite is Halloween and that has passed, but Thanksgiving is just around the corner. All that food and family and ooooooh belly aches. Please keep your fur babies in your mind, hard not to with those beautiful eyes staring you down as you carve up the turkey. You think its thanksgiving for them too, so why not? DON’T! You think “I will give them a bone to chew on.” Don’t! I have seen many dogs and cats get bones stuck in their throats and must have surgery. Cooked bones can splinter and raw bones you must be careful with also. Poultry bones will have their mouth’s watering, but they have sharp points that can hurt their throats or rupture their gastrointestinal tract. According to Healthy Paws Pet Insurance, vets see dogs choking on a piece of turkey bone, or bones becoming lodged in their teeth or jaw, bones becoming stuck in the esophagus or stomach and bones that cause intestinal blockages.

If you think your fur baby did get into some bones while you are running around to get food on the table, keep an eye on them and look for symptoms. You may have to pack up and go to emergency vet if your fur baby has a hard time breathing, heaving, or vomiting. You definitely don’t want them to throw it up because it could cause more damage.

So, if you want to spoil your fur baby, please buy a special dog treat or small nibble of plain turkey. Make sure there are no bones on the counter where the animals can get them, and place garbage where they can’t reach it. A few extra precautions can prevent any emergencies with your fur babies, allow you to relax and enjoy your family, protect your wallet (because emergency vet visits can be expensive) and be able to rest after you overindulge in all that food.

If you want to spoil a shelter pet, here are some ideas..... Rawhides...the kenneled dogs love rawhides. They are a great treat that can help keep them from boredom.

Dog biscuits...we have a treat bucket system where customers can reward dogs for good behavior. We always need cookies for the treat buckets. Cheese slices... Cheese is great for hiding medicine, also dogs love the taste, so a scared dog may even begin to feel more comfortable when given such a treat. Catnip or Temptation treats....Cats like Thanksgiving too. Consider volunteering. The greatest gift that you can give is your time. Call the shelter at 386-445-1814 ext 507 to speak with our volunteer coordinator, Lynn. From my fur babies and I, I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Kitty of the Week



Nutmeg is a 2- year-old spayed female torti kitty, litter trained, healthy & friendly.

A THANKSGIVING TRADITION



Lace up those tennis shoes and burn some calories with 'Wishbone Jones' before the big meal at this year's Thanksgiving Feet to Feast 5K, presented by Palm Coast's Parks & Recreation on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 28. The race is sponsored by AdventHealth Palm Coast.

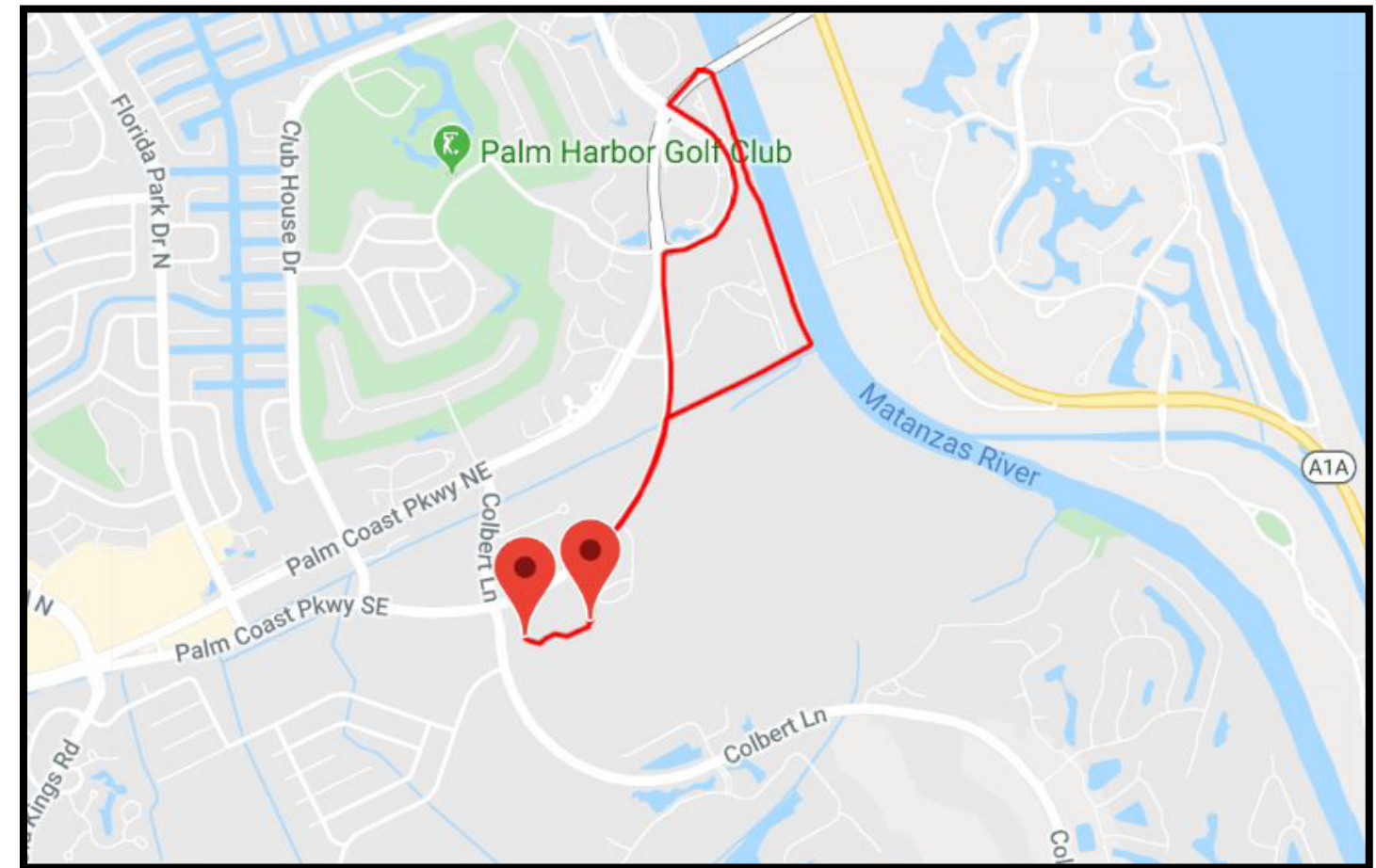
This event is a Thanksgiving Day tradition, taking runners and walkers along some of Palm Coast's most beautiful trails and walkways. The race will begin at 7:45 a.m. at the Flagler/Palm Coast Campus of Daytona State College, 3000 Palm Coast Pkwy SE, Palm Coast, and continue east to Palm Coast Parkway, right onto Palm Harbor Parkway (water station is underneath bridge), right onto the St. Joe Walkway, left onto Palm Coast Parkway and then back to the college. It is best to park at the campus.

A free Kids Fun Run for ages 6 and younger will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Those interested can register, at www.palmcoastgov.com/events/feet-to-feast. Entry fees and registration deadlines are as follows:

- \$35 regular registration – Nov. 21-27
- \$40 day-of-race registration (cash or check only) – starting at 6:30 a.m. Nov. 28 at the Flagler/Palm Coast Campus of Daytona State College - Amphitheater
- \$20 for students K-12

Super soft, long sleeve t-shirts, sizes adult small through adult x-large, with the 'I'm just running for the pie' event slogan will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last during packet pick up. Finisher medals (pictured) sponsored by Florida Health Care Plans will be given to everyone that participates, while supplies last.



Prizes will be awarded to overall male and female winners with first-, second- and third-places also awarded in 15 age categories. Kids Fun Run participants will receive a ribbon.

Back by popular demand this year: a Thanksgiving-themed costume contest! Be sure to dress in your best Thanksgiving attire. Contest categories are cutest kid costume, best overall costume, best costumed couple, and best overall family costume.

The award ceremony will begin immediately after the race. This includes race awards, as well as costume awards.

Packets can be picked up Nov. 25-27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Palm Coast Community Center, 305 Palm Coast Pkwy. NE, Palm Coast, and on race day beginning at 6:30 a.m. at the college.

Follow us to the Thanksgiving Fun! For more information, visit <https://www.palmcoastgov.com/events/feet-to-feast> or call Palm Coast Parks & Recreation at 386-986-2323.





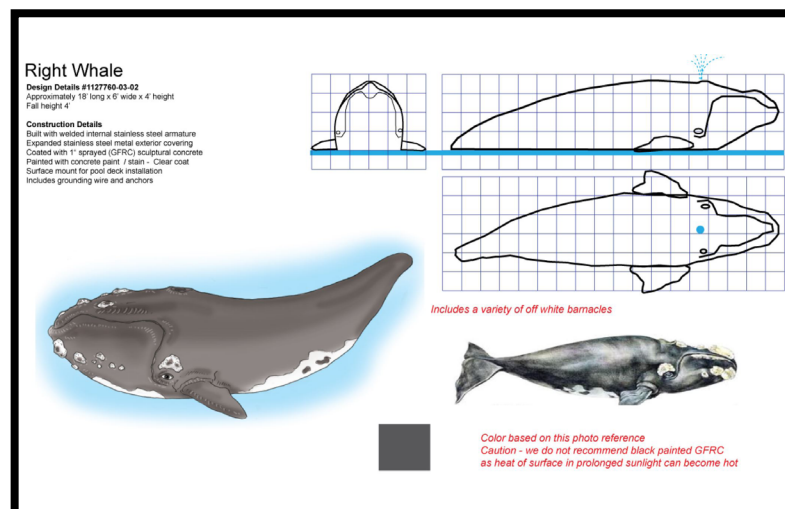
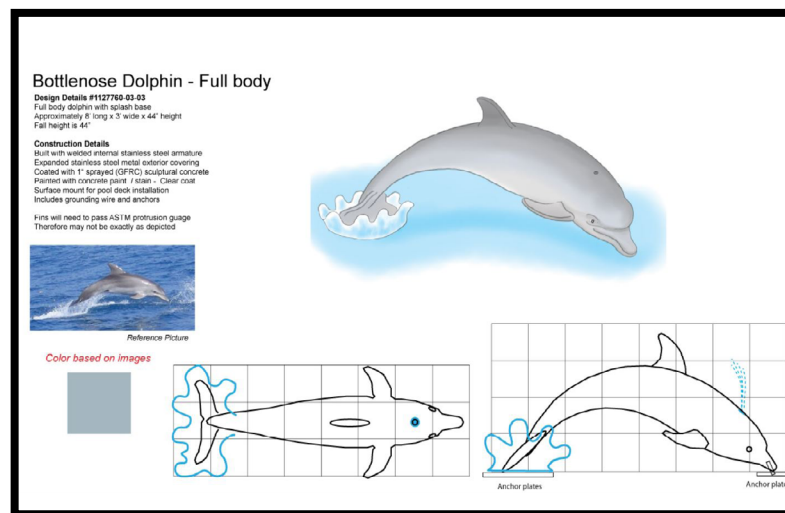
HOLLAND PARK SPLASH PAD BREAKS GROUND

It's a significant week for Holland Park as crews broke ground on the highly-anticipated splash pad that will be a new, modern play area for families to enjoy next summer.

"This is an exciting time of growth for Palm Coast, and it's an honor to be able to provide amenities like these for the people of this city," said Mayor Milissa Holland. "I can't wait to see this splash pad open and all the smiling faces of the kids and parents who will benefit from it. My father would have loved to see his name given to such an awesome project in the city he loved so much."

The splash pad is part of the phase 2 construction project of the park. Dirt and sod was removed yesterday as crews will be digging down to put in the special pad which is comprised of four inches concrete and then several inches of blue-colored rubber on top.

Built into the pad will be several animal features such as a dolphin, octopus and whale. The dolphin is eight feet long with a spray on top. The octopus is 12 feet long and has four sprays around the tentacles. And, the right whale is 18 feet long with



a spray on top as well. These beautiful hand-painted structures can also be climbed on. There will also be squirt structures called bamboo cannons that will spray water for children to play with.

"I was grateful to be a part of making the selection process of these animal features going into the splash pad," said Lauren Johnston, Director of Parks & Recreation. "Our team was diligent on making sure these animals are ones that they could see in their own natural community. Each spray feature coming out of these animals was designed to create fun but also give realistic motion. It is exciting to see the first steps of this splash park come to life!"

Crews have also started forming and digging for the addition of two pavilions in the splash pad area and three more in the nearby playground area. At the same time, workers will construct three more pavilions in other areas of the park, such as the small dog park.

The splash pad is expected to be completed in July of 2020.

Other aspects of the phase 2 construction include the recently upgraded bathrooms, improved bocce ball courts, installation of a lightning protection system, and more.

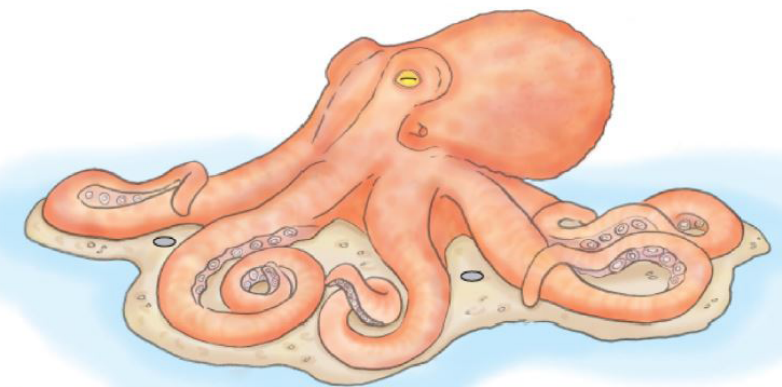
Located at 18 Florida Park Drive, James F. Holland Memorial Park offers 26 acres of diverse recreational amenities. A 3/4-mile walking trail runs along the park's perimeter. Explore the unique playground themed after the Bulow Plantation Sugar Mill complete with coquina rock structures featuring slides, bridges and ladders, a climbing wall, a zip line and an archeological digging area. This park is also the home to the Palm Coast Historical Society headquarters.

The facility also has three tennis courts, one junior-sized tennis court, two shuffleboard courts, two basketball courts, four striped pickleball courts, two horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court and two large multi-purpose sports fields. The two baseball fields include bleacher shade coverings for added comfort.

Octopus

Design Details #1127760-03-02
Octopus - Approximately 12' L x 7'9" W x 4' H
Tentacles will drape over coquina base
Fall height 4'

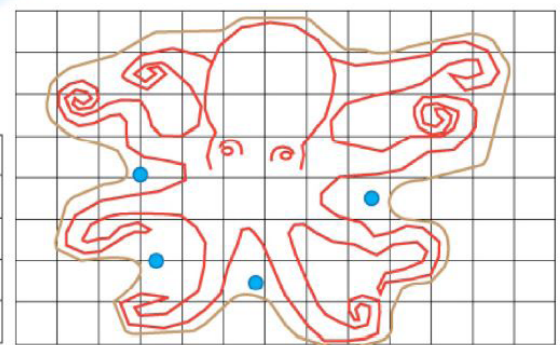
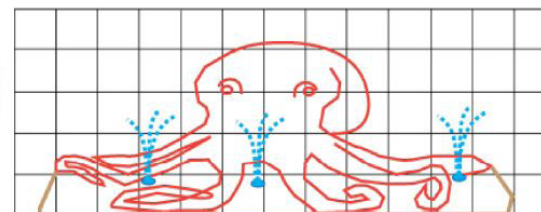
Construction Details
Built with welded internal steel armature
Expanded steel metal exterior covering
Cage is then Hot Dipped Galvanized and painted
Coated with 1" sprayed (GFRG) sculptural concrete
Painted with concrete paint / stain - Clear coat
Surface mount for pool deck installation
Includes grounding wire and anchors



Color based on photo below



Reference Picture





PALM COAST FIREFIGHTERS HOST MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

Firefighters work 24-hour shifts several days a week. They miss birthdays, holidays and important family events. Those long days are spent answering calls for help – where seconds can mean the difference between life and death. Sometimes, they see the unimaginable and they are expected to perform their duties perfectly and professionally – staying strong during intense moments.

“Nobody teaches you how to deal with those sights, sounds, and smells,” said Palm Coast Fire Department Driver Engineer Chris Cottle, who’s served as the department’s Chaplain since last year. Cottle’s role is to provide spiritual guidance and mental health wellness for fire department personnel following traumatic service calls and personal matters.

Over the course of a firefighter’s career, they can develop invisible wounds from the psychological effects of responding to incidents involving the death and critical injury, house fires, car crashes or children’s illnesses. These experiences challenge the core of a firefighter and could contribute to

mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. The rates among first responders are heightened, as they face a greater risk for depression, PTSD and suicide compared to the general population. Studies have also found there were barriers for first responders in accessing help for mental health including shame and stigma.

In Palm Coast, the fire department is being proactive in taking steps to raise awareness to the effects of PTSD by participating in its first department-wide mental health training. Cottle and PCFD Peer Support Team Leader Eric Robinson brought expertise from the Florida State Fire College back to Palm Coast to share with local first responders.

“It is okay to not be okay,” Robinson said recently to a group of firefighters during a training event. He often meets with crews after traumatic incidents

and works with fellow firefighters to remove that stigma. “It’s very important that our firefighters understand that they are not alone when they experience the negative effects after responding to critical calls,” Robinson said. “This training was important because it was designed to bring everyone back to the realization that we are humans and the emotions we experience are normal reactions to abnormal situations.”



Last week, they hosted a four-hour class for three days to 57 first responders from Palm Coast and eight Flagler Beach Fire Department personnel that included some group exercises and presentations from both Cottle and Robinson, Palm Coast Safety Coordinator Ben Caoili, Dr. Sandra Neer of UCF Restores and Nationally Certified Counselor Dwight Bain, who has worked to help rebuild stability after national disasters like the Sandy Hook school shooting, Hurricane Katrina, the Pulse nightclub shooting and 9/11.

“This specific training is important because the firefighters need to understand how the worker’s compensation bill works so if they need to take advantage of it, they can make that decision for themselves and have the information to use it,” Cottle said. “The bill is set up with workers comp – if you sprain your ankle you go to the doctor for treatment. With mental health, first responders believe they can handle it themselves. If you break your arm, you don’t deal with it by yourself. We want them to take advantage of this resource and treat it like it needs more than handling with an ice pack. We want them to be able to understand everything so they make their own choice.”

The training is a requirement of Senate Bill 376, which was spearheaded by Florida’s Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis, and signed into law on Oct. 1, 2018 by then Gov. Rick Scott. The law requires employing agencies to provide educational training related to mental health awareness, prevention, mitigation and treatment. As part of the training, firefighters were educated on the importance of recognizing the signs of a fellow first responder in despair.

“The overall message to this training was to let our fire personnel know that we have made a strong push to remove the stigma associated with reaching out for assistance,” Robinson said. “This is evident as during the past year we have had 10 department members receive peer support training at UCF Restores and our department has afforded Chaplain Cottle and I the opportunity to attend numerous conferences on this important issue.”

“Their walk is never alone,” said Palm Coast Fire Chief Jerry Forte. “We have asked our firefighters to come here to build a career. It’s our job to return them back to their families, fit to retire.” Since becoming chief last year, it’s been a staple of Forte’s agenda to be proactive in preserving the mind, body and soul of the firefighters through programs like the Chaplaincy, continuance of clean-cab initiatives and health scans, plus training for aspects such as that of mental health.

“The firefighters were glad we were doing something in the realm of mental health and post-traumatic stress,” Cottle said. “Everybody was appreciative. I think it went well.”

For more information, contact the Palm Coast Fire Department at 386-986-2844. You can obtain more photos from our Facebook Page or for more updates follow us on Twitter @PalmCoastFire



VETERAN-ORGANIZED, VETERANS DAY BARBECUE

It was a picture-perfect Monday. The sun was shining. Flags were poised high lining Central Park. A cool-ish breeze blew the smell of barbecue around the lake. The rich, cobalt blue sky echoed sounds of small airplanes from above.

The feeling of patriotism was evident everywhere you looked. Men and women, veterans and their families, many dressed in veteran's organization uniforms or attire representing groups like the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the American Legion. Some donned outfits the colors of red, white and blue.

More than 450 people turned out for the City of Palm Coast's first-ever, Veterans Day barbecue. This year, the City wanted to provide an extra thank you to our local heroes.

Behind the scenes, there were a few veterans working the event, too – giving back to those they may have served alongside. One of them was Jared Dawson, Recreation Specialist with the Parks and Recreation Department. Similarly, as this event was a first for the City, it was also a first for Dawson, who had never planned a veteran's event before.



"I was very nervous because I wanted everything to go well that I barely slept the night before," Dawson said. "After the event started, everything fell into place and it was running well and I was no longer nervous."

But he took it all in stride – with confidence and bravery to try his hand at something big for an important cause. He did a little of everything that day – even accepting tickets at the park entrance.

"Where I was taking the tickets, I got to meet every veteran that attended the event and told them thank you for your service and they in turn said thank you for your service," said Dawson.

Service is something he's used to, in a military sense and now in a community event planning sense in providing a meaningful display of gratitude to all who served. Prior to the big day, he contacted vendors for food estimates and tent set up, coordinated the itinerary of the ceremony that included Mayor Milissa Holland's remarks of appreciation and the Palm Coast Fire Department Honor Guard's Presentation of Colors. He also orchestrated the cake cutting ceremony in accordance with traditional military fashion.

"During a cake cutting ceremony for Veterans Day, we chose to honor a special veteran, the oldest veteran, and the youngest veteran to cut the cake with a ceremonial Navy sword," Dawson said. "Military branches usually do cake cutting ceremonies for the branch birthdays, but they are



also done for any ceremony such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day."

Following the ceremony, he handed out food – a free barbecue meal of pulled pork, barbecue beans, coleslaw and apple pie. With each moment throughout the day, it was his goal to ensure the event ran smoothly. He had help, too, from Parks & Rec staff and other veterans who work for the City, like Hope Xiong who helped with IT functions, Don Kewley who performed audio set up and Humberto Alicea who set up chairs, tables, and flags; kept the park clean and delivered a few meals to veterans.

"I think it went really well," Dawson said. "A lot of people showed up. I heard nothing but good things from people. Everyone was fed. Everyone was happy. There was good camaraderie between everybody."



HONORING OUR VETERANS

As we celebrated Veterans Day, it was also a time to recognize and thank our employees who served in defense of our country and our freedoms.

While this is not a comprehensive list, here is a snapshot of some of our teammates that are also veterans. Of course, we honor and value every employee who has served and are proud to work alongside of you to now serve all in the Palm Coast community.

Row 1:

Antonio Myers – U.S. Army
Chris Strozier – U.S. Navy
Donald Kewley – U.S. Army
Eric Serrano – U.S. Air Force
Hope Xiong – U.S. Marine Corps
Howard Peiffer – U.S. Army

Row 2:

James Neuenfeldt – U.S. Army
Joshua Meeker – U.S. Army
Marco Pubill – U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Reserves
Mary Kronenberg – U.S. Marine Corps
Matthew Mancill – U.S. Air Force

Row 3:

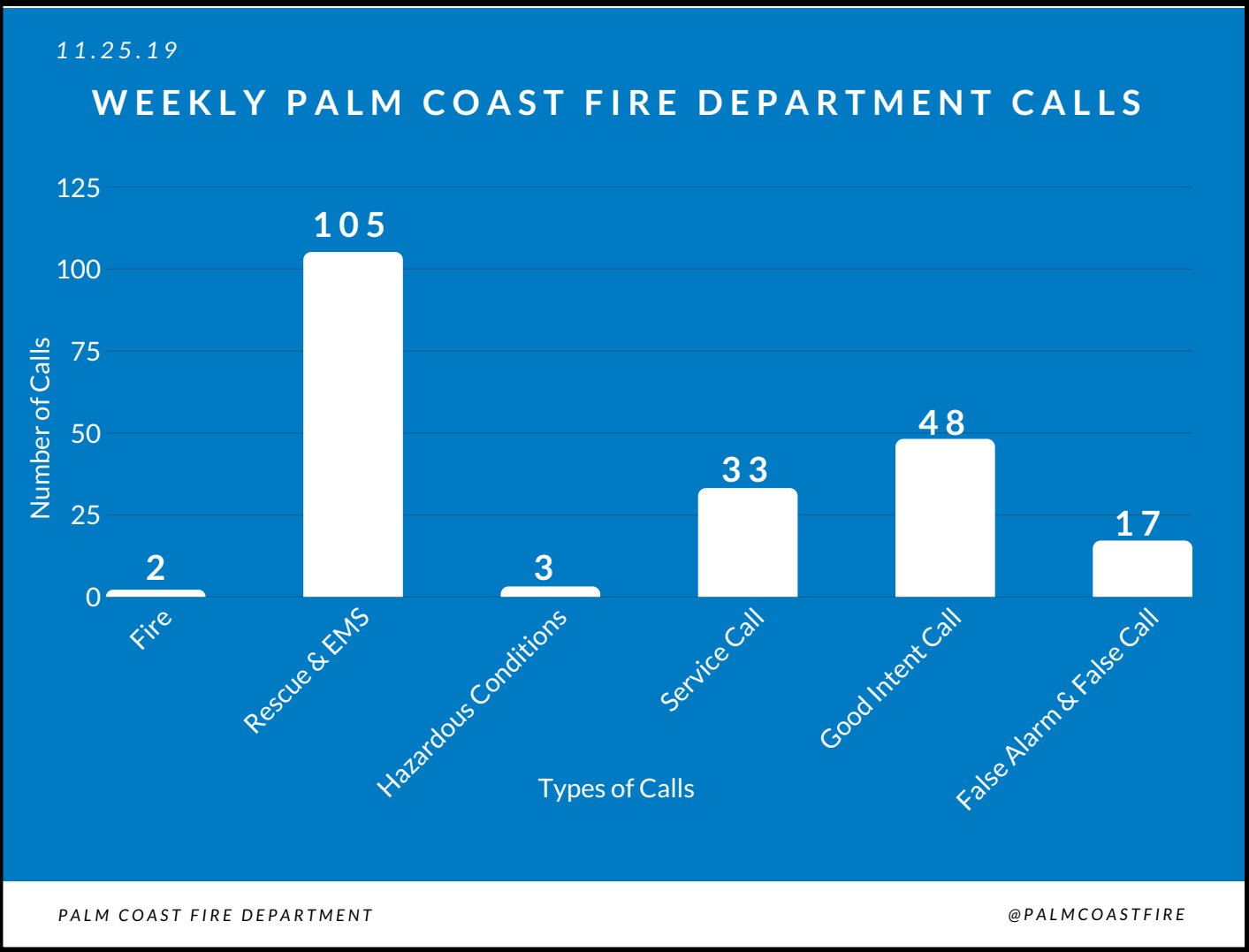
Michael Chandley – U.S. Army
Milagros Emerson – U.S. Marine Corps
Ralph Hand – U.S. Navy
Rick Balota – U.S. Navy
Robert Dukes – U.S. Army

Row 4:

Tom Martens – U.S. Marines
Jared Dawson – U.S. Army
Simon Sam – U.S. Navy
Kelly Bray – U.S. Navy
Richard Cline – U.S. Coast Guard
Patrick Shakes – U.S. Marine Corps



FIRE DEPARTMENT



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Cooler weather brings with it the desire to have a backyard bon fires. Residents are permitted to have warming or cooking fires so long as you follow these tips:

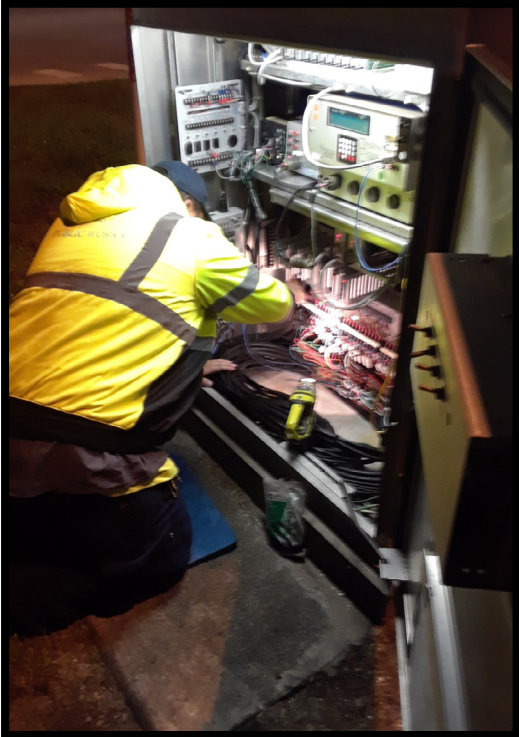
- Outdoor fires must be constantly attended
- Always have a garden hose or bucket of water near by
- Burning of commercial waste, residential trash, garbage, lawn debris, clippings, trees or other debris on residential, commercial or industrial property is prohibited
- Outdoor fireplaces, kilns, ovens or other similarly approved devices
- Fires must be readily able to be contained with a commercial screen top enclosure or grate
- Fires should not be larger than three feet in diameter with flames no higher than three feet
- Always supervise young children

PARKS & REC

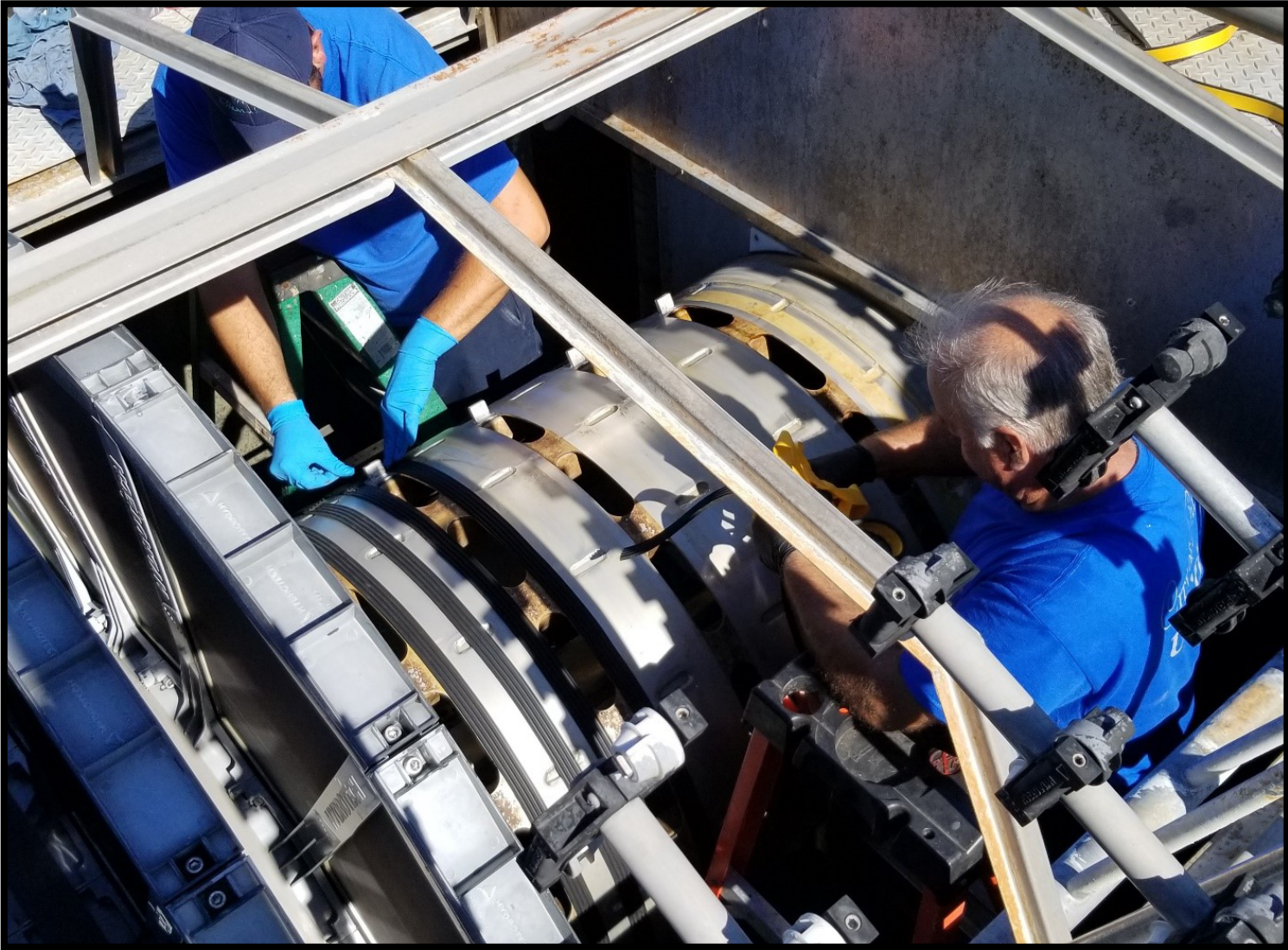


On November 21st, the Palm Coast Community Center held an Art Exhibition and Show for local artists to show off their creations. Many of the pieces displayed at our event were made at Community Center A.R.T. programs, including sculptures from our Wood Carvers group and quilts from Sit, Stitch ‘N Give!

PUBLIC WORKS IN ACTION



UTILITY IN ACTION





DEC. 7 PROCLAIMED ‘PALM COAST HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE DAY’

The Palm Coast City Council proclaimed Dec. 7 as the Palm Coast Holiday Boat Parade Day.

Boaters and fans are invited to start making plans for this colorful and cherished event. The parade begins at 6 p.m. on Dec. 7 departing from the Cimmaron Basin south on the Intracoastal Waterway, turning at the Grand Haven gazebo back to the Club House Waterway. The Parade will be escorted by boats from the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office, TowBoatUS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Palm Coast Auxiliary of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Palm Coast Yacht Club is proud to organize the annual Palm Coast Holiday Boat Parade, one of the area’s major holiday events. It is expected to exceed last year’s record of more than 47 brightly lit and decorated boats and is now generally considered the largest boat parade in Central Florida with hundreds of spectators expected to attend.

The Parade will be broadcast live by KOOL-FM, 100.9, anchored by Singer Linda Cole, known as Central Florida’s First Lady of Song; David Ayers, Vice President and General Manager of Flagler Broadcasting; and former Palm Coast Mayor Jon Netts. Also joining them on air will be Ansley Paige, Flagler Broadcasting’s Florida Palm Coast High School Media Intern.

All residents and visitors are invited to celebrate the season with this community tradition. Award-winning, Palm Coast-based photographer Lori Vetter Bowers will serve as the official photographer.



NICK KLUFAS SELECTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A CONSECUTIVE VICE MAYOR TERM

Palm Coast City Council members unanimously selected Vice Mayor Nick Klufas on Tuesday to serve a second term as vice mayor for another year. This makes it the first time in the city’s history for a council member to serve a consecutive term in the vice mayor role. “It’s humbling,” said Klufas. “Not only is it an honor to be given this responsibility by my peers on the city council, but it’s also a privilege to serve in this capacity during such a transformational time for Palm Coast. I appreciate the kind words said by my colleagues during the vote and look forward to our continued work together.” Per the city charter, council members choose a vice mayor at the first meeting after the general election, or at the organizational meeting during years when there is no election. The organizational meeting takes place on the third Tuesday of November, which happened to be Nov. 19 this year.

At the meeting, Councilman Eddie Branquinho nominated Councilman Klufas, and Councilman Jack Howell seconded the nomination.

“I just met you a little over a year ago and unfortunately we don’t talk much because we can’t, especially if it has to do with city business,” Branquinho said. “But watching you taking over the reins, over the last

few months, I’m in agreeance that we should have you prolong – if you don’t mind – have you prolong, once again it’s my opinion, have you prolong your job another year.” The vice mayor has the same legislative powers and duties as any other council member, except that the vice mayor serves as acting mayor during the absence of the mayor, and in that role can then have the same duties of the mayor, such as presiding at city council meetings and being recognized as the head of city government for all ceremonial occasions. “Nick has proven to be a tremendous asset for our community and a wonderful partner on the City Council,” said Mayor Milissa Holland. “I echo the confidence the other council members placed in him when he was re-appointed as Vice Mayor and appreciate the fantastic job he has done.” Councilman Klufas was elected to the District 3 seat for the city of Palm Coast in November 2016. At age 28 at the time of the election, he was the youngest-ever member of the Palm Coast City Council. He is a Senior Development Engineer at ACI, a real estate appraisal software company located in Palm Coast’s Town Center. His term as vice mayor is effective immediately.

2019 EMPLOYEE PIE CONTEST



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



Parks & Recreation hosted a family night for staff to create stockings to give to the Christmas Come True Fundraiser. They made six stockings and filled them with toiletry items.



DAIS DOUBLE TAKE



If you caught some of the most recent city council meeting, you may have noticed something a little different.

Longtime city of Palm Coast employee and director Richard Adams sat in for City Manager Matthew Morton in his absence. Mr. Morton had asked Mr. Adams to sit in for him during the meeting as he is the most senior director with the city. This was a first for Mr. Adams in his time with the city.

Mr. Adams has worked for the Utility Department since 1982 when it was owned by Palm Coast Utility Corp. and subsequently when Florida Water Services bought it from ITT. He became a city employee when the city bought the Utility in 2003.

During an agenda item, he answered a residents question relating to wastewater capacity and during city manager comments, he reminded everyone of the trash and recycling schedule for the holidays. The meeting lasted about an hour.

WASTE PRO FACILITY TOUR

On Friday, Nov. 22, Council Member Robert Cuff, City Manager Matthew Morton, Environmental Compliance Manager Brian Matthews and Customer Service Manager Cynthia Schweers took a visit the Waste Pro Material Recovery Facility located in Ocala.



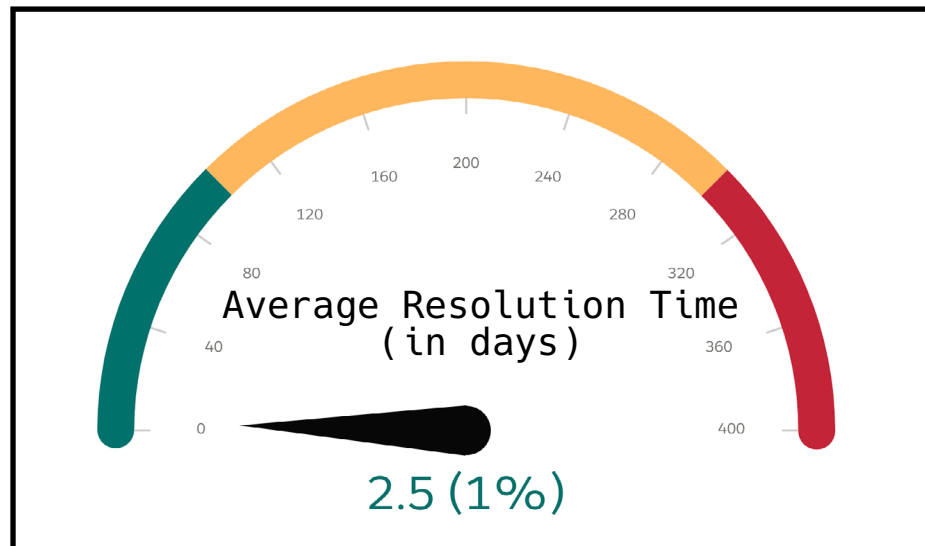
The City wanted to learn about the recycling process up close. All recycled materials collected from the City of Palm Coast is transported and disposed of at the Ormond Beach transfer station in and then sent to MRF for sorting in Ocala.

The facility recycles HDPE (color and natural), PET (any color), 3-7 plastics, aluminum, steel, mixed paper and OCC cardboard). They also take glass in small amounts. Glass is potentially recyclable, but there are not many facilities that process it as an end user.

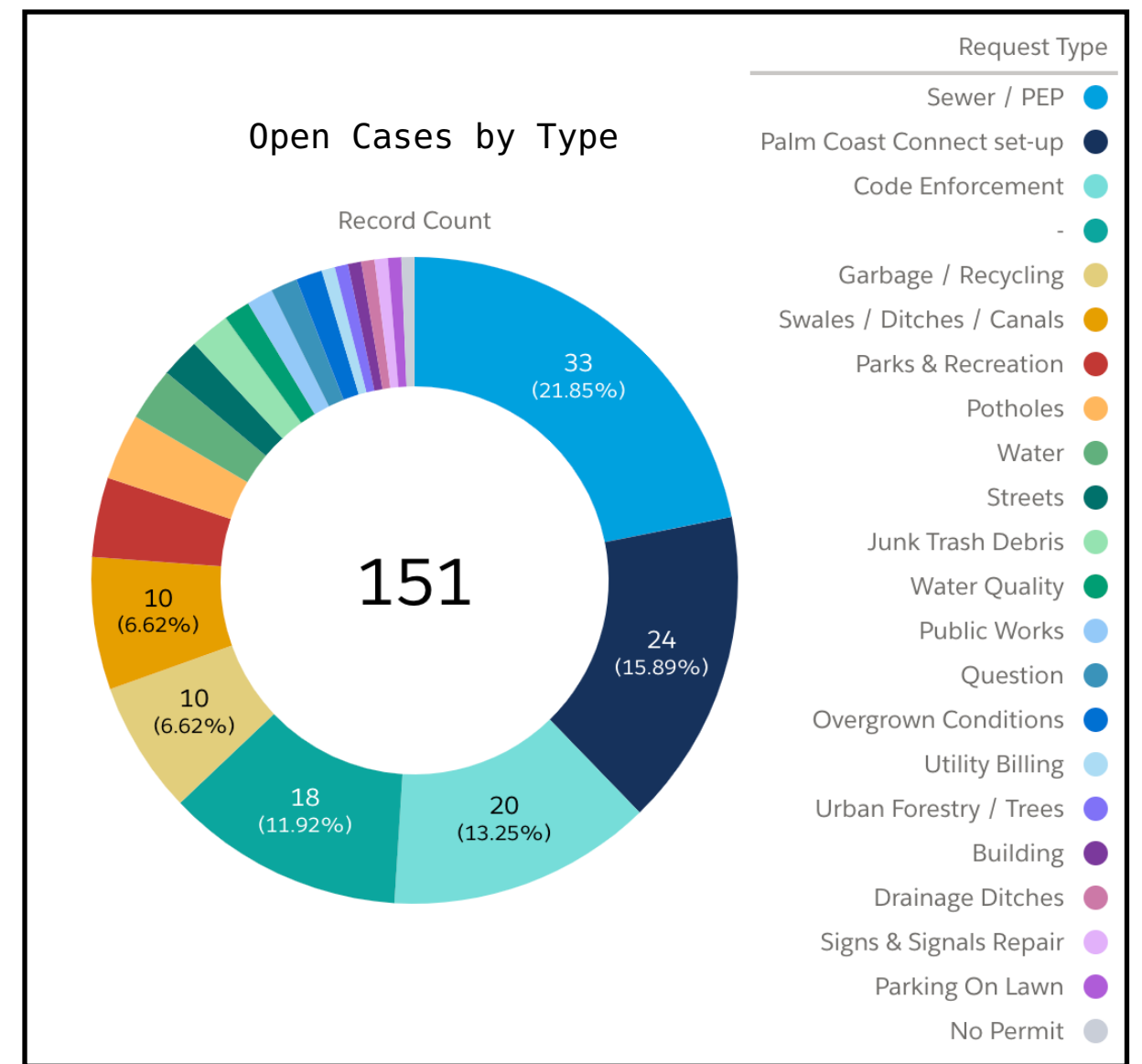
During the tour, workers could be seen separating materials and removing contaminated materials. Contamination represents 10-25% of the materials coming in.

Types of contamination include food waste, rope, chains, garden hoses, Christmas lights and plastic bags. Waste Pro has even had to remove live ammunition, hypodermic needles, flammable-explosive materials and biohazardous or medical waste.

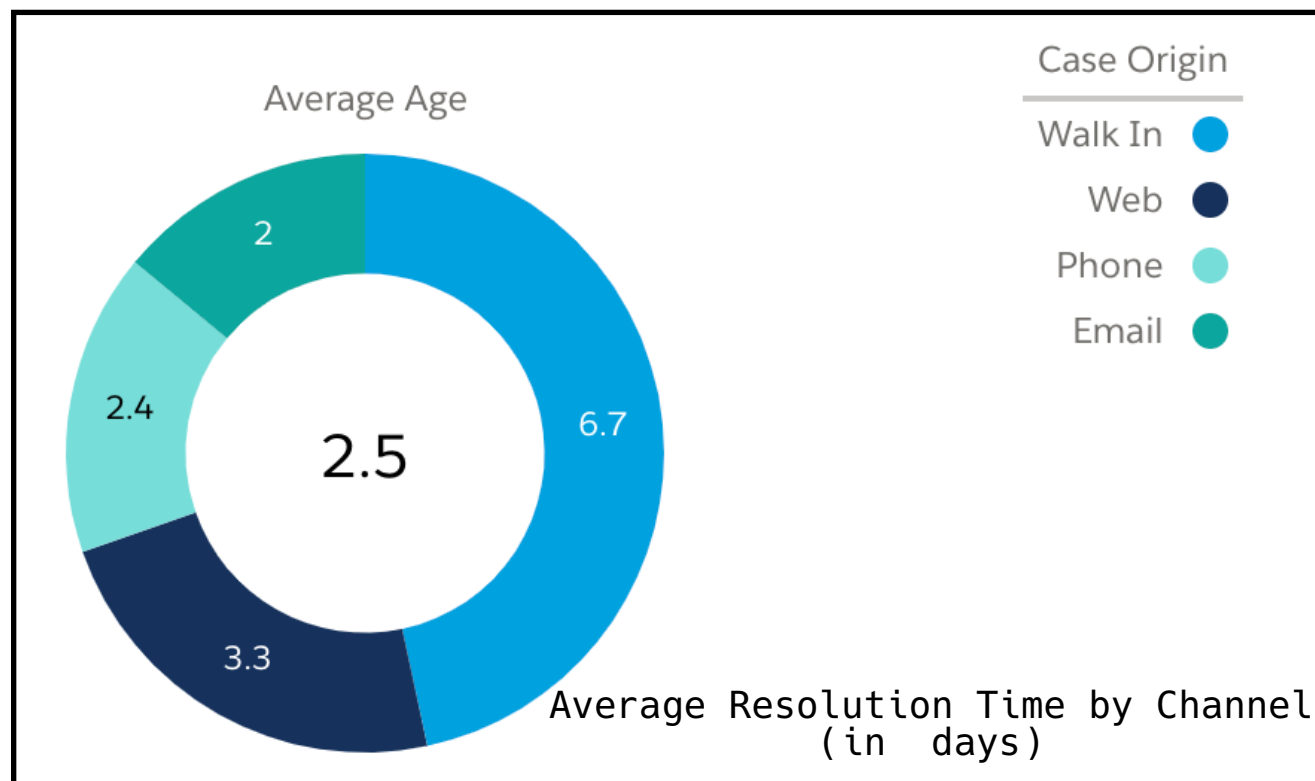
From January 2019 through June 2019 the City disposed of 2258.28 tons of recycling. This insightful learning experience gave us more insight into finding ways to educate residents on what materials are recyclable and what materials are not. This upcoming year we will be teaming up with Waste Pro to provide more information to residents and also looking at a reuse program.



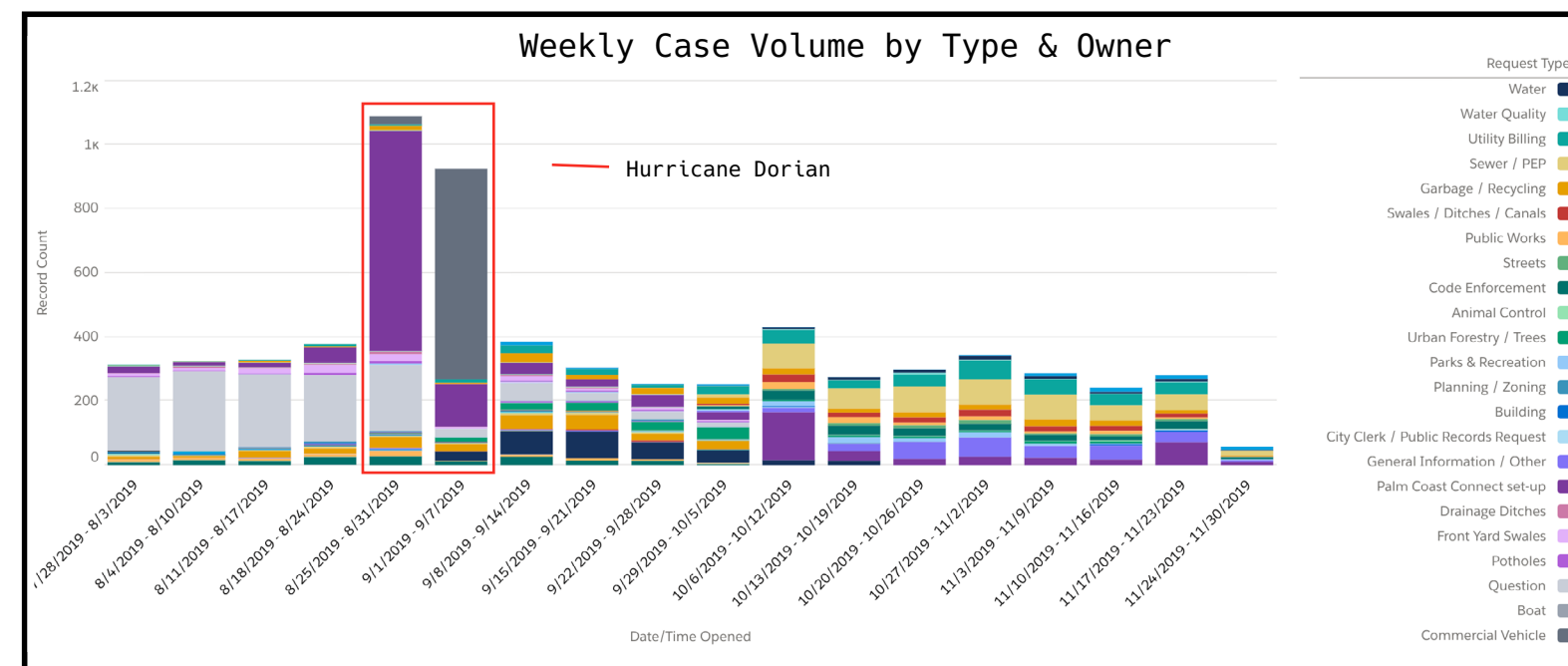
From Utility questions to swale maintenance, the average time to resolve an issue is 2.5 hours.



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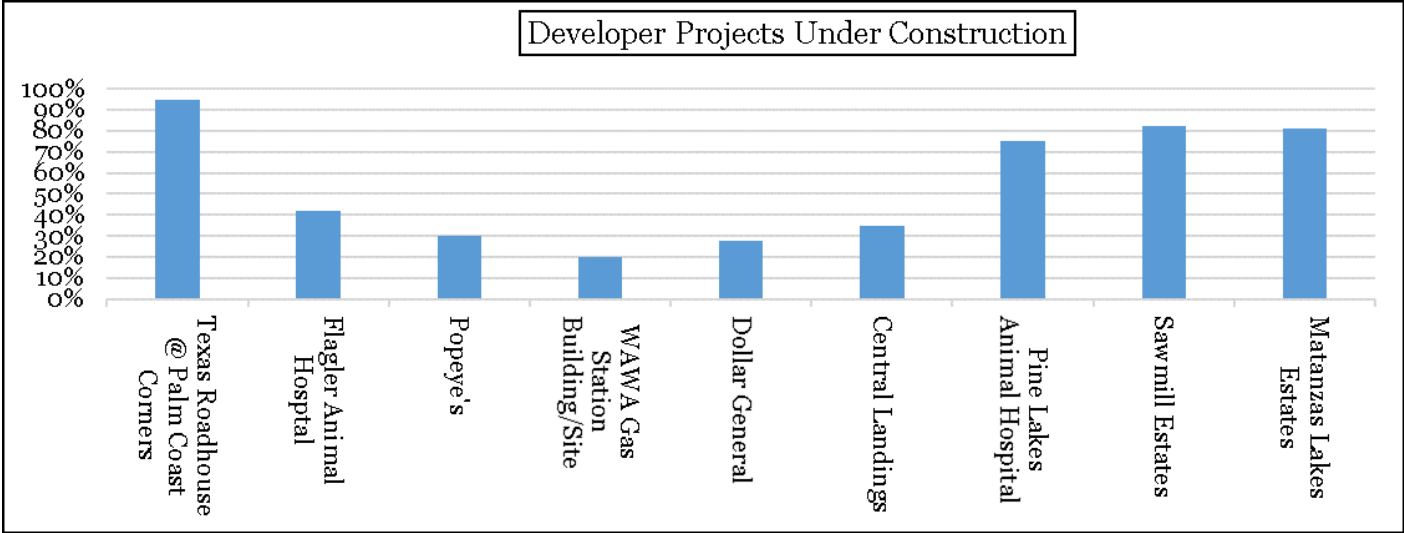
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CITY PERMITS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Jason DeLorenzo, Chief Development Officer

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NATURAL RESOURCES, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE.

Commercial Permits Applied			
145 City Place Building 1 Unit 200	Interior Alterations	Bomar Construction	\$15,000
60 Memorial Medical Parkway 1st floor	Interior Alterations / Equipment replacement	Commercial Construction Services	\$134,855
1475 Palm Coast Parkway NW 102	Interior Alterations - La Shawarma Restaurant	Stephen C Kenny & Associates	\$70,000
Development Application			
Subdivision Nonstatutory	Lot Line Reconfiguration for 14, 16A; 18 Crescent Ct. N	Ruzanna Tarannik	
Development Orders Issued			
Subdivision Master Plan	Sawmill Branch at Palm Coast Park	Mike Bowles	
Master Site Plan	Matanzas West Multi-Family	Curt Wimpée	
Sign Variance	Coastal Rehab and Sports Medicine	Anchor Real Estate Holdings, LLC	
Occupancy Permits Issued			
101 Palm Harbor Parkway C133	Ice Cream Crepe Shop	Siiri Pflzar	
Construction value improvements from October 1, 2019 to date			\$84,513,218
Residential Single Family / Duplex Residences			14



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9 PROJECTS

development projects currently
under construction all throughout
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PERMITS 3



commercial permits
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