



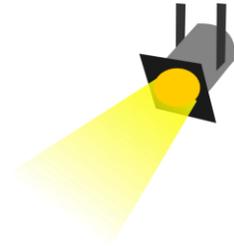
4/13/2018

City Manager's

WEEK-IN-REVIEW

in the

Spotlight



Highlights

42nd Citizen's Academy Class Graduates:

This month, 24 residents graduated from the City's 42nd Citizen's Academy class, a comprehensive program designed to educate residents about the operation and workings of their City government. For more information about the class, see the attached News Release. Or, to sign up for a future class, visit the city's website here

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/palm-coasters/citizens-academy>.



Citizen's Academy Graduation

Highlights

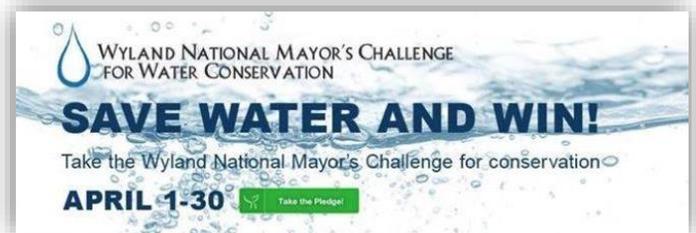
Classroom to Careers Symposium:

Several departments participated in this week's Classroom to Careers Symposium at FPC High School. Staff spoke to hundreds of students about careers in Communications & Marketing, Fire, Finance, Utility, and the BAC (Business Assistance Center).



Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation:

Mayor Holland is asking residents to take or renew their pledges to "Stop the Drops" and manage water use more wisely by taking part in the annual National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Don't miss your chance to participate and take the pledge thru April 30 at www.mywaterpledge.com. For more information, see the attached News Release.



Mayors 30/30 Challenge:

The Mayor's Healthy Community Challenge is going on now. Mayor Holland challenges residents to get active outdoors. Residents are encouraged to move at least 30 miles in 30 days, an average of a mile a day. Don't miss out, the challenge ends April 30th. So, sign up and log in your progress on the City's website here <http://www.palmcoastgov.com/my-palm-coast/mayors-challenge>.



Announcements



*Friday, April 13, 8pm
Central Park in Town Center*



*Tuesday, April 17, 5pm
Central Park in Town Center*



*Saturday, May 5, 9am to 2pm
Central Park in Town Center*

Next Week:

- *Tuesday, April 17, City Council Business Mtg, 9am, City Hall – Community Wing, 160 Lake Avenue*
- *Wednesday, April 18, Planning & Land Development Regulation Board Mtg, City Hall – Community Wing, 160 Lake Avenue*

Attachments

- Administrative Services & Economic Development Department Update
- BAC Update
- Public Works Department Update
- Community Development Department Update
- Fire Department Update
- Parks & Recreation Department Update
- Utility Department Update
- Humane Society Update

News Releases

- National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation
 - City of Palm Coast participating in FPL SolarNow program
 - Last chance to register for 3v3 Basketball Tourney (April 14 event)
 - Citizen's Academy graduation news release.
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Communications & Marketing

For anyone who would like to watch the State of the City event, it is now available on video! Watch it on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/hCFkqUSsrz8>.

The City is participating in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, and promotions began this week. Everyone is asked to take or renew their pledges to manage water resources more wisely at www.mywaterpledge.com between now and April 30. Read the news release below for more details. This is our fourth year to participate in the national competition, and the City was proud to come in 17th in the nation for cities with a population of 30,000-99,999 in 2017.

We also kicked off marketing for the Arbor Day Celebration coming up May 5. Check out the website for details: www.palmcoastgov.com/arborday.

In addition to ads created for Arbor Day and the Water Challenge, a brochure was designed for the open traffic engineer position.

The Division talked with hundreds of Flagler Palm Coast High School students about careers in communications and marketing at the FPC Career Fair on Thursday. Attending students were surveyed about which social media platforms they use. On Friday, we presented Spokesperson Training for the participants of the Leadership Daytona program.



News releases that went out this week include City of Palm Coast participating in FPL SolarNow program, Last chance to register for 3v3 Basketball Tourney (April 14 event), and Citizen's Academy graduation news release. We also staffed the Council workshop and posted to Facebook/Twitter/Instagram.

City Clerk

- Processed 20 public records requests.
- Processed 3 litigation documents.
- Prepared and processed 24 documents for recording.
- Prepared 1 agenda item.
- Prepared 1 proclamation.
- Prepared and posted 1 agenda to the web.

City of Palm Coast (Official)
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It's Water Conservation Month! Join us, the Saint John's River Water Management District and others as we make a pledge to save water and our future water supplies. Sign up for the pledge at <http://www.mywaterpledge.com>

WYLAND NATIONAL MAYOR'S CHALLENGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION
SAVE WATER AND WIN!
Take the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for conservation
APRIL 1-30 [Take the Pledge](#)

WYLAND FOUNDATION TOYOTA

👤 1,368 people reached [Boost Post](#)

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Social Media POST OF THE WEEK

Central Services Division

Contracts Processed:

- Empire Computing & Consulting, Inc. – Piggyback Contract for Information Technology Contracting Services – 2014-89 – 04/08/2018 – 06/17/2019
- Brownie's Septic and Plumbing, LLC – Master Services Agreement for emergency tank trucking of wastewater – ITB-UT-18-27 – 04/10/2018 – 04/09/2019
- Environmental Control Systems Inc. – Master Services Agreement for emergency tank trucking of wastewater – ITB-UT-18-27 – 04/10/2018 – 04/09/2019
- All Daytona Septic Tank Services, Inc. – Master Services Agreement for emergency tank trucking of wastewater – ITB-UT-18-27 – 04/10/2018 – 04/09/2019

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER



The Palm Coast Business Assistance Center Services Provided by the SBDC at UCF

Located at City Hall
160 Lake Avenue
Palm Coast, Florida 32164
(386) 986-2499
www.PalmCoastBAC.com

BUSINESS CONSULTING

- This Week – 11 Consulting Sessions, 39 Consulting Hours
- Total for Month – 26 Consulting Sessions, 82 Consulting Hours

PALM COAST BAC IMPACT

- Economic Impact This Fiscal Year - \$2,324,000
- Economic Impact to Date- \$28 Million
- Return on Investment - \$86 per Tax Dollar Invested

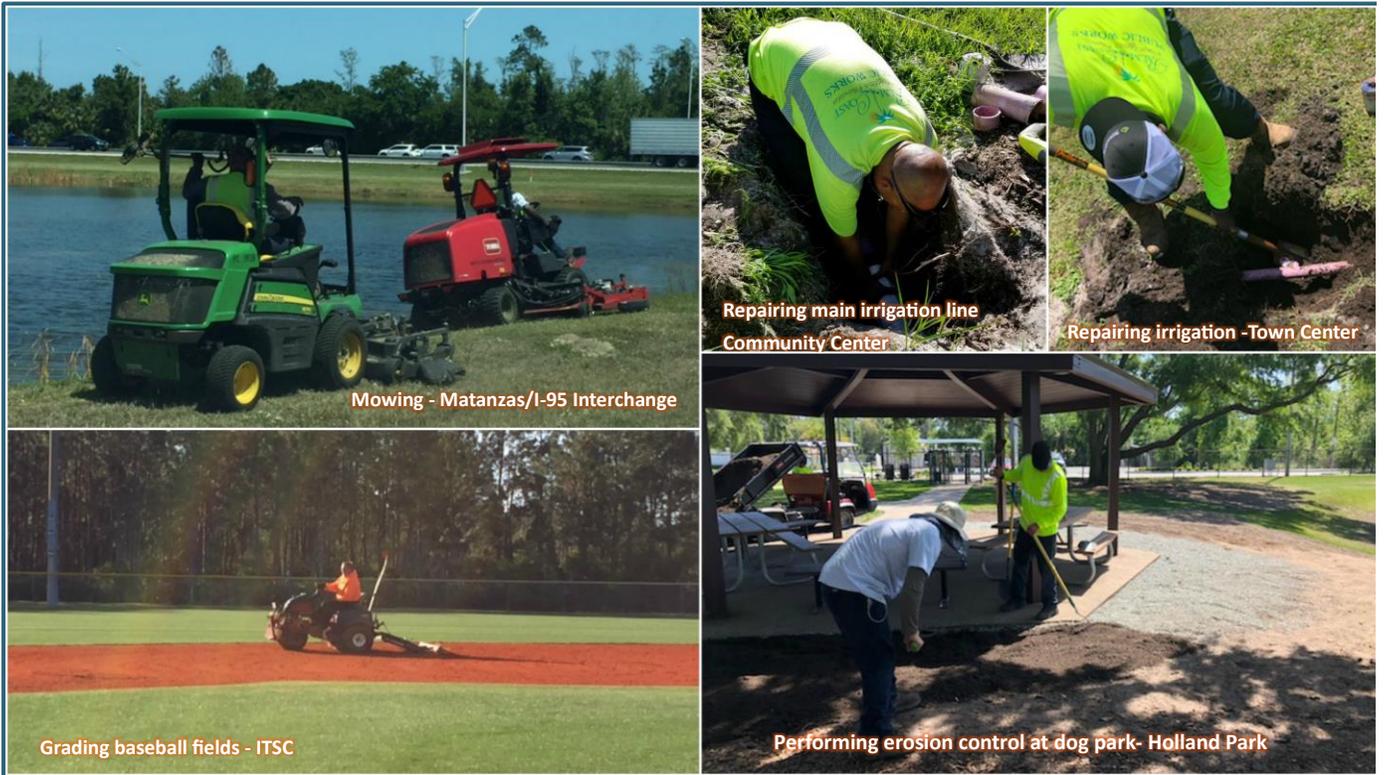
NEW PALM COAST COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES

- Talent Direct 360 Inc – 1 Hargrove Grade – Consultant
- Sofia Nails LLC – 1490 Palm Coast Pkwy – Nail Salon
- Case Vision P.A. – 5100 E. Hwy 100 – Optometrist

NEW PALM COAST HOME BASED BUSINESSES

- A Touch of Spain Landscape & Concrete Inc – Landscape Service
- A Touch of Spain Landscape & Concrete Inc – Paving Contractor
- A Touch of Spain Landscape & Concrete Inc – Stucco Contractor
- I Can Fix That – Handyman Service
- Grand Cleaning & Janitorial Services – Janitorial Service
- AEK Graphics – Unclassified Personal Service
- Paw Pursuit Inc – Non-Profit

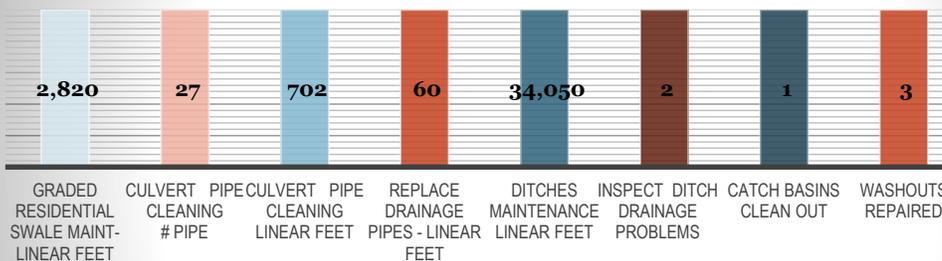
PUBLIC WORKS – Nestor Abreu, Director



Parks & Medians Division



Stormwater Division



Streets Division



Assembling new tables - Community Center



New picnic tables installed
Community Center



Repairing pot hole
Belle Terre South



Mowing right-of-way
Seminole Woods Pkwy



New "Do not approach or
feed the wildlife" sign
St Joe's Walkway



Screening dirt for future City projects

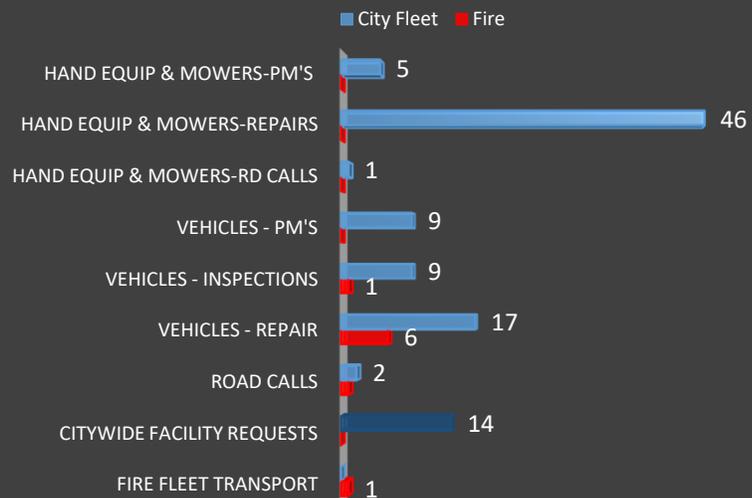


Repairing City truck



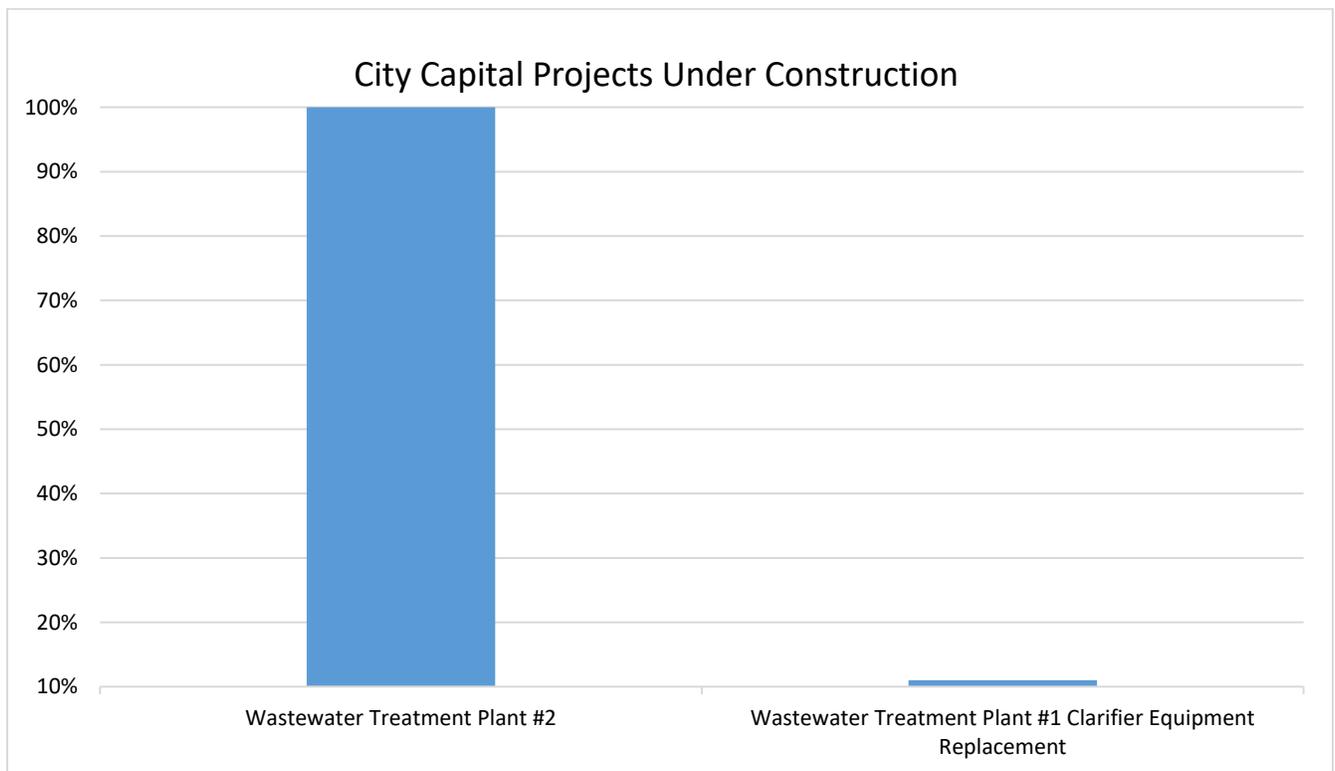
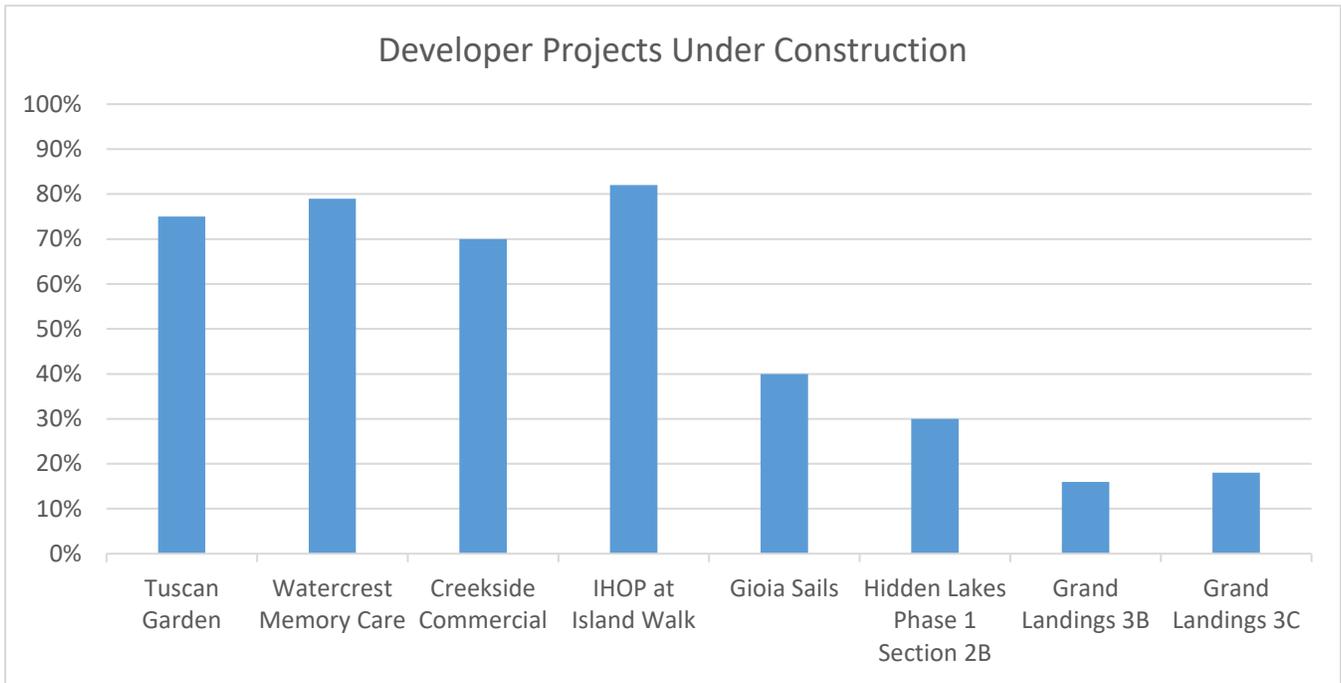
Constructing new sandbox for
Golf Course

Facility & Fleet Service



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Stephen Flanagan, Director

PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR WELL-PLANNED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CITY'S NATURAL RESOURCES, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE.

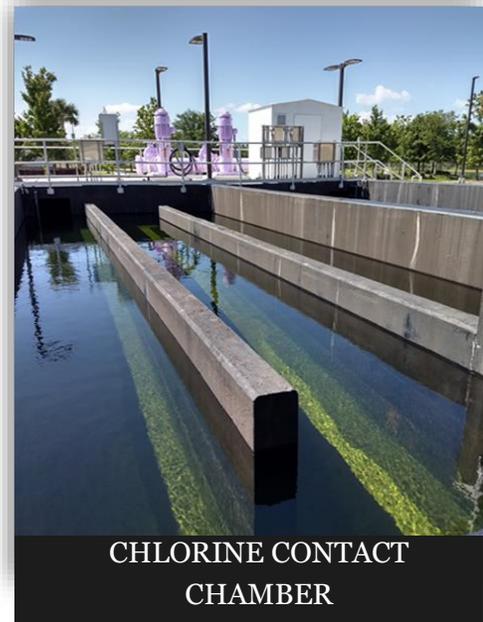


Commercial Permit Issued			
53 Old Kings Road N (Elks Lodge)	Addition (open porch)	Affordable Aluminum	\$8,590
Occupancy Permit Issued			
5100 State Hwy 100 E	Case Vision PA Optometry	John Case	
101 Palm Harbor Parkway B118	Chophouse 101 (restaurant)	Laura Castro	
121 Flagler Plaza Drive	Steel Beauty Hair Spa	Linda Booker	
Certificate of Occupancy Issued			
57 Town Court # 219	Omega Lab	SMC Construction Group	\$400,000
Permitting Activities			
Total Permits Issues:			327
Residential Single Family/Duplex Residences			17
Construction value improvements from October 1, 2017 to date			\$170,356,797

Spotlight Projects

Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 is in Operational and Testing Mode!

Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 and its associated projects are now in operational and testing mode! Last week, the new Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Matanzas Master Pump Station and associated reclaimed and force mains were placed in operation. A portion of the wastewater flows going to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant were redirected to the Matanzas Master Pump Station which supplies wastewater to the head of the plant. The new treatment plant, located near Water Treatment Plant No. 3 off of US-1, is one of the first membrane bioreactor filtration systems in operation in Florida and can treat up to 2 million gallons per day. Operations staff is familiarizing themselves with the equipment and adjusting treatment processes to achieve optimum efficiency. The City is planning to hold a Ribbon Cutting ceremony soon.





GUIDANCE

Tip of the Month:

Bicycle Safety Tips / Zombie Survival Guide to Bicycle Safety

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owQQ3egV2CQ>

Download CoderED to be notified of emergencies that may impact your safety:

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/emergency/codered>

Volunteer Intern
“Become a Volunteer”

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/government/fire/volunteer>

Register for Basic First Aid & CPR or Healthcare Provider:

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/government/fire/cpr>

Car Seat Installs & Smoke Detector Battery Change:

Please call 386-986-2300 or stop by any of our fire stations

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Basic First Aid & CPR:

April 14th REGISTRATION CLOSED
May 5th 8 openings

Healthcare Provider:

April 20th 1 openings

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Please take note, if you see a wildfire/flames, walk or drive away from it immediately and call 911. Wildfires spread quickly and can change direction with the wind. Do not call the fire department, call 911!

Flagler Palm Coast High School students have completed 41 hours in Ride Alongs for this week.

All firefighters are in the process of having their annual physical exams this week and next week.

Chief Beadle spoke at Flagler Palm Coast High School’s Career Fair. Driver Engineers Craig and Robinson spoke to students about careers in the fire service.

Deputy Chief Forte conducted several meetings with the Food Service Group and the CEMP Update Group this week in regards to our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.



Chief Beadle spoke at Flagler Palm Coast High School’s Career Fair

HIGHLIGHTS

This week Flagler Palm Coast High School invited the Palm Coast Fire Department firefighters to attend the career fair. Driver Engineers Craig and Robinson spoke to students about careers in the fire service. They also spoke to students about doing “Ride Alongs” to get a full experience and understanding of what firefighters do. High school age students just need parental permission to participate.

This past week the training officers participated in Firefighter Survival Bailout Equipment Training. The trainer came out to provide ‘train the trainer’ by working with the officers so that they would be able to train the rest of the department.

Deputy Chief Forte conducted several meetings this week in regards to our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The Food Services Group worked out final details for their Emergency Assignments and tested out product for possible usage during critical incidents. More meetings to come!



DE Craig & DE Robinson talk to a Flagler Palm Coast HS student about their careers



Firefighter Survival Bailout Equipment Training



Food Services Group Meeting – Product Testing

Our Head Lifeguard coached the STEM class from Wadsworth Elementary. They were swimming laps and learning the proper techniques for each swimming stroke. We will do this for the next 4 weeks. We had 40 kids and 2 teachers participating. They will also be using the pool to practice with their underwater robots for a competition they have in April.

Our Marketing Supervisor and Head Recreation Leader of Athletics attended Flagler Beach First Friday on Friday, April 6. They handed out flyers to promote summer programs along with other City handouts and some promotional items.

The Community Center continues to be busy with residents attending programs, requesting room reservations, and simply taking tours to see the new building. We have added three more senior social activities. Pinochle is now held on Tuesdays from 1-4pm and Open Art Studio is now held on Wednesdays from 9am-12pm. Dance with Me! Ballroom Dance Classes will begin June 5th and be held Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information on any of these programs, visit www.palmcoastgov.com/register or call 386-986-2323.

Summer 2018 Activity Guide

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/recreation>

Online Registration & Activities List

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/register>

Program Highlights

Musical Munchkins

Toddlers made music together on Thurs., April 5.

Game Day Social

Adults/seniors joined to play various games on Thurs., April 5.

Critic's Choice Dinner Club

Participants critiqued food and service at The Southern Table in Bunnell on Thurs., April 5.

COMING UP

Movies in the Park – May 11

Food Truck Tuesday – April 17, May 15

Program Highlights (continued)

Night Tours

We explored Waterfront Park after dark on Sat., April 7.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Toddlers enjoyed story time on Mon., April 9.

Munchkin' Creations

Toddlers enjoyed a special free edition of Munchkin' Creations on Tues., April 10.

Wood Carvers

This talented group of individuals gathered on Tues., April 10.

Pinochle

Participants played pinochle on Tues., April 10.

Coffee Series

Nicolle Cella presented "It's All About YOU!" on Wed., April 11.

Mah Jongg

Participants played the popular game of Mah Jongg on Wed., April 11.

Open Art Studio

Participants painted together on Wed., April 11.

Munchkin Sports

Munchkin Sports continued on Wed., April 11.

Recurring Athletic Programs

Tennis Programs for adults & kids
Pickleball
Open Gym Volleyball
Open Gym Basketball



Red Rallies at Palm Coast Tennis Center



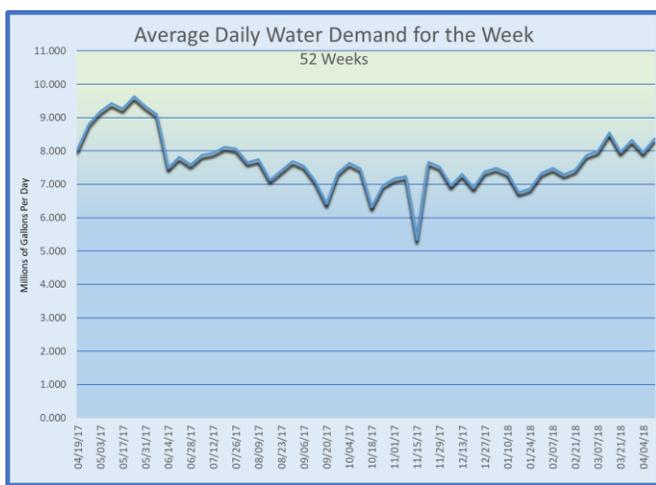
Munchkin' Creations – April 10



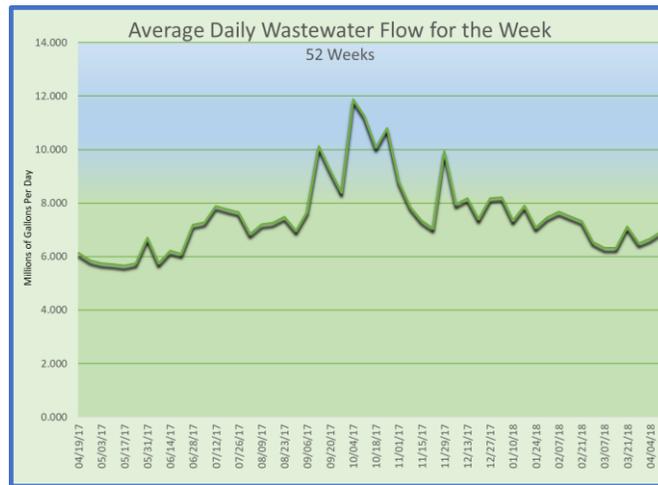
Munchkin' Creations – April 10

4-12-2018

- The average water demand for the week was 7.550 million gallons per day.
- The average wastewater flow for the week was 6.940 million gallons per day.
- Crews installed 20 new water meters, 2 new irrigation meters, 1 new reuse meter and 1 new PEP tank.
- Crews replaced 4 PEP tanks.
- There are 24 new PEP tanks pending and 9 PEP tanks replacements pending.
- Currently all new tanks are being installed within 1 day of site ready.
- There are 240 new meter installations pending, with 65 cleared and an average installation time of 3 weeks.
- Wastewater crews installed 19 PEP electrical assemblies and 2 risers. Repaired 1 service lateral and 1 PEP main.
- Also replaced 32 PEP pumps, 25 floats, 1 back lid, 2 ball valves, 2 boxes and 8 cleanout caps.
- There were 40 calls after hours.
- There were 7 meter pit adjustments, replacements and repairs.
- Water Distribution crews repaired 7 water service manifolds and 1 water service line.
- Tested and repaired 133 backflow preventers.
- Wastewater crews inspected via CCTV 8,101 feet of gravity sewer. Also completed 3 pump stations annual maintenance inspections and inspected 30 manholes.
- On April 5th, one of the staff from Water Treatment Plant # 3 presented a wetland presentation at Linear Park to the Old King Elementary 1st graders. The presentation was for the Children Helping in Resource Planning “CHIRP” program. This program involves an enthusiastic learning project that draws attention to environmental issues.
- Crews activated the wet weather operations protocol on Monday, Tuesday, and part of Wednesday due to the 7 inches of rainfall event which started late Monday and continued into Wednesday.
- Crews delivered 300 door tags for upcoming smoke testing scheduled to start on 4/23 in Section 4.



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HIGHLIGHTS WATER TREATMENT PLANT #3

On April 6th, staff from Water Treatment Plant #3 worked on replacing the permeate blower bearings and belts. During the process of taking it apart the old bearings were re aligned and noise concerns went away. It was put back online after the realignment.





NEWS RELEASE – City of Palm Coast

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April 9, 2018

Pledge to ‘Stop the Drops’ during National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation

Palm Coast – Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland is joining mayors across the country in asking residents to take or renew their pledges to manage water resources more wisely by taking part in the annual National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. This year’s “Stop the Drops” campaign runs through the end of April.

In return, residents can win \$5,000 toward their home Utility payments, water saving fixtures, and hundreds of other prizes. Plus, one lucky charity will receive a 2018 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid to serve the community.

Please go online at www.mywaterpledge.com between now and April 30 to take the Water Challenge Pledge!

The annual Wyland Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation during the month of April is a non-profit national community service campaign to see which leaders can best inspire their residents to make a series of informative and easy-to-do online pledge to use water more efficiently, reduce pollution and save energy.

This will be Palm Coast’s fourth year to participate in the national competition, and the City was proud to come in 17th in the nation for cities with a population of 30,000-99,999 in 2017.

“Part of our City’s vision is to protect the environment and beauty of Palm Coast while conserving natural resources,” said Mayor Holland. “Managing our water resources carefully is especially important for us here in Florida because our fresh water supply is limited, and we do go through periods of drought conditions that impact our aquifer.”

Last year, residents from over 4,800 cities in all 50 U.S. states pledged to reduce their annual consumption of freshwater by 2.2 billion gallons, reduce waste sent to landfills by 52 million pounds, and prevent more than 114,000 pounds of hazardous waste from entering our watersheds. The Challenge goes beyond drought issues and looks at the ways our water use will affect the future of our communities – from how we grow food to reducing polluted runoff.

Mayor Holland is urging everyone to go online during the month of April to take the National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation.

“We like to say Palm Coast is ‘Rooted in Nature.’ Our entire community is built on those values, and water conservation is a big part of that commitment,” she said. “Let’s aim to ‘Stop the Drops’ and be No. 1 in the nation this year!”

To participate, residents enter online at www.mywaterpledge.com and then make a series of online pledges to conserve water on behalf of the City of Palm Coast. Cities compete in the following population categories: (5,000-29,999 residents, 30,000-99,999 residents, 100,000-299,999 residents, 300,000-599,999 residents, and 600,000+ residents). The City of Palm Coast has approximately 85,000 residents.

Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the Challenge in their population category are entered into drawings for hundreds of eco-friendly prizes, including home improvement gift cards, home irrigation equipment, and the Grand Prize \$5,000 Home Utility Bill Payment. The Challenge also gives residents a chance to nominate a deserving charity that would benefit from receiving a 2018 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid, and features additional resources for residents to take their commitment of conservation even further, from regional water and energy resource issues to cost-saving tips at home.

The 7th National Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation is presented by the Wyland Foundation and Toyota, with support from the U.S EPA WaterSense, The Toro Company, National League of Cities, Conserva Irrigation, and Earth Friendly Products (makers of ECOS).

Founded in 1993 by environmental artist Wyland (best known for his series of 100 monumental marine life murals), the Wyland Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, protecting, and preserving the world’s ocean, waterways and marine life. The foundation encourages environmental awareness through community events, education programs, and public art projects. Learn more at www.wylandfoundation.org.

All year long, but especially during Water Conservation Month in April, the City provides water conservation information through its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/discoverpalmcoast.

Here are some tips to help Palm Coast residents stop the drops, saving water and money in the process:

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth, wash your face, shave, wash dishes or clean the house. The average faucet flows at a rate of 2 gallons per minute.
- Take a shower instead of a bath – baths use up to 70 gallons of water, whereas a 5-minute shower uses only 10-25 gallons.
- A running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. At 1 drip per second, a faucet can leak 3,000 gallons per year. Repair leaks right away!
- For washing machines with variable settings, select the minimum amount required per load. Otherwise, wash only full loads.
- Select native-Florida trees and shrubs that need less watering when landscaping.
- Install low-flow toilets and showerheads to dramatically reduce your indoor water consumption without reduced performance.
- Run the dishwasher instead of washing by hand. It uses less hot water and could save you \$40 a year.

For more information about the City of Palm Coast's participation in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, contact Cindi Lane, Communications & Marketing Manager, at 386-986-3708 or clane@palmcoastgov.com.

PHOTO: A walker passes one of the new solar trees at Central Park.



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April 11, 2018

Solar trees, canopies now shading Palm Coast through FPL’s SolarNow program

Palm Coast – The City of Palm Coast is participating in FPL’s SolarNow program – bringing a new kind of solar to life that harnesses the energy from the sun while providing Palm Coast residents and visitors with covered parking and shade at Palm Coast parks.

Three distinctive and innovative solar trees have been “planted” at Central Park in Town Center, and a solar canopy has been installed over the front parking lot at the Palm Coast Community Center. A second solar canopy will soon be added over the parking area near the baseball fields at Holland Park. The solar trees have USB connections that can be used by park visitors to charge their mobile devices.

“The sun shines abundantly in Palm Coast, and we’re committed to protecting our natural environment for future generations. So we are excited to bring FPL’s SolarNow program to our City,” said City Administration Coordinator Denise Bevan, who leads the Green Team.

“For a number of years, Palm Coast has championed the creation of a sustainable framework to encourage our community to care for land, water, air and wildlife,” Bevan said. “SolarNow is a natural extension of the many innovative ‘green city’ initiatives and programs we already have.”

Thanks to SolarNow and its more than 30,000 participants statewide, Palm Coast now has 217 solar panels powering the grid with 60 kW of clean energy and providing 26 vehicles with shade at the Community Center. With the canopy at Holland Park and the trees at Central Park, Palm Coast will be harnessing more than 100 kW of solar power with about 361 solar panels – enough to power about 12 homes!

“There are a lot of factors that played into our decision to partner with Palm Coast on these projects, but the most important is our shared commitment to sustainability,” said Cory Ramsel, Senior Director of FPL Project Development. “We’re excited to add Palm Coast to our growing SolarNow family – a network of zoos, parks and museums that have become living classrooms for people of all ages.”

The new solar canopies generate zero-emissions energy and add an educational and interactive component to solar. The canopies’ design allows solar to be easily integrated into urban landscapes at parks, zoos, museums, schools and now, the Palm Coast Community Center and Holland Park.

The FPL SolarNow program offers people an opportunity to see and learn about solar up close – something many have never experienced because solar panels are usually located out of sight on rooftops or at universal solar energy centers like the ones FPL is building across the state.

The voluntary SolarNow program allows FPL customers who support solar and want to see it in their local communities, an opportunity to do so by electing to contribute \$9 on their monthly bill. More than 200 households in Palm Coast participate in the program.

Palm Coast's solar trees and canopies are the first in Flagler County, but SolarNow is sprouting up all across Florida. The City of South Daytona has four solar trees, and the program is coming to St. Augustine this spring.

For more information, contact Communications & Marketing Manager Cindi Lane at clane@palmcoastgov.com and 386-986-3708.



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April 9, 2018

Registration still open for 3v3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 14

Palm Coast – This is the last chance to register for Saturday's 3v3 Basketball Tournament at Holland Park, 18 Florida Park Drive, Palm Coast. The tournament is being offered by Palm Coast Parks & Recreation.

The 3-on-3 competitive, double-elimination tournament will be held 9 a.m. to noon. Teams should have a minimum of three players and a maximum of five players. All players must be 18 and up. The winning team will receive a gold medal!

Registration is by team, and the fee is \$150. Sign up at www.palmcoastgov.com/register.

Registration is also now open for the Adult Basketball League to be held Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning June 4. The league will be 5-a-side play with a maximum of 11 players per team. Super Early Bird registration through May 6 is \$360.

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 386-986-2323.

Graduation photo attached.



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April 10, 2018

Palm Coast Citizen’s Academy graduates 24 students in its 42nd session

Palm Coast – Twenty-four Palm Coast residents graduated this month from the Palm Coast Citizen’s Academy, a comprehensive program designed to educate interested residents about the operation and workings of their City government.

The graduating class – the 42nd in the program’s history – spent five weeks learning about City departments and visiting City Hall, main Fire Station 25, and Water Treatment Plant No. 3. The class also attended a Palm Coast City Council meeting together.

City Manager Jim Landon kicked off the Citizen’s Academy with an opening session titled, “Governing the City,” providing background on Palm Coast’s incorporation, City Charter, the Council-Manager form of government, and overall information about the City.

Participants in the Citizen’s Academy received an overview on every City department and met City Council members, department directors and many other City employees. Mayor Milissa Holland did a presentation on development projects – both public and private – currently under way in Palm Coast.

This session’s graduates were Joseph Benincasa, Martha Butler, Katherine Curtis, Danny Danforth, Sharon Danforth, Lisa D’Andrea, Virginia Elgin, Gertrude Hannah, Bertha Harrison, Ryan Kendall, Emily Kirshaw, William Mania, Cindi Marcuccio, Mike Marcuccio, Tina Mongiardo, Becky Osgood, Tom Osgood, Ketia Silveira, James Smeaton, Sally Smeaton, Betty Wiersma, Dale Wiersma, Debby Winans and Mike Winans.

The Citizen’s Academy meets once a week, usually on Monday evenings, for five straight weeks. The course is free and registration is limited to approximately 30 Palm Coast citizens per session. The academy is held three times a year.

The next session is already full, but the class starting Sept. 17 has spots available. To register, go to www.PalmCoastGov.com and search for “Citizen’s Academy.”

For more information, contact Cindi Lane, Palm Coast Communications & Marketing Manager, at 386-986-3708 or clane@palmcoastgov.com.



116 Cats

68 Dogs

4 Rabbits

Animals ready for homes

Those that have served in the military should be recognized for their heroic actions and offered physical and mental help when needed. Service and therapy dogs have shown to be an excellent tool in helping veterans restore their physical and mental independence. There are many canine programs that work with veterans who are in need of service or therapy dogs. Flagler County veterans have access to many of these programs. They can contact K9's for Warriors, Paws of War (local representative works/volunteers at FHS), or go through Pets for Patriots which offers a humane society adoption incentive program. Flagler Humane Society currently works with Pets for Patriots and Paws of War to offer low or no cost adoptions to veterans for pets that qualify under the program. Call the FHS adoption specialist for more information on how you can apply for the programs.

Donation Opportunities: The *Flagler Humane Society Thrift Store* always accepts donations. They cannot take in any computers/printers or large appliances. Call 386-597-2839 and leave a message.

We are collecting shoes again! Bring your used shoes (any condition) to us to turn in for money!

"General Donations" can be dropped off anytime at your convenience. FHS appreciates all donations, especially those from our Wish List (available at flaglerhumane.org/wish-list). You can also purchase items via the Amazon.com link on the FHS website and ship them directly to the shelter.

Outreach Adoption Events: Don't forget that FHS have volunteers and adoptable pets at Petco in Palm Coast on Sundays and at PetSmart in Palm Coast on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays.

Want to be a volunteer? Attend an orientation! Orientations are held at noon in the Humane Society education room every second Saturday of the month. Applications can be found on the FHS website.

Interested in fostering? Contact our adoption specialist at adopt@flaglerhumane.org.

Adoption Specials: Check the FHS Facebook for any Adoption Specials.

Upcoming Fundraisers/Events: See the FHS Website for more information on our upcoming Paint Your Pet and Bow Wow Bingo.

Offered Services: The Flagler Humane Society has a variety of *Subsidized Spay & Neuter Programs* for members of the community that need to have their pets or community pets sterilized. Please call FHS at 386-445-1814, email info@flaglerhumane.org for questions.

FHS has a *Wellness Clinic* for minor veterinary issues. Call 386-445-1814 for Appointments. *Low Cost Vaccination Clinics* are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 1pm-3pm. No appointments are necessary for the Low Cost Vaccination Clinics.

FHS also offers a "*Pet Food Pantry*" for those that are in need of assistance. Please call for more information.

To keep up with Flagler Humane Society happenings – visit us on the FHS Facebook/Twitter, our website at www.flaglerhumane.org, or via email at info@flaglerhumane.org.

Pet of the Week



PUCK

Puck is a sweet loving boy that is approximately 3 years old. He is a terrier mix and is already neutered. He is selective of his friends but loves most dogs. He is super silly and loves to have his belly rubbed. He has been at the shelter for a while and would love to have a family to call his own. Come and meet this gentleman today. He appears to be housebroken and has great house manners.

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