



CITY OF PALMETTO
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Numbers to Know

**Department of
Public Works
723-4580**

Public Works Director
Code Enforcement
Fleet Maintenance
Planning Development
Project Management
Building/Permitting
Sewer, Water, Reclaim
Signs and Markings
Solid Waste
Stormwater & Ditches
Road & Bridge

**City Hall
723-4570**

Mayor's Office
City Clerk
Finance Director
Facilities & Events
Specialist

CRA Director - 723-4988
Building/Permitting - 721-2166
Police Department - 723-4587
Treatment Plant - 723-6106

Commission Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in the
Commission Chambers
Meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

**January
5th & 26th
February
9th**

The public is encouraged to
attend.

Commission Members

Jonathan Davis—At Large
Tamara Cornwell—At Large
Harold Smith— Ward I
Tambra Varnadore—Ward II
Brian Williams—Ward III

City News In Brief

First Quarter

January 2015

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From the Mayor of Palmetto



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

As 2014 flew by, Palmetto was undergoing many improvements and welcoming several new corporate headquarters, along with several hundred new jobs. In addition, we have been aggressively focusing our attention and efforts on revitalizing our main corridors.

The boat ramp revitalization is going well and promises to be a substantial improvement to the City, both in accessibility and appearance of the riverfront area. The project will finish strong with new lights, pavers and security cameras to match Palmetto's downtown theme like Sutton Park and 5th Street.

Speaking of Sutton Park, we will be making some improvements there too. We will be planting new trees in the park and making commemorative plaques available. You can view the Living Tree Memorial

application on our website, or contact Events Specialist Geoff Seger at 723-4570.

Our gateway sign at Riverside Drive and 8th Avenue is underway, so it should be functioning and welcoming visitors within a few months.

Most of the projects are funded through our Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and other matching grants. Some of our 2014 grant partners include Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), West Coast Inland Navigational District, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Department of Environmental Affairs.

In 2015, we begin the largest project we have planned yet: the multi-million dollar redevelopment of our Riverside Parks, our Green Bridge gateway to Riverside Drive and Riverside Drive from 8th Avenue to 10th Avenue. We have secured Florida Department of Transportation funding to match our CRA, and we are waiting on the results of our grant request to SWFWMD. By attaining these grant dollars, the

CRA has yet to borrow any funds for these projects. Citywide we have been awarded grants in excess of \$8 million over the last five years.

The City has approved a request from Manatee County to allow a possible hotel for the Convention Center. The County will bring forward a proposal in the future.

The Multicultural Festival is slated for Saturday, January 17, at Lincoln Park at the corner of 17th Street and US 41. This year we are pleased to bring Rose Royce to the stage at 4:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Palmetto is proud to be the host city for the Ninety-Ninth Manatee County Fair January 15-25. Be sure to visit the City booth while at the fair.

I am encouraged by the activity going on throughout the City, and I look forward to more great things as I enter my seventh year as the mayor of the City of Palmetto.

As always, shop local!

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor

From the Palmetto Police Department

Chief Wells and the men and women of the Palmetto Police Department wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

If your holiday plans include celebrating with beer, wine, or cocktails, please remember to plan ahead and use a designated driver or call a

cab. Impaired driving is still one of the leading causes of death and injury on our roadways.

Please also remember that the practice of shooting firearms into the air for the holidays is not only unsafe, but is against the law. Bullets fired into the sky, even at an angle, can travel great distances

and have the potential to cause property damage, injury, and death when they land.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Scott Tyler
Deputy Chief of Police

City of Palmetto Movie in the Park

Providing entertainment for Palmetto families to enjoy year round in the City, the Palmetto Parks Department shows a free movie the first Friday of every month.

Movie in the Park - where more than 3000 current and classic movies are at our disposal.

There is no better place to be this year than Sutton Park. Grab a picnic basket and a blanket and enjoy the show. You bring the snacks, we'll bring the stars.

Sponsored by



For more information about Movie in the Park contact the Facilities and Events Specialist at 941-723-4570

Remember! Free popcorn and sodas before the movie starts

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News From the Public Works Department

City of Palmetto Code Enforcement: Responsibility, Role and Functions

The Code Enforcement Department is under the City's Public Works Department and works in cooperation with the Planning and Building Departments.

Code Enforcement has the sole responsibility of enforcing City Ordinances to ensure compliance with the applicable codes adopted by the Commission.

City Ordinances are intended to maintain public health, safety and welfare, while protecting community values, natural resources and historic preservation.

Ideally, we would like to achieve voluntary compliance by partnering with residents and business owners on compliance resolution and education. It is through this philosophy that we seek to bring about positive changes in our community in a timely manner.

The role of the code enforcement officers in the field is to investigate issues brought to their attention and to ensure violations are corrected.

Upon observing a violation, the officers document the conditions found on the property with visual observations, written reports and photographic evidence.

Typical infractions include: weeds and overgrowth, trash and debris, open storage, junked, wrecked, abandoned or unregistered vehicles, illegal off-site signs and signs placed in the right-of-way.

The Code Enforcement Department appreciates the cooperation received over the past year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly or visit our website. If you would like to serve on the Code Enforcement Board, contact the Clerk of the Board at 941-723-4500.

Mike Williamson
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News From City Hall



A mild-mannered accountant with an outstanding work ethic known for always making time to help others has been named 2014 City of Palmetto Employee of the Year.

Matt Misco, an accountant for the City for the past eight years, was selected by his fellow employees for the honor and recognized by the Mayor and City Commission at the December 1st Commission meeting.

As an Accountant II with the City, Mr. Misco is primarily responsible for the City's Capital Improvement Program, banking, accounts payable and debt management. He serves as the Finance Department's liaison to Public Works and the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Nominations by his coworkers consistently referred to his willingness to respond immediately to any request for help to research a question, cover for another department or provide any assistance needed. He can always be counted on to demonstrate teamwork and great customer service within the City.

The recognition was a way to express gratitude for all he does to help others and bring credit to the City of Palmetto.

Accepting the award, Matt thanked his coworkers for nominating and voting for him. He received a standing ovation.

As Employee of the Year, Matt will receive a cash award, two paid days off, and his name will be engraved on a plaque hung at City Hall.

Matt Misco is a shining example of what a City employee should be!

Amber Foley
Assistant City Clerk