



CITY OF PALMETTO  
PO BOX 1209  
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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 Department  
Facilities & Events  
Utility Billing

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.

**July 17th  
August 7th & 28th  
September 11th & 25th**

The public is encouraged to  
attend.

**Commissioners**

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

# City News In Brief

Third Quarter

July 2017

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## From the Mayor



In 2016 the University of South Florida (USF) selected the City of Palmetto to be its first community partner for its Community Sustainability Partnership Program (CSPP, pronounced CUSP). The project areas we chose were varied from architecture and community design, criminal justice, infrastructure, sustainability and playgrounds. Palmetto's CSPP Closing Ceremony was held recently at City Hall. The year-long partnership culminated with a presentation of all the project results by the USF CSPP teams of students and faculty to the City. We have been the beneficiaries of a tremendous amount of data and needed information that we plan to incorporate into the operation of and

planning for the City for years to come. Our chosen projects should help us set the stage for a myriad of improvements to the City that are not only needed but data driven.



We were very appreciative of the efforts by the USF students and faculty, and congratulate the next community partner, the Town of Dunedin.

We have been fortunate in recent years but it is important that residents do not

become complacent about emergency preparedness. Keep in mind the hurricane season runs all the way through November. If there is an active hurricane, the County's home page [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) becomes the Emergency Management page and will keep you posted throughout an event. For tips on how to prepare for a hurricane, click on the link [Disaster Planning Guide](#) on the county's web page or visit City Hall or a local Manatee County Library for a free copy of the guide.

In closing, please remember to shop locally and support our community businesses. Have a great summer.

*Shirley Groover Bryant  
Mayor*

## The Community is Invited

The Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will be holding a [workshop on August 7, 2017](#). This workshop starts at 4:30 p.m. in the Palmetto Commission Chambers at City Hall. The discussion will revolve around the various City parks, along with survey results from the community about existing and proposed

amenities. For more information regarding the survey please contact the Palmetto CRA at (941)723-4988 or look on the [Palmetto CRA Facebook](#) page.

The City of Palmetto is also working out the details for the 2017-18 Budget. The workshop dates are listed, and as with all the Commis-

sion meetings, the public is encouraged to attend the Budget meetings.

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| July 31   | 5:30 pm -7:30 pm |
| August 2  | 5:30 pm -7:30 pm |
| August 7  | 4:30 pm -6:00 pm |
| August 9  | 5:30 pm -7:30 pm |
| August 23 | 5:30 pm -7:30 pm |
| August 28 | 4:30 pm -6:00 pm |

All are welcomed.

## City of Palmetto Movie in the Park

Providing entertainment for Palmetto families to enjoy year around, the City of Palmetto shows a movie, free of charge, on the first Friday of every month.

Movie in the Park - where more than 3,000 current and classic movies are at our disposal.

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



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

Remember!  
Popcorn and sodas provided before the movie starts

Sponsored by  
Waste Management

Movie starts at dusk



## From City Hall

The City of Palmetto recently completed a project at the Yellow Fever Cemetery, located on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street West and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, with the help of grant funds from the State of Florida Historical Division. The Yellow Fever Cemetery was the first cemetery in Palmetto, donated by Samuel Sparks (S.S.) Lamb, one of the first settlers in Palmetto and a founding father. With the help of the grant funds and the City's Parks Department, we were able to improve the security with four LED lights and the appearance was updated with a new decorative fence. At the entrance to the Cemetery, a new educational kiosk was installed that displays a picture of S.S. Lamb who is buried at the "new" cemetery located further down 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street West. The cemetery is open to the public.



Entrance to the Yellow Fever Cemetery

## From the Palmetto Police Department

As we enter the summer months, many of us will be enjoying outside activities, theme parks, and taking vacations. It is important for all of us to be mindful of the recent terror incidents that have occurred world-wide and to remain vigilant of our surroundings. Suspicious activity is any observed behavior that could indicate a crime may be about to take place or that may be indicative of terrorism or terrorism-related crime. This includes, but is not limited to:

**•Unusual items or situations:** A vehicle is parked in an odd location, a package or luggage is unattended, a window or door is open that is usually closed, lights are off (or on) at unusual times, or other out-of-the-ordinary situations occur.

**•Eliciting information:** A person questions individuals at a

level beyond curiosity about a building's purpose, operations, security procedures and/or personnel, shift changes, etc.

**•Observation/surveillance:** Someone pays unusual attention to homes, facilities or buildings beyond a casual or professional interest. This could include extended loitering without explanation (particularly in concealed locations); unusual, repeated, and/or prolonged observation of a building (e.g., with binoculars or video camera); taking measurements; making notes; counting paces; sketching floor plans, etc.

Some of these activities could be innocent. They may also be indications that criminal or terrorist activity may be taking place — it's up to law enforcement to determine whether the behavior

warrants investigation. This list of activities is not all-inclusive, but have been compiled based on studies of pre-operational aspects of both successful and thwarted terrorist events over several years.

Please take the time to be vigilant and notice suspicious situations. If you see or hear something that concerns you, please contact the Palmetto Police Department or the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction in the area that you are visiting. Also, visit the Department of Homeland Security's website at <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something> to learn more.

Remember, **if you see something, say something.** Let's make this a safe and happy summer.

Chief Scott Tyler  
Palmetto Police