

CITY OF PALMETTO PO BOX 1209 PALMETTO, FL 34221

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

### Commission **Meeting Dates**

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

August 4th & 25th September 8th & 22nd

The public is encouraged to attend.

**Commission Members** 

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

# City News In Brief

**Third Quarter** 

#### **July 2014**

#### www.palmettofl.org

## From the Mayor of Palmetto



Dear Friends.

Our July 4th celebration was a huge success!

winner Scotty McCreery performed for an estimated crowd of 10,000. Visitors came from all over the state. The fireworks were spectacular as usual. A great day in the City of Palmetto.

The event in the park was coordinated by the Palmetto Community Redevelopment Agency, organized to showcase the city, our redevelopment projects and provide information about our CRA incentives. The fireworks were co-sponsored by Manatee County, the City of Bradenton and the City of Palmetto.

America has had 238 years of enjoying our cherished freedoms since our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence. That same spirit of independence has continued through the years and been defended by a lot of great men and women, many of whom joined us on July 4th. Thank you to all Veterans who have sacrificed to protect our liberties.

The upcoming City/CRA boat ramp renovation project on Riverside Drive will expand the ramp from a two-boat launch access to three. There will be some channel dredging, additional docks and lighting, and pavers will be installed to improve the storm water quality of the area. The boat ramp will be closed during the renovation, but the final result should be well worth the wait. We anticipate late-September for closure, but the

exact date will be noticed closer to time. During this time, we encourage boaters to use the other facilities available at King Fish, 59th Street and Coquina.

June 1 was the official start of hurricane season. For tips on how to prepare for a hurricane, visit City Hall for a free Disaster Planning Guide. Once there is an active hurricane, the County's home page at www.mymanatee.org becomes the Emergency Management page and will keep you posted throughout the event.

As always, shop local and support Palmetto businesses!

Regards,

Shirley Groover Bryant Mayor

# From the CRA

**CRA** Funding

Manatee County and the City of Palmetto fund the CRAs through "Tax Increment Financing" or TIF. According to State law, TIF is not tax dollars, but TIF is estimated on the value of property taxes. When a CRA area is created (the first portion of the Palmetto CRA was created in 1985), a baseline is set on the property value, the value of the taxes up to that specific time remain in the general funds of the County and City to be used for general fund expenses. The values created above that value after that date are TIF and go to CRA.

For a simple example, if a property in the CRA Area was vacant in 1985 and the County and the City received a total of \$100 in property taxes, those funds remain with them. In 1986, if the property value increased and the tax value increased to \$101, then the County and City still received the \$100, but the CRA would receive the dollar. In 1987 if a building was built on the property and the property tax value changed to \$200, the City and County would receive the \$100 and the CRA would receive the \$100 above the baseline.

For more information, click on this News in Brief posted on our website to view an attachment

Jeff Burton

**CRA Director** 

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#### 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
Sponsored by
Waste Management

August 1, 2014

Movie starts at dusk

## News from the Public Works Department

Let's Talk about our Sanitary Sewer System (Repair Methodologies - Pa

Traditional Repair Method Sewer line repairs are typically performed using the "open cut" or "trench" method to gain access to the area surrounding the damaged portion of the pipe. Heavy equipment such as a backhoe may be used to open and refill the work area.



Trenchless Repair Methods

Trenchless technology is a type of subsurface construction work that requires few trenches or no continuous trenches. It is a rapidly growing sector of the utility construction and rehabilitation industry. It can be



defined as "a family of methods, materials, and equipment capable of being used for the installation of new or replacement or rehabilitation of existing underground infrastructure with minimal disruption to surface traffic, business, and other activities."

Trenchless repair causes less damage than traditional repair methods and in most cases is less expensive. The City of Palmetto will utilize trenchless rehabilitation including such construction methods as slip-lining, pipe bursting, cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), and other traditional methods for the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing buried pipes and structures without excavation, or at least with minimal excavation.

## **News From City Hall**

Budget time is upon us and staff is working hard to complete our preliminary budget for presentation to the Commission. Our first budget workshop will begin on July 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in Commission Chambers. Property values have

increased slightly (4%), which shows the economy is improving after several years of declining values. However, many challenges remain as health care costs are rising and several capital infrastructure projects will require significant funding. Budget workshops will continue throughout August and September with the final budget adoption occurring before early October.

Jim Freeman, CMC

City Clerk, City of Palmetto

## **News from the Palmetto Police Department**



Chief Wells would like to congratulate

Detective Joseph Rogers for being recognized as one of the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Dedication and Professionalism Award winners. This distinguished award is given by Congressman Vern Buchanan each year for distinguished service and dedication in the line of duty.

This year, Detective Rogers was also recognized as the Pal-

metto Police Department's 2013 Officer of the Year, the Manatee 100 Club's Officer of the year for 2013, and the 2013 Officer of the Year for the SaraMana Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.