



CITY OF PALMETTO
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PALMETTO, FL 34220

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
Toilet Rebate - 417-2890
Treatment Plant - 723-6106

**Commission
Meeting Dates**

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

**April 6th & 20th
May 4th & 18th
June 1st & 15th**

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

Second Quarter

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From the Mayor



First of all, let me thank everyone for their patience, cooperation and positive attitude during this difficult time. We are in uncharted waters, and the news is changing on a constant basis. Please know that the City of Palmetto is continuously monitoring the news and receiving critical information in order to make informed decisions in your best interest. Our goal is and has always been to keep everyone safe and healthy. We continue to consider new initiatives on a daily basis that we hope can help limit the spread of the Coronavirus-19. (COVID-19)

We are anxiously looking forward to getting back to business throughout our city once

we have stopped the spread of this virus. COVID-19 is a real threat and needs to be taken seriously. Please protect your friends, your loved ones and yourself by following the guidelines that have been issued by Executive Order of the Governor of Florida.

Some changes necessary to curb the spread of COVID-19 were made because not everyone is complying, thus endangering everyone's well-being. As our community recognizes the severity of the situation, it is hoped closures can be kept to a minimum. Our failure to step-up and work together will only extend the length of this crisis.

The obvious fact is that the more seriously the public commits to the guidelines, the

sooner we can resume our normal lifestyles.

For people protecting you such as healthcare workers, first responders, all those working in essential areas of public service and all the supporting entities who are unable to stay home; let's show our appreciation to them by doing our best to stay home.

Manatee County's site is a good resource: <https://www.mymanatee.org/coronavirus>. You can also receive local updates on your phone by texting **ManateeReady** (one word) to **888-777**.

Now more than ever, support our local businesses.

*Shirley Groover Bryant
Mayor*

From the Police Department

The COVID-19 pandemic has our entire nation within its grasp and is forcing all of us to take extra-ordinary measures and precautions. I have no doubt that we will get through this national crisis and one of the best ways to do that is through information.

Please stay informed about what is going on and what you can do to stay healthy. Your best sources of infor-

mation are the Florida Department of Health (<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/>) or the Center for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>).

In an effort to stem the spread of the virus, many aspects of our public life have been altered. Please be patient and cooperate with the recommendations, including

avoiding crowds of more than ten people and staying home.

My officers and I are taking measures to protect ourselves from infection. Rest assured that we will continue to respond to calls for service, emergencies, and conduct investigations as we always have.

Stay informed, stay well, and look after each other.

**Scott Tyler
Chief**

City of Palmetto Movie in the Park

Providing entertainment for Palmetto families to enjoy year around, the City of Palmetto plans to show 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, thanks to our sponsors.



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 the Waste Water Treatment Plant

Only the three 'P's – pee, poo and paper – should be flushed down the toilet. Other items including wet wipes, rags, sanitary products, nappies, and personal items such as cotton buds can block sewer pipes, and lead to sewer spills. Sewer spills can mean raw sewage entering water-ways, streets or even people's homes. If the blockage is in the sewerage pipes within your property, you are also responsible for the cost of clearing the blocked pipe. So-called "flushable wipes" are increasingly causing problems in the sewerage system as they do not break down quickly in pipes like toilet paper. Cooking oils and fats should also never be poured down the sink, as they can build up in pipes and cause blockages. Let them cool before placing in the bin or in the compost.

Brett Taylor, Project Mgr.

From City Hall

This is a time to encourage and applaud the residents of the City of Palmetto for your cooperation during this ever-changing Coronavirus outbreak. As you know, the news outlets continue to report details of the pandemic, the events and businesses temporarily closing, and the global impact of the disease. of City Hall. Click on the website www.palmettofl.org for the most current information about Palmetto government offices. There is an abundance of information and almost all of it is changing quickly.

The consistent message has been for everyone to practice good handwashing techniques, cover your coughs and sneezes, and as much as possible, self-quarantine. If you must go out, remember the recommended "social distancing" is a process of avoiding crowds of more than 10 people, and staying about 6 feet apart from others. Manatee County is also posting the latest information on their website, www.mymanatee.org. For specific scheduling questions, we encourage you to contact the business websites or the event coordinators directly, as everyone is doing their best to follow government regulations during this crisis. Public beaches, bars and boat ramps have been asked to close, shopping malls and restaurants have changed their procedures too. The good news is that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has extended the tax filing due date for 90- days, giving residents until July 15, 2020 to pay any taxes due without interest or penalty. Please stay well.

Jim Freeman
City Clerk

From the Public Works Department

The safety and well-being of our staff and community is our highest priority. In response to evolving information of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Palmetto Public Works is implementing decisive measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of all. These decisions were made after careful consideration and follow the direction and guidance of the City of Palmetto leadership and Manatee County Public Health. We will continue to monitor ongoing concerns and respond to this situation as we move forward in these uncertain times. Thank you for your patience and support.

During this time, Palmetto Public Works will

Allen Tusing
Public Works Director