

CITY OF PALMETTO  
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PALMETTO, FL 34220

## Numbers to Know

**Department of  
Public Works  
941-723-4580**

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  
941-723-4570**

Mayor's Office  
City Clerk  
Finance Department  
Facilities & Events  
Utility Billing

CRA Director - 723-4988  
Building/Permitting - 721-2166  
Police Department - 721-2000  
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.

**October 9th & 23rd  
November 6th & 20th  
December 4th & 18th**

The public is encouraged to  
attend.

## Commissioners

Tamara Cornwell—At Large  
Sheldon Jones—At Large  
Harold Smith—Ward I  
Sunshine Mathews—Ward II  
Brian Williams—Ward III

# City News In Brief

Fourth Quarter

October 2023

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## From the Mayor



Fall is an exciting time of the year. The children are back at school, football season starts, and our winter residents start planning their next trip south. Speaking of football, check out the new athletic field at Palmetto High School. The Manatee School District allotted the funds needed to update the playing field with artificial turf. They are also doing renovations at the school and on the PHS campus, so please drive carefully as you are traveling through the construction and/or school zones.

We are happy to announce that the City of Palmetto is hosting the Veterans Day Parade this year on Saturday,

November 11<sup>th</sup>. The parade had to be canceled for the past few years, but we are up and running this year, and it should be great. We invite all veterans to be in the parade or come view it from Lamb Park, as the procession will finish along 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Sutton and Lamb Parks. For more information about participating in the parade or donating to our veterans, contact Jim Klocke at 941-228-3166 or check the Manatee County Veterans Council website [www.mymcvc.org](http://www.mymcvc.org). The Palmetto Market will be setting up in Lamb Park that day, so you will have things to look at before and after the parade.

More excitement, the Florida

Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend the DeSoto Bridge Project Development Study public meeting on October 17, 2023 (in person) at Manatee Performing Arts Center, 502 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, in Bradenton or October 19, 2023 (live online). This study will evaluate alternatives to address the in-kind replacement of the DeSoto Bridge, and give the public an opportunity to express their views.. Materials will be posted on their website [www.swflroads.com/project/442630-1](http://www.swflroads.com/project/442630-1) after 10/10/23.

I encourage all of you to shop local.

*Shirley Groover Bryant  
Mayor*

## From City Hall

The City of Palmetto is requesting sealed proposals from qualified buyers to purchase and redevelop surplus property, approximately 4 acres, across from Lamb and Sutton Parks. This is a fantastic opportunity for a mixed-use development located in downtown Palmetto.

Copies of the Request for Proposal (RFP), which detail the property location, are available at City Hall, 516 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, in Palmetto, or you may request a copy by emailing [nhaisley@palmettofl.org](mailto:nhaisley@palmettofl.org). In addition, you may download the RFP from [www.palmettofl.org](http://www.palmettofl.org).

The deadline to submit a proposal is 2:00 p.m. EST on October 25, 2023, at City Hall. All RFPs will be opened and recorded at that time. Proposals received after 2:00 p.m. on October 25, 2023, will not be considered.

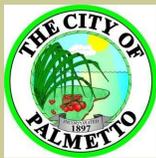
Jim Freeman  
City Clerk

### City of Palmetto Movie in the Park

The movies have been postponed during the summer months, but the City of Palmetto will be showing a movie, free of charge, on the first Friday of every month, weather permitting, starting again in October.

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 Public Works

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is approximately halfway through the one-mile roadway safety improvement and roundabout project on US 41 Business from 17<sup>th</sup> Street West to Bayshore Road in Palmetto. The roundabout at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West is taking shape with the team continuing to complete cement, earth work, base rock, curb, sidewalk, paving, and cleaning operations.

DETOUR: Late September, right turns at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street West and US 41 Business reopened. Elements of the detour remain in place. Crews shifted their work location in August, Motorists saw traffic shift in August when crews shifted their work location. Please use caution in the area.

Moe Rayan  
Public Works Director

## From the Community Redevelopment Agency

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Directors recently approved a Tax Reimbursement Incentive Program for immediate implementation. The goal of this incentive is to eliminate blighted areas through private sector investment in development or redevelopment projects.

to promote economic development and community benefit. Previous incentive agreements were established on a case-by-case basis with differing tax incentive calculations.

This action establishes a formal incentive process for projects more than \$20 million and articulates to existing or potential businesses the Palmetto CRA's desire

To learn more about the Tax Reimbursement Incentive Program, or apply for the program, please call 941-723-4988 or visit <https://www.palmettofl.org/88/Community-Redevelopment-Agency>

Ed Johnson  
CRA Director

## From the Police Department

School is back in session again and we would like to remind motorists to be patient as they share the road with school buses, parents, and students walking and bicycling to school. Unfortunately, the roadways around our schools do become congested as the school day begins and when students are released. Exacerbating things this year are construction projects at and near Palmetto High School that are adding to the 17th Street traffic.



Please watch your speed and remain especially observant as you drive near our schools. Slow down to 15 m.p.h. when driving through active school zones (hours are posted on the school zone signs). School zones are in effect from one hour before the first bell until 30 minutes after the release bell. The peak congestion times around each school are as follows:

- Palmetto High School- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.
  - Palmetto Elementary School- 7:55 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
  - Palmetto Charter School- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
  - Lincoln Middle School- 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  - Manatee School for the Arts- 8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- (including HOLA Elementary)

As always, if you see something say something. We are open 24-hours a day.

Scott Tyler  
Chief