



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 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.

**January 8th & 22nd
February 5th & 26th
March 5th & 19th**

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

First Quarter

January 2018

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From the Mayor



Dear Friends
and Neighbors,

As we welcome
in the New Year,
we continue to
develop and initiate im-
provements to positively
impact your City for years
to come.

Some of our future goals
include continued improve-
ments concurrent with oth-
er projects. The City and
the Florida Department of
Transportation (FDOT) will
be working on plans for
the multi-modal improve-
ments for 10th Avenue
from Riverside Drive to
17th Street West. Multi-
modal features will incor-
porate a multi-use path for
bicyclist, pedestrians and
transit users, with lighting
and appropriate landscap-
ing. The construction is

scheduled for 2019/20 and
there will be many oppor-
tunities for public input and
planning in the interim.

The traffic congestion con-
tinues to be of utmost con-
cern to us all. If you
missed the recent meet-
ings held by the FDOT
about the study and rec-
ommendations and/or
would like to have the lat-
est updates and infor-
mation, you may go to the
FDOT website at: [http://
www.swflroads.com/study/
CMNAA/about.shtml](http://www.swflroads.com/study/CMNAA/about.shtml) .

There is a very informative
video on the site that was
shown at the meetings, as
well as all the materials
distributed.

The Manatee County Fair
runs January 11 - 21, 2018
right here in Palmetto.
The County Fair will be

celebrating all that is spe-
cial about our county, and
all aspects of agriculture,
while showcasing the tal-
ents of our “kids”, both
young and old. Mark your
calendar to visit and expe-
rience all the “Good Food,
Good Rides, Good Times”
at our 2018 County Fair.

It is truly my pleasure to be
able to serve as your
Mayor. Thank you to the
residents and businesses
of Palmetto for supporting
our efforts and initiatives
again this year.

In closing, please remem-
ber to shop local and sup-
port our community busi-
nesses.

*Sincerely yours,
Shirley Groover Bryant
Mayor*

From the Palmetto Police Department

You are invited to partici-
pate in our next Palmetto
Police Department Citi-
zen’s Academy. The six-
week Academy will start on
Tuesday, February 6,
2018, and run every Tues-
day evening from 7:00 –
10:00 p.m. through March
13, 2018. Participants will
learn what is required to
become a police officer,
see aspects of police train-
ing, understand police use

of force, and be introduced
to all aspects of the Pal-
metto Police Department’s
operations. The Citizen’s
Academy is interactive,
with opportunities to safely
participate in realistic sce-
narios that will put you in
the shoes of your police
officers. It is also a great
opportunity to meet the
men and women who
serve our community. You
will have a deeper under-

standing of why we say
that **if you see some-
thing, say something.**

If you have any questions
or would like to register,
please contact Detective
Chris Cavazos at 941-723-
4587 ext 6124.

We hope to see you all at
the police academy!

Chief Scott Tyler
Palmetto Police

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



Movie starts at dusk

From the Public Works Department

The City's current solid waste contractor uses a rear loader diesel fueled truck, but they have been experimenting with a one-man compressed natural gas truck to pick up the green solid waste cans. This newer type of truck is quieter than the diesel truck, plus it is more fuel efficient which will help cut down on the greenhouse effects caused by the current fleet. In our continuing effort to provide you the best solid waste service, here are a few tips we should all remember:

- 1) Please notice the arrows on the front of the lid on all the cans that the city has furnished. These arrows need to be facing the street, for your solid waste or recycling cans.
- 2) If you have a party or event at your home, and have more solid waste than your can will hold, please place the excess in a plastic bag next to the can, and the driver will pick it up. If this happens frequently you may be required to have an additional can for an additional fee.
- 3) If you live in a neighborhood that has multifamily buildings, and therefore multiple cans in the same location, the cans should be in a row and separated by about one foot. This will allow for the truck to pick up each can.
- 4) Solid waste cans need to be placed away from mailboxes, power poles, trees, etc.
- 5) Currently if you are disposing of a couple (limit two) pieces of furniture, the solid waste truck would also pick up the furniture. If the City implements the natural gas trucks, the solid waste truck driver would not pick up the furniture, but would call for another truck to pick up the furniture or other items outside the can.
- 6) Recycle and yard waste pickups remain the same. Please remember NOT to put solid waste in the recycle can. This will cause the recycle not to be picked up.
- 7) The yard waste is still required to be cut in lengths of 4 feet and tied in bundles weighing less than 50 pounds, so that it can be handled by one employee.
- 8) Yard waste can also be placed in bags or cans. Limbs and items in the can should not extend more than about a foot above the can. Cans should not be more than 40 gal and weigh more than 50 lbs.
- 9) Yard waste that is not properly prepared will be picked up by another method and will be charged to the customer's utility bill. If you follow these simple guidelines, you will not incur any additional cost for yard waste disposal.

Feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 941-723-4580 if you need additional information.

Allen Tusing
Public Works Director

From City Hall

2018 Important Dates

The New Year is upon us and we wanted to share some important dates with you. Our Commission meetings are generally the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. However, there are a few exceptions due to holiday's. The workshop meetings start at 4:30pm and the regular Commission meetings start at 7:00pm. The meetings are held in Commission chambers located at 516 8th West, Palmetto, FL 34221.

- January 8th and January 22nd
- February 5th and February 26th
- March 5th and March 19th
- April 2nd and April 16th
- May 7th and May 21st
- June 4th and June 18th
- July 16th
- August 6th and August 27th
- September 10th and September 24th

- October 1st and October 15th
- November 5th and November 26th
- December 3rd and December 17th

The City Offices will be closed for the following holidays:

January 1 st	New Year's Day
January 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
March 30 th	Good Friday
May 28 th	Memorial Day
July 4th	Independence Day
September 3 rd	Labor Day
November 12 th	Veterans' Day (Observed)
November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day
November 23 rd	Thanksgiving Friday
December 24 th	Christmas Holiday
December 25 th	Christmas Holiday