



CITY OF PALMETTO  
PO BOX 1209  
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 4th & 18th  
May 2nd & 23rd  
June 6th & 20th**

The public is encouraged to  
attend.

**Commissioners**

Tamara Cornwell—At Large  
Sheldon Jones—At Large  
Harold Smith—Ward I  
Tambra Varnadore—Ward II  
Brian Williams—Ward III

# City News In Brief

Second Quarter

April 2022

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## From the Mayor



Our thanks to each of you for spending time and money in our City. By utilizing funds from the ½ cent sales tax, projects continue to move forward within the City, albeit sometimes slower than we all hope. The new playground at Sutton Park was completed in January and has been teeming with children and families ever since. The FDOT roundabout project to create a safer intersection at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and US41 should begin in August of 2022. Public Works is working with private contractors to resurface some of the roads within the City. Thank you for your understanding in the wake of these needed improvements. The new Police Department building is well underway as evidenced by the heavy equipment and mounds of dirt on the job site. We are thrilled to say the long-awaited hotel near the Convention Center has started vertical construction. The 7<sup>th</sup> Street Extension is also coming to fruition, which will include a full signal at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street West and US41, as well as a roundabout at Haben Blvd. to keep traffic moving safely.

Staff is working to renovate the Woman's Club on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and we are very excited to restore that venue for people to enjoy.

The City of Palmetto is such a special place, filled with history, charm and so much potential. It is truly my pleasure to help orchestrate the future growth, while still preserving what we like best about our home.

As always, I ask you to shop local and support our community businesses.

*Shirley Groover Bryant  
Mayor*

## From the Police Department

After a two-year decline in the number of traffic crashes, the City of Palmetto is unfortunately seeing an increase in the numbers. Our officers are also witnessing more driving infractions and writing more tickets than in the past years. The City has also experienced three traffic fatalities already this year: one pedestrian and two bicyclists. Sadly, this upward trend in

crashes and fatalities is also happening all across the Tampa Bay area.

Our officers will continue to prioritize traffic enforcement, but that is only part of the solution. Aggressive driving, distracted driving, speeding, disobeying traffic control devices, and driving while under the influence are also on the rise. Please be patient in traffic, pay

attention to traffic signs and signals, and please slow down. Look out for each other and be a courteous driver. Above all, please don't drink and drive. Together, we can make our roads much safer.

**Please stay safe, and as always, if you see something, say something!**

Scott Tyler  
Chief

### City of Palmetto Movie in the Park

Providing entertainment for Palmetto families to enjoy year around, the City of Palmetto will be showing a movie, free of charge, on the first Friday of every month, weather permitting.

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 Public Works Department

**Hurricane Season**  
With the rainy season approaching, we want to remind our residents to trim and remove dead wood from your trees in preparation for Hurricane Season, which starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, remove unwanted items from your property so they do not become projectiles in high winds. Remember, to avoid additional garbage charges, prepare your limbs and yard trash by bundling 4 feet or less and no more than 50 lbs. Bag or place small trimmings and leaves in containers.

**Pollution Runoff**  
In addition to securing or disposing of items that may damage property, rainy season also increases the chances of pollution runoff from fertilizer. Please use these products according to the directions on the packaging and during times when the fertilizer will be fully absorbed by the intended plants. UF/IFAS has more information on their website. <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/manatee/>

**I&I Study**  
The City received some results from the Infiltration & Inflow study. The

study has indicated certain priority areas that need additional attention. We are happy to be able to focus our resources where they will provide the greatest benefit for our residents.

**Flood Information**  
The City of Palmetto website has flood information. [www.palmettofl.org/FloodInfo](http://www.palmettofl.org/FloodInfo). This page includes downloadable flood maps, brochures and links to Federal and County flood related resources.

Moe Rayan  
Public Works Director



## From Human Resources

**WE ARE HIRING!** The City of Palmetto is a historic waterfront community with talented, friendly, and caring employees striving to maintain the highest quality of service for our citizens. We have great incentives for people interested in working for the City and becoming a much appreciated employee. Benefits include 100% city-paid employee medical insurance with subsidized dependent coverage, and an outstanding lifelong pension program, to name a few.

The City of Palmetto is currently hiring for Building Official, Building Inspector, City Planner, Crew Leader (Foreman), Service Worker I and II (multiple opportunities), Permit Technician, Equipment Operator, Equipment Mechanic, Cus-

tomor Service Field Representative, and Crossing Guard. If you are interested in joining the City of Palmetto team, please reach out to Paula Hall or Vanessa Cochran at 941.723.4570. You can email Paula at [phall@palmettofl.org](mailto:phall@palmettofl.org) or send an email to Vanessa at [vcochran@palmettofl.org](mailto:vcochran@palmettofl.org). The link to the official City of Palmetto application is listed below. We look forward to hearing from you. <http://www.palmettofl.org/jobs.aspx>.

**The City is hosting a Job Fair at City Hall on Thursday, April 14th** from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., but if you are not available to interview that day, contact us at your earliest convenience. We would like to meet with you.