

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.

**October 4th & 18th
November 1st & 15th
December 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

Fourth Quarter

October 2021

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From the Mayor



Palmetto continues to look for ways to improve and keep our city as safe as possible. Along with those lines, you have likely noticed changes at 23rd St. W. and 26th St. W. at SR 45 (US 41) where

are now “directional” medians which only allow traffic to exit to the South. The Florida Department of Transportation has agreed to partner with us to construct a roundabout at the 23rd St. W. intersection to reduce fatal crashes there, as statistics have shown roundabouts actually

reduce fatalities by about 90%. US 41 will remain open throughout the construction which should start sometime in late 2022. Updates to follow. Your patience is appreciated as projects continue throughout the City.

Shirley Groover Bryant
Mayor

From the Police Department

The Palmetto Police Department offers several unique programs for City residents and businesses. If you are going to be away from your residence for any length of time, our Patrol Request program will have officers check your residence as often as they can in between their regular duties and calls for service. Our Business Trespass Program is designed to allow Palmetto Police Officers to trespass unauthorized persons from your business property after hours, when you are not there. We also offer security surveys for your home and business. Officers with specialized crime prevention and

security training will tour your property with you and provide suggestions that will make your property safer and more secure. Our staff is also available to come and speak with groups on a wide variety of personal safety, crime prevention, and security topics.

All of our services are free. Please contact the Palmetto Police Department anytime at 941-723-4587 to schedule any of these services. And as always, if you see something, say something.

Scott Tyler
Chief

From Human Resources

The City of Palmetto is a waterfront community with talented, friendly, and caring employees striving to maintain the highest quality of service for our citizens. The City has great incentives for people interested in becoming a much appreciated employee. Benefits include, but are not limited to, 100% City-paid employee medical

insurance with subsidized dependent coverage, an outstanding lifelong pension program, and much more. The City of Palmetto is currently hiring for Service Worker I and II (multiple opportunities), Equipment Operator, Crew Leader, Police Officer, Crossing Guard and Junior Accountant. If you are interested in joining the City of Palmetto team, call Terri Dickinson at 941-723-4570, or email tdickinson@palmettofl.org. The link to the official City of Palmetto application is listed below. We are excited to hear from you. <http://www.palmettofl.org/jobs.aspx>

Terri Dickinson
Human Resources

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

Stormwater Best Practices

As the City works to maintain the stormwater infrastructure, we would like to remind our citizens/residents that nothing but rain should go in the stormwater system. Anything that ends up in our ditches, inlets, and ponds will eventually end up in the Manatee River. We ask that our residents dispose of items correctly and responsibly. Grass clippings should either be mulched into the lawn or collected from hard surfaces and bagged for yard waste collection. If grass is blown or washed into the stormwater system it can cause clogs which leads to flooding. When this debris makes it to the river, it adds nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous which in turn leads to algae and weed growth.

MLK Restroom Construction

The project to construct restrooms at MLK Jr Park is moving forward. City utility crews have completed the process of preparing the utilities in the park for this project. We expect the building construction to start soon.

Flood Information

The City of Palmetto Website offers flood zone information at www.palmettofl.org/Flood-Info. This page includes downloadable flood maps and brochures as well as links to Federal and County flood related resources.

Mohammed Rayan
Public Works Director

From City Hall

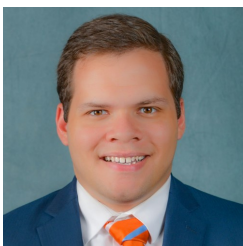
The City of Palmetto has finalized their budget for the upcoming year. The City Commission approved a \$32 million budget for the new fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. We are happy to report that property taxes will remain at 5.9671 per \$1,000 of taxable value, which we have maintained for seven years. In addition, the property assessed values increased by approximately 6.2% over FY21. This year's budget includes replacement of patrol vehicles, a new generator at Public Works, plus equipment and heavy machinery to assist with utility work within the City limits.

The City looks forward to the long awaited construction beginning on the new Convention Center hotel. The City was also successful in receiving grant funding from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the construction of the 7th Street Extension that will serve the new hotel along Haben Blvd. Construction on the road extension is expected to start by the end of 2021.

Feel free to contact staff at 941-723-4570 if you have questions about the budget.

Jim Freeman
City Clerk

From the Community Redevelopment Agency



My name is Xavier, and I am excited to be on staff in the City of Palmetto. I was born in Brooklyn, NY but have lived in Manatee County since I was 2-years old. I am a graduate of Manatee School for the Arts (HS), State College of Florida (AA), University of Florida (BA), as well as the University of South Florida (MPA). Before working for the CRA I worked for Manatee County Neighborhood Services, running various outreach events, the County Internship Program, and working as a community liaison. I look forward to helping the CRA with its mission of revitalizing downtown and helping improve Palmetto for the residents.

Xavier Colon
CRA Assistant Director