

St. Johns Ave. Enhancements and Infrastructure Updates

The City, County and their contractors are ramping up efforts to resurface and enhance St. Johns Avenue over the next several months. Below is an update on some of the projects and work being done on this major thoroughfare in the City.

Pipe Inspections

Contractors are currently conducting thorough inspections of the City sewer lines between 13th and 16th streets. This essential work precedes Putnam County's upcoming project, which will focus on rehabilitating and resurfacing St. Johns Avenue from 11th Street to Palm Avenue. While these inspections are ongoing, temporary closures of intersections along St. Johns Avenue may occur, lasting for one to two hours.

Streetlight Replacement Project

Florida Power and Light's ongoing project on St. Johns Avenue is set to improve lighting infrastructure significantly and is almost complete. The project involved replacing existing streetlights with 118 historically accurate and energy-efficient LED streetlights mounted on 59 new poles. Simultaneously, the project modernized the underground wiring and infrastructure to enhance reliability and efficiency. This will give the City more opportunities for holiday lights and decorations this year.

This streetlight installation project is just one part of a comprehensive effort to revitalize downtown Palatka's St. Johns Avenue, encompassing new landscaping, sidewalks, curbs, intersections, and benches.

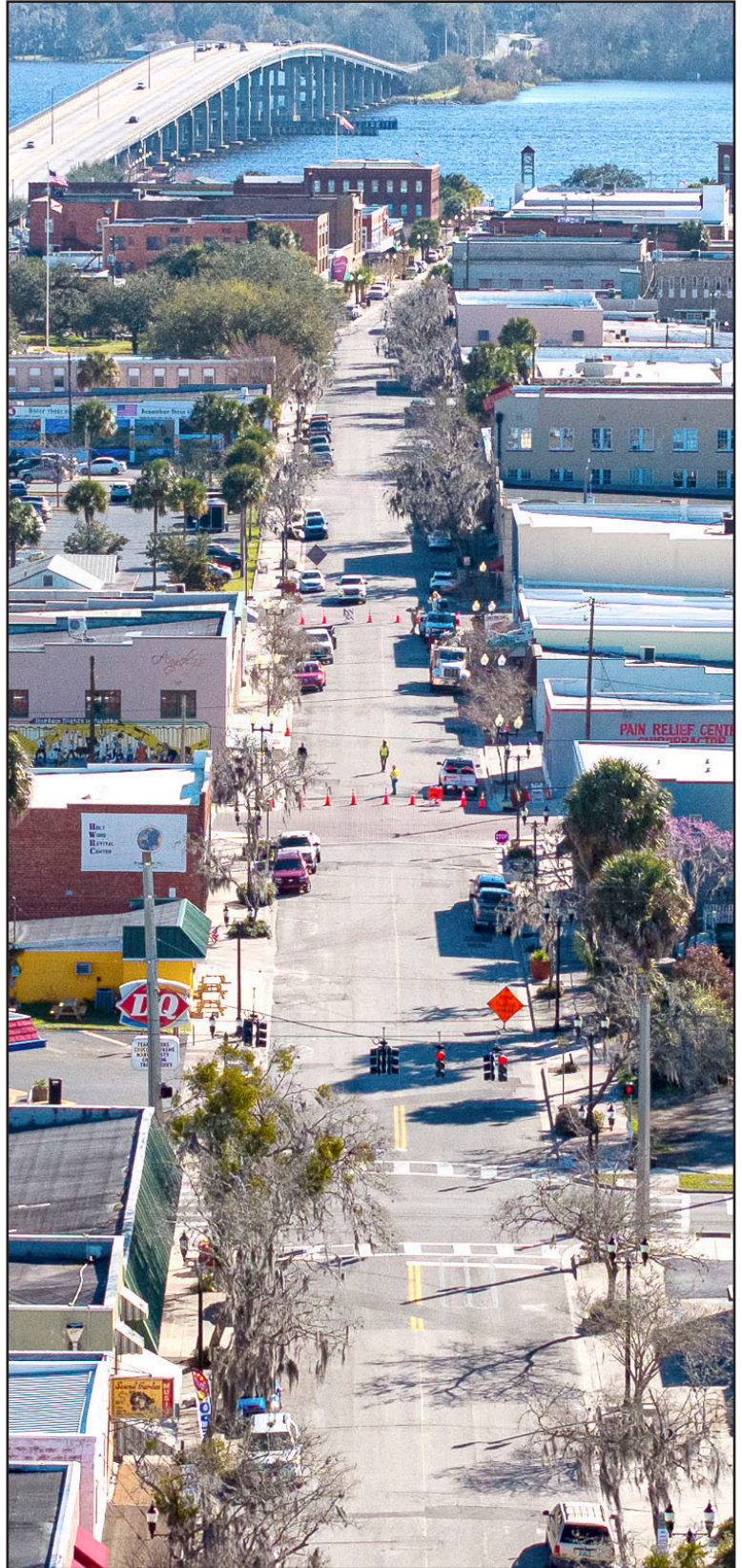
For further information or inquiries, please contact the Public Works Department at (386) 328-0107.

Upcoming Projects: Enhancing St. Johns Avenue

Streetscape Improvements: The City is actively addressing various aspects of St. Johns Avenue, including improving curbs, sidewalks, landscaping, irrigation, and amenities. With a budget allocation of \$2,400,000, design adjustments are currently underway. The funding for the project is secured, and the start date of the works is pending community engagement meetings.

Resurfacing from 4th Street to Railroad Tracks: The planning phase is underway to resurface the stretch of St. Johns Avenue from 11th Street to the Riverfront area. The project should be advertised to seek contractors for the work in two

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Contractors working for Florida Power and Light replace streetlights on St. Johns Avenue in Palatka on Wednesday.



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weeks.

Potable Water Lines from the railroad to Moseley Avenue: Plans are in place to replace water lines along the section of St. Johns Avenue from 12th Street to Moseley Avenue. Construction is slated to take place from February to March. Funding for this project is secured through the Rural Infrastructure Fund.

County-led Projects: Railroad Tracks to Palm Ave.

St. Johns Ave. Reconstruction Railroad Tracks to Moseley Avenue: Spearheaded by Putnam County in collaboration with the Florida Department of Transpor-

tation, the projected start date is March 2024.

St. Johns Avenue Resurfacing Moseley Avenue to Palm Avenue: Another project led by Putnam County in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, with the projected start date in February.

Completed Projects

Sidewalks on South 7th and 8th Streets: In alignment with the St. Johns Avenue enhancements, this project included replacing the sidewalks on South 7th and 8th Streets and adding additional parking to enhance pedestrian safety and ADA compliance. The cost of this project was \$150,000.

Stay tuned for more updates on Palatka City's ongoing initiatives to enhance infrastructure and community spaces.

Hank Bryan Park update

The City has received nine pieces of outdoor exercise equipment, two of which are hand-capped accessible, for the park on Crill Avenue. The \$20,000 worth of equipment was paid for by a grant received by Florida Health Putnam County and should be installed in the park by next month. Also, the City is currently advertising for a contractor to design and build a restroom for the park. Contractors interested in the job, or any other advertised projects for the City, are encouraged to visit www.palatka-fl.gov for more information. Bids for the restroom are expected to be presented to the Commission in early March.



Taxi Terminal / City Dock

The City has completed its improvements to the City Dock, which includes repair and upgrades to the dock's water and electrical service and security. The City also received a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Board to allow a food truck and outdoor seating at the facility. The City expects the facility to be turned over to the vendor to open for business in the near future. Located in Riverfront Park, next to the City Boat Ramp, the business has plans for boat rentals, river tours and other services.



City Annex update

City staff is working to repair the damage done to the City Hall Annex, 205 N. 2nd St. after the roof partially collapsed because of heavy rain last month. The collapse happened over the weekend, and no one was hurt in the incident. The building was being used by the City Human Relations Department, which has temporarily moved across the street to City Hall, 201 N. 2nd St. An insurance claim is pending for the damage.



Getting ready for Spring

City planner Sherri Farmer and Attorney Jane West helped City Hall get ready for spring, updating the planters in front of the building with purple and white petunias.



Commissioner holds community meeting



Palatka City Commissioner Rufus Borom answer a question at his community meeting held at the Price-Martin Center on Tuesday.

Palatka City Commissioner Rufus Borom held a community outreach meeting at the Price-Martin Community Center on Tuesday to give residents updates on City projects and answer their questions. The

event was also attended by City staff, City police officers and Commissioner Tammie McCaskill. Commissioner Borom plans to hold more of these meetings in different locations around the City in the future.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Make a Difference Volunteers needed for City of Palatka Advisory Boards

The City of Palatka has the following vacancies on Advisory Boards

- Police Officers' Pension Board - 1 vacancy
- Firefighters' Pension Board - 1 vacancy
- Putnam County Library Board - 1 City appointment
- Putnam County Better Place Plan Oversight Committee - 1 City appointment
- Zoning Board of Appeals - 3 vacancies
- Planning Board - 2 vacancies
- Palatka Gas Authority - 2 upcoming vacancies

For more information or to apply please visit Palatka-fl.gov, call (386) 329-0100 or follow the QR code below

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Par/Silver \$750

Green \$500



For More Information Call
Mr. Cutright @

386.983.1254

or

ecutwright@palatka-fl.gov

We are looking for at least 18 hole sponsors for the tournament. This is a great way to advertise and show support for the Palatka Police Athletic League.

Eventbrite:



SCAN ME

Palatka Golf Course

PLACE

1715 Moseley Ave
Palatka, FL 32177

Reg - 8 a.m.

Tee Off - 9 a.m.

Youth Soccer League

Youth interested in participating in the City's Youth Soccer League can sign up at <https://palatkarec.leagueapps.com/leagues>. The season begins on Feb. 17th and registration ends Jan. 31st. Call (386) 329-0100 ext. 323 for more information.

Golf tournament Feb. 10th

Golfers are invited to participate in the 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament hosted by Community Affairs, benefiting the Palatka Police Athletic League. The event will be held at the Palatka Golf Club, 1715 Moseley Ave., on Saturday, February 10th. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and tee-off begins at 9 a.m. We offer two participation options: \$70 per player or \$280 for a foursome. All proceeds from the tournament support the Palatka Police Athletic League's mission of empowering youth through athletics and education. For tickets, please visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact Eddie Cutright, Director of City of Palatka Community Affairs, at (386) 983-1254 or ecutwright@palatka-fl.gov.



SOCGER LEAGUE 2024

Registration: Begins December 7th
Registration Ends January 31st

Season begins February 17th

Ages 3-4, 7u, 10u

<https://palatkarec.leagueapps.com/events>

Questions: 386-329-0100 ext 323

Calendar

Community Redevelopment Agency CRA Meeting
Monday, February 12, 5 p.m.
Location: City Commission Chambers
City Hall, 201 North 2nd Street

Special Magistrate Hearing (Meeting)
Tuesday, February 20, 1:30 p.m.
Location: City Commission Chambers
City Hall, 201 North 2nd Street

Palatka City Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 22 6 p.m.
Location: City Commission Chambers
City Hall, 201 North 2nd Street

City Pension Boards - Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Firefighters Pension Board meeting - 10 a.m.
Police Officers Pension Board Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
General Employees' Pension Board- 3:30 p.m.
Location: City Commission Chambers
City Hall, 201 North 2nd Street

Join Our Team - Career Opportunities

The City of Palatka has job openings available for the following positions. If you are interested in any of the following roles, please consider applying:

Community Affairs Administrative Assistant

Under the direction of the Operations Manager coordinates and performs a variety of skilled administrative functions; answers, screens and directs incoming calls to appropriate departments; opens, dispatches, and closes out work orders; provides administrative support to personnel; updates and maintains records and files; orders supplies and uniforms; responds to inquiries and complaints; and performs other related duties as assigned.

Aviation Administrative Assistant

This is a part-time position which provides direct support to the daily operation of Palatka Municipal Airport through customer service and operations assistance. The primary responsibilities include supporting the Administrative/Operations Assistant in maintaining administrative records to ensure operational and financial requirements of the airport are met.

Aviation Operations Assistant

This is a full time position in support of the daily administration and operation of Palatka Municipal Airport providing customer service and administrative

assistance.

Water Plant Superintendent

This position oversees the day-to-day operations of the City's Water Treatment Plant

Firefighter:

We are seeking dedicated firefighters to join the City of Palatka's Fire Department and contribute to the safety and well-being of the community.

Police Officer:

Join the Palatka Police Department as an officer and play a crucial role in maintaining law and order within the city.

Facilities Laborer

The Facilities Maintenance Assistant performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled tasks to maintain the City's portfolio of facilities, grounds and infrastructure in a safe and effective working condition

Utility Maintenance Worker-Trainee:

This position involves semi-skilled work in constructing, installing, maintaining, and repairing water mains, water services, fire hydrants, sewer mains, sewer laterals, manholes, force mains, and valves.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Mechanic Trainee

Under general supervision, performs skilled and semi-skilled work in the installation, maintenance, and repair of plant and/or lift station equipment and electronic components. Provides leadership and limited supervision of junior personnel.

Recreation Attendant (Part Time)

The Recreation Maintenance Technician I will work with a team, Recreation & Culture employees. This is the entry-level class in the Recreation Maintenance Technician series. As a member of the Community Affairs Division, the Recreation Maintenance Technician I perform semi-skilled and skilled tasks in all phases of Recreation, open space, trails, and sports field maintenance. Duties include, but are not limited to, sports fields, and sports complexes right of way, facility maintenance, facility and landscape construction, special event, and facility rental support, cleaning shelters, restrooms, and hand-picking trash in all areas with a focus on highly visible areas like public entrances to Recreation and facilities, parking lots, landscaped areas adjacent to buildings.

For more information or to apply for any of these positions, please visit Palatka-fl.gov.



Florida SBDC in Putnam County *Small Business Events*

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City of Palatka Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) *Business Networking Event*

Please join the CRA Commissioners, the City of Palatka Community Affairs and Planning Departments, the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, TD Bank, Capital City Bank, Ameris Bank, and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for a networking event to discuss doing business in the CRA's Business District.

This event will help increase awareness of the CRA, attract new businesses and retain existing businesses, build relationships and support between businesses, city officials and departments, and to increase networking opportunities for small businesses.

Please join us on February 20th at the Azalea City Brewing Company to help build a stronger and vibrant downtown Palatka!

Event Details:

February 20, 2024

4:30pm - 6pm

Azalea City Brewing Company
120 S. 7th Street
Palatka, 32177

**No cost to attend but
please pre-register!**

Register Today!

www.unf.edu/SBDC
800-450-4624

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