

# City of Bunnell Monthly Newsletter

May 2016



## Announcements

### FPL:

#### Small Businesses

FPL has added a tool "Powering Florida Small Business Tool" which may be helpful to your business. Just visit:

[www.fpl.com/businesstool](http://www.fpl.com/businesstool)

To view the "Quick Start Tutorial" and FAQ with videos and information on using the tool.

#### Street Light Outages

The City of Bunnell now has a link on our website to report street light outages directly to FPL.

### Fresh From Florida

The Rural and Family Lands Protection Program focuses on maintaining the agricultural land base in Florida and recognizes that a thriving rural economy with a strong agricultural base and viable rural communities is essential to Florida's future. Since the Program's inception, more than 14,500 acres of Florida ranches and farms threatened by development have been approved for conservation. These lands will forever be protected from conversion to other uses such as residential and commercial development.

To learn more about the program and to obtain an application form, please visit:

[FreshFromFlorida.com](http://FreshFromFlorida.com)

This program is only accepting applications through May 16, 2016.

## Business Tax Receipts

All Business Tax Receipts (BTRs) expire September 30, 2016. To avoid paying any penalties, all renewal fees must be paid by September 30, 2016. BTR Renewal season will begin in July. In accordance with an Interlocal Agreement, the City of Bunnell partners with the Flagler County Tax Collector's Office for all BTR renewals. Each business with a valid BTR will receive a renewal notice either by e-mail or a postcard from the Flagler County Tax Collector's Office in mid to late July. Businesses can renew on-line at:

[www.flaglertax.com](http://www.flaglertax.com)

mail the full payment to the Tax Collector's Office or visit the Tax Collector's office to pay in person. Bunnell and Flagler County BTRs will be renewed at the same time. If you have questions about the BTR renewal process, please call the City Clerk office at 386-263-8808 or the Tax Collector's office at 386-313-4160.

## Solid Waste

The Solid Waste department is asking for your help to stop recycle cart contamination. The fee for a contaminated cart is \$6-\$8 per instance. To avoid this additional expense, please follow the guidelines listed below:

DO place in cart:  
Plastic/Glass Bottles  
Soap and Milk Jugs  
Newspapers  
Flattened Cardboard Boxes

## Meetings Calendar:

### City Commission:

May 9th, 23rd ..... 7:00pm

### Code Enforcement Board:

*Next meeting in June*

### Planning, Zoning & Appeals Board:

May 17th ..... 7:00pm

## City Commission:

### Mayor:

Catherine D. Robinson

### Vice Mayor:

John R. Rogers

### Commissioners:

Elbert Tucker

Bill Baxley

Bonita Robinson

### City Manager:

Dan Davis

## Mark your calendar:

City offices will be closed Monday, May 30th in observation of Memorial Day

*No Solid Waste service interruptions in the month of May.*

DO NOT place in cart:  
Wood/Leaves  
Debris  
Garbage

### **Utility Billing**

#### **Go Green, Save Postage, Save time, Pay Online!**

More and more utility customers are utilizing the Online Bill Pay service offered by the City of Bunnell. Since rolling out the service in October there has been a steady increase in online transactions. Users can go to our home page,

**[www.bunnellcity.us](http://www.bunnellcity.us)**

and click on the Online Bill Pay icon or visit

**[billpay.bunnellcity.us](http://billpay.bunnellcity.us)**

to access the site directly.

Users can make a onetime payment on their account without creating a profile or password. You will need your account number and last payment amount; this information is printed on your bill. You can then use the Quick Pay feature to make a payment. If you are a new customer and this is your first payment you will need to pay in the office or through the US mail to establish a payment history before being able to pay online.

If you are interested in monitoring the consumption on your account, viewing account balances, and transaction history click on the Login button and set up your profile. Make sure you have your bill handy. As with Quick Pay, you will need your account number and

last payment amount to set up the profile and link it to your account. You can even monitor and make payments on multiple accounts from a single login.

#### **Another Green Initiative: E-Billing**

Another green service that is available to our customers, E-Billing directs your utility bill to your email. This saves paper, printing, postage, staff time, and bills are received quicker. The e-bills are a very similar format as the printed documents so you will not be confused by a new format. When combined with Online Bill Pay, this creates an easy way for our users to manage their accounts.

## ***YOU ARE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY PICNIC***

### ***Free Food and Drinks Provided***

***SUNDAY MAY15, 2016***

***1:00 PM***

***CARVER COMMUNITY CENTER***

***201 E DRAIN STREET***

***LEARN ABOUT EXCITING PROJECTS COMING TO THE BUNNELL COMMUNITY  
THROUGH A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION GRANT MADE POSSIBLE BY:***

