

**Welcome to Hammock Beach Estates! Here is some useful information to help you get situated.**

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Note that we live in a portion of unincorporated Flagler County known as the "Hammock", not in Palm Coast, although that is where our post office is located. We are proud to be independent. Our 5,000 landowners of approximately 8 square miles pay over 25% of Flagler County's taxes. Flagler County's population is over 70,000. We have about 3,000 registered voters.

**Utilities:** Note that Palm Coast water does NOT have fluoride, so dentists recommend using ACT-II mouthwash.

From [www.flaglerchamber.org/relocate.shtml](http://www.flaglerchamber.org/relocate.shtml)

<b>Electric</b>	<b>Florida Power &amp; Light</b>	<b>(800) 226-3545</b>	<a href="http://www.fpl.com">www.fpl.com</a>
<b>Telephone &amp; DSL internet</b>	<b>AT&amp;T Telephone</b>	<b>(888) 764-2500</b>	<a href="http://www.att.com">www.att.com</a>
<b>Water Service</b>	<b>City of Palm Coast</b>	<b>(386) 986-2360</b>	<a href="http://www.ci.palm-coast.fl.us">www.ci.palm-coast.fl.us</a>
<b>Garbage</b>	<b>Waste Pro</b>	<b>(386) 586-0800</b>	<a href="http://www.flaglercounty.org/garbage">www.flaglercounty.org/garbage</a>
<b>Cable, Telephone, Internet</b>	<b>Bright House Networks</b>	<b>(386) 445-5464</b>	<a href="http://www.mybriighthouse.com">www.mybriighthouse.com</a>

**Trash** – call 386-586-0800      **Mon** - Trash,    **Wed** (7:30 am) - Yard waste,    **Thu** - Trash and recyclables  
Waste Pro. \$249.36 billed yearly by Flagler County tax collector. Yard waste is not picked up if left in front of vacant lots - it needs to be in front of a residence. The only holiday in which Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. suspends pickup services is Christmas Day. For more info on recyclables, see [www.flaglercounty.org/garbage](http://www.flaglercounty.org/garbage). Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Recycle Drop-Off Center: 1700 S. Old Kings Road, Palm Coast, Tel: (386) 517-2075.

**Hazardous Waste** - Household hazardous waste runs the gambit from automotive fluids to paint and pesticides. All of it can be recycled by dropping it off at the Old Kings Road facility at 1700 Old Kings Road South. The facility is 1.8 miles south of S.R. 100 on the west side of Old Kings Road. The facility can also handle E-waste or electronic waste. Electronic waste is everything from computers and printers to just about anything with a circuit board. E-Waste includes some things that you might not think of such as rechargeable equipment like hand held drills, shavers and lights. The facility does not accept at this time CRT monitors or television screens. Laptop monitors however are acceptable. There is no charge for recycling these materials and the facility is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Cell Phone** - Sprint works reliably in the Hammock since their antenna on the water tower across from the Adult Ed Center. Cingular (now AT&T) recently put a tower on Ocean Hammock. Nextel also plans put an antenna on the elevated water tank. Verizon allegedly has an antenna on top of Hammock Dunes. Palm Coast is working on a policy to allow more cell phone antennas without trashing the landscape. I'm not sure if that will help us here. Virgin Mobile is a pay-as-you go service (\$80/yr minimum) that uses the Sprint network.

**Cable TV** – [www.mybriighthouse.com](http://www.mybriighthouse.com) Brighthouse Standard "Digital Premier Pack" with one digital DVR set-top is \$65.44 + \$7.42 in fees and taxes per month. The set-top deposit is \$50. **Advantage:** Brighthouse has central Florida news13, a 24/7 local news and weather channel, and broadcasts local government meetings live on channel 2. **Disadvantage:** cable may go out when power is out for awhile. Satellite TV will work with a generator.

**Satellite** – DirecTV is cheaper than cable in the long run, but you'll need to get a separate box for each TV and VCR/DVR. Look for a discount or get the package from BellSouth.

**Bridge Toll (386) 446-5593** - Get an application from the toll taker for the reduced tolls at Dunes CDD Bridge. You can pick up your window decals and express cards at the office (ocean side of toll booths). A \$20 prepayment is good for 16 tolls and reduces the toll to \$1.25 each. A \$100 prepayment is good for 85 trips and reduces it to \$1.176.  
<http://dunescdd.org/>

**Driver's License/ Voting Registration** – You may register to vote when you get your driver's license. You need to turn in your out of state license when you get a FL license. Driver License info is at [www.hsmv.state.fl.us/offices/flagler.html](http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/offices/flagler.html)  
Driver License Office - 2523-2527 West Moody Blvd.(RT 100) Flagler Beach 32136 (386) 517-2080 Tues-Fri 7:30am-6pm

**Auto Tags** – **Check the identification required at [www.flaglertax.com](http://www.flaglertax.com) or call 386-313-4160.** You can get tags for your car after you get your driver's license. The Motor Vehicle Services main office is in Bunnell - ~~201~~[1769](tel:3861769) E. Moody Blvd, ~~#137~~

~~(Court House at RT 100 near RT 1) 32110, (386) 437-7424~~ Building 2 Suite 102. The Palm Coast Branch Office is at 7 Old Kings Road, Suite 12, Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm. Note that initial registration is expensive (we paid \$480 for two cars). You'll need to pay the registration renewal (\$28+) again if your birthday is more than three months out.

**Homestead property tax exemption** - While getting your tags at the Bunnell county courthouse, you may apply for the homestead tax exemption at the Tax Appraiser's Office. The deadline is March-1 to get a \$50k exemption for that year. First time applicants must apply in person. Thereafter you may renew by mail. The assessed value of a qualifying homestead property can increase by the maximum of 3% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less (except capital improvements, additions or improvements). You must bring:

- A recorded deed or tax bill in your name.
- Social Security numbers for all owners.
- The following information to establish proof of residency for all owners who occupy the property must be presented in-person at our office:
  - Florida driver's license, if you drive or if a non-driver, a declaration of domicile recorded prior to January 1;
  - Florida auto tag registration, if you drive
  - Florida voter registration card, if you are registered to vote. You must have a deed, have been living in the property on Jan-1, proof of residence (voter's registration), Florida tags and driver's license, and supply your Social Security number.

See [www.flaglerpa.com](http://www.flaglerpa.com) ~~http://www.flaglercountypropertyappraisers.com/~~ and see the [FAQ General Information](#) section.

#### **Pest Control/ Lawn Service:**

Middleton 386-445-8960 [middletonpest.com](http://middletonpest.com) is a large company. Count on \$1,000/year for lawn care and inside pest control and another \$1,000 for an initial termite bond. [There are less expensive services available.](#) Lawn cutting Recommendations: [Michael Lands 446-2877 or 569-9419.](#) Billy Tarode Landscaping 669-7356 (Harold's nephew). Count on ~~\$55 - \$70~~ \$90 per month just for lawn cutting.

**Watering your lawn or car washing:** [The watering regulations rule effective March 8, 2009 limits landscape irrigation, which includes watering of lawns, to two days a week during Daylight Savings Time and one day a week during Eastern Standard Time.](#) It also limits the [amount of watering to three quarters of the inch per irrigation zone and no more than one hour per zone.](#) Odd number [addresses](#) may water on Wed/Sat, even numbers on Thu/Sun before 10am or after 4pm. Car washing or other casual use using a hand held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed anytime. Water tips and restrictions: see [www.ci.palm-coast.fl.us/resident/pccparadise/irrigation.htm#water](http://www.ci.palm-coast.fl.us/resident/pccparadise/irrigation.htm#water).

**Septic Systems:** If you are new to septic systems you'll find more than you ever wanted to know at [www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/DD6583.html](http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/naturalresources/DD6583.html). I just printed the "Use and Operation" section. A very short version is in <http://www.soil.ncsu.edu/publications/Soilfacts/AG-439-22/>

#### **Hardware:**

Hammock Hardware on A1A is well stocked and very helpful. M-F 8-5, Sat 8:30-3:00, Sun Closed.  
Lowe's (opened Oct-2007) is behind Wal-Mart on Cypress Edge Pkwy.  
Home Depot: Right off Palm Coast Pkwy at Boulder Rock Dr.  
Ace Hardware in the St Joe's Plaza strip before Pine Lakes Pkwy (left side when going west).  
Pinch-A-Penny: great place for pool chemicals and advice. Old Kings Common Center (behind Dennys)

**Post Office:** We have our own satellite post office at the A1A Adult Ed Center. The main Palm Coast post office is left on Pine Cone Dr going west on Palm Coast Pkwy. There is also a small post office just over the bridge on the right. The UPS store in the Palm Harbor Shopping Village is open M-F 8:30-6:00, Sat 8:30-1:00 [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

**Movie Theater** – St Joe's Shopping Strip before Pine Lakes Pkwy (left side when going west). A Cineplex is planned for the new Palm Coast Town Center at Belle Terre and Rt 100.

**Restaurants** – See reviews at [www.palmcoast.biz](http://www.palmcoast.biz) and [www.flagleronline.com](http://www.flagleronline.com)

#### **Supermarkets:**

**Publix** at 16<sup>th</sup> Rd in the Hammock is the best and friendliest.  
**Publix** at Palm Harbor shopping village is the next closest.  
**Winn Dixie** – Palm Coast Pkwy south side between Belle Terre and Cypress Point Pkwy.  
**Wal-Mart Superstore** – Cypress Point Pkwy (west of I-95 across from Boulder Rock Rd)

**Super Target** – Route 100 at Belle Terre Pkwy (west of I-95)

**Flagler Farmers Market** in Flagler Beach has great produce – located at A1A and RT 100, 7am-noon on Fri & Sat

### Palm Coast Store Hours

Colonial Bank	446-2325	M-Th 9am-4:30pm
Home Depot	445-2497	M-Sat 6am-9pm, Sun 8-6 <a href="http://www.homedepot.com">www.homedepot.com</a>
Library	986-6763	M-Thu 9-8, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5 <a href="http://www.flaglerlibrary.org">www.flaglerlibrary.org</a>
Lowes Cypress Edge Pkwy	585-6000	M-TH 6-9, FRI 6-10, SA 6-9, SU 8-7 <a href="http://www.lowes.com">www.lowes.com</a>
Post Office	800-ASK-USPS	M-F 8:30-6:00, Sat 8:30-1:00 (“open later” hours) <a href="http://www.usps.com">www.usps.com</a>
Publix – 16 <sup>th</sup> Rd	445-2193	Mon-Sun 7am-10pm
Staples	447-9155	M-F 8-9, Sat 9-7, Sun 11-6
Walgreens (closest)	986-1880	8-10 every day
Walgreens Pharmacy	986-2824	M-F 8-10, Sat 8-6, Sun 10-6

Here’s a map that Darcy made. Note that North is down.



### Valuable web links:

Our homeowners association [www.hbehoa.com](http://www.hbehoa.com). Darcy’s is [www.hammockbeachestates.com](http://www.hammockbeachestates.com)

Flagler County [www.flaglercounty.org](http://www.flaglercounty.org)

Flagler Library Links page - [www.flaglerlibrary.org/county2.htm](http://www.flaglerlibrary.org/county2.htm)

Flagler Chamber of Commerce - [www.flaglerchamber.org](http://www.flaglerchamber.org)

Reviews of local businesses [www.palmcoast.biz](http://www.palmcoast.biz)

All kinds of local info and a good forum [www.flagleronline.com](http://www.flagleronline.com)

Scenic A1A website is [www.scenicA1A.org](http://www.scenicA1A.org)

Hammock Community Conservation Corp (HCCC) [www.hammockccc.com](http://www.hammockccc.com)

Hurricane Map 1950-2007 [www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/severeweather/hurricanes.html#latest](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/severeweather/hurricanes.html#latest)

Best weather site

<http://www.intellicast.com/lcastPage/LoadPage.aspx?loc=usflct19597&seg=LocalWeather&prodgrp=RadarLayout&prod=RadarLayout&prodnv=no>

Local newspaper (Daytona News Journal/ News-Tribune) - [www.news-journalonline.com](http://www.news-journalonline.com)

Flagler Newspaper [www.theflaglertimes.net](http://www.theflaglertimes.net) or [www.flaglertimes.com](http://www.flaglertimes.com)

Emergency services [www.flagleremergency.com](http://www.flagleremergency.com)

### Recommended Local Contractors:

All kinds of work John Vegetano

18 Mahoe Dr, 386-447-5326

Grout cleaning & coloring	Grout Masters (Jeff)	386-246-4024
Tile work	Kevin Murphy	386-503-9987
Landscape, hardscape, sprinklers	Prestige Lawn Care (Sara Langford)	386-445-6625
<u>Photography</u>	<u>Susie Kontul</u>	<u>386-437-4973 Kontakt Kontul@hotmail.com</u>

**Auto Repairs:** Rapid Auto Service (comes to you) – 437-9689

**Movie Rentals:** Blockbuster at the Palm Harbor Shopping Village (near Publix)

### Places to See

- Washington Oaks State Park (8am to Sundown 365 days) \$4.00 per vehicle for up to 8 people  
[www.floridastateparks.org/washingtonoaks](http://www.floridastateparks.org/washingtonoaks)
- Fort Matanzas – ferry boat (free - donations) [www.nps.gov/foma](http://www.nps.gov/foma)
- Marineland – reopened March 4, 2006 [www.marineland.net](http://www.marineland.net) (\$5 general admission, \$50+ for dolphin encounters)
- St. Augustine area [www.visitoldcity.com](http://www.visitoldcity.com)
  - Concerts in the Plaza (7-9 pm) [www.plazaconcerts.com](http://www.plazaconcerts.com)
  - Train Tour [Adult \$17, Child (6-12) \$4; No Fees-Save Online] [www.redtrains.com](http://www.redtrains.com)
  - Ripley's Believe it or Not [Adult \$12.67 Child \$7.37] [www.staugustine-ripleys.com](http://www.staugustine-ripleys.com)
  - Alligator Farm [Adults \$17.95 Children (Ages 5-11) \$9.95] [www.alligatorfarm.com](http://www.alligatorfarm.com)
  - Fiesta Miniature Golf
- Daytona Speedway [www.daytonausa.com](http://www.daytonausa.com)
  - Daytona USA: Adults 21.50 + tax Children (6-12) \$15.50 + tax Children under 6 FREE
  - Tour: \$7.50 + tax
- Daytona Trolley Boats - Adults: \$19.70, Children: \$14.10 (Age 5-12). Seven days per week from our "launching pad" - Ocean Walk Shoppes 250 N. Atlantic Avenue, (Departure times seasonally adjusted) [www.oceanwalkvillage.com](http://www.oceanwalkvillage.com)  
Tour Length: Approx. 1 hr. 15 min. 386-238-3738
- Kennedy Space Center <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/kennedy/home/index.html>
- Blue Spring State Park (west of Orange City) \$5 per vehicle, 8am to sundown 365 days/year  
[www.floridastateparks.org/bluespring/default.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/bluespring/default.cfm)
- Silver Springs (Ocala) [www.silversprings.com](http://www.silversprings.com)
- Disneyworld (1 day, 1 Park adult \$63, Pleasure Island \$18.50 advance purchase)  
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/wdw/index>
- Scenic A1A [www.scenicA1A.org](http://www.scenicA1A.org) has an interactive map and other info.

### Entertainment

- Flagler Auditorium [www.flaglerauditorium.org](http://www.flaglerauditorium.org)
- St. Augustine Amphitheatre [www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com)

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