



MAY WEATHER PREDICTION FOR FLORIDA

Near normal temperatures and slightly above normal precipitation. Average temperatures should range from 75 in the north to 80 in the south. Isolated thunderstorms at any time, most numerous near the Gulf.



MAY GARDENING TIPS

Your lawn will be healthier if you mow to the right height. Don't cut your grass blades too close to the ground. Clippings actually are good for your lawn if they aren't too thick, since they act as a mulch, decompose, and become natural fertilizer for your lawn. If you decide to plant a vine, good ones to try are coral, honeysuckle, or cypress. They flower and attract hummingbirds. This is a good time of year to add more Lilies, Gingers and Caladiums to your outdoor garden. Coleus also grows well at this time of year. Just be careful not to let them dry out. If you haven't pruned your Azaleas and spring flowering shrubs, do so now. If you wait until later in the season, you'll snip off the bud tips that will bloom next year.

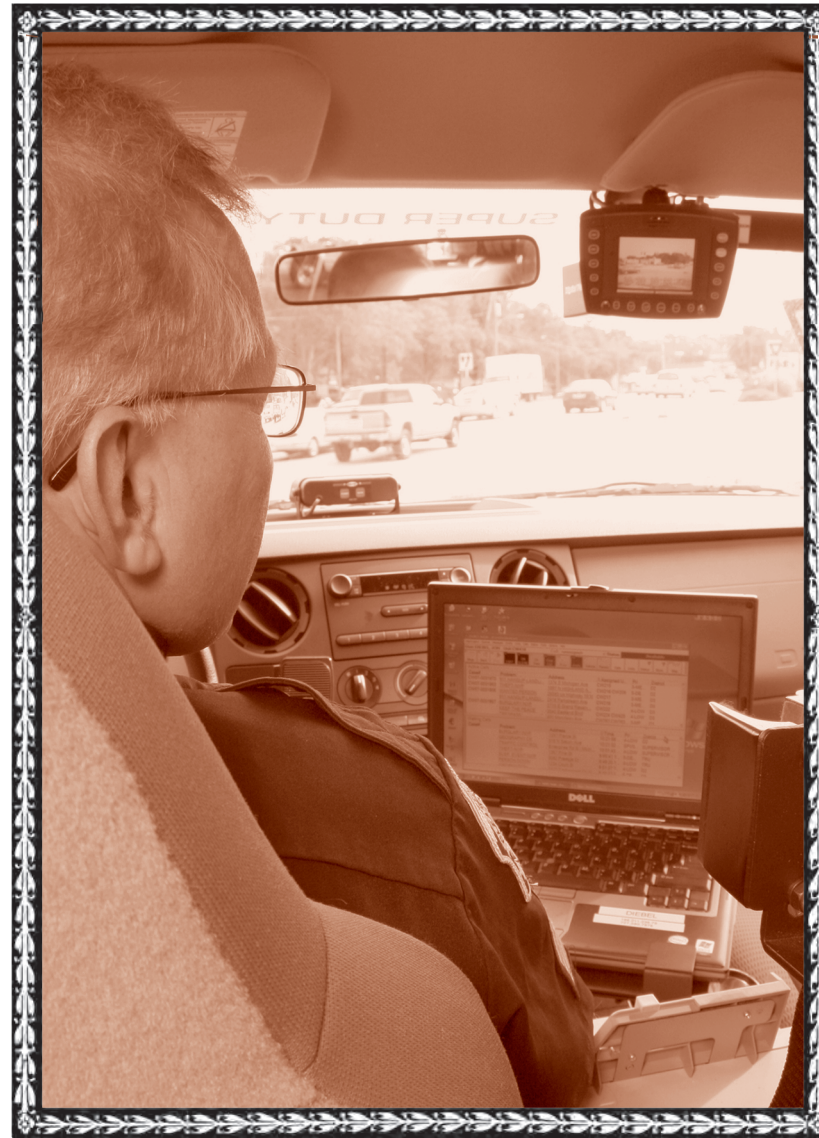


FLORIDA TIDBIT

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The first public school was established in Tallahassee, Florida.

POLICE DASHBOARD CAMS



The Police Department received a \$52,000 grant from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for dashboard video cameras. The department uses the cameras to enforce red light running laws and ultimately to reduce accidents at the four most dangerous intersections in Clearwater. The video cameras are equipped with a special pre-recording feature that records the previous 30 seconds and saves the file, which can be used later in court.

- Removed and replaced 47,311 square feet of sidewalk, repaired 36,789 square feet of asphalt, repaired 8,840 square feet of concrete, and fixed potholes, street patches and asphalt. They constructed three temporary beach parking lots, 82 speed humps and tables for neighborhood traffic calming, and responded to 23 graffiti removal requests on city property and rights of way.
- Urban Forestry pruned 2,300 palm trees, trimmed 4,450 hardwood trees, and removed more than 800 dead, dying, or hazardous trees. This division maintained cleanliness of rights of way by removing trees, dirt, debris and weeds, and managed the City's tree inventory.
- Complied with a two-year contract with Florida Department of Transportation roadway sweeping to generate more than \$80,000 and decreased the number of complaints about street flooding during the 2007 summer rainy season.
- Responded to and completed 511 stormwater service requests, achieved 100% compliance in Annual NPDES reporting, and completed 60% of Sherwood Yard project's design work.
- The stormwater division cleaned 26.8 miles of storm lines, swept 29,824 miles of streets, slope-mowed 40 miles of ditches, and hand-cut 16 miles of ditches.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 27th consecutive year.