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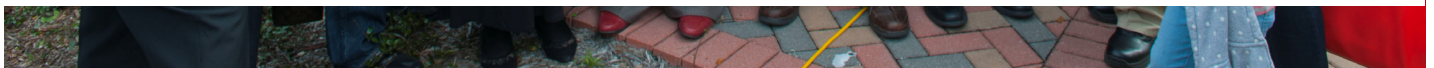
March 7, 2016

City Manager Report

The Highwaymen Heritage Trail



Ribbon Cutting for The Highwaymen Heritage Trail



The Highwaymen Heritage Trail



View across beautiful Moore's Creek of The Highwaymen art booths

On February 20, 2016, the City of Fort Pierce held a formal Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Highwaymen Heritage Trail, a tribute to the Highwaymen artists and their contribution to the rich cultural history of Fort Pierce. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at the Intermodal Transit Facility, 725 Avenue D, in front of an exquisite Royal Poinciana Tree mosaic where the artists' names are engraved on affixed bronze plaques.

A Guided Trail Tour using the City's trolley and a charter luxury bus began immediately following the ribbon cutting. More than 80 people participated in the Guided Tour, which included narrators Doretha Hair Truesdale, widow of Highwayman Artist Alfred Hair, Sr. and Gertrude Walker, wife of Highwayman Artist Charles Walker, and Pamela Carithers, Director of Lincoln Park Main Street.

The First Annual Highwaymen Art Show featuring many of the original Highwaymen artists and a family-friendly festival continued throughout the day along beautiful Moore's Creek Linear Park until 5:00pm. Hundreds of visitors from across Florida and as far away as Chicago attended the ribbon cutting, art show and festival.

The Highwaymen Heritage Trail and accompanying website (TheHighwaymenTrail.com) is a three year project underwritten by two grants from the Florida Humanities Council (FHC) and the City of Fort Pierce. Scholarly research, videographers, website and graphic art designers, area schools, teachers, students, local citizens and many of the original Highwaymen artists contributed to the project's design and content.



Hundreds of children enjoyed The Highwaymen Festival's 'Kidz Zone'

The Highwaymen Heritage Trail

Partnerships in the promotion of the Project included: St. Lucie County Tourism Development Council, Lincoln Park Main Street, Main Street Fort Pierce, Indian River State College, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Visit Florida, the Florida Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Arts

The Family Friendly Festival included an educational component. Three area middle schools participating - provided over 30 entries in the Highwayman Art Contest. Students were provided educational information about the Highwaymen and an opportunity to participate in the First Annual Highwaymen Art Contest.

Cash Prizes were awarded to the art classes -

1st Place - Alexis McEwen, Francis K. Sweet Middle School - \$200

2nd Place - Isabel Keane - Fairlawn Elementary - \$150

3rd Place - Niya Battistini - Fort Pierce Magnet School for the Arts - \$100



State Representative Larry Lee, Jr. with Original Highwayman Artist James Gibson

Construction Project Updates

Veterans Memorial Park Phase II Stormwater Improvements – Construction of the stormwater improvements are underway. Contractor has completed the southern bio-swale, the concrete terrace seating area at the lake edge, the pedestrian bridge cap beam, and the underground drainage. Work continues on the lake area and the northern parking area/access aisle.



Southern bio-swale



Pedestrian bridge and terrace seating

Stormwater Related Issues/Items

Continuation of private development construction site inspections, turbidity monitoring, investigate drainage issues pre/during/post storm event, extend/update the City's Drainage Maintenance Map, and prepare the Central Indian River Lagoon BMAP Annual Progress Report.



Flooding issue - post storm event

H.D. King Power Plant Clean-up

Cardno continues design work on the seawall replacement along Moore's Creek. 60% design plans expected within 30 days. Contractor preparing to mobilize to site the first week of March. Anticipate remediation work to begin within two weeks.

13th Street and 17th Street Reconstruction

Paving and drainage plans have been completed for both projects and are being reviewed by staff. Awaiting final plans from FPUA to incorporate into our bid plans. Contract documents are being assembled for 13th Street with anticipation of bidding set for second week of March. FPUA currently working on design plans for water and sewer for 17th Street.

Street Resurfacing

Finalizing contract with Lynch Paving. Anticipate construction beginning within 30 days. Streets to be resurfaced include 12th Street (Ave. H to Ave. M), 21st Street, Birch Street, and 23rd Street from Georgia Avenue to Virginia Avenue.

City Marina Dinghy Dock Construction

Awaiting the executed BIG grant contracts to proceed with the project advertisement. We have been notified that the State will be working on our grant documents at the end of January. RFP anticipated advertisement in February and construction start anticipated March/April 2016. We have received the executed FIND documents for incorporation into the RFP documents.

Indian Hills Recreation Area

Stormwater Improvements – Work continues on the pedestrian bridges with sub-structure construction. Path work began from southernmost end, working north. Contractor currently grading and shaping banks along pathway. Picnic shelters arrived ahead of schedule and are currently under construction on the north side.

Site Developments

SQUARE GROUPEUR TIKI BAR

Square Grouper Tiki Bar 2/29/16



Installing a support for the outdoor tiki bar



Second floor deck ready for inspection



Ongoing construction



OCULINA BANK

Oculina Bank construction progress 2/29/16



New Oculina Bank



Economic Development Initiatives

Creation of a Project Meeting Checklist

In an effort to streamline and adequately prepare for meetings with potential projects, we developed a check list that will be completed prior to team meetings.

Economic Development Tool Kit

City is working with Main Street Fort Pierce to produce a "Fort Pierce Snapshot" book which will contain demographic information and other business related information.

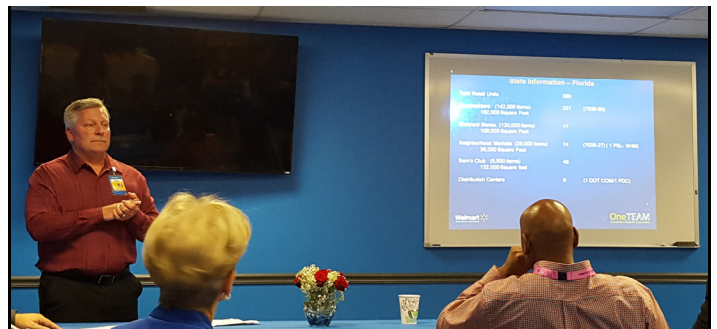
Development of a permit process flow chart to include expedited permitting.

Working in partnership with the EDC, St. Lucie County and Port St. Lucie to formalize our "Tool Kit" and create consistency where possible. Basically providing an outline of all incentives available to be used by EDC and each municipality.

Business Climate Visits/Site Visits

Schedule visits with area business to determine their business health. At this time, we are looking at some of the largest tax payers as potential businesses to visit.

- Lawnwood Regional Medical Center – December 14
- Treasure Coast Food Bank – February 9
- Rocla Concrete Ties – February 9
- Walmart Distribution Center - February 17
- Waste Pro – February 23
- Tent Logix – March 9



Mitch Hall, General Manager, Wal-Mart Distribution Center

City Clerk's Office



Deputy City Clerk Miriam Garcia volunteering at The Highwaymen Heritage Festival.

NEW BUSINESSES - FEBRUARY 2016

Business Name	Street Address
21st Century Oncology LLC	5550 S US Hwy 1
B&M Enterprises Of The Treasure Coast LLC	1200 Tumblin Kling Rd
Beachsiderehab	300 S 6th St
Credible Auto Spa	2200 S US Hwy 1
Crook, William F., M.D.	5550 S US Hwy 1
Dosoretz, Daniel E., M.D.	5550 S US Hwy 1
Dynamic Life Recovery	1905 S 25th St
Ear, Nose & Throat Associates	2100 Nebraska Ave
First Choice Healthcare And Counseling LLC	608 S US Hwy 1
Florida Land Trade	942 Seaway Dr
Forever Loving Hands, Inc.	1903 Plover Ave
Gasiorek, Scott A., M.D.	5550 S US Hwy 1
Joy's Gas Service, LLC	2050 Oleander Blvd
Kayaks and Stuff of the Treasure Coast LLC	704 Skylark Dr
Let Me Clean Your BBQ, Inc.	100 Treasure Cay Dr
Mata, Maria De Las Nieve M.D.	1700 S 23rd St
Ministerio Ex 3:14	1223 Delaware Ave
Palm Tree Auto Sales	5250 S US Hwy 1
Perman, Mark Lee, M.D.	5550 S US Hwy 1
Pressure Washing Treasure Coast LLC	1905 Sunrise Blvd
Props Auto Sales, LLC	402 N US Hwy 1
South Exchange, Inc.	1900 Okeechobee Rd
Sunrise City Paddle Sports	1 Avenue A
Tazzy T's Boutique "LLC"	5207 Okeechobee Rd
The Beach Spa LLC	946 Seaway Dr
The Diaz Group, LLC	426 Avenue A
The Hungry Marlin Cafe LLC	2331 S US Hwy 1
Veterans Environmental Sustainability Community	501 S 10th St

Finance Department

We are nearing the completion of our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the City Commission on March 21, 2016.



Planning Department



The City Commission conditionally approved Causeway Cove Marina & RV Site Plan and Conditional Use to grant construction of a 198 Slip Marina, Boat Ramp, Dock Master's Quarters, Ship Store, and 10 RV Spaces at the former Causeway Mobile Home property.



This is the newly renovated Old Federal Courthouse, 300 S 6th Street - Soon to be home to the Therapeutic Counseling Center, which has created 54 new jobs.

Orange Avenue Corridor Community Meeting



The Community Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016 was attended by over 50 people who gave their input by speaking one on one with staff and with each other. This is a great start on dialogue for rejuvenating the Orange Avenue corridor.

Indian Hills Golf Course

INDIAN HILLS JANUARY SALES REPORT

	1/2015	1/2016*	% Change
Golf Rounds	4,625	4,522	-2%
Golf Fees	\$169,138	\$151,886	-10%
Range Tokens	\$4,967	\$3,347	-33%
Membership Pass	\$5,519	\$3,235	-41%
Food & Beverages	\$8,164	\$5,779	-29%
Merchandise	\$3,381	\$6,380	89%
	\$191,169	\$170,626	-11%

INDIAN HILLS FEBRUARY SALES REPORT

	2/2015	2/2016	% Change
Golf Rounds	4,641	5,414	17%
Golf Fees	\$166,444	\$174,516	5%
Range Tokens	\$6,354	\$5,480	-14%
Membership Pass	\$1,464	\$2,108	44%
Food & Beverages	\$7,550	\$8,299	10%
Merchandise	\$3,706	\$4,290	16%
	\$185,518	\$194,692	5%

*Decrease due to unfavorable weather conditions.



The First Tee Program is held every Wednesday afternoon from 4 pm to 5 pm. Currently, there are 10 participants from the Boys & Girls Club. The program runs year round. They have their own instructors, but David Patterson has filed paperwork to join the team. We are pleased to sponsor this program at no charge.

Police Department



Harbour Isle West Social Committee Meeting welcomes guest Chief Diane Hobley-Burney



Front porch roll call was conducted at St. Lucie Elementary where officers greeted students. St. Lucie Elementary will be our first District 2 School to participate in the Courage for Life program. The Principal, Ms. Woulard, would like officers to be a part of the school's mentoring program. Here are some of our amazing police officers mentoring our young students.

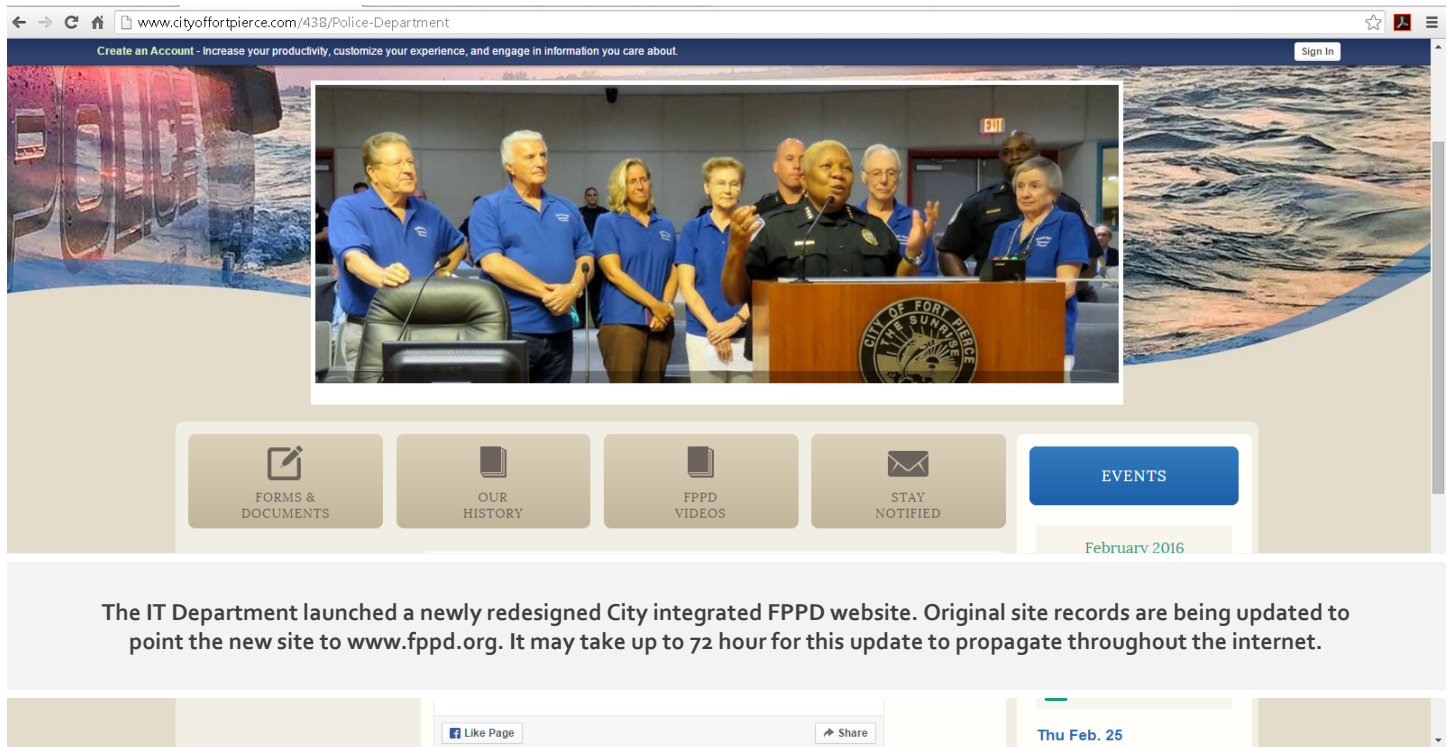


Matt Samuel has loaned the police department ten (10) Highwaymen Paintings, which are proudly displayed in the Chief's Conference Room. Citizens, Support Staff, and Officers are encouraged to come view the amazing display of paintings from several of the Highwaymen Artists. The collection of paintings will be on Exhibit for the next month or so. These Highwaymen Artists are an important part of Fort Pierce's rich culture.



Chief Hobley-Burney was presented the Treasure Coast Pioneer Award on February 24, 2016 by Treasure Coast Lexus, PNC Bank and WFLM 104.7 Radio.

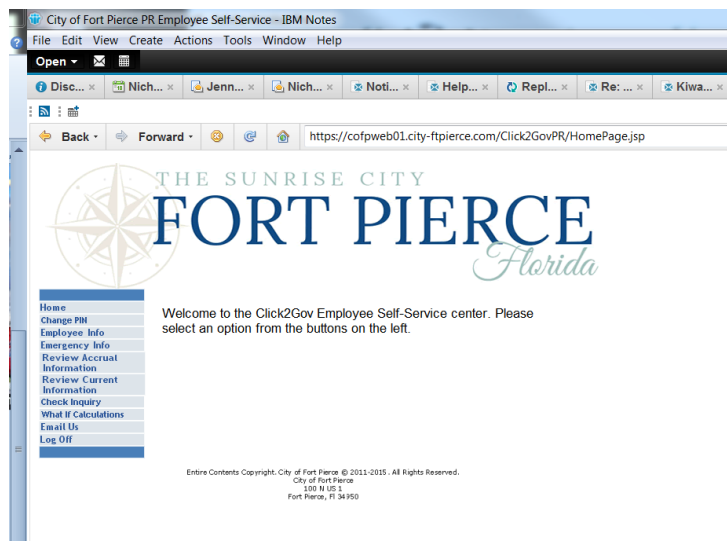
Information Technology Department



IT staff completed Tightrope training that will enable the creation of shows, schedules, and content.

Began implementing phone system changes designed to minimize chances of unanswered/unresponded to calls and voicemails at the department level. Calls received for general help will now be routed to the appropriate department's line from the operator (instead of an individual's line) which in turn rings on all respective members of that department's line. In the event the call isn't answered, any voicemail left will be forwarded to all members of that department via email.

Human Resources Department



Employee Self-Service is a tool that enables the employees of an institution to access their pay checks and deduction records through a secured portal that is validated through a User ID and Password.

- 1) Employees can view and/or make changes to their records from home or the office. This eliminates the need to contact the Human Resources office during business hours to request an update.
- 2) Employees can access their personal information and view benefits and deduction information.
- 3) Employees can use what-if scenarios to make changes to benefits, etc.

Sunrise Theatre

Former professional golfer and humorist, David Feherty, tee'd off his one liners to a sold-out crowd, prior to hosting the Honda Classic, on the Sunrise stage. This event featured a VIP Meet & Greet ticket, which included an opportunity to meet Mr. Feherty, have a photo taken with him and an autographed copy of his latest book. To the delight of those in attendance, Mr. Feherty also gave a short preview of what to expect from his upcoming performance later that evening.

On February 11, a sold-out audience enjoyed the legendary Tony Bennett and his daughter Antonia. Mr. Bennett performed all of his signature songs to the delight of attendees young and old. His 3 piece band, all legendary musicians in their own right, showcased their talents as well, performing various solos on their individual instruments.

On February 22, the Sunrise was filled to capacity with students from schools throughout the county to see the Super Scientific Circus. During the hour long event, the students were entertained while learning about the science of physics, gravity, matter, centrifugal force, etc., through a fun yet educational format. These School Time Performances are provided free of charge, including transportation, by the Sunrise Theatre and Sunrise Theatre Foundation. Performances of this nature are offered 5 -6 times per year.



David Feherty



Students attending the Super Scientific Circus performance



SUNRISE THEATRE FINANCIAL REPORT - JAN 2016

Date	Show	Attendance	Total - Expense	Total - Revenue	Gain/(Loss)
1/2/2016	I Lived	451	2,041.34	4,017.45	1,976.11
1/10/2016	Ragtime	735	42,015.33	42,943.26	927.93
1/15/2016	Elvis Rockin' Bday Bash	786	21,762.13	27,813.86	6,051.73
1/17/2016	Air Supply	1099	48,681.13	70,751.12	22,069.99
1/19/2016	Street Beat Kids	N/A	3,658.15	0.00	(3,658.15)
1/20/2016	Paul Anka	1027	94,762.47	94,109.78	(652.69)
1/22/2016	Engelbert Humperdink	727	62,550.65	50,743.48	(11,807.17)
1/24/2016	The Jive Aces	157	13,255.64	6,263.36	(6,992.28)
1/29/2016	The Bronx Wonderers	616	9,531.85	25,180.22	15,648.37
1/30/2016	Graham Nash	696	38,935.98	41,087.09	2,151.11
1/2016	Jazz Jam - BB	591	1,066.28	4,044.00	2,977.72
1/2016	Comedy Corner - BB	236	2,764.20	4,962.00	2,197.80
TOTALS			\$341,025.15	\$371,915.62	\$30,890.47

City Marina

With the help of local boaters, Fred Danise, Assistant Dock Master, was able to assist a green turtle in distress which was then transported by Fish Wildlife officers.



Public Works Department



The PWD is securing a contractor to provide concrete curb delineation within the temporary parking area established at the west end of Jetty Park. This will bring organization to that heavily utilized area.



Look for an Eye catching recycling truck to hit the street of Fort Pierce very soon. This is the first of many efforts to increase recycling awareness in our community.



The peacock crossing signs have been installed in the Orange Avenue corridor.



The PWD has added a second picnic table with concrete slab and trash receptacle at the old library site at Marina Square. The area underneath the oak tree has become a popular spot for folks to have lunch or take a break .

River Walk Center

upcoming events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Sandy Shoes Festival	3/19	10a - 10p	Veteran's Memorial Park
Hooked on Music	3/26	4p - 11p	City Marina
Waterside Blues	3/27	1p - 5p	Marina Square
Brown Bag Luncheon	3/28 - 4/1	11a - 2p	Marina Square
Dancing in the Streets	3/30	6:30p - 9p	2nd St. & Orange Ave
Jazz Music Extravaganza	3/31	6:30p - 9:30p	Marina Square

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Code Enforcement

This is 2002 Orange Avenue - a new owner purchased the building and immediately began curing all code violations and gave the entire exterior a new make-over.



These photos are of the retention area of the Beachcomber's Homeowner's Association that was not being maintained. The before and after photos show a property being brought into compliance voluntarily by the responsible parties.

