

# SUNRISE CITY SPECTRUM



OCTOBER 2017



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# Then & Now



Joe Sweat,  
City Manager's Office

Opened 363 days a year from sun up to sun down, the Fort Pierce City Marina doesn't seem to stop with its 7 day a week work load. With the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, I think a lot of us seemed to be going non stop. Preparation, planning, anticipation, and worry as the storm approached, especially with an uncertain track; however, that wasn't the case in 2004. The 2004 hurricanes left behind a swath of rubble, debris, and destruction with a near direct hit to Fort Pierce each time. The storms were nothing short of powerful when they made landfall with peak winds of 120 to 145 mph.

The most devastated area and most unrecognizable was the Fort Pierce City Marina. It bore the most damage with a crumbled dock system. Boats on top of boats, sailboats flipped sideways, and debris from the marina was everywhere. Recovery seemed

impossible, and the estimated damage exceeded well over \$26 million. It is human nature to survive, to keep striving, and to rise again when we fall. Hurricane Jeanne did more than trip us up, but we got back up and rose even higher. (Con't.)





As construction began on the new marina in August 2011, there was a lot of concern and anticipation of the “new islands” that it would block a beautiful river view. Complete understanding of that concern went into the build as a foundation was laid for a future Farmers Market in Marina Square. Not that it would ever take the place of that view; for it was the priority of the marina to be strong enough to withstand such an impact as Jeanne.

Fast forward a few years and the marina was receiving national recognition for the state of the art improvements and island design produced by our exceptional City Engineers. They say a ship is untested until it’s tried in the waves, not in the harbor. The same is true for our precious marina. Hurricane Matthew rapidly approached our shores October of 2016 and it would be the first time our marina would see its first storm. Luckily, as bad as Matthew was projected, it stayed offshore, only producing rains and flooding. Not so much for Hurricane Irma. Though it wasn’t a direct hit, it was enough to cause 22 inches of rain and flooding in addition to the amounts of uncounted debris still being picked up today. Wind gusts reached



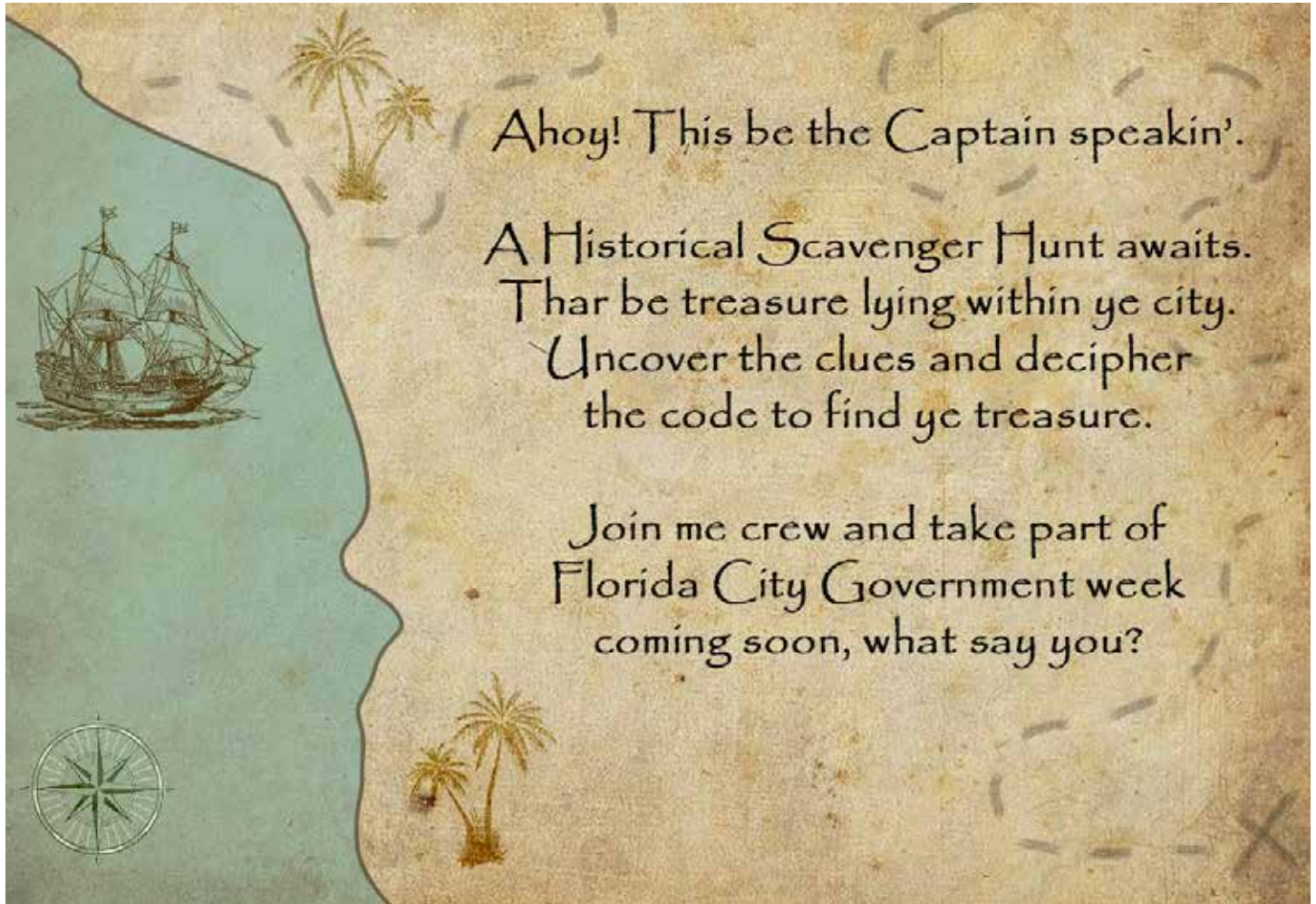


100 mph at the peak of impact and created quite the storm surge in the Atlantic. White caps and turbulent waters began slamming the marina around 6:00 pm. The Indian River was cresting over the sea wall adjacent to the marina, posing a serious threat to the newly constructed Melody Lane Fishing Pier.

There wasn't any doubt in our minds the marina would hold up despite the unsettling fear of the unknown thanks to the restoration after 2004 hurricanes. It was built to withstand such a force as Irma. City Marina Manager, Dean Kubitscheck briefly recorded the fierce storm just outside the marina from his office. High gusts, white caps and storm

surge could be seen beyond the islands creating serious waves and wake, but the marina withstood every ounce. The marina did exactly what it was built to do. We, as a City, have done more than bounce back. We were so well prepared for this storm in so many ways. From constant communication from the City Manager's office to our Public Works, Building, Code Enforcement, and Engineering departments working in overdrive to ensure every detail throughout the city was covered. Every department did more than rally together on top of scrambling just to make sure their own homes were ready. The following weekend and after

thorough inspections, Marina Square opened up its traditional Saturday morning Farmers Market. What a site for sore eyes after being cooped up looking for sunlight and a warm meal, but that is thanks in part to the marina standing its ground. This little town has heart and continually shows us time and time again. - We can be **#FortPierceProud** as we say on social media; not only did we come together during an intense time, but we proved we are *stronger together*.



Ahoy! This be the Captain speakin'.

A Historical Scavenger Hunt awaits.  
Thar be treasure lyin' within ye city.  
Uncover the clues and decipher  
the code to find ye treasure.

Join me crew and take part of  
Florida City Government week  
coming soon, what say you?

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# To Honor & Serve

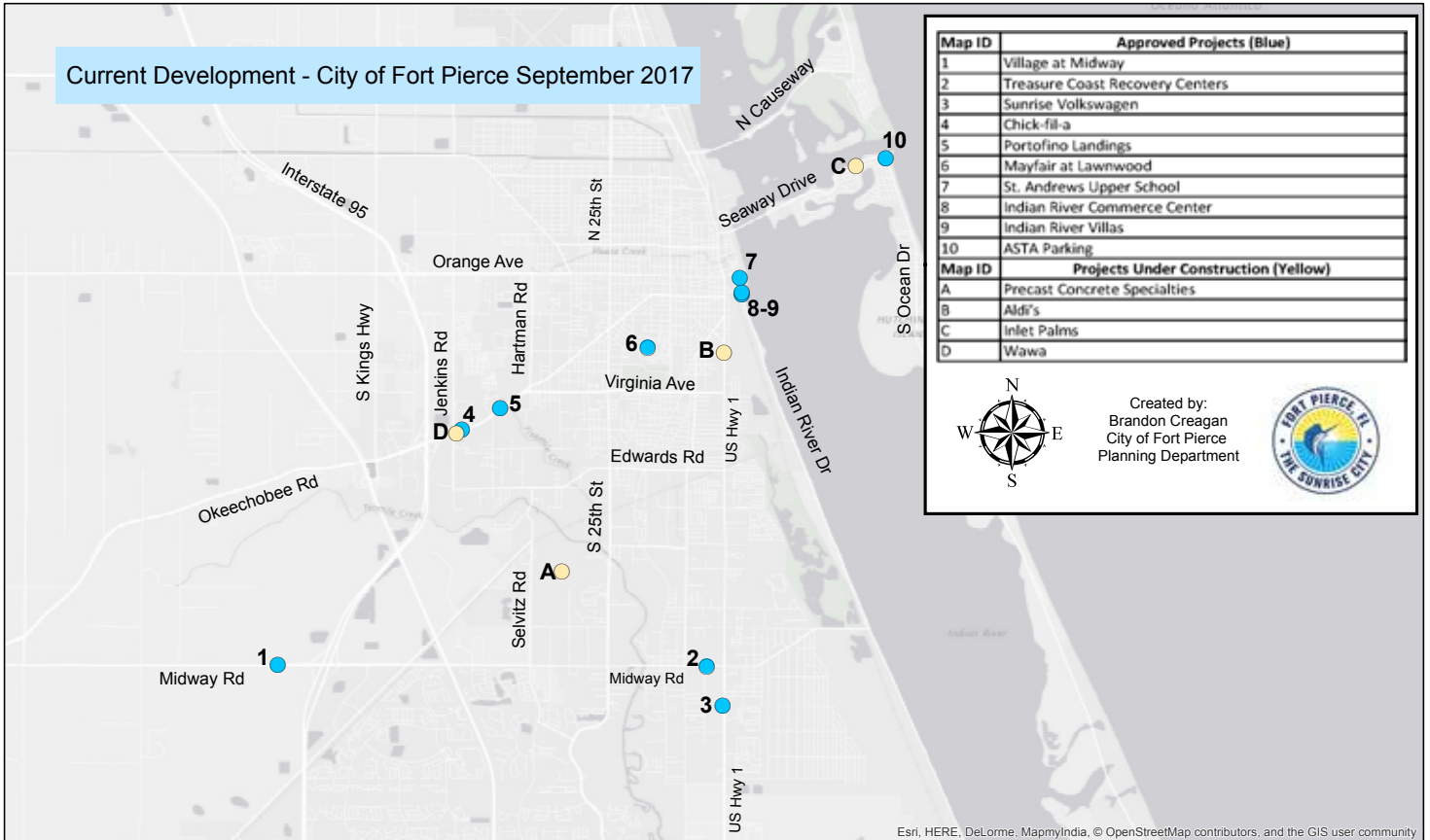
## *Fort Pierce Police Department*

Like most city employees, Fort Pierce police officers were busy before, during and after Hurricane Irma making sure the community would be impacted as little as possible by the winds and water. All sworn officers and most of the department's support staff lived at police headquarters for a few days, working 12-hour shifts, sleeping in hallways and offices, and sharing meals and snacks prepared by department personnel. Fort Pierce Police Department Staff also were stationed at the St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center throughout the storm and remained in constant contact with other city departments and local agencies. As Irma approached, FPPD officers remained on the streets as long as possible, and returned as soon as the winds began to slow. Efforts included rescuing citizens from flooded areas, maintaining traffic safety and being available to assist citizens with a variety of safety needs. After the storm, FPPD employees were happy to host the city's Public Works crews and other city employees, providing meals and swapping stories with their fellow first responders, who worked hard with officers to restore normalcy to the residents and businesses of Fort Pierce. And by all indications from emails and social media, citizens were very satisfied with the response.



# PLOTTING THE COURSE

## Fort Pierce Planning Department



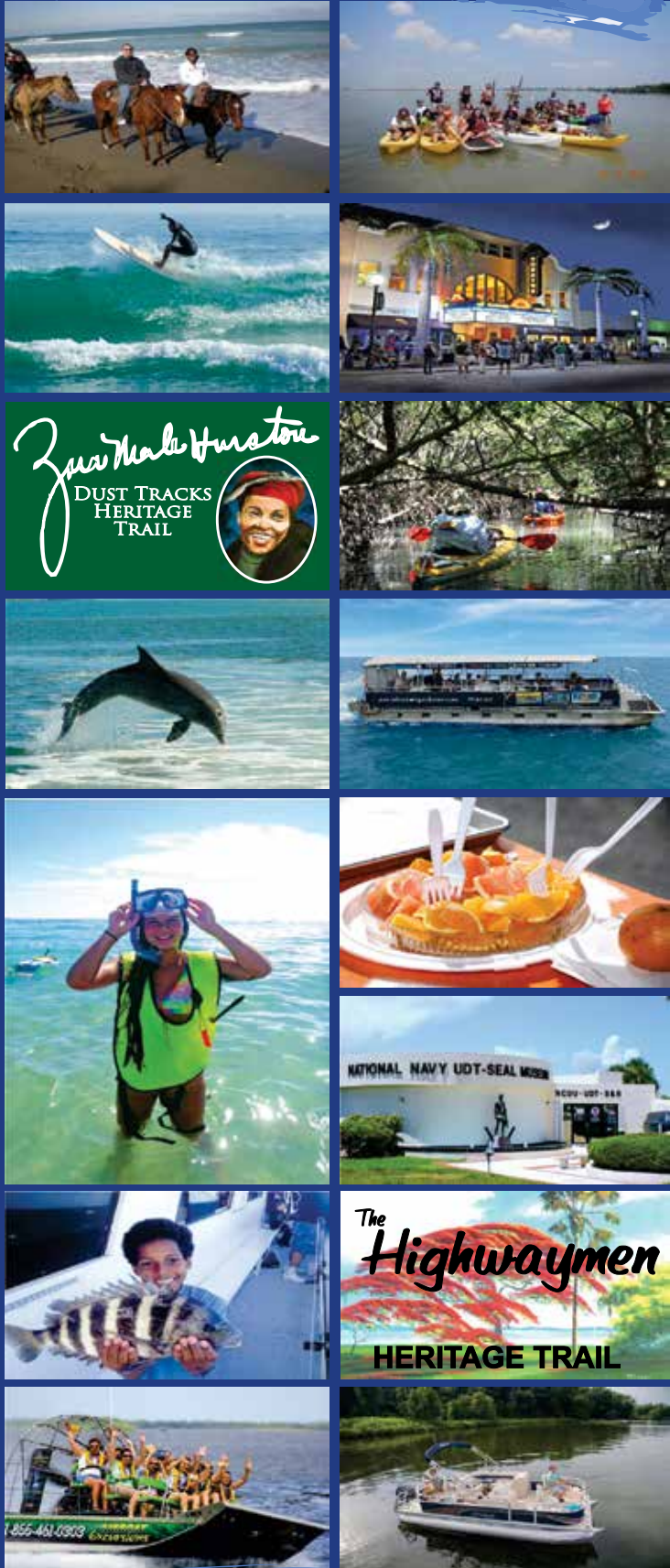
### CURRENT DEVELOPMENT MAP

The Planning Department has created an updated visual graphic illustrating new development. This map represents all of the current development as of August 2017. The map is divided into projects that have received site plan approval (Blue Dots) and approved site plan projects that are actively under construction (Yellow Dots). Aldi's, Inlet Palms, Precast Concrete Specialties and Wawa are recently approved projects under construction. This map will also be available on the Planning Departments website. <http://www.cityoffortpierce.com/DocumentCenter/View/3903>



Sunrise Volkswagen is looking to be the latest car dealership to come to Fort Pierce. They will be located right next to Sunrise Ford along US 1. They want to build a sales center and a parts and service center. Above is a rendering of what the exterior of the sales center will look like.

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Zora Mae Houston  
DUST TRACKS  
HERITAGE  
TRAIL



The Highwaymen  
HERITAGE TRAIL

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I was made for sunny days.

Plenty of adventure  
here in beautiful  
Fort Pierce!



**SUNRISE THEATRE**  
*The Best Entertainment on the Treasure Coast • 2017/18 Season*  
**TICKETS ON SALE TO MEMBERS NOW!**

 The Naked Masked Fri., Oct. 13 Mature Audiences Only	 On The Edge Concert Sat., Nov. 18	 The Spirit of Argentina Sat., Nov. 26	 Classical Christmas Sat., Nov. 26	 A Christmas Memory Christmas Mon., Dec. 18	 Holiday Holiday Christmas Mon., Dec. 18	 Christmas Wonders and More Musical Sat., Dec. 23
 The Nutcracker Fri., Dec. 29	 MEMPHIS Sat., Jan. 6	 Small Great Things Sat., Jan. 13	 A Night With Jerry Seinfeld Sat., Jan. 13	 Chris MacDonnell Fri., Jan. 19	 The New Year Project Sat., Jan. 20	 Columbus! Fri., Jan. 26
 Masters of Deceit Sat., Jan. 28	 In The Mood Wed., Jan. 31	 ABBA Means Sat., Feb. 10	 The Millionaire Men Wed., Feb. 14	 The Beach Boys Reunited Fri., Feb. 16	 Rhythm of the Dance Sat., Feb. 18	 The 100 Men Fri., Feb. 25
 Neil Patrick Harris Sat., Feb. 24	 Michael McDonald Sat., Mar. 2	 Held California Wed., Mar. 21	 The StepCops Fri., Mar. 23	 Heard by Heart Fri., Apr. 13	 A Chorus Line Sat., Apr. 14	 Chris Botti Thurs., Apr. 19

**TICKETS ON SALE TO THE PUBLIC SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY FOR AS LITTLE AS \$75!**  
Members get advance notice of shows, discounts on tickets, Meet & Greet opportunities and more! Members also receive exclusive discounts from local businesses! Additional shows and attractions will be added throughout the season.

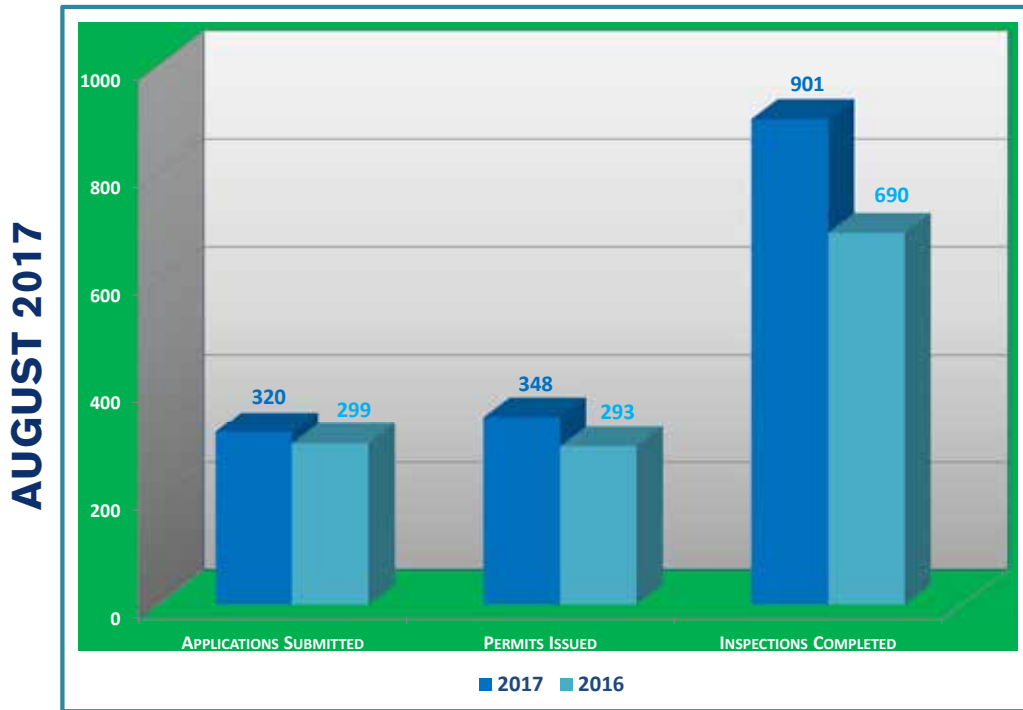


3609 E Wilderness Dr.- Following Hurricane Irma, Floodplain Reviewer Kristie Kirstein had an opportunity to perform field inspections in some of the areas heavily impacted by flooding. Generally, the Wilderness Drive area has a base flood elevation of 9 feet, meaning that all new construction or buildings that are substantially damaged or substantially improved must be elevated to at least 9 feet. During the initial assessment, the water was too high in this community for our assessment team to gain access. This photo was taken after the water had subsided to a safe level, and Ms. Kirstein estimates that it was still approximately 2 ½ feet deep during her assessment.



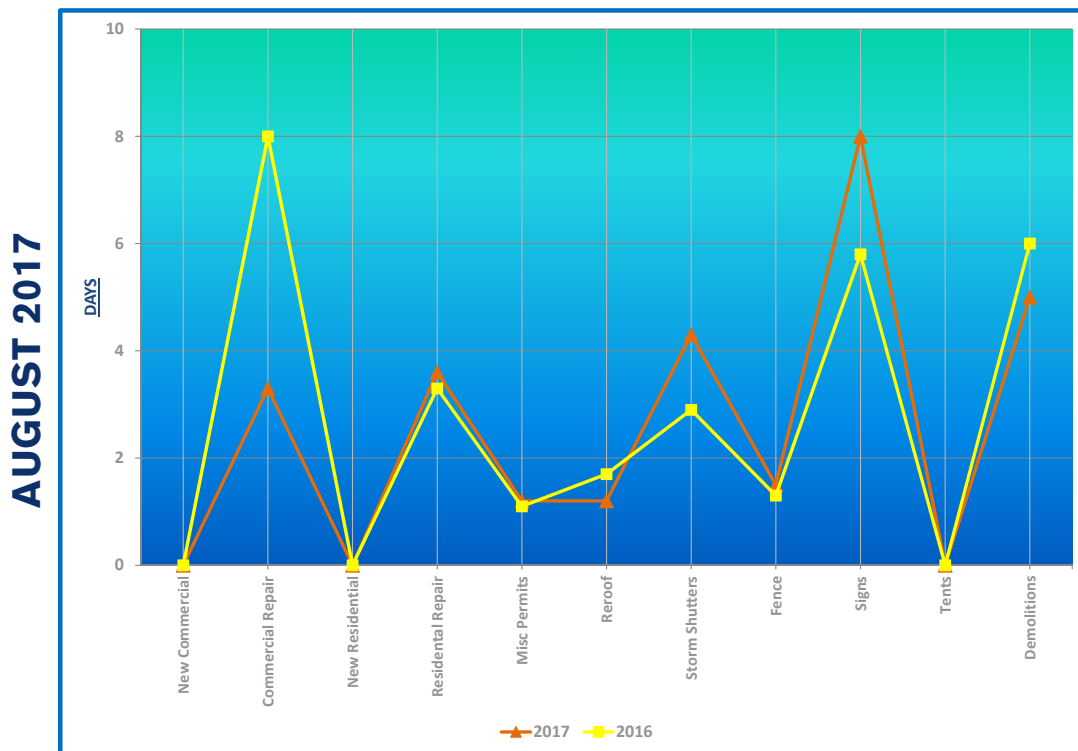
5575 Okeechobee Rd.- The Elpex Goodyear at the corner of Okeechobee Rd and Jenkins Rd has been a landmark and successful business in the City for many years. This picture was taken while the building was being demolished. Once the site is cleared, construction will begin for the City's first Wawa!

## BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY REPORT



### PLAN REVIEW PROCESSING TIME

For permits with 0 days, either the review was not completed within the month, or there were no reviews for the entire month.





## GETTING IT DONE

The City of Fort Pierce was once again faced with a major hurricane aiming for a direct hit on our community. Fortunately, like with Hurricane Matthew, Fort Pierce was spared the devastation of a category 4 storm when Irma took a more westward track. Unfortunately, Irma did not leave quietly dumping unprecedented rainfall and a bit of a mess with fallen trees and debris as well as power outages.

Fresh off a recent storm just eleven short months ago, the Public Works Department Team stood poised for the challenge. On the morning of September 5th, crews began readying the City, its infrastructure and facilities for the storm. Buildings were boarded up, the storm water system cleared of debris and additional sanitation trucks were put out to ensure all customers were serviced before the storm and grapple trucks ran until mid-day on September 9th to capture as much of the recently cut vegetative debris as possible.

As the storm approached, 14 dedicated employees left their families and rode the storm out with 2 individuals stationed at the EOC ready to relay pertinent information to our Team and 12 courageous staff members staying at the PWD compound with equipment ready to roll out and assist with clearing the roads for emergency personnel as soon as the winds safely subsided.

Before sunrise on September 11th, 3 crews with 4 members each headed out with routes to clear utilizing front end loaders, chainsaws and dump trucks. Their initial goal was to clear major roadways and ensure that rescue personnel had an unobstructed route to the hospital. By noon on the 11th, all of the major roadways were passable and crews began working on the side streets.

By the close of business on September 15th, our facilities had been assessed and secured, roadways were cleared and all of our City Parks were open to the public. On the 16th, the Farmer's Market was held as scheduled and the River Walk Center hosted a wedding.

Often the work they do goes unnoticed but the women and men of the Public Works Department take great pride in restoring normalcy to our community. It is an honor to work with such a dedicated group.





### UPCOMING RIVER WALK CENTER EVENTS:

- OCTOBER 6TH - FRIDAY FEST - MARINA SQUARE - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- OCTOBER 7TH - OKTOBERFEST - N 2ND ST BET. AVE A & ORANGE AVE - 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM
- OCTOBER 14TH - INDIAN RIVER LAGOON SCIENCE FESTIVAL - RIVER WALK CENTER - 10 AM - 3:00 PM
- OCTOBER 14TH - LIGHTING IT UP FOR ANDREW 5K WALK / RUN - ST. LUCIE MUSEUM PARK - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- OCTOBER 20TH - ZOMBIE RUN - DOWNTOWN AREA (SAILFISH BREWERY) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- OCTOBER 21ST - CHOW DOWN FOOD TRUCK - VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL - 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM
- OCTOBER 28TH - SANDI PAW'S PET & PEOPLE WALKATHON - MARINA SQUARE - 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- OCTOBER 29TH - PRAISE ON THE MARINA - MARINA SQUARE - 4:00 - 8:00 PM

## RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT AUGUST 2017

CLASSES	\$ 1,343.65
PARK PERMITS	\$ 2,200.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 1,450.00
GARDEN CENTER	\$ 1,042.16
MARAVILLA CENTER	\$ 927.89
OLD CITY HALL	\$ 1,347.20
RIVER WALK CENTER	\$ 3,797.64
YOUTH ACTIVITIES (HDRC)	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,308.54</b>



## INDIAN HILLS SALES REPORT

	7/2017	8/2017
Golf Rounds	2173	2060
Golf Fees	\$35,961.00	\$33,937.69
Range Tokens	\$1,164.27	\$1,079.97
Membership Pass	\$520.00	\$780.00
Food & Beverages	\$3,282.14	\$2,557.51
Merchandise	\$1,658.18	\$1,245.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,585.59</b>	<b>\$39,600.54</b>

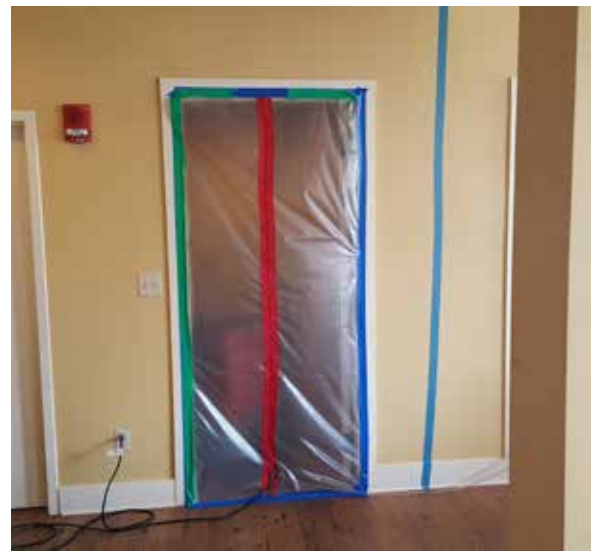


## CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	<b>\$105,874.49</b>	<b>\$110,621.92</b>	<b>\$103,257.42</b>
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	<b>\$54,374.82</b>	<b>\$26,045.40</b>	<b>\$24,665.90</b>
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>\$4,390.21</b>	<b>\$2,969.32</b>	<b>\$2,547.37</b>
<b>Retail</b>	<b>\$14,457.02</b>	<b>\$14,929.02</b>	<b>\$12,138.79</b>
<b>Gas Sales</b>	<b>\$38,659.68</b>	<b>\$28,316.42</b>	<b>\$29,884.56</b>
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	<b>\$81,779.88</b>	<b>\$45,002.20</b>	<b>\$39,558.63</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$299,536.10</b>	<b>\$227,884.28</b>	<b>\$212,052.67</b>



After announcing the upcoming 2017/18 Season and putting tickets on sale to the public on September 5, the Sunrise Theatre shut down and prepared for Hurricane Irma. Upon returning to the theatre, considerable damage was found throughout the building. Many areas had to be sealed off in order to remove water that had come in through the walls and roof and prevent mold from growing and spreading. In the box office, all of the carpeting had to be removed due to flooding and mildew. Fortunately, measures were taken to protect equipment during the storm, and the box office staff had everything up and running and were selling tickets within a short amount of time. Many areas including the Friends Lounge, main lobby and the theatre proper have peeling paint, drywall damage, and soaked carpeting. All of these issues and more are currently being assessed and addressed.





## SUNRISE THEATRE FINANCIAL REPORT

Date	Show	Attendance	Total Expense	Total Revenue	Gain/(Loss)
8/4	Missoula Childrens Theater/Gulliver's Travel	147	\$6,588.09	\$7,322.16	\$734.07
8/5	IMPACT	N/A	\$1,445.98	\$74.00	(\$1,371.98)
8/13	Summer Movie/Hidden Figures	500	\$640.50	\$1,273.33	\$632.83
8/20	Summer Movie / Star Wars	248	\$776.19	\$1,279.33	\$503.14
8/27	Summer Movie / Grease	314	\$785.43	\$1,268.33	\$482.90
Date	Rental	Attendance	Total Expense	Total Revenue	Gain/(Loss)
8/1-31	Jazz Jam	115	\$725.76	\$728.00	\$2.24
8/1-31	Comedy Corner	302	\$4,064.53	\$6,785.00	\$2,720.47
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$15,026.48	\$18,730.15	\$3,703.67



# WELCOME TO FORT PIERCE!

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REPAIR SHOP

AMERITEL OF FORT PIERCE, LLC |  
MERCHANT-OVER \$50,000

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ATLANTIC CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC |  
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BRIGHT WINDOWS BY DRA |  
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## FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
FORT PIERCE FARMER'S MARKET	EVERY SATURDAY	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	MARINA SQUARE
GREEN MARKET	EVERY WEDNESDAY	12:00 PM - 6:30 PM	MARINA SQUARE
AVENUE D MARKET	EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	8:00 AM - 10:30 PM	AVENUE D PLAZA
CITY COMMISSION MEETING	10/2	6:30 PM	CITY HALL
FRIDAY FEST	10/6	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	MARINA SQUARE
3RD ANNUAL LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL	10/12	4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PAL CENTER
IRL SCIENCE FESTIVAL	10/14	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR	10/20	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	FORT PIERCE YACHT CLUB
FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE	10/20	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	FIRE STATION 721 AVE D.
PACE Center for Girls Present: Hope Flows	10/20	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	SUNRISE THEATRE



## **Mission Statement**

*To provide community leadership, quality public service, and a safe environment for all citizens, by an empowered team of employees motivated by pride in themselves and their work.*

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