

FORT INSIDER





4TH ANNUAL HIGHWAYMEN HERITAGE ART SHOW AND FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 16th 2019

**MOORE'S CREEK
725 AVENUE D
FORT PIERCE**

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2019 CITIZENS ACADEMY



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The 6 week academy begins February 28. Come learn about the City in a fun and interactive setting!

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Citizens academy was a blast! I had no idea how the City actually ran with all the intricate parts and I would recommend the class to anyone. ~ Leah S.

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■ BY JOE SWEAT,
MARKETING SPECIALIST

Movies In The Fort kicked off Friday, January 25th on a very chilly night. Temps were in the 50's and participation for the event seemed unlikely. The movie guys was set up early. We wanted the event to capture passerby so naturally we placed the inflatable screen toward the busy rush hour traffic. Boys playing basketball were definitely intrigued that something new was taking place in their neighborhood. I spent some time with the boys playing basketball, one in particular, was very inquisitive. He was thankful for the City of Fort Pierce hosting a free community event.

About an hour into set up, there was still no sign of arriving guests. I was a bit saddened, but understood the cold weather could be the turn off. The chill

in the air was like sticking your face in the freezer as you look for ice. Dusk was settling fast with about fifteen minutes before the movie was to start and finally, we had our first family of 5 arrive; 3 small children and 2 moms carrying blankets, pillows and, of course, snacks! As they set up on the lawn, another family walked up. Their arms were filled with bedding, more jackets and again, snacks. The kids started running around in anticipation of the movie - just plain excited. A smile was growing on my face, even if it was just a few happy families.

Two families, not bad with 5 minutes to spare before kick-off, but I heard car doors slam shut. I looked over my shoulder and saw 3 more vehicles with kids pouring out of the doors. They started running just as fast as they could. Their little motors were ramped up, wheels were just-a-spinning.

I was loving every minute of it.

We started the movie a bit late so everyone could get settled in. A few minutes later more families were rushing to find a spot on the grass. One family brought a blow-up couch and another family brought a few boxes of pizza. By the time it was completely dark and the movie about 15 minutes in, I counted over 60 people with more still showing up! Wow!! Not what I expected for the first Movies In The Fort on a very cold night. Maravilla Park was a very cool place to be.

I encourage you to come out to a showing near you, grab a blanket, maybe some pizza and snacks, and have an evening on us with the family, for free. For more information on Movies In The Fort, please call 772.467.3031



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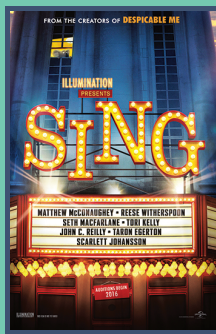
MOVIES *in the* FORT



APPROX. 6:00 PM
FRIDAY
JANUARY 25TH
MARAVILLA PARK



APPROX. 6:30 PM
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RIVER WALK CENTER



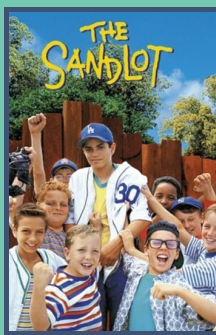
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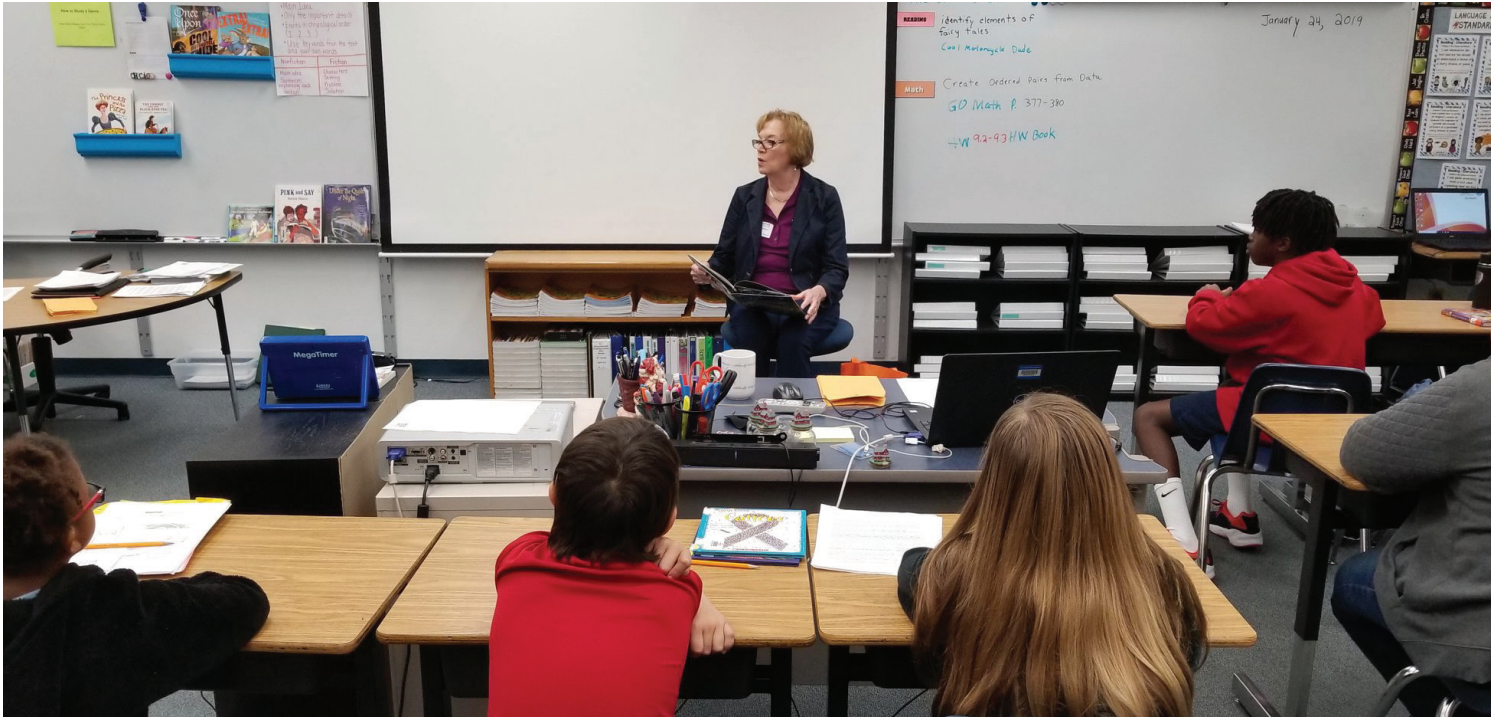
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FRIDAY
APRIL 19TH
JAYCEE PARK



APPROX. 8:00 PM
FRIDAY
MAY 24TH
FORMER PAL CENTER

JUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR
OR BLANKET. CHILDREN
UNDER 14 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
PLEASE NOTE, TIMES ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DATES AND TIMES PLEASE VISIT
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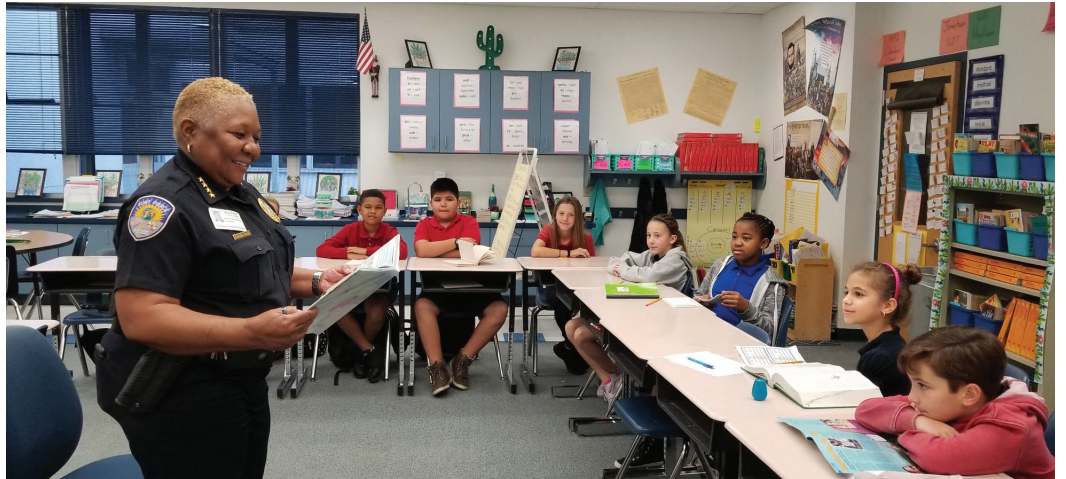


LITERACY DAY

“A community that reads is a community that leads!”

■ BY AUDRIA WELLS,
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

The City of Fort Pierce was well represented at Fairlawn Elementary School’s Community Readers Day on January 24, 2019. Mayor Linda Hudson was joined by Fort Pierce City Manager Nick Mimms, Fort Pierce Police Chief Diane Hobleby-Burney, Deputy Chief Robert Ridle, Officer Damian Spotts and other city employees including Shyanne Helms, Jennifer Robinson, Kaitlyn Ballard and Katherine Calderon. They were among a host of readers, who took time out of their schedules to spend 20 minutes reading to a classroom of students. This event is part of Literacy Week, which promotes reading among our youth.



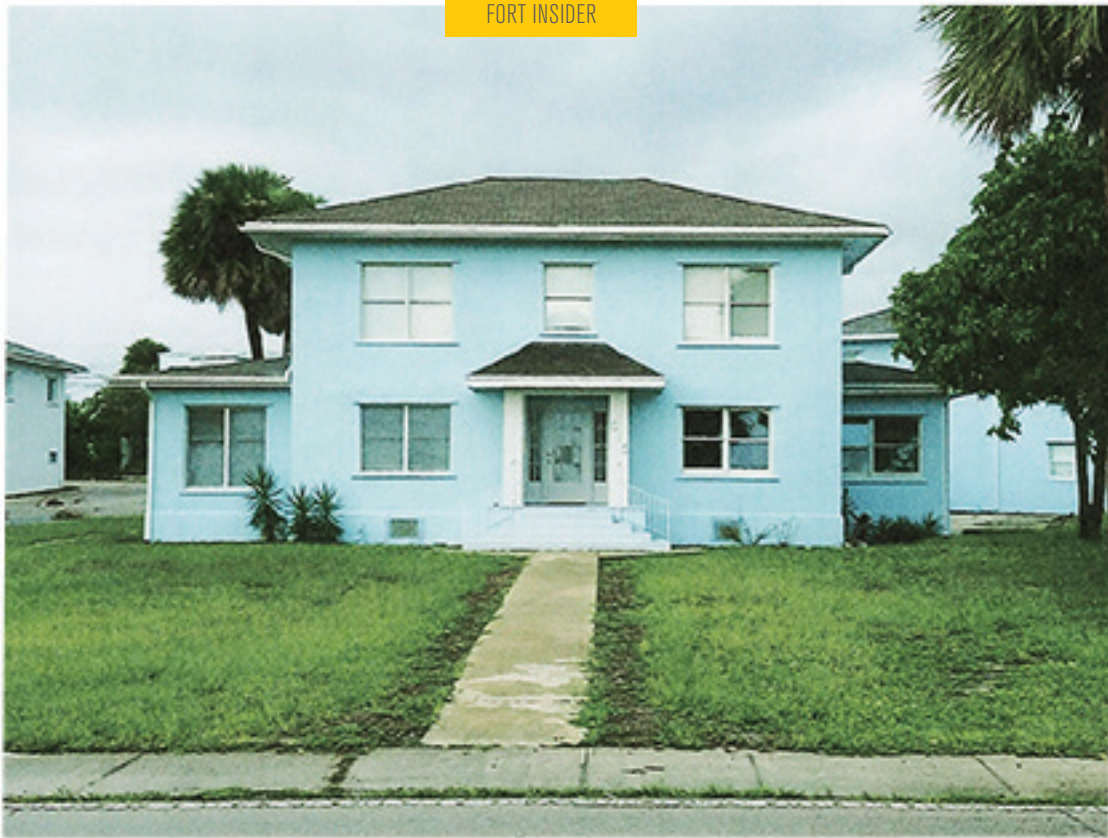


Fit for a King.

Mother Nature provided a gorgeous day on January 21st to celebrate and honor the work of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was born on January 15, 1929 and he would've turned 90 this year. In recognition of the holiday, the MLK Commemorative Committee scheduled a host of activities culminating with a Grand Parade and Festival in the Park. Thousands of excited spectators braved the cold weather and lined the more than two-mile long route to take on the sights

of the 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Fort Pierce. Led by the Fort Pierce Police Department Honor Guard, the parade began at 10:00 a.m. and traveled along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (25th Street) starting at Avenue I in Fort Pierce. A festival, featuring a Health Fair, was held at Lawnwood Stadium, located at 1302 Virginia Avenue.

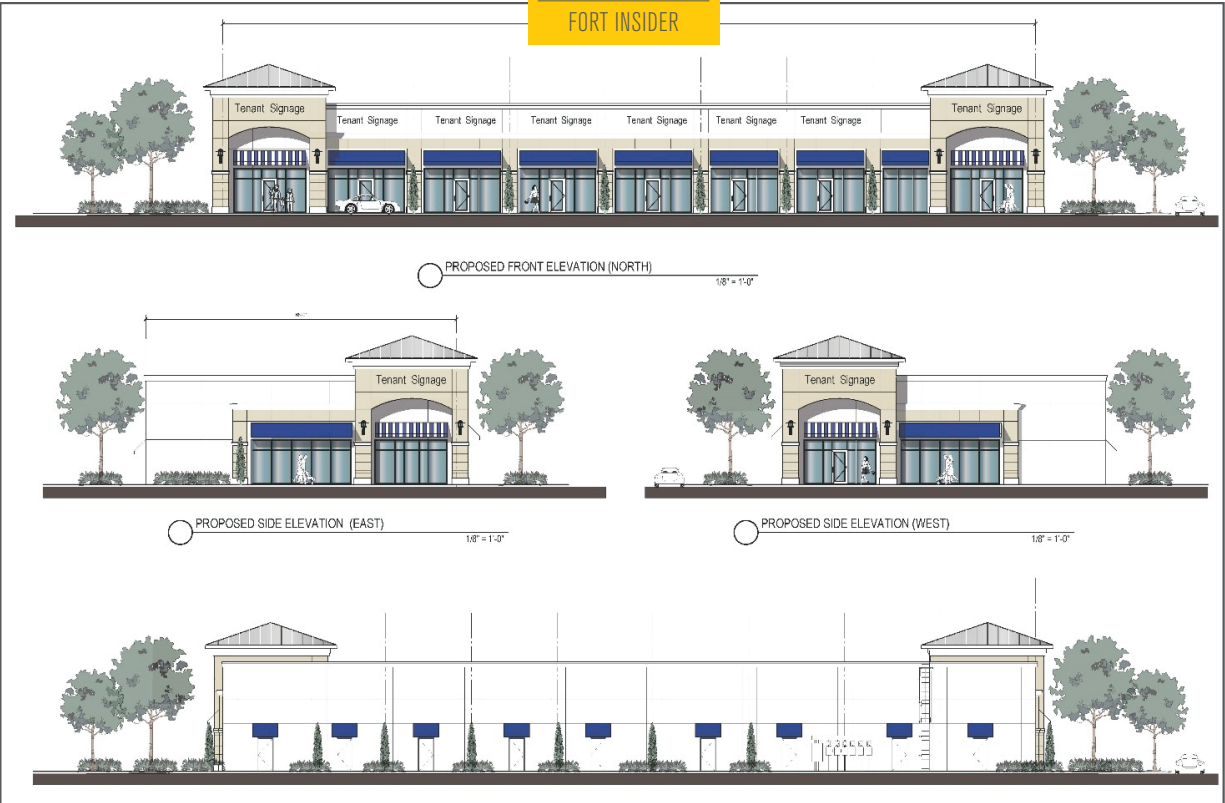




■ 2019 Certified Local Government Recertification

The City of Fort Pierce has been a partner in good standing since 2001 as a Certified Local Government (CLG) in the Federal Preservation Program. Following the US Secretary of the Interior Standards for historic preservation, as well as state and local enhancements, the city coordinates all historic preservation activities through the Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Board. This year CLG Annual Report and new historic designation were approved by the State carrying out cities' annual recertification.

Today there are six designated Historic Districts within the city, as well as another 34 designated Locally Significant Historic Sites and 11 more on the National Register of Historic Places. They have all been carefully researched and certified in many historical categories such as architecture, significant events, community development and notable residents and visitors. This year one more building located at 515 S. Indian River Drive was added to the list of Locally Significant Historic Sites.

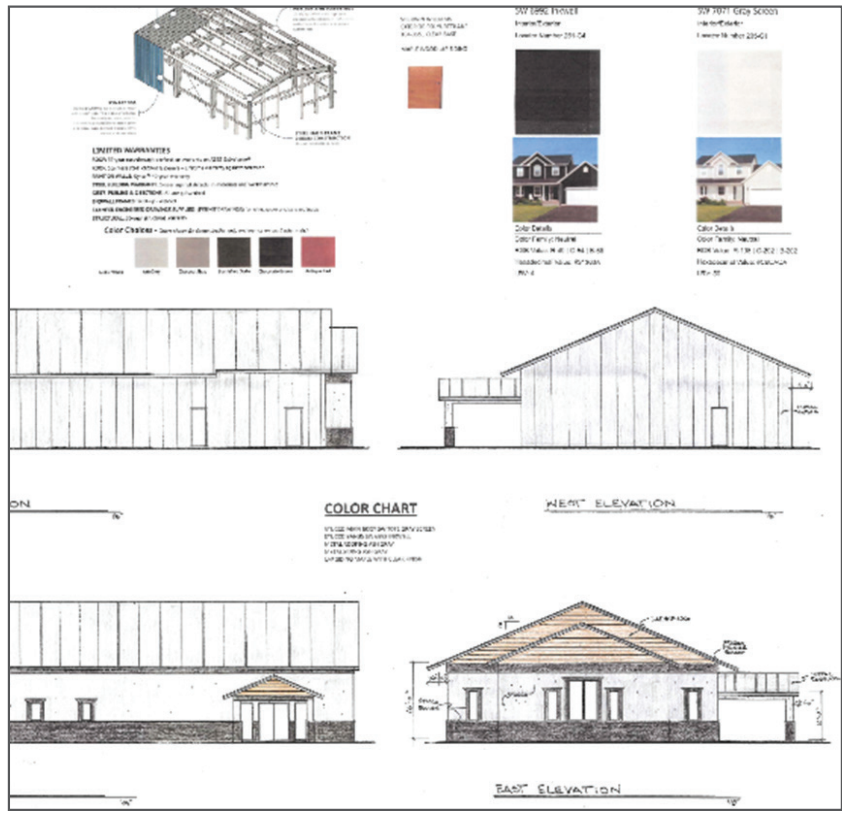


■ Harbour Isles Shoppes

The lot at 825 Seaway Drive will be developed into an 11,050 square foot commercial space that will give South Hutchinson Island a brand new location for commercial activity. The development will help to attract much need business to the Island. The commercial development will also give residents of the island more amenity options. The construction could bring a restaurant, retail space and or office space.

■ Discovery Church

The 2.1-acre lot at 4403 South 25th Street will be developed into a 7,200-square foot church. The building, which will seat 274 parishioners, will be a single-story design with a variety of architectural elements and textures. Their parking lot will be surrounded on all four sides by a substantial landscape screen full of trees, shrubs, and ground covers. The welcome addition of this church to the area will join neighbors Bible Baptist Church, Salem Church of God, and First Baptist Church of Fort Pierce immediately to the north, south, and west respectively.





■ Aquatic Weed Harvester

The City took delivery of its newest piece of equipment to aid in the fight against water pollution this past month. The Stormwater Management Utility purchased a Weedoo Aquatic Weed Harvester boat to be used for the removal of floating vegetation from the City's lakes and canals. Equipped with a hydraulic loader system and a boom cutter for cutting above and below the water surface, makes this machine a most efficient biomass removal system.

The degradation of our stormwater is brought about by the excess of nutrients, mainly phosphorus and nitrogen, coming from a multitude of sources such as excess fertilizer from agricultural crops and residential lawns, failing septic systems and animal waste. By allowing vegetation to grow in a controlled manner in the canals and lakes, these excess nutrients are absorbed into the floating aquatic plant life. These plants can now be "harvested" removing the nutrient laden biomass from our waterways.

VOLUNTEER



KEEP FORT PIERCE BEAUTIFUL GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 • 8AM - 12PM
PAL PARK ~ 903 S. 21ST ST

Volunteers needed! Help beautify Fort Pierce at the Great American Cleanup!

This annual event is an opportunity for volunteers to participate in a variety of beautification projects throughout our community. Volunteers will be provided with a FREE t-shirt, FREE BBQ lunch and the first 250 volunteers will receive a goody bag.

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.CITYOFFORTPIERCE.COM

Groups welcome • Approved for Community Service Hours





■ New Kayak Ramp in the works

A bulkhead has been constructed adjacent to the planned kayak ramp. The purpose of a bulkhead is to provide shoreline stabilization that retains soil and provides some protection from waves. The bulkhead has had an approved final inspection and construction of the parking lot and kayak ramp should proceed in the near future.



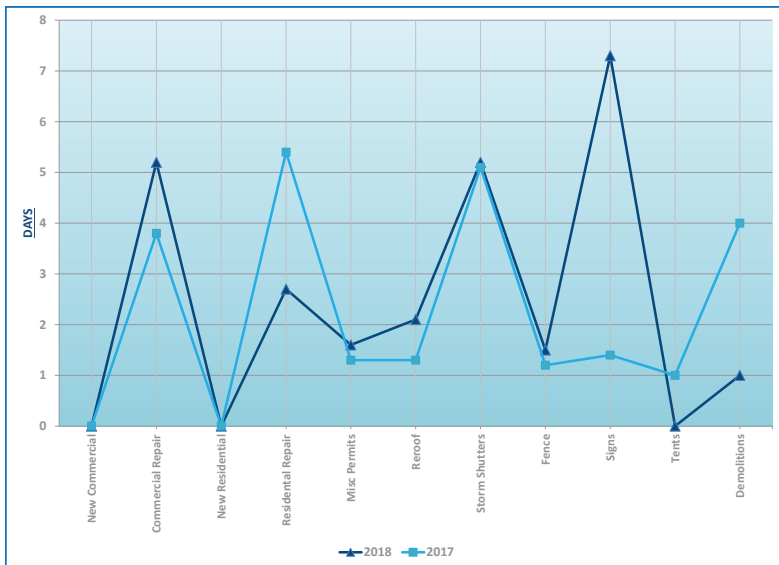
The Meadows at Bent Creek

Inspections are occurring almost daily. On the day this photo was taken, there were 18 homes actively being built in various stages of construction. The house shown above, at 4222 Birkdale Drive, recently passed a sheathing inspection. Sheathing, also known as roof decking, is inspected to verify that the wood is the correct thickness, the spacing between the roof trusses/rafters is correct, and that it is nailed down properly.

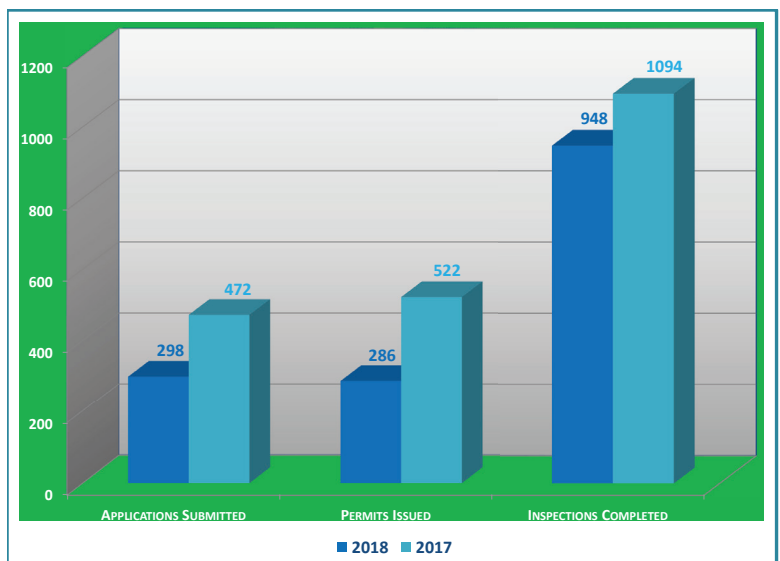
DECEMBER 2018

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.



BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITY REPORT





■ BY MIKE REALS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Hopefully everyone enjoyed their Holiday Season. The Public Works Department, Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Advisory Board and the Fort Pierce Tree Board are busy planning for the Great American Cleanup and Arbor Day.

A great big congratulations go out to the City of Fort Pierce Florida and all of our residents for achieving the 30th consecutive year of Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

This prestigious award program provides direction, assistance and national recognition for our community. It's the framework for a healthy, sustainable urban forestry program in our city.

Benefits are substantial:

- Reduced cost for energy, stormwater management and erosion control. Trees yield 3-5 times their cost in overall benefits to the city.
- Cut energy consumption by up to 25%. Studies indicate that as few as three additional trees planted around each building in the United States could save \$2 billion dollars in energy cost.
- Boost property values across our community. Properly placed trees can increase property values from 7- 20%.

- Build stronger ties to your neighborhood and community. Trees and green spaces directly correlate to greater connections to neighbors.

Arbor Day will be celebrated March 2, 2019 at the roundabout at 17th Street and Avenue Q at 9am Saturday morning. We are excited to announce that the Public Works Department will host this year's Great American Cleanup on Saturday morning March 2nd from 8am until 12 noon at the PAL building located at 903 South 21st Street in Fort Pierce.

Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program, which takes place annually in an estimated 20,000 communities nationwide. Participation in the Arbor Day Celebration and the Great American Cleanup program helps residents feel good about the place that they live and work. Annual recognition shows visitors and prospective residents that trees, conservation and the environment are important to our community.

We encourage all of our residents and guests to join us and support our community by volunteering your time to help Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful and teach our children the meaning of community pride.

From all of us at Fort Pierce Public Works, Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful and Fort Pierce Tree Board have a wonderful year and we're looking forward to meeting you at the Great American Cleanup March 2nd!



RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT

CLASSES	\$ 1581.21
PARK PERMITS	\$ 1050.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 1295.00
GARDEN CENTER	\$ 725.00
MARAVILLA CENTER	\$ 1150.00
OLD CITY HALL	\$ 1441.36
RIVER WALK CENTER	\$ 3588.49
TOTAL	\$ 10,831.06

DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

With January’s poor weather behind us, we look forward to a mild February and even better Spring. If you haven’t played The Hills in a while, we look forward to seeing you back! We know you’ll be impressed with the dramatically improved conditions and attitude throughout the facility. Certainly, it is a work in progress and will take a bit of time to be back to 100%, but we have made huge strides in a little over a year’s time. We have been steadily cleaning up the dead palm trees and vegetation that had become large and unruly throughout the course. These efforts will not only provide a cleaner look, but will help tremendously for grass growth and air flow.

You will notice a greater advertising presence moving forward focusing on our “NEW” Indian Hills through print, radio and a new TV commercial, which will air on Comcast spanning several channels in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach and expanding this year into Port St. Lucie for greater exposure. We now carry brands such as Callaway, Taylor Made, Footjoy, Puma and Ahead, among others. We are adding products weekly to cover all of your golf needs. This season, we are offering Men’s and Women’s golf shirts and shoes from Footjoy and Puma well below what the discount houses and online retailers are selling them for! We have incorporated new “Fort Pierce Sunrise City” headwear by Ahead and Men’s and Women’s solid Indian Hills logo golf shirts in both short and long sleeve from Cutter & Buck.

We Thank You all for your support!! We will welcome any suggestions you may offer in an attempt to improve our operation. We ask your cooperation in spreading the word within the community through both social media and word of mouth, our greatest form of advertising.



INDIAN HILLS SALES REPORT

	11/2018	12/2018
GOLF ROUNDS	2447	3737
GOLF FEES	\$53,911.27	\$107,495.71
RANGE TOKENS	\$1,467.64	\$2,190.64
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$3,387.46	\$6,963.37
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$5,841.97	\$7,218.10
MERCHANDISE	\$5,568.61	\$5,570.70
TOTAL	\$70,176.95	\$129,438.52



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Dockage Reservations	74	171	170
Monthly Dockage	\$217,943.51	\$130,208.85	\$137,011.46
Transient Dockage	\$21,679.25	\$52,578.97	\$53,535.16
Electricity	\$2,174.00	\$4,251.00	\$5,572.63
Retail	\$11,469.08	\$4,886.61	\$19,678.12
Gas Sales	\$25,670.15	\$15,594.27	\$24,617.27
Diesel Sales	\$59,352.91	\$110,142.97	\$98,106.12
TOTALS	\$335,288.90	\$336,804.05	\$338,520.76

7 ways to enjoy the Sunrise

SHARON ENGLE, Interim Executive Director

7 new year's resolutions you can actually stick with all year long. Try these easy, fun new year's resolutions in 2019. Go beyond the usual goals and make your new year's resolution something you actually want to do. This year, resolve to go to the theater more often — and see how much it can change your life.

Byline: Stepfanie Romine for Sunrise Theatre as the year winds down, it's time to reflect on the past 12 months and plan for the coming year. What do you resolve to do differently in 2019? How would you like to change your life? Make this the year you finally do what you've always wanted to do. Go beyond the usual goals — especially if you haven't stuck with them in the past (about 44% of Americans made new year's resolutions in 2018, with "being a better person" and "losing weight" topping the list of goals). One of the secrets to sticking with a resolution is to choose something you actually want to do. Consider setting some new goals this year, as a way to build community, embrace the arts and even boost brain health. Here are seven new year's resolutions to try in 2019.

1. Shake up date night. We can all get caught up in the day to day minutiae of life, leaving little time to really be present with your partner or spouse. This year, make date night a priority. Dinner and a show once a month (or more) will give you something to look forward to — and plenty to discuss afterward. If you struggle to find time to get away, consider scheduling date night on your calendar like you would any other appointment or event. And, buying tickets to a night with Tony Bennett or another show can help ensure that your fun night out actually happens.

2. Embrace the arts. Make a trip to the theater a family affair this year. Quarterly

or monthly visits to see plays and musicals can help foster tolerance and empathy among students. Reading or watching a movie doesn't offer the same benefits (though they're both good, too), according to research. The whole family is sure to like *Beauty and the Beast* and *Legally Blonde The Musical*.

3. Buy a membership. If you're already a casual theatergoer, step up your commitment this year. Connect with and support your community, and feel like you're part of something special by becoming a member of Sunrise Theatre. Sunrise has been a part of the historic downtown Fort Pierce community for nearly 100 years, and your support ensures that you don't have to leave your hometown to enjoy the arts.



4. Laugh more. Lighten up and have a chuckle — it's good for your health. That's right! Laughter has been shown to have significant health benefits, including boosting your mood, releasing feel-good hormones, letting go of tension, improving your immune health, relieving pain and helping increase oxygen intake. (No joke!) This year, make giggles, guffaws and full-on belly laughs part of your wellness plan. Start with tickets to a comedy act like *Sinbad*.

5. Try something new. In our brains, the neurons that fire together wire together. So, if you do the same things over and over, you're creating pathways in the brain — you'll want to stick with what you

know. Thankfully, you can retrain your brain, building new pathways by trying new things. That doesn't mean you have to give up all your old favorite habits and routines — like relaxing on the couch. Just do something new once in a while to keep your brain healthy. One fun way? Go to a show that's a little different from what you normally choose. Maybe it's *iLuminate - As Seen on America's Got Talent* or *The New Shanghai Circus*.

6. Connect with friends and neighbors. Surveys show that loneliness is a real problem. The antidote? Connection. If you want to get out and try new things — like going to the theater — but don't want to go alone, ask around. Chances are, there are others in your neighborhood, workplace or community who also want more opportunities to connect with others. Monthly meetups for a night at the

theater are fun, inspiring way to build new friendships and strengthen existing ones.

7. Volunteer your time. Another great goal to set this year is volunteering — you can feel good about helping others and spend time with a fun group of like-minded people. Sunrise Theatre is a member-supported, volunteer-assisted organization that relies on the help of the local community. Connect with Sunrise's 600 plus members and more than 200 volunteers and feel like you're truly a part of something special. Visit the Sunrise Theatre website for a complete listing of confirmed shows and membership information. Or call the Sunrise box office at 772-461-4775.

SUNRISE THEATRE FINANCIAL REPORT

Date	Show	Ticket Sales	Bar	Miscellaneous Revenue	Total Revenue
12/13	Midtown Men	\$29,402.78	\$1,727.00	\$ 24.78	\$31,154.56
12/26	Nutcracker	\$29,357.80	\$1,593.00	\$ 48.03	\$30,998.83
12/21	Sound of the Season	NA	NA	NA	NA
12/28	We Leap	\$120.00	\$26.00	NA	\$146.00
Date	Rental	Total Sales	Bar	Miscellaneous Revenue	Total Revenue
12/1	Nick Schnebelen	\$1,560.56	\$494.00	\$ 200.00	\$2,254.56
12/7	Dominick Farinacci	\$1,216.00	\$353.00	\$ 200.00	\$1,769.00
12/8&9	The Christmas Carol	\$31,262.42	\$3,456.00	\$4,942.95	\$39,661.37
12/14	Treasure Coast Youth Ballet/Nutcracker	\$11,808.75	\$1,317.00	\$2,930.00	\$16,055.75
12/16	SLDT/Winter Wardrobe	\$5,440.76	\$543.00	\$4,032.65	\$10,016.41
12/20	St. Andrews Christmas Show	\$6,597.00	\$1,527.00	\$.06750	\$10,191.50
12/1~31	Comedy Corner	\$1,000.00	\$542.00	NA	\$1,542.00
12/1~31	Jazz Jam	\$580.00	\$421.00	NA	\$1,001.00
TOTALS		\$118,346.07	\$11,999.00	\$14,445.91	\$144,790.98



#FortMade - Phatz Chick-n-Shack

Follow us on Social Media as we continue to share #FortMade stories about the unique and creative people living the Fort Pierce dream. This city wouldn't be the same without the wonderful people in our community.

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 AABAA INTERNATIONAL INC
 ARCHIBALD, KRYSTAL
 ASTA PARKING, INC.
 AVALON 601
 B&K TRAFFIC SCHOOL, LLC
 BMLF DME LLC
 CAMPALA, GINA M., LMT
 COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE

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 GLAM GROOMING
 HEAVIN PROPERTIES LLC
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 LAW OFFICES OF RUSH LAWSON, P.
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 QPI HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC
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 TAX CITY
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
FORT PIERCE FARMER'S MARKET	EVERY SATURDAY	8:00 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
FRIDAY FEST	2/1	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	MARINA SQUARE
STATE OF THE CITY	2/12	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	SUNRISE THEATRE
COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR	2/15	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	FORT PIERCE YACHT CLUB
ANNUAL HIGHWAYMEN FESTIVAL	2/16	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	MOORES CREEK & 8th ST.
MOVIES IN THE FORT	2/22	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	RIVER WALK CENTER
MOVIES IN THE FORT	2/28	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	MEANS COURT 532 N. 13TH ST.



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