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SAVING HISTORY

BY JENNIFER HOFMEISTER, PLANNING DIRECTOR



A significant contribution to Fort Pierce's distinct character and charm is its rich history and iconic historic structures. Fort Pierce is fortunate to have still standing many of the original structures in a variety of architectural styles representing the various periods of City development. Regrettably, over the years, many of these structures have been altered, poorly maintained or sadly, demolished. Preservation of the City's historical structures is guided through Chapter 23, of the City Code. The purpose of Chapter 23, referred to as the City's Historic Preservation Chapter, is the preservation of historic and archeological sites, structures and districts.

Through the establishment of the Historic Preservation Board and Historic Preservation Officer, the City is charged with promoting the health, safety, education, cultural and economic welfare of the public by preserving and protecting properties of historical, cultural, archaeological, aesthetic and architectural merit as these qualities serve as visual reminders of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, scientific, religious, and architectural history.

Furthermore, it is the purpose of this chapter to strengthen the economy of the City by stabilizing and improving

property values in historic areas, combating urban decay through rehabilitation and revitalization, and encouraging quality new construction and developments that are harmonious with neighboring historic structures.

This article features two (2) neighboring homes, located at 207 and 209 Avenue D within the Edgartown Historic District. Dating back to the 1870's, Edgartown is the earliest settlement in Fort Pierce and consisted of 122 lots in 10 blocks. In 2001, the Fort Pierce City Commission formally designated Edgartown as a Historic District by Resolution No. 01-180.



207 Avenue D - Previous Condition



207 Avenue D - Current Condition

Fortunately, today, many of the original homes have been renovated to remain as residential or have been repurposed into office, restaurant and retail uses. The story of these two structures has a happy ending.

The first home to be featured is located at 207 Avenue D and was constructed according to the Florida Master Site File circa 1924. Over the years much of the building suffered decay and the historic elements that contributed to the home were being overshadowed. The siding as shown on the “Before” picture was only partially original and all of which was severely damaged to the point which necessitated replacement. In October 2019, the owners requested approval by the Historic Preservation Board to renovate this two-story gable roof, Vernacular Frame home and preserve the historic elements that include a tiered porch, center entrance, drop siding exterior wall fabric and 1/1 double-hung sash windows. Although the work is not complete as landscaping and the driveway, among other accompaniments, have not yet been installed, the transformation is spectacular! To keep all involved in this process, when complete, those pictures will be posted in that addition of the City Manager’s Report. The efforts of the owners of 207 Avenue D had a contagious effect. Just next door at 209 Avenue D is the second featured home and is also a historically contributing structure. As one of the oldest in the City, this home dates back to 1900!

The home is a two-story gable roof, Frame Vernacular structure with such notable architectural features as a tiered porch, center entrance, drop siding exterior wall fabric and

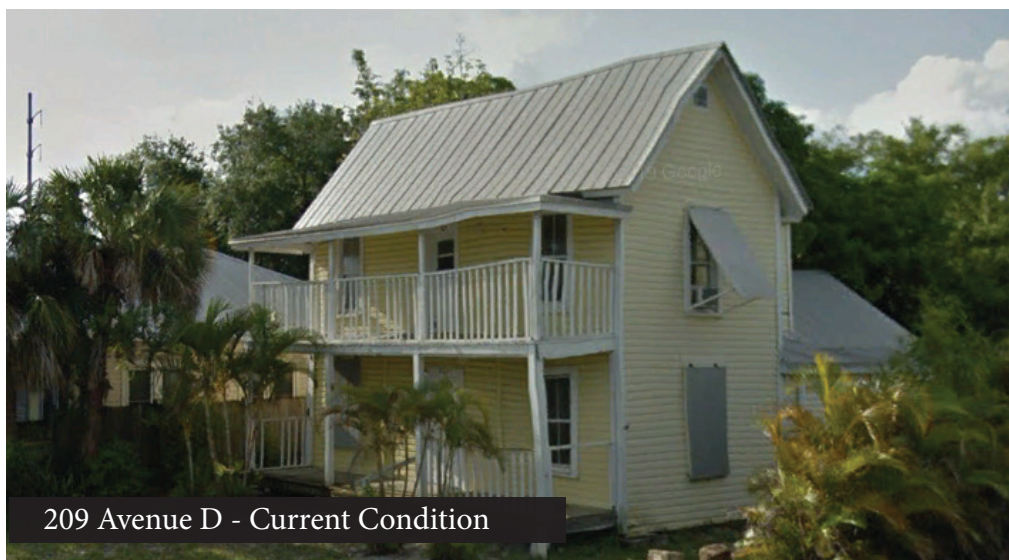
1/1 double-hung sash windows. This structure has been in poor condition due to lack of maintenance. Pursuant to Code Section 23-63, where the Historic Preservation Board or Board's staff determines that any improvement within a designated historic site or historic district is endangered by lack of maintenance and repair, or that other improvements in visual proximity to a historic site or historic district lack maintenance and repair to such an extent as to detract from the desirable character of the historic site or historic district, such determination shall be reported to the department of building and code enforcement. The City, after receiving much complaint, inspected the home and cited the then-owners to either fix the house or demolish it. An application for demolition was submitted and a meeting scheduled to go before the Historic Preservation Board for consideration.

Specific sections of Chapter 23 are intended to guide the decision-making process as it relates to the demolition of historic structures. Those statements are further supported within Resolution 01-180 that designated Edgartown Historic District, for "the people of Fort Pierce desire to protect and preserve in perpetuity those sites of outstanding historic, archaeological and architectural character". The structure located at 209 Avenue D was built 120 years ago!

With the significance of this in mind and understanding that it is the Historic Preservation Officer's duty to uphold the interests of the public and make all possible effort to save historic structures, the Historic Preservation Board ultimately voted against the demolition at their December 9, 2019 Historic Preservation meeting. Following the meeting there was



209 Avenue D - Historic Rendering



209 Avenue D - Current Condition

much buzz around town that offers to purchase the building were on the table. In February 2020, a couple purchased the home to renovate and raise their family! Permits for interior and exterior renovations are forthcoming. As with 207 Avenue D, when the renovation is complete, the finishing touches will be presented in that City Manager's Report.

The need to encourage and support this movement in preservation and rehabilitation is becoming increasingly relevant as our historic structures will only continue to age. As maintenance is the responsibility of the owner of

a structure that is either individually designated or within a historic district; if left unattended to, the damage builds up and the repairs too often become financially challenging. Having said that, the City Planning Department is currently researching means to build a financial arm to assist our residents in the restoration of historic structures as so much of our City's history is held within these buildings. Preserving them strengthens our identity, fosters continuing economic vitality, and can serve as an inspiration for architects and property owners by setting a high standard of architectural and artistic quality.



ROLL CALL

The Fort Pierce Police Department holds front porch roll calls four times a day at different locations around the city. Roll calls are brief information sharing sessions between officers and shift supervisors prior to the start of a shift and the idea of having roll calls at different locations is to allow the officers to connect more with our community.

On March 2, 2020, the 8:00 a.m. roll call was held at C.A. Moore Elementary school where officers took part in a national campaign to stand up against violence and bullying. This is part of the Sandy Hook Promise's "Say Something" program, an initiative to reduce violence in school. All the arriving students were greeted by officers and school staff with encouraging posters and greetings.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLORIDA

The Fort Pierce Police Department held another Tip A Cop event on March 5, 2020 at the Second Street Bistro in downtown Fort Pierce, Florida. A huge thank you to all who came to everyone who came to support this event. With all your help and support, we raised over \$1700 for Special Olympics Florida. With the community's support, over \$4500 so far at the three Special Olympics Florida fundraisers.

SPRING IN FULL SWING



The City of Fort Pierce Community Garden is thriving! Its plants, flowers, new sign and garden beds are looking exceptionally beautiful and that is in part to the efforts that were contributed at this year's Great American Cleanup on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Volunteers for this event met at the City's Recreation Center, were given their assignments, and headed to C.A. Moore Elementary and the City of Fort Pierce Community Garden.

It was at these locations that volunteers spent time planting, weeding, cleaning and enhancing the gardens. It truly was an amazing opportunity and we are excited more than ever as we jump into the new season.

With spring in full swing, we are planning more events and activities at the City of Fort Pierce Community Garden as we hope to have a cleanup party in April and a camp for kids in June or July. It really is a wonderful place for spending time in the sunshine and coming together as a community and we are super excited for this spring season!

Garden plots are currently available and ready to be planted. For more information please contact Kaitlyn Ballard, Community Resource Specialist at 772.467.3183 or kballard@cityoffortpierce.com

CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT

Indian Hills Recreation Area Multi-Use Trail Improvements:



Construction of this 12' wide concrete trail is scheduled to begin early summer of 2020. This trail will follow the existing rock trail through the Indian Hills Recreation Area, starting at the south end near the FEC spur track, south of Savannah Road, and continue north to Indian Hills Drive; a total distance of 0.85 miles.

This trail is funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation through their SUN trail program. Ultimately this trail section will become part of the East Coast Greenway System, a nearly 3000 mile trail project extending from Canada to Key West.

Bids for construction were received on March 25, 2020 and are currently being evaluated. We are anticipating having a recommendation for bid award before the City Commission at their April 20, 2020 meeting.



South 7th Street Reconstruction:

A final inspection of the construction project was conducted on March 20, 2020. The contractor is currently addressing punch list items.

Intracoastal Waterway Dredging:

The Army Corps of Engineers has requested the City to dredge a section of the IWW to the east of Tern Island. Gator Dredging started dredge operations February 26, 2020. To date Contractor has removed 5,700 cu. yds. of material from the project template. Operations are expected to be completed by April 10, 2020.



OHIO & US 1 REALIGNMENT

Construction is complete, and a final inspection is scheduled for April 1, 2020 with the contractor, Ft. Pierce staff, and FDOT personnel.

WHAT'S NEW?



Gander RV & Outdoors

Gander RV & Outdoors located at 2121 S. Jenkins Rd., is the latest new business taking advantage of the Building Department's Temporary Use Program. The Temporary Use Program is an incentive that allows new businesses to open once all life safety inspections have been approved, any major concerns have been remedied and only minor deficiencies exist. The Temporary Use Program is available to most new commercial buildings.



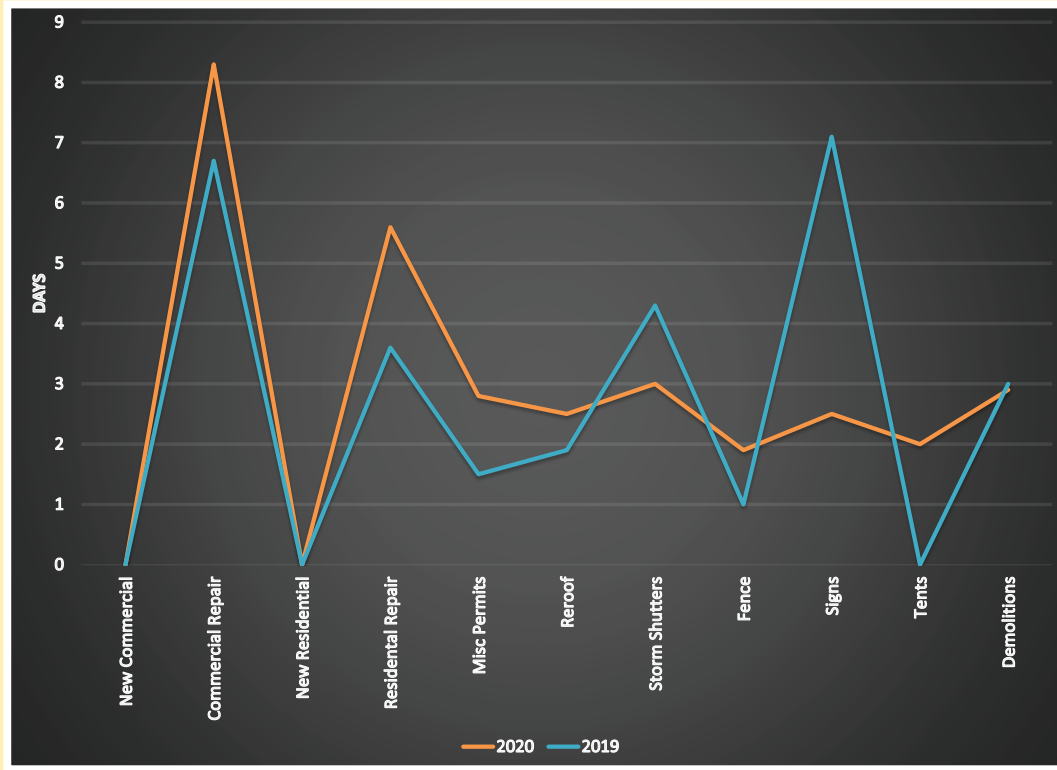
COMING SOON!

Planet Fitness is coming soon to the Town South Plaza located at the northwest corner of US Hwy 1 & Midway Rd. (4771 S US Hwy 1).

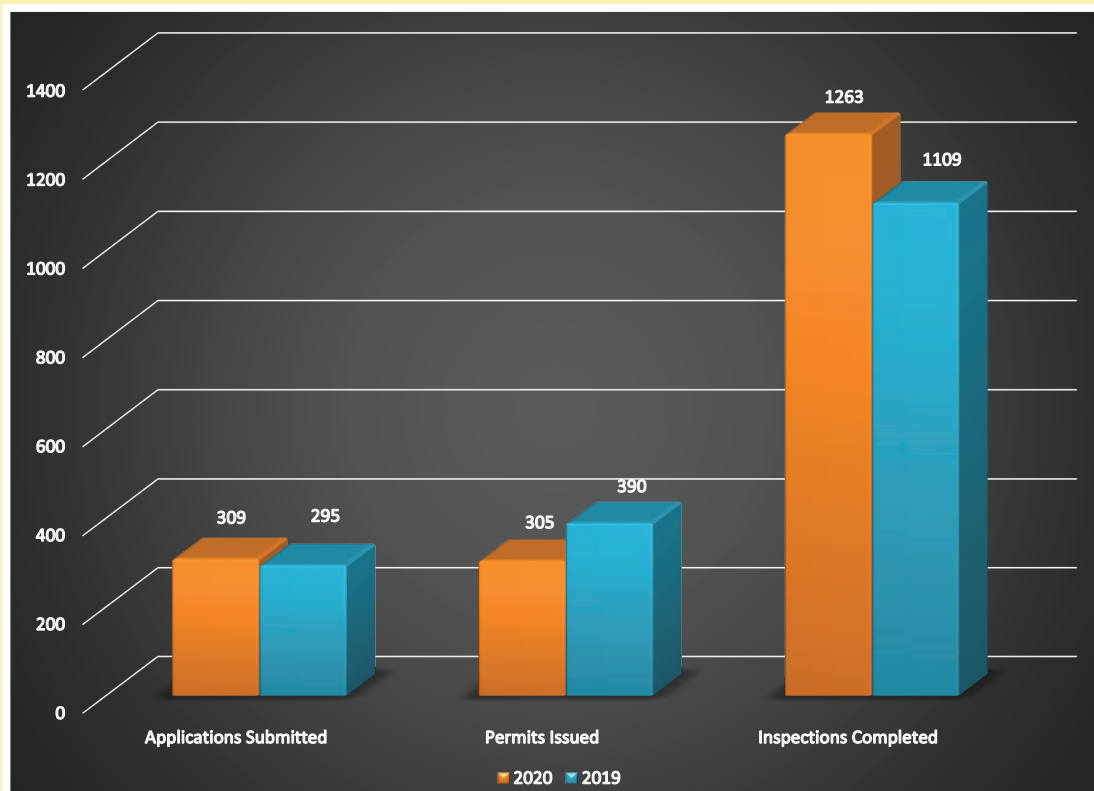
BUILDING CHARTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

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.



ACTIVITY REPORT





PAUL BERTRAM, PARKS AND GROUNDS DIVISION MANAGER

The Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program, which takes place annually in an estimated 15,000 communities nationwide. The Great American Cleanup prompts individuals to take greater responsibility for their local environment by conducting community service projects that engage volunteers.

Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Board held our Great American Cleanup on Saturday March 7, 2020. The event was a great success with over 225 volunteers showing up to volunteer and show their support for Keeping Fort Pierce beautiful. The Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Board and the Tree Board planned and organized four projects for this year's event.

Tree City USA-Arbor Day Celebration was held at Jaycee Park. Volunteers planted trees, shrubs and sod on Melaleuca Dr. Our Fort Pierce Lions Club also installed a beach handicap access mat at one of the picnic pavilions on the river to be able to access the water.

Indian Hills Recreation Area volunteers cleaned the park, removed staking from the palms and removed dead plant material near the walking paths.

Chester A. Moore Elementary School volunteers planted a beautiful hydroponic garden, flowers and vegetables for a total 5 new gardens. These volunteers were so energetic they made time to also work at the City of Fort Pierce Community Garden.

Jetty Park volunteers painted the entire beach observation boardwalk at the park. Graffiti Abatement Educational Program toured the city and learned about graffiti and what's involved with removing graffiti in public places. The success of this educational program has helped to reduce the amount of graffiti in the City of Fort Pierce. Solid Waste collected over 9 tons of debris citywide this year.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this year's event successful. With well over two hundred volunteers the message of Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful reached all corners of our beautiful city.

The Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Board would also like to thank all of our sponsors and groups that volunteered at the event this year; the Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager and Department Directors, Fort Pierce Public Works, Fort Pierce Utilities, Fort Pierce Police, Fort Pierce Code Enforcement, Fort Pierce Garden Club and the Fort Pierce Lions Club.

Please come out and support our Annual Great American Cleanup next year and thanks again for helping to keep Fort Pierce Beautiful.



RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

CLASSES		\$ 2,962.62
PARK PERMITS		\$ 2,287.50
SPECIAL EVENTS		\$ 2,175.00
FACILITY		\$ 5,253.16
TOTAL		\$ 12,678.28



DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

We have been fighting through this virus for weeks now, going above and beyond to protect the health and safety of our members and guests. Before each use, our golf carts are pressure washed and wiped down with a disinfectant. The rakes have been removed from the course as have the drinking water coolers. We have added a “stopper” to the bottom of each flag stick so you no longer have to reach into the cup to retrieve your ball. All door knobs, faucet handles and counters are being wiped extensively throughout the day with bleach. Even the light fixtures are taped in the ON position each morning to eliminate contact.

We understand that everyone is going a bit stir crazy with little to no outdoor activity available so we hope that everyone is doing their best to protect themselves and those around them to prevent the spread of this virus.

Word of mouth is our greatest form of advertising, so we ask if you’ve played here and enjoyed the changes we’re making, please tell a friend....or two!

If there’s something we can improve upon...tell US so we can keep getting better! We thank all of our members and guests for their support and we ask that you please “Like” and “Follow Us” on Facebook or Instagram to see almost daily updates on the golf course and our ongoing maintenance projects.

**INDIAN HILLS
SALES REPORT**

	1/2020	2/2020
GOLF ROUNDS	3740	4183
GOLF FEES	\$111,885.06	\$125,131.62
RANGE TOKENS	\$2,308.83	\$3,082.72
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$3,156.57	\$1,013.83
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$7,962.19	\$7,027.35
MERCHANDISE	\$5,458.09	\$7,116.46
TOTAL	\$130,770.74	\$145,292.98



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Dockage Reservations	136	211	146
Monthly Dockage	\$133,279.74	\$125,397.06	\$133,691.26
Transient Dockage	\$48,032.40	\$51,730.87	\$54,220.33
Electricity	\$4,843.14	\$4,963.73	\$5,050.47
Retail	\$9,659.90	\$13,572.34	\$15,235.68
Gas Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0
Diesel Sales	\$72,206.01	\$63,764.85	\$10,885.70
TOTALS	\$268,021.19	\$259,428.85	\$219,083.44

WE'LL BE BACK

With the best interests of our community in mind, all public performances at the Sunrise Theatre for the Performing Arts and Black Box will be postponed or cancelled through April. This decision was based on information provided by the CDC, state and local health officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"The well being of our guests, artists, staff and volunteers is of paramount importance, and in these challenging times, our community will be best served by postponing our performances," said Sharon Engle, Sunrise Theatre Executive Director. "We appreciate the continued leadership of our public officials and we remain prepared to respond to evolving circumstances."

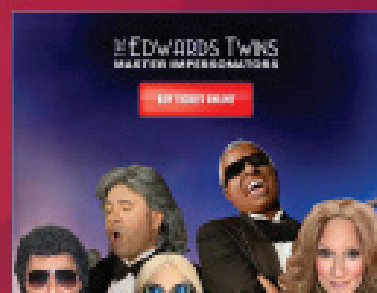
Keeping your tickets guarantees your same seat. You always have the option for a refund when the new date is announced. With very few exceptions, most performances are postponed, not cancelled. We are working diligently with presenting partners and artist management to reschedule performances that were originally scheduled through April and into May, 2020.

Please give us the next few weeks to announce new dates before requesting a refund. Visit our website for the most up-to-date status on each event.

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, we are only processing requests on tickets

2020 SCHEDULE CHANGES

NEW DATES FOR OUR 2020 SHOWS



RESCHEDULED
JANUARY 21, 2021



RESCHEDULED
JANUARY 27, 2021

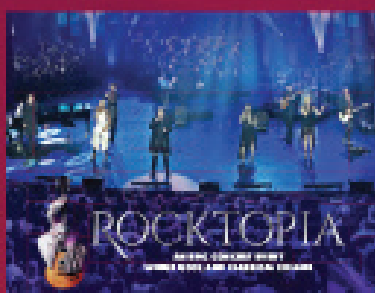
purchased from the Sunrise Theatre for performances scheduled through April. This allows us to service the high volume of guests holding tickets directly impacted by the paused performances through April. Your patience allows our team to direct our resources where it most benefits you, our customers. Visit our FAQ page for answers and details on cancellations.

Contact us via email at srtbox@sunrisetheatre.com for the most efficient response time. Please provide your name, address, phone number, order and/or account number, performance, and email address, so that we may research your order.

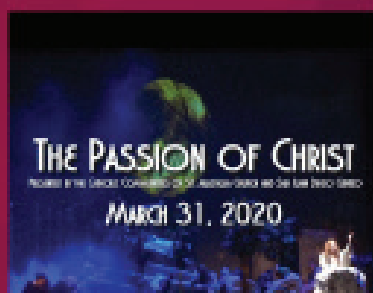
Your question or concern will be logged and communicated to the appropriate staff to ensure a swift response while call volume remains high at this time. 772-461-4775 | Sunrise Theatre Box Office, Monday–Friday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Note, call volume is extremely high at this time.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

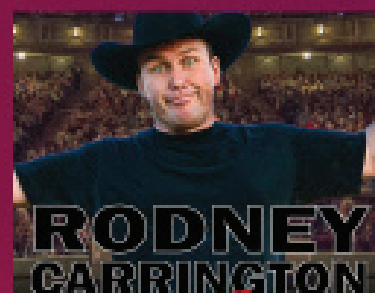
Please inform us if your contact information has changed since purchasing your tickets. This would include your current email, mail address and the best phone number to reach you. We will remain in communication with you during this unprecedented hiatus with more details about new dates for the postponed performances. Thank you for your patience while we diligently work to reschedule many artists and performances.



CANCELLED



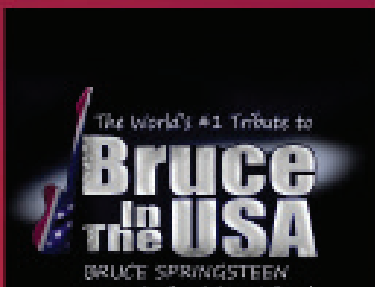
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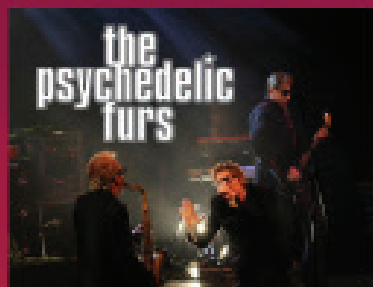
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JULY 10, 2020**



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NOVEMBER 21, 2020**



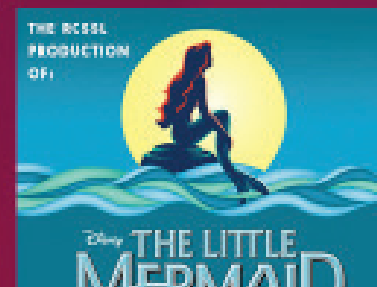
**RESCHEDULED
JULY 18, 2020**



NEW DATE TBD



**RESCHEDULED
MAY 8, 2021**



**RESCHEDULED
JUNE 22-28, 2020**

SUNRISE THEATRE FINANCIAL REPORT

Date	Show	Ticket Sales	Bar	Miscellaneous	Total Revenue
2/1/2020	The Bronx Tale	50,629.50	1,626.31	304.30	52,560.11
2/5/2020	Kris Kristofferson/ CoPro AEG	65,278.50	3,615.18	317.33	69,211.01
2/11/2020	Street Beat / Childrens Show	N/A		606.00	606.00
2/15/2020	Abba Mania	41,526.00	2,666.12		44,192.12
2/20/2020	Catapult	13,975.80	915.47		14,891.27
2/22/2020	Beach Boys	98,832.00	4,386.35	3,572.80	106,791.15
2/23/2020	Dinosaur World Live	11,813.00	758.38	257.00	12,828.38
2/27/2020	Hotel California	48,908.50	3,699.44	145.00	52,752.94
	RENTALS				
2/8/2020	Bring Back The Memories	39,820.00	1,491.92		41,311.92
2/9/2020	Cirque Diabolo	10,410.00	588.12	3,012.07	14,010.19
2/12/2020	Nearly Nicks	12,125.00	1,939.64	4,833.50	18,898.14
2/14/2020	Motown Band	29,998.00	2,358.66		32,356.66
2/16/2020	The Man in Black	31,595.00	1,336.43		32,931.43
2/25/2020	State of The City Address	N/A		1,000.00	1,000.00
2/1 ~29/20	Soul Jam	212.00	272.53		484.53
2/1 ~29/20	Jazz Jam - BB	1,820.00	989.55		2,809.55
2/1 ~29/20	Comedy Corner - BB	4,025.00	1,074.00		5,099.00
	TOTALS	\$460,968.30	\$27,718.10	\$8,833.50	\$502,734.40



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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