

# FORT PIERCE INSIDER





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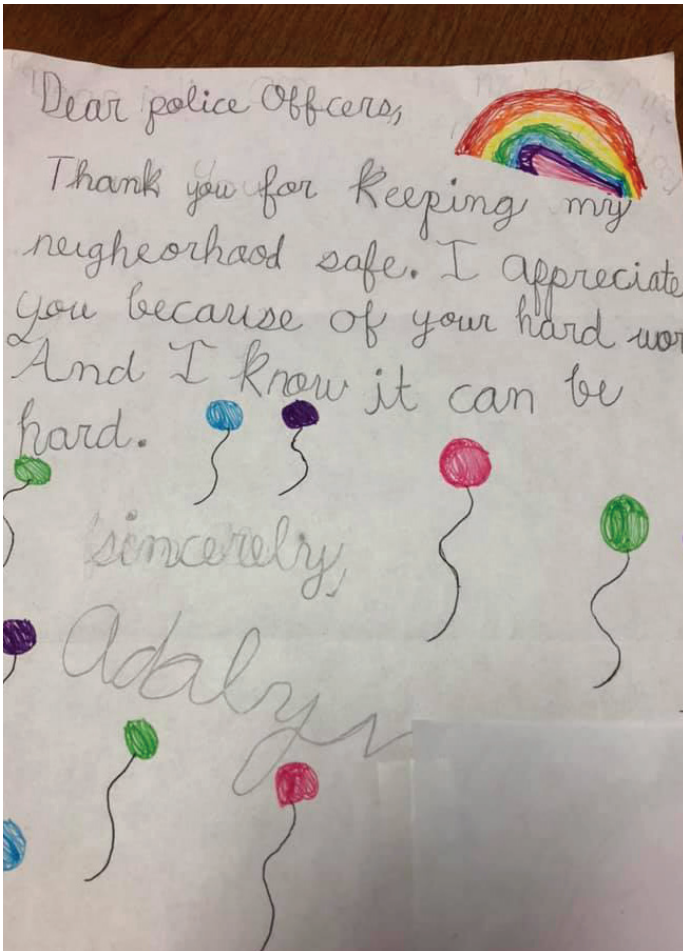
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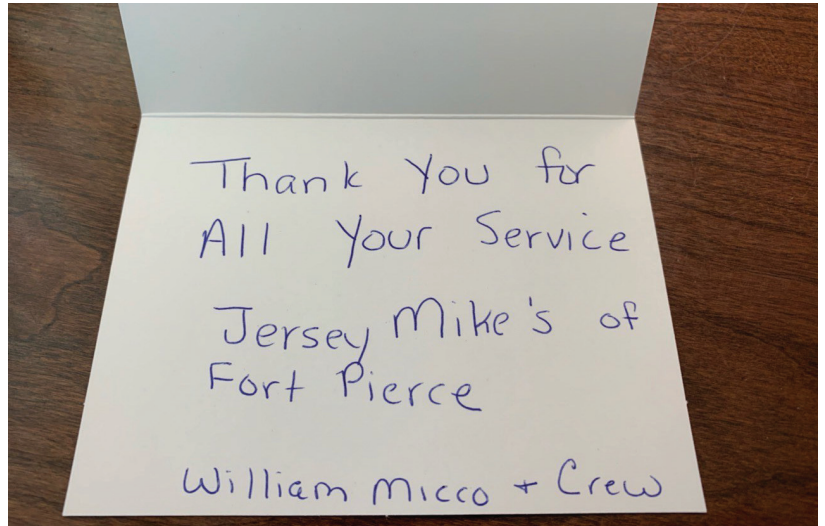
The Fort Pierce Police Department would like to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to Miss Laura Krecic for donating the beautiful sign that was installed in front of the police department by Ashley of "Card my Yard". It was a huge surprise to the department and it brought many smiles to our team.

From longtime businesses to our citizens, the Fort Pierce Police Department has been showered with tons of support from our community. Since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic within our City, being on the frontlines along with healthcare works, store clerks, etc, life as we once knew it has changed. While we hope that this is only a temporary situation, the Fort Pierce Police Department greatly appreciates the community's support. That support has come in many different forms over the past few weeks. From donations





of personal protection gear to lunch being delivered and the men and women of the police department are so appreciative of the thoughtfulness and kindness showered upon them. We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals: PepsiCo Distribution Center of Fort Pierce, Charlie Wolfe, Jersey Mike's Subs in Fort Pierce, Papa Johns Pizza in Fort Pierce, Publix Sabal Palm Plaza, Treasure Coast Chinese American Relief Effort, Groza Builders Inc., RUSH Jensen Beach Extreme Trampoline Park, Don Spaeth and the Freedom Boat Club of Fort Pierce, Shiner Law Firm in Boca Raton, and Howard Dunn, Jr of Dunn's Tractor Service.



### SHINE A LITTLE LOVE!

The Fort Pierce Police Department was very honored to participate in Brian Collins' video, "Shine A Little Love 2020". During this temporary season we now call the COVID-19 Pandemic, we could all benefit from this anthem. The video can be found at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCDxMPDFU3w>

# MAKE FORT PIERCE COUNT. ✓

LET'S **GET OUR FAIR SHARE** OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR:



**SCHOOLS**



**ROADS & SIDEWALKS**



**HOSPITALS**



**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Why is being counted important?** If you are new to our community or a long-term resident, whether you're a renter or a homeowner, a U.S. citizen or not, YOU are OUR neighbor and together WE ALL COUNT! **Did you know that APPROXIMATELY \$675 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING IS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITIES EACH YEAR. IF WE DO NOT REGISTER WITH THE U.S. CENSUS OUR CITY GETS LESS IN FEDERAL FUNDING.**

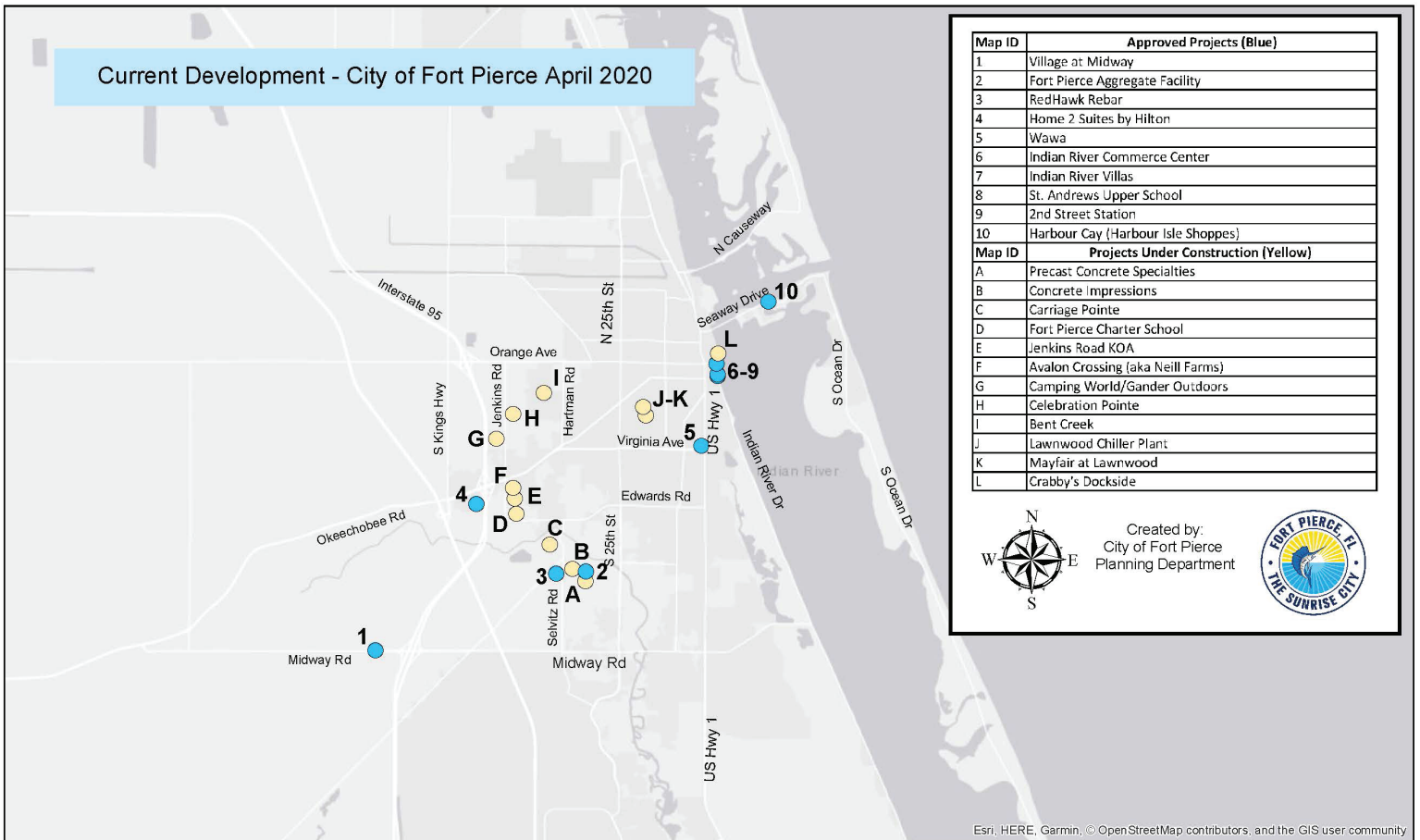
- ✓ *If you have your census mailing, send it by mail. There is no postage necessary.*
- ✓ *If you no longer have your census mailing but have a computer, go online to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)*
- ✓ *If you need to complete the 2020 Census over the phone with a Census Assistance representative, call 1-844-330-2020*
- ✓ *If you need further assistance, please call the City of Fort Pierce Planning Department at 772-467-3737 for assistance.*



# TOGETHER, WE COUNT

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# CURRENT DEVELOPMENT & PROJECTS



Provided are current and ongoing projects that have been approved or under construction in the City of Fort Pierce. The Planning Department will be showcasing particular projects of interest that are under review in the upcoming City Manager reports. This month is an update on development approved and underway.

## APPROVED PROJECTS

### 1. Village at Midway

This project was approved as a commercial and industrial park with a separate residential component that will provide the development community to relocate or start their industrial or commercial industries.

### 2. Fort Pierce Aggregate Facility

This project was approved as a two-

phased aggregate recycling facility for office and warehouse space.

### 3. RedHawk Rebar

This project was approved as a prefabricated metal Light-Industrial Building with attached administrative offices, using natural oolitic stone, bright earthy colors, and decorative metal venting to blend with the existing site. Integrating eco-friendly aspects such as solar panels, natural cooling systems and on-site nature preservation areas.

### 4. Home 2 Suites by Hilton

This project was approved as a 95-room hotel consisting of four-stories, with an outdoor space, including a pool. The total building size is 58,083 square feet. The hotel provides for an increase in visitor accommoda-

tions to the City, as it will be built within close proximity to 5 other hotels.

### 5. Wawa

This project was approved as a gas station and a 5,943 square feet high-end convenience store. The fuel canopy will service 16 cars at a time and will be similar in appearance and operation as the existing WAWA located at the corner of Okeechobee Road and Jenkins Road.

### 6. Indian River Commerce Center

This project was approved as a five (5) story mixed use development consisting of 10 multi-family units, 13,825 square feet of office and 8,186 square feet of retail.

**7. Indian River Villas**

This project was approved as a three (3) story, 12-unit multi-family development consisting of six (6) two-unit buildings with garages fronting South Indian River Drive.

**8. St. Andrews Upper School**

This project was approved as a Conditional Use approval to expand its private school operations, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Academy into the subject facility. The expansion will provide classrooms for the existing Middle school operation as well at their newly formed High-school.

**9. 2nd Street Station**

This project was approved as a 4,986 square foot mercantile and business building in the heart of downtown Fort Pierce.

**10. Harbour Cay Shoppes**

This project was approved as a 10,530 square foot multi-use retail building for restaurant and retail use. The project is part of the overall Harbour Isles Planned Development.

**PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

**A. Precast Concrete Specialists**

This project was approved as a 76,100 square foot precast concrete production facility in multiple phases, located on a 75-acre parcel adjacent to Fort Pierce Central High School.

**B. Concrete Impressions**

The project was approved though the building permit process for the operation of a concrete facility in the Selvitz Road industrial area. The project area is approximately 18.51 acres and the primary function of the business is concrete casting of items such as barrier walls and light poles. The project is currently under construction.

**C. Carriage Pointe**

The project was approved as a 131-unit single-family home development that was previously approved in St. Lucie County. The project was annexed into the City of Fort Pierce in the mid 2000’s.

**D. Fort Pierce Charter School**

This project was approved as a one-story, 30,906 square foot Charter School to serve 570 students, grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. The project is currently under construction and it is anticipated that the school will be open for the 2020-2021 school year.

**E. Jenkins Road KOA**

This project was approved as a three-phased development for campground use that will feature RV lots and recreation amenities. The 1st phase will consist of 117 total RV lots along with an administration building, pool, a lake, and recreational amenities. The 2nd phase will consist of 80 RV lots, a lake, and additional amenities. The 3rd phase will consist of 126 RV lots, the 2nd portion of the administration building, and shuffleboard courts.

**F. Avalon Crossing**

This project was approved as a 303-lot residential development for both single family homes and duplexes. This project was a resurrection of a project of a similar nature that was approved in 2005 that was abandoned by the developer. The project is currently under construction.

**G. Camping World/Gander Outdoors**

This project was approved as a 17,750 square feet Gander Outdoor-Retail store and a 15,035 square feet Gander RV dealership.

**H. Celebration Pointe**

This project was approved as a single-family home and townhouse development that was previously approved in St. Lucie County. The project was annexed into the City of Fort Pierce in 2017. The project is approved for 755 total residential units with 318 single family homes, 292 single story villas and 145 two story villas.

**I. Bent Creek**

This project was approved as a phased development consisting of 692-unit single family units with community amenities and a public park.

**J. Lawnwood Chiller Plant**

This project was approved as the first phase of Lawnwood Medical Regional Center’s expansion project, consisting of a new state of the art chiller plant with screening, outdoor fuel tanks with screening, and additional parking.

**K. Mayfair at Lawnwood**

This project was approved as a 220-unit multi-family development adjacent to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center.

**L. Crabby’s**

This project was approved to renovate the site of the former Tiki Bar to make room for a two (2)-story 6,966 square foot restaurant.

**M. 7-Eleven**

This project was approved as a 3,000 square foot 7-Eleven convenience store and gasoline service station with a 900-square foot car wash.

# 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 trial section will become part of the East Coast Greenway System, a nearly 3000 mile trail project extending from Canada to Key West. A meeting and project walk through was conducted on April 21 with the low bidder DBI Marina & Site Contractors to review the project scope. A recommendation to award the contract in the amount of \$495,745.50, will be before the City Commission at their May 4, 2020 meeting.



## North 17th Street (Orange Ave to Ave D) Roadway Improvements:

The contract execution is in progress. The Notice To Proceed is anticipated in April. After site walk through and discussions with the contractor, FPUA and AT&T, the project's estimated completion is March 2021.

## 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. Contractor has completed the project as of April 10 and removed 10,965 cu. yds. of material from the project template.



## Citrus Avenue Bridge Repairs:

Bid opening for the project was held on April 23, 2020 with eight responders submitting proposals. The scope of work includes both structural and non-structural repairs. Work is expected to begin Summer of 2020.

## 8th Street and Edwards Road Stormwater Pump Station:

A pre-construction meeting was held on-site on April 24, 2020 with the contractor, FPUA, and SLC representation. Construction of a stormwater pump station along with a gas-powered backup generator is scheduled to begin the end of May 2020. Construction duration is likely to be around 60-days.

# WHAT'S NEW?



**Independence Classical Academy** located at 2900 S. Jenkins Rd. construction of the new charter school is underway and on schedule to be open for the 2020-21 school year for grades K-8. The school will expand services in subsequent years to be a full K-12 school. Although the school is utilizing Private Provider Inspectors, City of Fort Pierce Building Inspectors routinely visit the site to verify all necessary inspections are being performed and to ensure there is no imminent threat to public safety and welfare, as provided for by Florida State Statute. All concrete slabs have been poured, most concrete block walls have been constructed, roof trusses and plywood roof decking have been placed on the north part of the building.

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## SITWORK & CLEARING

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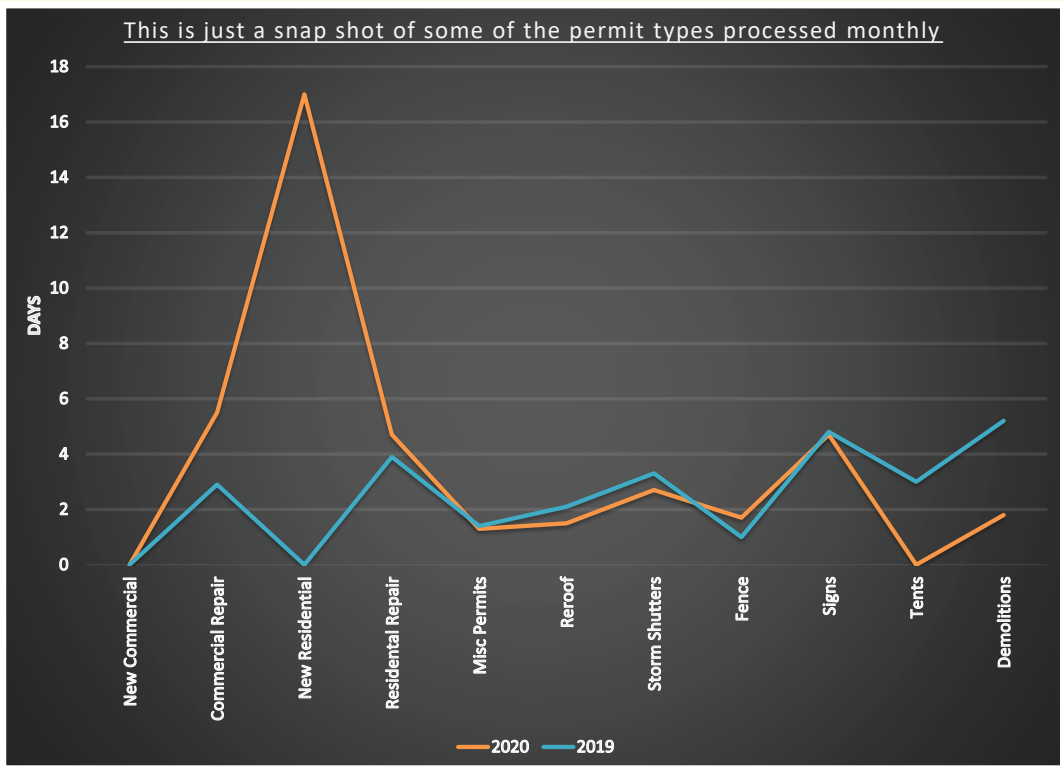
Sitework and building permits have been issued for the 2nd KOA Campground in Fort Pierce located at 3180 S Jenkins Rd. Located at the corner of Jenkins Road and Edwards Road, sitework has recently begun. The Building Contractor, Remnant Construction LLC is overseeing the project.

Land clearing and grading is ongoing in preparation of upcoming sitework for the future residential subdivision Avalon Crossings located at 2704 S Jenkins Rd. constructed by Ryan Homes. Much of the sitework and underground utilities previously completed in 2006, must be redone for compliance with the Florida Building Code.

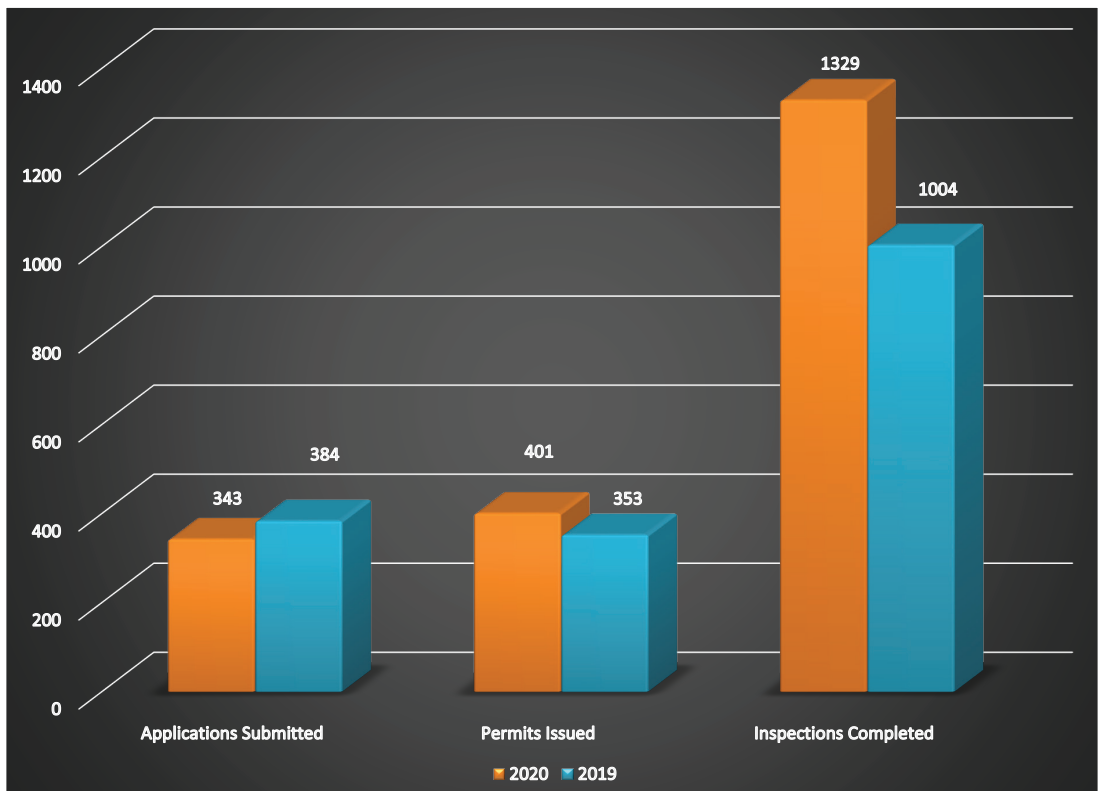
# BUILDING CHARTS FOR MARCH 2020

## 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





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MIKE REALS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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As the community slows its pace in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve, the Public Works Department is hard at work ensuring that your public parks, walk paths, and facilities are safe and in beautiful condition.

It is no secret that Fort Pierce has become a destination, with beautiful parks and gorgeous beaches what is not to love? The Public Works Department has utilized this time to perform some much-needed maintenance. Marina Square was first on the list to receive some attention.

Thousands of residents and guests visit this area weekly for markets, festivals, and leisure. The pavers have been pressure washed, tree pits have been replanted, and new sod was placed in the open green space. The Percy Peek Gymnasium has received beautification in the form of elevation of the oak tree canopy and trimming of palm trees. With beaches closed to the public, Porpoise Beach access received maintenance by way of a new natural dune crossover and paint to the pavilion. The parking lot and drive isle at Jaycee Park had potholes repaired

and the County continues to place sand on the beach at the Jetty. City of Fort Pierce facilities also see a lot of visitor on a weekly basis. The River Walk Center is very popular with most weekends being booked for 12-18 months in advance. The interior of the RWC has been painted, the terrazzo floors have been polished and the dance floor surface has been replaced.

The Public Works Department looks forward to welcoming back all of the wonderful people and activities that take place in our community when it is safe to do so.




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## RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT MARCH 2020

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<b>CLASSES</b>	.....	\$ 2,672.86
<b>PARK PERMITS</b>	.....	\$ 0
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	.....	\$ 0
<b>FACILITY</b>	.....	\$ 1,405.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$ 4,078.25</b>



**DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER**

From a maintenance standpoint, we have already aerated our tees, fairways and greens and we continue to spray and fertilize to provide better turf health and that in turn will help prevent weed growth. The fairways have been top dressed in spots to help achieve smoother areas going forward. We will be freshening up our Golf Shop in early May as we provide a fresh coat of paint to the exterior of our building and front awning.

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**

	2/2020	3/2020
GOLF ROUNDS	4183	3001
GOLF FEES	\$125,131.62	\$62,130.50
RANGE TOKENS	\$3,082.72	\$2,180.09
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$1,013.83	\$6,788.42
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$7,027.35	\$6,916.18
MERCHANDISE	\$7,116.46	\$6,788.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$145,292.98</b>	<b>\$78,240.11</b>



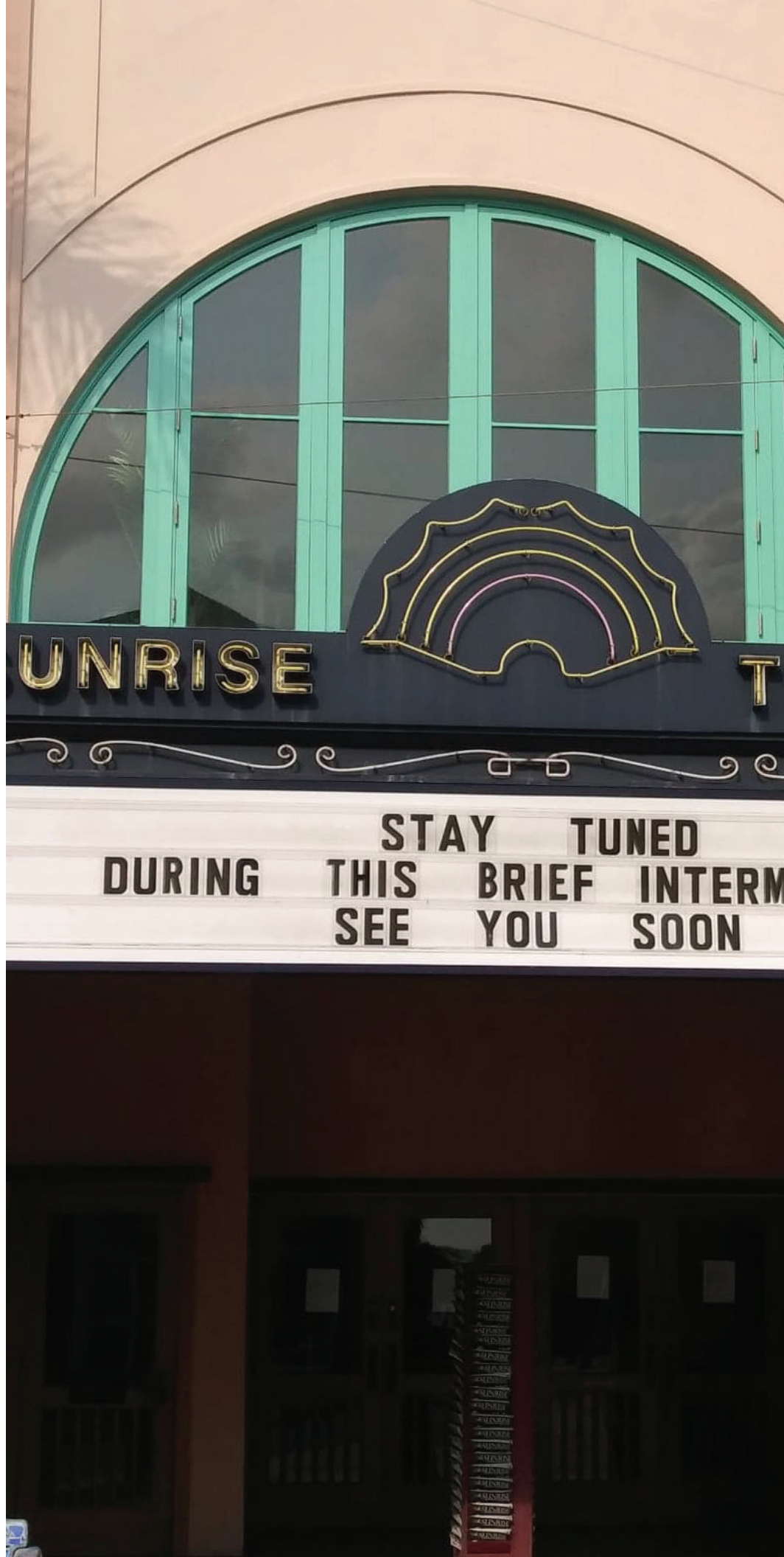
## CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Dockage Reservations	211	146	88
Monthly Dockage	\$125,397.06	\$133,691.26	\$145,723.47
Transient Dockage	\$51,730.87	\$54,220.33	\$47,137.20
Electricity	\$4,963.73	\$5,050.47	\$3,852.51
Retail	\$13,572.34	\$15,235.68	\$5,618.43
Gas Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0
Diesel Sales	\$63,764.85	\$10,885.70	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$259,428.85</b>	<b>\$219,083.44</b>	<b>\$206,728.79</b>

# STAY TUNED

With the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic and day to day uncertainty of when the Sunrise Theatre will reopen to the public, SRT staff has been busy with cleaning and sanitizing. Just like we all have been doing in our spare time, home improvements. The windows on the theatre received a fresh coat of paint which really looks great and the Sunrise Theatre awnings have been put back up adding to great curb appeal. Work is underway with repairing the concrete floor in the Black Box and refreshing some of the interior paint in the space so we can put our "best" foot forward for the returning Comedy Corner, Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society and other special events that are presented for the community.

Among the show rescheduling and cancellations made in April, we are looking forward to our upcoming 2020/21 Season. Several of the shows that were scheduled in April have been rescheduled for the 20/21 Season. Staff is working on confirming shows for the new season and keeping Sunrise Theatre patrons involved with social media efforts. Live concert streaming and Sunrise Sessions featuring local talent on Facebook and YouTube just started. Young people can participate in a coloring contest and have the opportunity to be judged online and win tickets to upcoming shows.







## **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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