

FORT PIERCE INSIDER





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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*
- ✓ *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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RESPONDING TO RECOVERY



BY JOE SWEAT, MARKETING SPECIALIST

Times have certainly changed for our city and the importance of community has never been more important. Fort Pierce is well prepared when it comes to an emergency such as a hurricane. It is something that we are used to here in Florida having the experience in responding to a disaster; however, COVID-19 posed its own unique set of challenges that the City rallied to face.

The City's focus, first and foremost, was to devise a plan that would provide for the crucial needs of the community. Grant opportunities for both household and small business were the first areas of concentration in terms of recovery. The Grants Administration Division quickly pulled together all resources making it possible for anyone within city

limits to have the opportunity to receive financial assistance through an application process. With over a thousand responses in pre-screening efforts, Grants Administration is currently preparing applications for assistance to the small businesses and household. Another challenge was limited COVID-19 testing for the county. It was an immediate need

in order to help slow the spread for the corona virus. The City Manager's office tackled another initiative by teaming up with local community partners such as Dynix Diagnostix, Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Florida Department of Health, and Indian State College to offer a free swab and antibody testing at Ilous Ellis Park. Food in to-go boxes, donated by local



restaurants, were gladly handed out by city employee's to those who participated at the free testing site. Testing will continue into the first week of June by appointment only. For testing information, please call 888-519-9192.

Furthermore, and an equally important need was food assistance. Working with Treasure Coast Food Bank, the City of Fort Pierce embraced the opportunity to hand out prepackaged food items to those in need in the wake of COVID-19. One Friday morning, the Pop-Up Mobile Pantry served the passengers in over over 200 hundred vehicles who were lined up eagerly waiting for food assistance. Moving forward, the City will continue to work with Treasure Coast Food Bank in order to provide food care for the community.

One of the primary goals of the City of Fort Pierce is to assist small businesses with recovering from the economic impact of COVID-19. Previously mentioned was the grant opportunity for the small mom and pop shops from which a few other ideas were developed that came to fruition. Pedestrianizing 2nd Street and launching a Parklet Program were two ways of providing an opportunity to assist the businesses with recovery. Pedestrianizing 2nd Street entailed a pilot street closure for a weekend. The intent of the closure was to create additional pedestrian space, helping businesses to expand their capacity while keeping social distancing guidelines. The second portion is the Parklet Program where businesses will be allowed to utilize the on-street parking spaces in front of their establishment for additional seating or shopping space. Both programs aim



to support small business in order to regain occupancy and foot traffic.

The City of Fort Pierce took swift action to prevent the disruption of services to our residents and businesses. Even our Public Works maintained their essential line of work and was out in the streets making sure the city was kept clean. The Sunrise Theatre began a virtual stream of live entertainment while the City Marina took precautionary measures to ensure everyone's safety at the docks. Indian Hills Golf Course kept its doors open and allowed guests and avid golfers to come enjoy the fresh air while practicing social distancing. The City is well on its way to recovery because this town has grit. Fort Pierce has been through a lot in its

established time. It has seen other challenges all of which have been overcome by perseverance. We are Fort Pierce Strong and this too shall pass as we stay the course.



COVID-19 FRONTLINES



FORT PIERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Fort Pierce Police Department continued the aid and support of its community as always in the time of crisis. The pandemic posed a different set of issues, nonetheless, the Fort Pierce Police Department stood ready to answer the call.

From food assistance and serving at local community events to directing traffic at testing sites, as well as patrolling the neighbors ensuring the community was kept safe during the uncertain times. A huge shout out to our essential Police Officers who are always willing to put themselves first before others.





The Fort Pierce Police Department remains dedicated to keeping our community safe with honor and integrity. As our normal routines continue to change on a daily basis as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, we are grateful for a community that continue to show care, gratitude, and support for the frontline teams through random acts of kindness. We, at the Fort Pierce Police Department, appreciate each and every business and community resident and we say THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Fort Pierce Lions Club and Sunrise City Café for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



The Fort Pierce Police Department's Explorer Post would like to extend a sincere thank you to Stamm Manufacturing for your generous \$2500 donation to our Police Explorer Post. Thank you Johnny Stamm for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

PLANNING RECOVERY



The City of Fort Pierce and GraceWay Village have partnered to add a new food distribution location to reach over 80 individuals in St. Lucie County!

On May 20, 2020, staff from the City Planning Department volunteered for GraceWay Village to package and deliver the meals to our neighbors at Lawnwood Terrace neighborhood!

GraceWay Village is located on Hartman Road in the center of the City of Fort Pierce. It is an independent, Christian-based, 501(c)3, non-profit, human-service agency. As an Equal Opportunity Provider, GraceWay Village serves everyone regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, warmly welcoming the participation and support of all its caring neighbors.

Since 2009, GraceWay Village has served Treasure Coast residents who struggle with poverty, food scarcity, homelessness, and other tragic needs. GraceWay's mission is to feed those who are hungry, provide cloth-

ing to children and teens of low-income families, and conduct workshops designed to improve lives and productivity.

Volunteers are needed to donate food and supplies, package meals, and transport the food. To get involved call 772-925-3074 or email info@gracewayvillage.com. This effort by Planning staff will continue during the entire month of June. We are proud to be of service to our community!



HAGA QUE FORT PIERCE CUENTE. ✓

OBTENGAMOS LA CANTIDAD QUE NOS
CORRESPONDE EN FONDOS FEDERALES PARA:



ESCUELAS



CARRETERAS Y VEREDAS



HOSPITALES



SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA

¿Por qué es importante ser contadola? ¡No importa si usted es nuevola en nuestra comunidad o si ha residido por mucho tiempo, si usted renta o es dueñola de su hogar, si es ciudadanola de los Estados Unidos ó no; USTED es NUESTRO/A vecinola y juntos, TODOS CONTAMOS!

*¿Sabía usted que **APROXIMADAMENTE \$675 BILLONES EN FONDOS FEDERALES SE DISTRIBUYEN A LAS COMUNIDADES AL AÑO? SI NO SE REGISTRA EN EL CENSO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, NUESTRA CIUDAD OBTENDRÁ MENOS EN FONDOS FEDERALES.***

- ✓ Si ya ha completado el censo, envíelo por correo. El mismo no necesita estar estampado.
- ✓ Si no tiene su correspondencia del censo pero tiene una computadora, conéctese a my2020census.gov.
- ✓ Si necesita completar el censo por teléfono con la ayuda de un representante del censo, llame al 1-844-330-2020.
- ✓ Si necesita más ayuda, por favor llame al Departamento de Planificación de la Ciudad de Fort Pierce al 772-467-3737.



JUNTOS, CONTAMOS.

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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. DBI Marina & Site Contractors was awarded the bid in the amount of \$495,745.50, at the May 4, 2020 City Commission Meeting. Contract documents have been sent to the contractor for execution. This will be the first completed portion of the East Coast Greenway Trail System, within St. Lucie County. In related development, funding from FDOT for the leg immediately north of this project (Indian Hills Drive to Georgia Avenue) has been made available and a proposal is currently being sought from one of the City's continuing service providers for the design of this section. Also, FDOT has obligated funding for the proposed FEC Overpass at the south end of this project. This will connect the Indian Hills Recreation Area with the Savannas Recreation Area that is currently divided by the railroad spur line. The total estimated cost of this overpass is \$3.5 M with design estimated to begin in July of 2021 and construction anticipated for July 2024.



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

A pre-construction meeting was held on site on May 8, 2020. Phase I construction from Orange Avenue to Avenue C began on May 18, 2020 with up erosion and sedimentation control setup and surveying. The contractor began demolition and clearing on May 20, 2020 and will continue through June 4, 2020

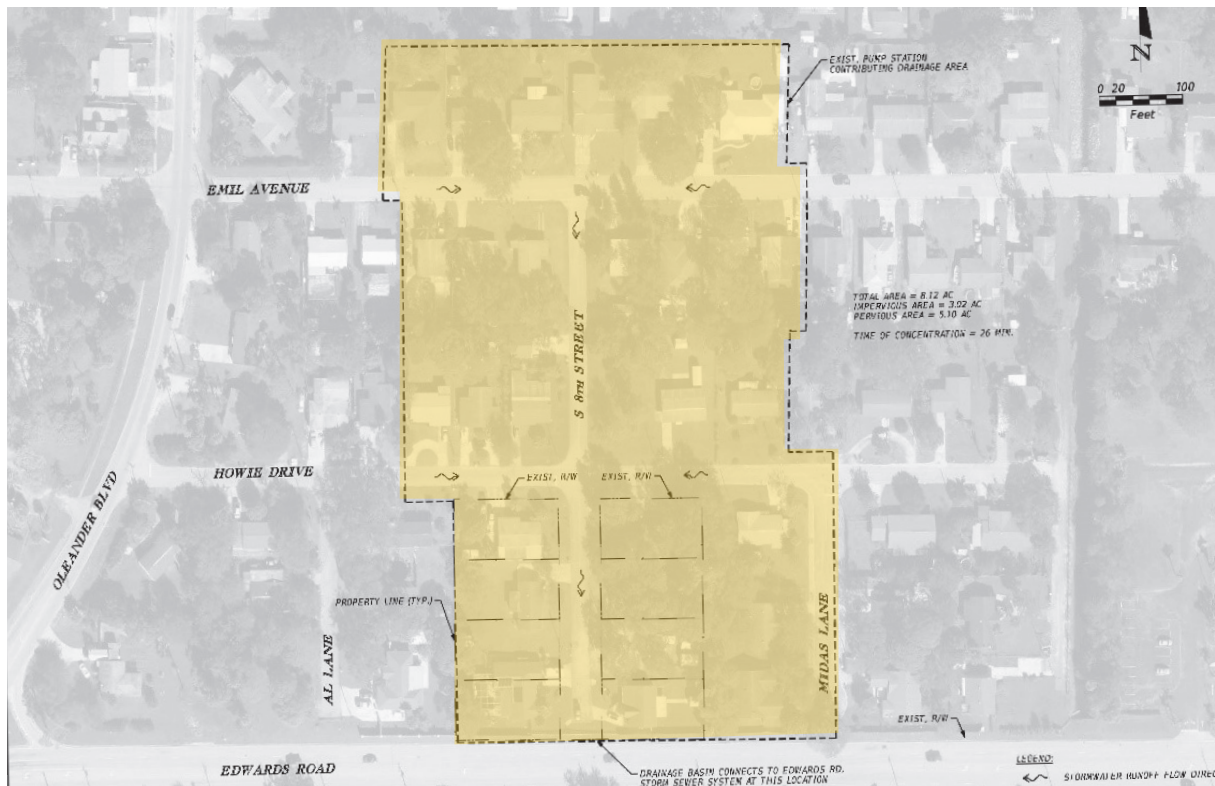


◀ Citrus Avenue Bridge Repairs:

Contract award will be before the City Commission at their June 1, 2020 meeting. M&J Construction Company of Tarpon Springs was the lowest and best bidder with their bid of \$1,062,927.80. The ½ cent Surtax will fund 62% of the construction cost with the remainder coming from appropriated funds from the City’s general fund balance. Construction is anticipated to start by August 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 natural 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?



CRABBY'S DOCKSIDE - Significant progress is being made at Crabby's Dockside. Sidewalks were recently poured and drywall is being installed on the interior of the restaurant. The rectangular openings pictured at the bottom of the building are flood vents, which are required by the Florida Building Code due to the property being located in a floodplain.



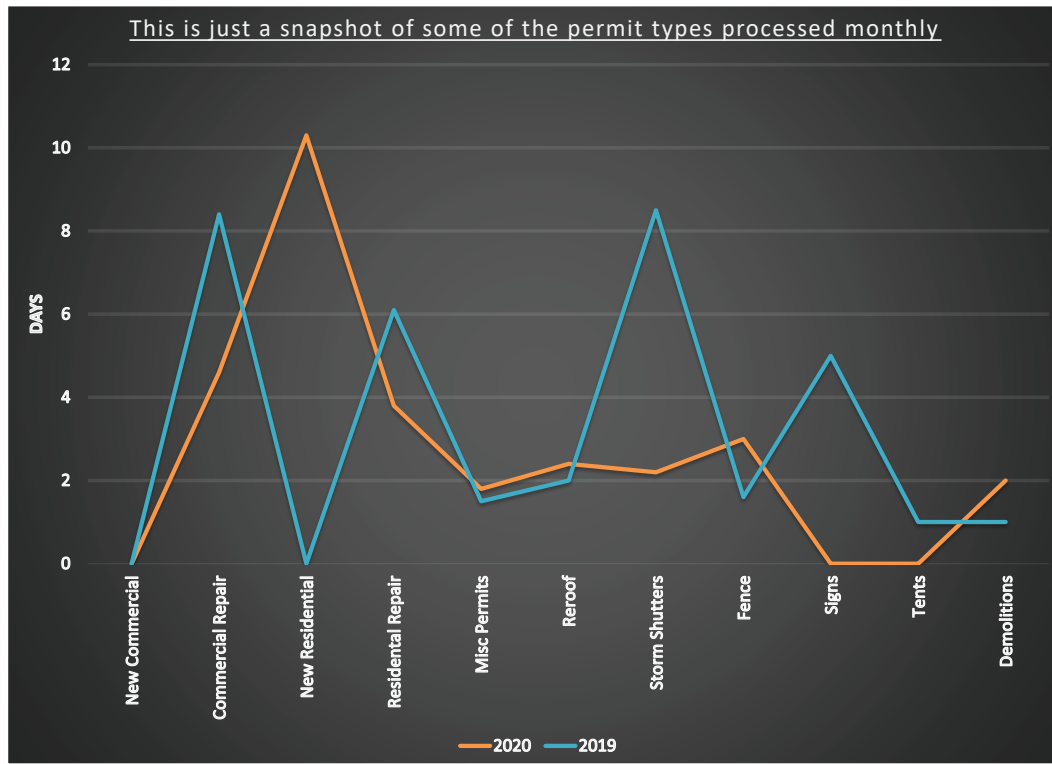
Fort Pierce City Marina Dockmaster & Retail Store

The Fort Pierce City Marina Dockmaster & Retail Store is now open for business. The Certificate of Occupancy was issued in mid-May. The Fort Pierce City Marina Dockmaster & Retail Store is conveniently located near the Manatee Observation Center and Indian River Veterans Memorial Park & Boat Ramp. Among many other items, the store offers fuel for boats, ice, bait and tackle.

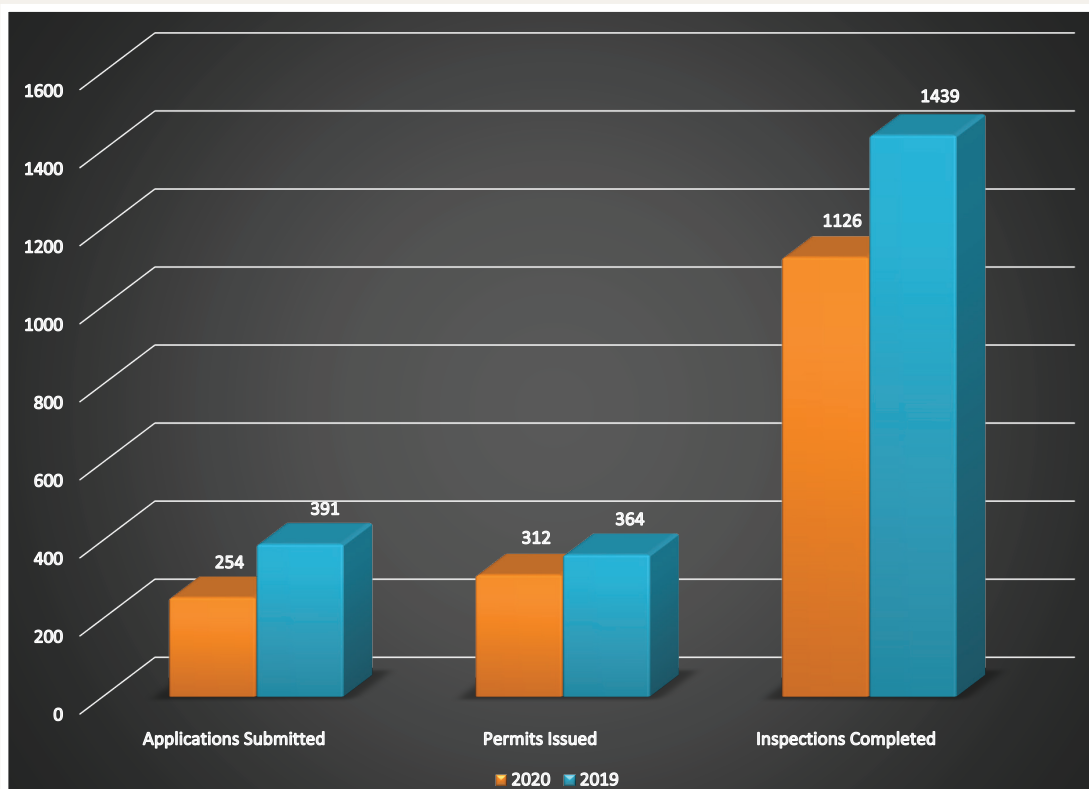
BUILDING CHARTS FOR APRIL 2020

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 & GROUNDS DIVISION MANAGER

Fort Pierce Public Works is proud to announce May 17th was the start of 2020 National Public Works Week! We celebrated Public Works Week to recognize the hard work that our peers, coworkers and employees put in day-in and day-out seven days a week all year long. Public Works Department maximizes all available resources to deliver public work systems such as storm drains, sewers, streets, bridges, streetlights, traffic signals,

public buildings, public fleets, parks, street trees, solid waste collection and recycling. We measure our success by customer satisfaction, efficiency and services that meet the values and needs of our citizens and visitors.

Our Public Works Team is a Group of dedicated professionals who value honesty, integrity, respect, trust and diversity as their core values, utilizing positive team spirit to

propel Public Works forward to fulfill the needs of our beautiful City of Fort Pierce.

During this difficult time, as we face the coronavirus pandemic, we recognize our essential front-line Public Works men and woman for their hard work and dedication to public service, Keeping Fort Pierce Beautiful!





DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

It has already been a very productive summer at the golf course! 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 performed an application to vastly improve the insect damage to some of our fairways, tees and greens and those have responded beautifully! We freshened up our Golf Shop in early May as we provided a fresh coat of paint to the exterior of our building and front awning for a cleaner, neater appearance. We have had a great May as compared to other years and we look forward to a productive June if Mother Nature continues to cooperate! We are tentatively scheduled to perform our second greens aeration in July and build on the momentum we achieved following the first procedure. Our ultimate goal is to keep improving the health of the turf throughout the entire golf course both now and in the future to provide our Members, Residents and Guests the best product we can!! 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.

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**

	3/2020	4/2020
GOLF ROUNDS	3001	2536
GOLF FEES	\$62,130.50	\$49,018.83
RANGE TOKENS	\$2,180.09	\$1,260.80
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$6,788.42	\$1,582.38
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$6,916.18	\$5,256.13
MERCHANDISE	\$6,788.42	\$6,426.45
TOTAL	\$78,240.11	\$63,544.59



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Dockage Reservations	99	88	83
Monthly Dockage	\$123,387.06	\$143,793.47	\$109,944.27
Transient Dockage	\$51,730.87	\$47,137.20	\$22,725.21
Electricity	\$4,963.73	\$3,852.51	\$2,247.72
Retail	\$13,572.34	\$5,618.43	\$1,424.58
Gas Sales	\$0	\$0	\$6,837.52
Diesel Sales	\$63,764.85	\$0	\$1,425.48
TOTALS	\$257,418.85	\$206,728.79	\$153,146.24



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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