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- ✓ *If you need further assistance, please call the City of Fort Pierce Planning Department at 772-467-3737 for assistance.*



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WORKING ON THE NIGHT TRAIN

KAITLYN BALLARD, COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPECIALIST

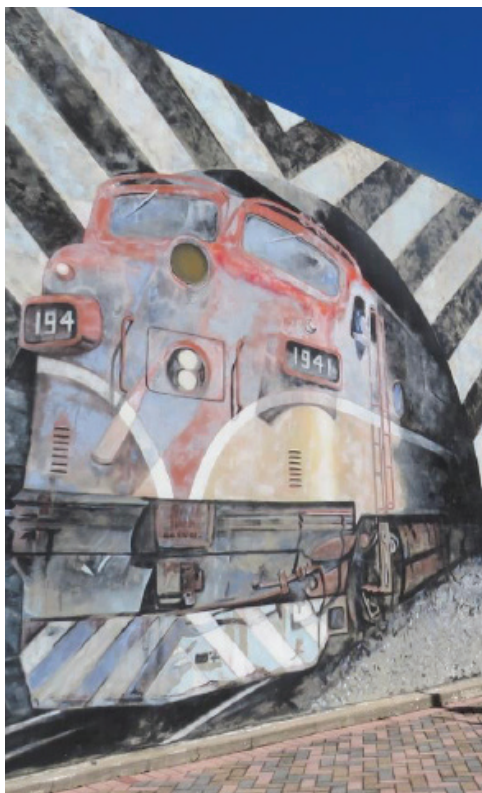
The “Night Train” Mural on Avenue A has been restored! Artist Ronald “Ziggy” Bennett completed the restoration on Monday, July 20, 2020. This mural is a beautiful representation of the Fort Pierce’s history in the railroad industry.

In 1911, Fort Pierce was established as a division point for the FEC. Prior to its arrival, the population of Fort Pierce was approximately 1000 people. After the railroad tracks were laid the population began to steadily increase, as passengers found it easier, faster, and more comfortable to travel further south. New employment opportunities drew in a heavy population, rapidly expanding the agricultural economy of Fort Pierce, which economically benefited immensely from this expansion. Fort Pierce had passenger service until the early 1960’s and once had its own depot along with businesses and boarding houses to accommodate the railroad employees and passengers.

Ziggy was able to capture the original essence of the mural, depicting the scene that catapulted the economic expansion of the City of Fort Pierce. *“I am passionate about art and more so in love with the creative process. The world gets quiet, time and everything else just pauses for a moment, and lets you create. I treat art with love and its always loved me back.”* – Ziggy

This project was completed using Housing and Urban Development’s CDBG funding. Next time you’re near Downtown, check out this beautifully restored mural located at 308 Avenue A, Fort Pierce, FL and see the “Night Train” for yourself!





COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Grant Program

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, the Fort Pierce City Commission approved the COVID-19 Recovery Assistance Plan which included a series of grants supporting residents, businesses, and community-based efforts. The grants aimed to provide immediate assistance to residents and businesses directly impacted by COVID-19. The City's goal was to help offset the loss of income or revenue during this pandemic.

For residents, the City of Fort Pierce offered mortgage and rental assistance of 2 months' rent/mortgage up to \$3,000. For businesses, the City offered two small business relief grants. Businesses with 25 employees or less were eligible for a one-time grant of \$3,000 and businesses with 26 to 100 employees were eligible for a one-time grant for \$7,500.

The program officially launched on Monday, May 4, 2020 and at the close of business Wednesday, May 6, 2020, received over 1,400 prescreening/ applications. The City closed the prescreening and application process on Friday, May 8, at noon to process the applications that were received.

The City of Fort Pierce approved 36 recipients for mortgage and rental assistance totaling \$62,687.96 and 36 recipients for small businesses totaling \$108,000.00, overall providing \$170,687.96 in assistance through the COVID-19 Disaster Recovery Grant Program.

Recently, the federal government released additional CARES Act funding directly to counties to assist individuals and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. St. Lucie

County has developed a countywide approach utilizing community partners, to assist with the new grant programs that are available to residents and businesses located in St. Lucie County. The first phase of the funding opened Friday, July 10, 2020, and will be used to assist residents. The second phase, which will include funding to the business community, is expected to be available later this month.

Those seeking assistance can apply online at www.recoverstlucie.org. For more information, please call the St. Lucie County CARES Public Information Line at 772.462.1705 or email comm_info@stlucieco.org.

BACK THE BLUE

MIKE JACHLES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER



A large blue vintage tow truck was left in front of the Fort Pierce Police Department in the early morning hours of July 10. It displayed American Flags and had signs that read "We Back the Blue" plastered all over. A search was quickly initiated to identify the mystery driver of the converted military wrecker.

Throughout the day, drivers along the 900 block of U.S. 1 honked their horns to show their support to our officers who proudly serve the residents and visitors of the City of Fort Pierce. Many tips came in identifying the owner of the mystery truck as Howard Dunn, Jr., of Dunn's Tractor Service. Thanks to Howard for a job well Dunn!

On behalf of Police Chief Diane Hobley-Burney and all the men and women of the Fort Pierce Police Department, we appreciate the outpouring of kind words and gestures from our community. Be safe and know, "In Honor We Serve."





WELCOME MAJOR FLYNN!

Fort Pierce Police Chief Diane Hobley-Burney was joined by Mayor Linda Hudson and the police department command staff for the swearing in of Major Michael Flynn July 22. Major Flynn joins the Fort Pierce Police Department with almost three decades of extensive law enforcement executive experience. As only the second major in Fort Pierce's history, he will oversee internal affairs, training, recruiting, the criminal investigations division, crime scene and evidence units, crime analysts and accreditation. His official start date was July 15. "Major Flynn has a wealth of law enforcement skill and management experience. Having someone of his caliber join our Fort Pierce Police Department family greatly benefits our citizens, department and our beautiful city," Chief Hobley-Burney said.



NEW RECRUITS

July ended with six new officers being added to the police force. Already in their 12-week training, which included one week of administrative familiarization, followed by a three-week mini-academy, will acclimate the recruits to Fort Pierce Police Department's policies. From there, they will receive 14 weeks of field training before they go on patrol. The six new hires are Josepher Crutchfield, Vincent Torres, Rafael Castaneda, Ice Odum, Sabrina Desroches and Dylan Partridge. All join the Fort Pierce Police Department as Florida certified law enforcement officers. Torres previously served four years as a deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Partridge is a staff sergeant with the Army National Guard. Welcome to the FPPD family!



PLANNING PROJECTS

The first month of public hearings was a busy one! As the City of Fort Pierce began the phased reopening of our facilities and public meetings after being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Commission public hearing process resumed and approved the following items during the month of July.

City Commission Public Hearing

BGDN Rental Apts.- Future Land Use Amendment, Rezoning	2144, 2152, 2160, 2190 Jenkins Road
Veteran's Adult Living Facility (ALF) - Conditional Use	1600 North Lawnwood Circle
Hyer Residence - Conditional Use	324 South Ocean Drive
Harris Dwelling Rental - Conditional Use	722 Granada Street, Unit A
Dreamchasers Preschool - Conditional Use	505 North 7th Street
Ofeimu-Wright - Vacation Rental - Conditional Use	715 S. Ocean Drive, Unit E
Robbin's Vacation Rental - Conditional Use	1014 South 7th Street
Wood Vacation Rental - Conditional Use	1123 Hernando Street
Culverhouse - Replat	Thumb Point Drive
Granada Street - Preliminary Plat	Granada Street

The Historic Preservation Board will begin meeting for the first time since February 2020 to consider Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications within the City's various historic districts. The following items are scheduled for review and approval by the City Historic Preservation Board on July 27, 2020:

Historic Preservation Board Public Hearing

COA 20-12 - Telco Investments Duplexes	513 N. 9th Street
COA 20-37 - Life Outreach Apostolic Ministry	525 N. 11th Street
COA 20-39 – Demolition	712 Avenue E
COA 20-38 - Demolition	1311 Avenue E
COA 20-27 - Rehabilitation	209 Avenue D

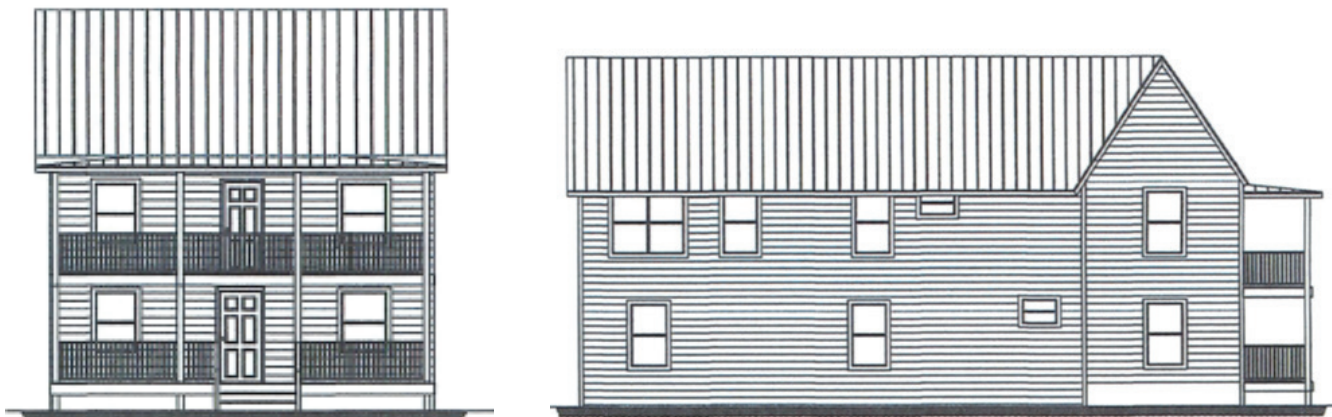


Worth noting, is COA 20-27, a prominent circa 1900 two-story gable roof, Frame Vernacular structure in the City’s Edgartown Historic District. Notable architectural features include a tiered porch, center entrance, drop siding exterior wall fabric and 1/1 double-hung sash windows. In January 2020, the subject structure was considered for demolition approval by the Historic Preservation Board. Prior to the scheduled Board hearing, the then-owners withdrew their application.

The property sold and the current owners are now proposing a renovation that includes:

- Restoration of the original two-story structure to the historical appearance and significance,
- Demolition of the non-original elements on the rear of the house,
- Construction of a new attached two (2)-story addition comprised of garage and modern living space.
- Incorporation of new siding, trim, windows, doors, exterior paint and fencing that are consistent with the architectural time period.

Below are sketches of the proposed new building elevations.



CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



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

Phase I construction from Orange Avenue to Avenue C began the sanitary sewer installation on Tuesday, July 14th and it is estimated complete by mid-August. Thereafter, the new drainage installation will commence. The new gas main installation is currently in progress through the end of July. The project will initiate additional road closures between Canal Terrace and Avenue D beginning Tuesday, July 28th.

N. 8th Street Roadway Improvements (Avenue D to Avenue E):

Roadway improvements are proposed along North 8th Street between Avenue D and Avenue E. A site walkthrough with Culpepper & Terpening was performed on Wednesday, July 1st. A design proposal from Culpepper & Terpening is currently under review. The scope of work for this project will include drainage improvements, new curb and gutter, sidewalks and roadway reconstruction.

Avenue B Reconstruction: 8th to 10th and 10th to 13th St.

We have received a design proposal from Culpepper & Terpening and are currently processing a specific authorization for the design work, which is anticipated to take 4 months to complete all tasks. This should be ready for Commission approval at their August 17, 2020 Commission meeting. Work under this project will be curb & gutter, driveway aprons, drainage improvements, sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. We have contacted FPUA as to right of way work that FPUA will need to complete prior to or as part of the project.

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WHAT'S NEW?



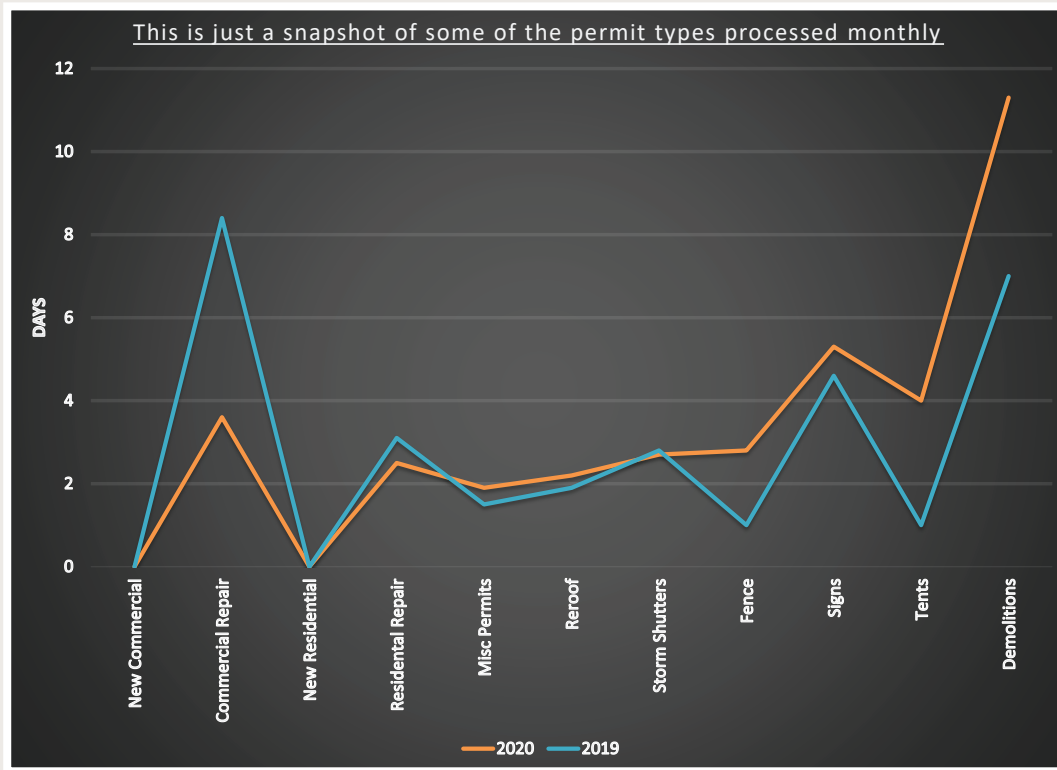
Crabby's Dockside & Sweet Willy's Ice Cream is now open! -

The Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the new restaurant. The soft opening in late June was allowed through the use of a Temporary Use Agreement while final corrections were being made to finish construction.

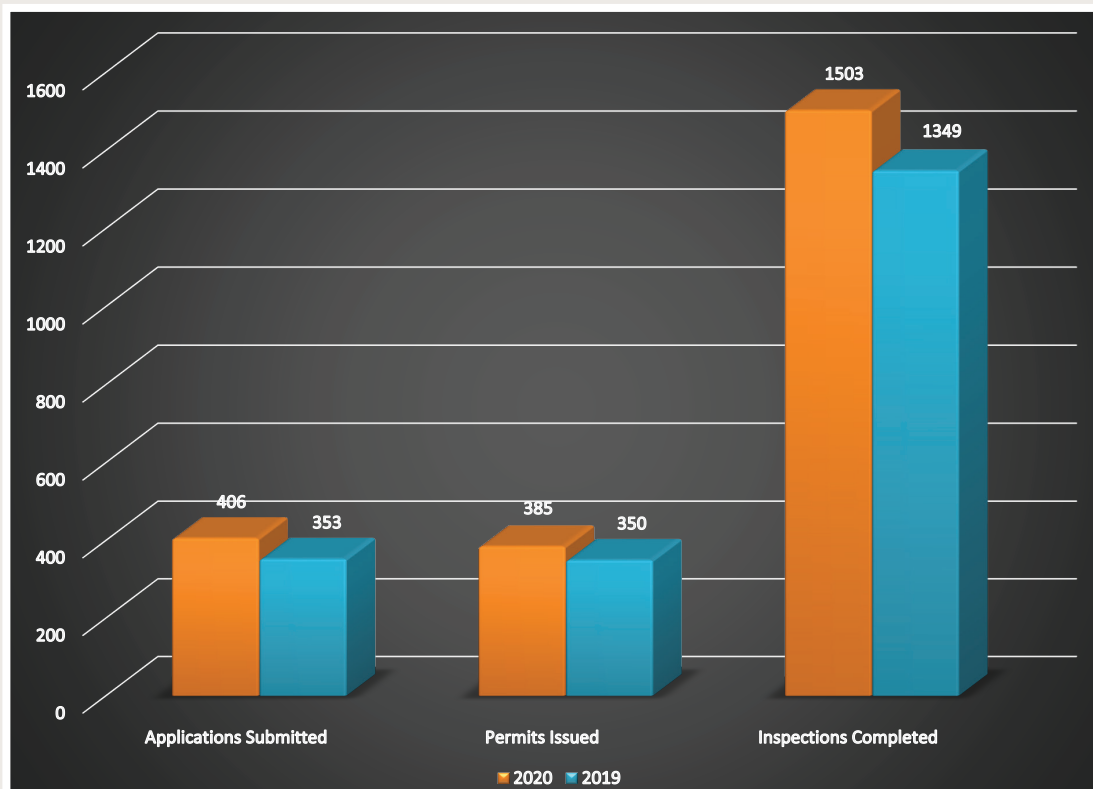
BUILDING CHARTS FOR JUNE 2020

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



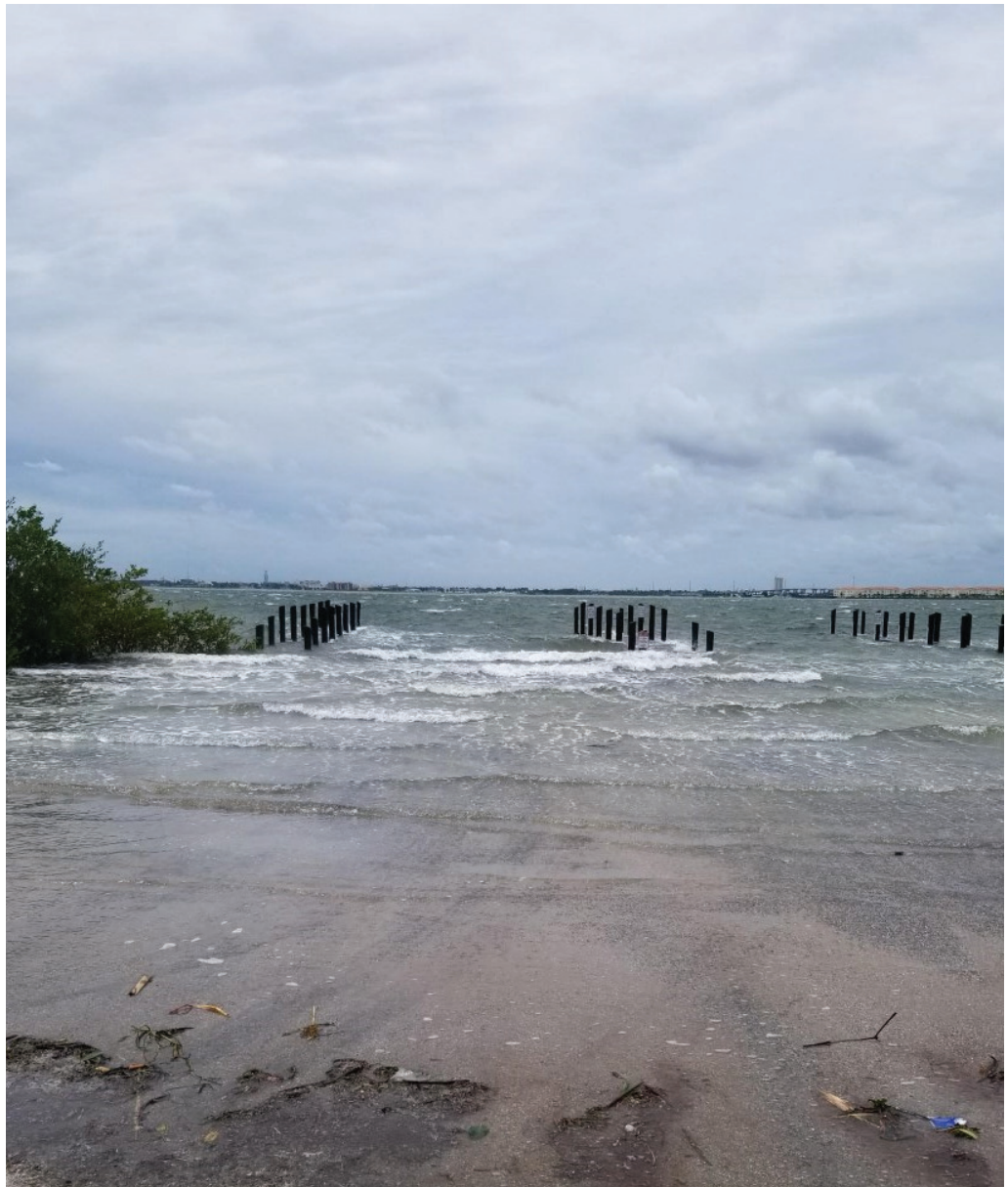
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MIKE REALS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Hurricane season is in full swing and the Public Works Department has been busy ensuring that the City is prepared should a storm approach. All generators have been serviced, heavy equipment used for cleanup efforts have received their preventative maintenance and the Solid Waste Division is adding four new collection trucks to the fleet. Fingers are crossed that we have an uneventful year, but should we, the Team is prepared as usual.

The Public Works Department crews are busy addressing maintenance and projects throughout the City. The Streets & Drainage Division is performing storm water maintenance and have begun a decorative street sign project. The Parks & Grounds Division is working to stay ahead of the rain and on top of the mow schedule. Trees are being trimmed with a watchful eye on the radar. The Facilities Maintenance Division is ensuring that all public facilities are safe and presentable. The Solid Waste Division is working hard to ensure vegetative debris and bulk items are collected as scheduled.

(Photos from previous storms)





Every Wednesday - Green Market in Marina Square 12pm – 6:30pm
Every Saturday - Jazz Market in Marina Square 8am – 1pm
Every Saturday -Downtown Farmers Market in Marina Square 8am – 12pm
Coming in September 9/4/20, Friday Fest in Marina Square 5pm – 9pm

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT JUNE 2020

CLASSES		\$ 19.71
PARK PERMITS		\$ 500.00
SPECIAL EVENTS		\$ 100.00
FACILITY		\$ 1,967.20
TOTAL		\$ 2,586.91

INDIAN HILLS GOLF COURSE



DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

Year to date, we are approximately 2,000 rounds and \$80,000 in total gross revenue above last year, so we are definitely moving in the right direction! With our conditions continuing to improve and several groups and leagues returning we are on the right path now more than ever.

We have seen a fantastic turn around in the condition of our greens, tees and practice range following the completion of our maintenance application in early May! We just performed our second aeration of our greens in mid July and due to their improved health, have bounced back in just two weeks!! The healthier we are moving into the Fall, the better we can withstand the difficult conditions of the winter months.

We have been fighting through this virus for months 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**

	5/2020	6/2020
GOLF ROUNDS	2786	2116
GOLF FEES	\$50,272.23	\$28,714.86
RANGE TOKENS	\$1,666.95	\$1,182.13
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$753.36	\$220.00
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$6,501.46	\$5,447.65
MERCHANDISE	\$6,973.95	\$3,340.70
TOTAL	\$66,167.97	\$38,905.34



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Dockage Reservations	83	154	109
Monthly Dockage	\$109,944.27	\$113,7002.96	\$127,859.09
Transient Dockage	\$22,725.21	\$47,510.61	\$42,711.25
Electricity	\$2,247.72	\$3,966.44	\$3,696.09
Retail	\$1,424.58	\$10,611.96	\$13,964.04
Gas Sales	\$6,837.52	\$31,933.11	\$44,734.91
Diesel Sales	\$1,425.48	\$51,415.21	\$46,342.61
TOTALS	\$153,146.24	\$260,150.29	\$281,854.62



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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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