

# FORT PIERCE INSIDER



## WORLD CHANGERS

YOUTH GROUPS  
VOLUNTEER IN  
FORT PIERCE

# BACK PACK GIVEAWAY AND FOOD DRIVE



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# CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY

KAITLYN BALLARD, COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPECIALIST

For the past 19 years, World Changers organization has visited the City of Fort Pierce to help paint and complete minor exterior repairs for homeowners that face health or financial challenges. This year's initiative was scaled back due to the global pandemic. However, even with challenges from COVID-19, volunteers were still able to come together the week of July 20, 2020, with the help of Mission Treasure Coast and Coalition for Christian Outreach, to help beautify the Lincoln Park neighborhood by painting six homes located on N 13th Street, N 22nd Street, N 19th Street, N 16th Street and Avenue B.

A very special Thank You to Mr. Joel Dramis, as he has always been instrumental in the organization and coordination of this annual project that has assisted many residents in our beautiful city. The Grants Administration Division is excited to continue this wonderful partnership for years to come. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used to purchase supplies.

Organizations interested in volunteering on future World Changers and Paint Our Town programs should contact: Kaitlyn Ballard, Community Resource Specialist, [kballard@cityoffortpierce.com](mailto:kballard@cityoffortpierce.com)



# *Complete your 2020 Census Questionnaire and enter to win a \$25 Gift Card!*

*Screenshot your Census confirmation page  
or send your confirmation number by email to  
[2020census@cityoffortpierce.com](mailto:2020census@cityoffortpierce.com)*

*A winner will be drawn every week  
up until September 30th 2020!*

**EVERYBODY COUNTS!**

# WIN!



# WELCOME ABOARD!



MIKE JACHLES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER

In a modified swearing-in ceremony held at police headquarters, five new officers joined the Fort Pierce Police Department family August 19. Mayor Linda Hudson welcomed the new officers at the Wednesday morning ceremony. Chief Diane Hobbly-Burney administered the oath of office to the recruits, and one-by-one, had their badges pinned on their uniform shirts by family members.

The new officers are Joseph Crutchfield, who was raised in the city, Sabrina Desroches, Ice Odum, Dylan Partridge and Vincent Torres. In addition to holding current Florida law enforcement certification, they have completed department training and are spending the next two months paired up with field training officers before receiving their road patrol assignments. The new officers look forward to faithfully serving the residents and visitors of the City of Fort Pierce.

**PHOTO CAPTION (L TO R):** Dylan Partridge, Ice Odum, Mayor Hudson, Chief Hobbly-Burney, Sabrina Desroches, Joseph Crutchfield and Vincent Torres



# BACK TO SCHOOL!

As school resumed last week, the Police Department crossing guards and officers are back, ensuring students get to school safely and drivers observe school speed zones and stop for school buses picking up and dropping off children. All seven of the City's crossing guards received their recertification training before the start of school.



## WE ALL LIKE COOKIES!

What a surprise on Friday, August 21 from Girl Scouts Troop 42061 Gemini Unit with Chester A. Moore Elementary School. They brought everyone's favorite Girl Scout Cookies to the officers at the Fort Pierce Police Department. Thanks to Troop Leader Rozina Merritt for stopping by with the scouts. Cookie season can't come soon enough. Wishing the girls a great, safe school year!

## MAKIN' A SPLASH!

Campers aged 7-12 from the Eco-Camp at the Manatee Center got a surprise visit from the Fort Pierce Police Department's Marine Unit August 3. The Eco-Discovery Camp, which ran July 27-31, explored how things are connected in nature. In keeping with CDC guidelines, the modified, half-day camp program kept the masked groups to a minimum. And by the looks of things, there was no shortage of water for hand-washing!



# PROPOSED PROJECTS

At the August 11, 2020 Planning Board meeting, the Board was introduced to exciting and unique projects that Planning Department staff have been diligently working on with the applicants for months. Below is a summary of the projects that were presented to the Planning Board. In addition, highlighted within this report, are two (2) multi-family developments proposed for the Okeechobee Road, Jenkins Road, McNeil Road to Orange Avenue area and a State-of-the-Art Resort Village and Community that is just in the beginning stages of development.

## Planning Board August 11, 2020 meeting

**Sunrise Tabernacle Church** • Annexation • 3280 S. 25th Street

**Bent Creek** – next phases of development • Re-plat • Tract B-2

**Gus Fort Vacation Rental** • Conditional Use • 715 S. Ocean Drive, Unit F

**Willow Lakes Resort Village and Community** • Rezoning to Planned Development • NW corner of Midway Road and I-95

**Aria Apartments** – 112-unit multi-family development • Future Land Use, Rezoning, Site Plan, Conditional Use and Design Review  
3000 Okeechobee Road

**Blue Sky** – 164-unit multi-family development • Site Plan and Design Review • McNeil Road, north of Okeechobee Road

**Aria Apartments** - a proposed 112-unit multi-family development will consist of five (5) apartment buildings with 24-units in four (4) of the apartment buildings and 16-units in one (1) of the apartment buildings for a total of 112-units. The maximum building height will be 39 feet from existing grade. The proposed Aria Apartments will offer a 2,168 square foot clubhouse with a swimming pool. Onsite amenities include a clubhouse, pool, tot lot with playground equipment and benches, a lake with a fountain feature, a walking trail around the lake at the center of the development, a passive park with picnic tables and benches, and a fenced dog-park. There is one (1) vehicle access point into the site from Okeechobee Road with two (2) pedestrian-only access points from the south of the property connecting to the Okeechobee Road northern sidewalk. The proposed site also includes an abundance of pedestrian pathways, such as internal sidewalks and striped crosswalks, throughout the development.



The applicant is providing a landscape plan that goes above and beyond code minimums, as demonstrated below:

- The interior landscaping area requires 56 trees and the applicant is providing 166 total trees.
- The interior landscaping area requires 5,531 square feet and the applicant is providing 8,284 square feet.
- The code minimum for the perimeter landscape buffer is 10 feet and the proposed landscape plan is providing up to 25 feet in locations along its perimeter.

The **Blue Sky** development will consist of four (4) buildings with 41 units in each building for a multi-family development that will have a total of 164 units. The maximum building height will be 50 feet from existing grade. The proposed Blue Sky Landings will offer a 2,500 square foot clubhouse with a swimming pool. Pursuant to City Code 125-315 (d)(1)(b), the parking ratio for a multi-family development is 1.5 spaces per unit. This development will be constructed in two (2) phases, each phase will consist of two (2) residential buildings with 84 units per phase. All onsite amenities, including the clubhouse and pool will be constructed during the first phase of the project. Other onsite amenities include a tot lot, two (2) lakes, a walking trail around the lake at the front of the development and a gazebo. There is one (1) vehicle access point to the site from McNeil Road and one pedestrian only access point to the south of the property connecting to the Walmart property.



The applicant is providing a landscape plan that goes above and beyond code minimums, as demonstrated below:

- The interior landscaping area requires 46 trees and the applicant is providing a total of 70 trees.
- The interior landscaping area requires 138 shrubs and the applicant is providing 2,806 shrubs.
- The code minimum for tree caliper at planting is 2.5 and the applicant is providing a minimum tree caliper of 3.5 at planting for 23 Southern Magnolia and 48 Live Oak.

The **Willow Lakes** application involves only the request for a Zoning Atlas amendment. Subsequent to the application reviewed by the Planning Board, the petitioner will be submitting an application for a phased development to develop a mixed use live, work, play and learn community referred to as Willow Lakes Resort Village and Community.

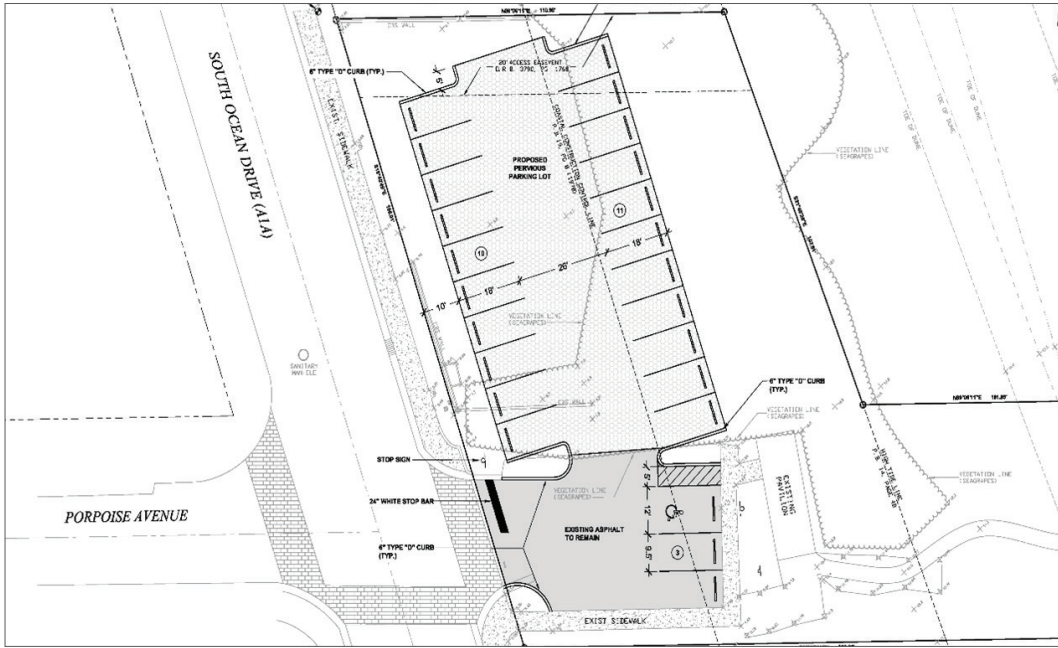
To provide some perspective, the Willow Lakes Resort Village and Community is envisioned as a vibrant, mixed-use urban village at the crossroads of Florida’s Turnpike, Interstate 95, and the City of Fort Pierce. Situated on 200.23 acres of land lying immediately north of Midway Road and west of I-95 within the City of Fort Pierce, Willow Lakes will be an east coast destination that will bring together local residents and regional, national and international visitors in a lively, pedestrian-oriented, and healthy environment of inviting public spaces, walkable streets, and authentic neighborhoods with a destination recreational amenity for seasoned and novice surfers.

The vision proposed by the applicant is that Willow Lakes will be designed as a community that celebrates outdoor activity and a healthy lifestyle. The envisioned community will be a place where residential, retail, and commercial uses will be combined to provide a critical mass of activity that will bring year-round life to the proposed community. The applicant is seeking to create a “village” that will be one of a kind in Florida built around a state-of-the-art and largest world-class surf park in the country. As stated in the application:



“The Wavegarden at Willow Lakes will deliver high quality waves and authentic surfing experiences year-round for new and existing surfers of all ages, experience and ability. Beyond the Wavegarden, the Village will be comprised of several distinct neighborhoods, knit together by a network of walkable, pedestrian-oriented streets, and navigable flow-ways designed for maximum environmental and recreational purposes. The result will be an inclusive environment where visitors, residents, and professionals have fun, keep fit and feel part of a community

# CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT

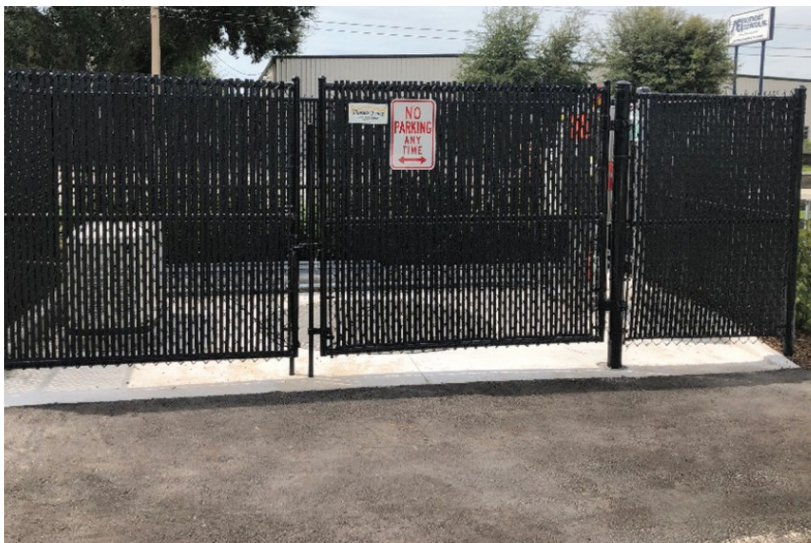


## Porpoise Avenue Beach Access Parking

A preliminary plan has been completed and a pre-application meeting request has been sent to FDEP. The scope of this project will increase beach access parking by utilizing a pervious paver system like parking areas at Jetty Park and Dreamland Park.

## 8th Street and Edwards Stormwater Pump Station:

A lift station start-up was conducted August 12, 2020 and the final acceptance of the project has been granted. This project will alleviate the repetitive flooding in the 8th Street neighborhood by pumping flood waters into the Edwards Road storm drainage system.





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

Phase I (Orange to Ave C) sanitary sewer and force main installations have been completed. The contractor is currently conducting water main testing and pressure testing of the force main. The new drainage installation will commence on Monday, August 31st. Phase II (Canal Terrace to Avenue D) gas main installation is complete. The gas contractor is currently conducting the directional bore across Moore’s Creek. Mastec will commence conduit installations on September 8th.

## **South 5th Street Roadway Improvements (Boston to Delaware):**

Roadway improvements are proposed along S. 5th Street between Boston Avenue and Delaware Avenue. Improvements will include drainage conduit upsizing, resurfacing of the roadway, new curb and gutter, sidewalks, brick paver crosswalks, decorative street lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. FPUA will also be upgrading the potable water lines in this area. Design contract was awarded to Engineering Design & Construction Inc. and they have completed the 60% plans. A Utility Coordination Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2020 with anticipated construction commencement in January 2021.

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

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. FPUA has also been notified that utilities must go underground. Specific Authorization No.2 to Culpepper & Terpening was approved by City Commission on August 17, 2020 and they started collecting survey data for project design on August 18, 2020.

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

Roadway improvements are proposed along North 8th Street between Avenue D and Avenue E. The scope of work for this project will include drainage improvements, new curb and gutter, sidewalks and roadway reconstruction. Culpepper & Terpening’s design proposal was approved by the City Manager on August 18, 2020. Culpepper & Terpening’s Specific Authorization No. 3 is currently in the approval process.

# WHAT'S NEW?



**7-Eleven** located on the northeast corner of Edwards Rd and 25th Street is nearing completion. Beverage coolers, soda fountains, cooking equipment and shelving is being installed. This picture was taken the morning of the above-ceiling mechanical inspection. The Mechanical Inspector will be inspecting the ductwork before it is concealed by the acoustic ceiling tiles

**KOA Kampgrounds of America** located at 3180 S. Jenkins Rd. has begun construction of the administration building. The underground plumbing and conduit for electric has been installed and inspected prior to the concrete being poured in the restroom area pictured.

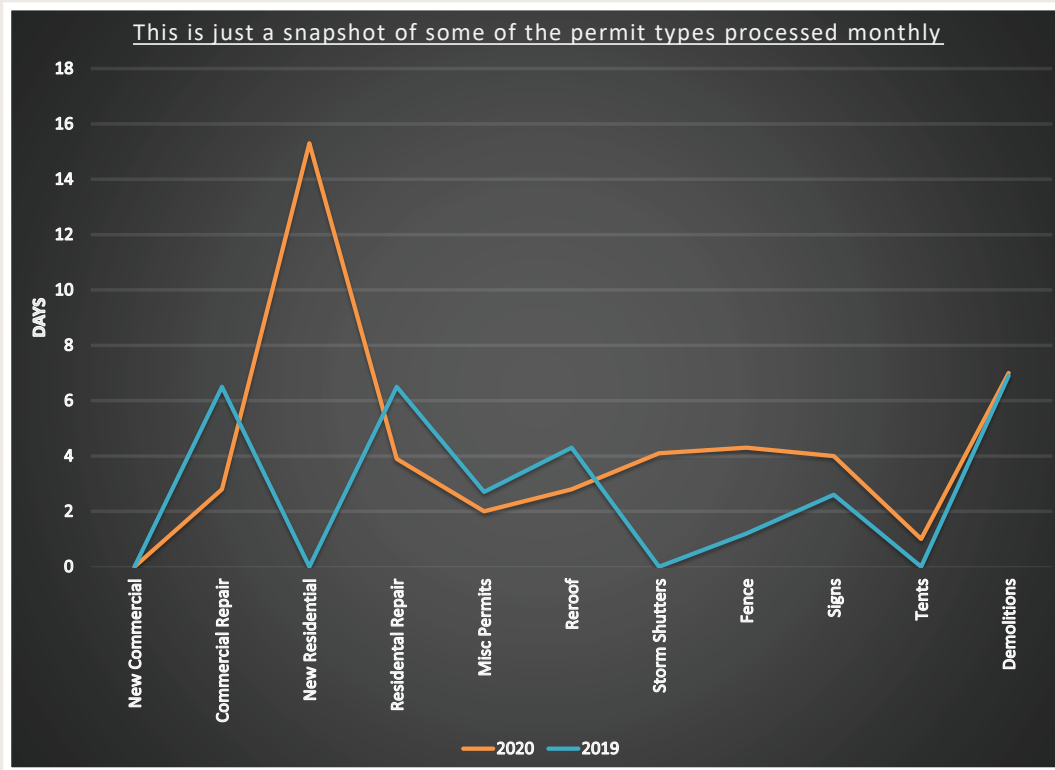


**Shiny Shell Carwash**, located at 4400 Okeechobee Rd. has re-opened after complete renovation of the automatic car wash building and vacuum stations.

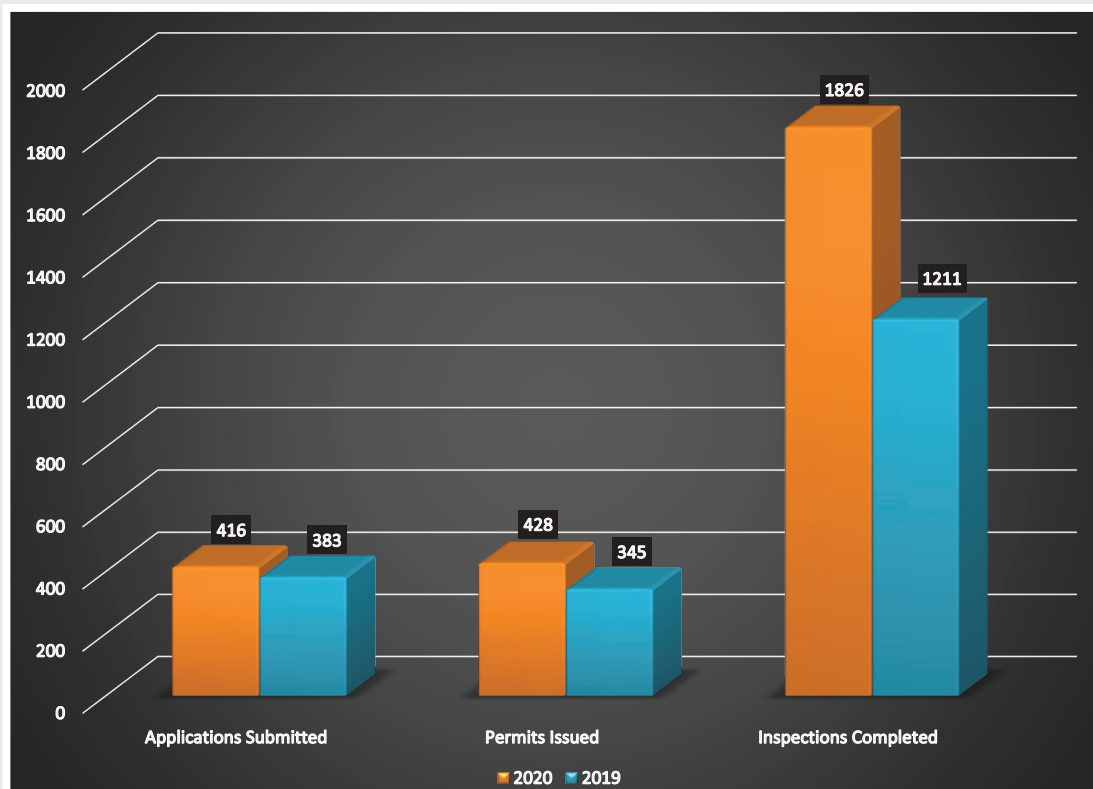
# BUILDING CHARTS FOR JULY 2020

## 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





**MIKE REALS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

To better serve the residents and commercial customers of the City of Fort Pierce, the Solid Waste Division has received delivery of four new collection vehicles. Three new side-load collection trucks will service the residential routes and one new frontload truck will service the commercial customers of our community. The new vehicles will provide greater efficiencies in the collection of waste generated in our community.

The Solid Waste Division provides waste management services for Residential and Commercial customers in the incorporated city limits of Fort Pierce. The mission of the Solid Waste Division is to provide environmentally responsible and cost-effective collection, disposal and recycling services. We are committed to provide reliable customer service in a professional manner.

The Solid Waste Division provides waste management service for over 14,000 homes and businesses within City limits. We collect over 47,000 tons of trash each year. Waste collection service is provided rain or shine except for: Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. For any Solid Waste related questions or concerns please call 772 467-3794





Every Wednesday - Green Market - Marina Square 12pm - 6:30pm  
 Every Saturday - Jazz Market – Marina Square 8am – 1pm  
 Every Saturday - Downtown Farmers Market - Marina Square 8am – 12pm  
 10/2/20 Friday Fest – Marina Square 5pm – 9pm  
 10/11/20 Croc Wild – Crocadillo’s Bar & Grill 11am – 8pm

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## RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT JULY 2020

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CLASSES		\$ 506.35
PARK PERMITS		\$ 1,650.00
SPECIAL EVENTS		\$ 50.00
FACILITY		\$ 3,082.02
TOTAL		\$ 5,288.37

## INDIAN HILLS GOLF COURSE



### DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

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 May. Indian Hills will be performing its third and final greens maintenance in early September following the Ft Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis Golf Outing. The healthier we are moving into the Fall, the better we can withstand the difficult conditions of the winter months.

We continue to move in the right direction both financially and from a rounds standpoint. We are currently 2,500 rounds above last year to date and will be approximately 8,000 rounds higher at the end of September versus September of 2017. From a revenue standpoint, we are approximately \$100,000 in Total Gross Revenue above last year to date and will be in excess of \$200,000 above September 2017. While we still have plenty of work to do to be self sustaining, we now have a sellable product which makes our future much brighter!

We have been fighting through this pandemic 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

### INDIAN HILLS SALES REPORT

	6/2020	7/2020
<b>GOLF ROUNDS</b>	2116	2549
<b>GOLF FEES</b>	\$28,714.86	\$45,822.36
<b>RANGE TOKENS</b>	\$1,182.13	\$1,146.88
<b>MEMBERSHIP PASS</b>	\$220.00	\$892.38
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGES</b>	\$5,447.65	\$6,280.90
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	\$3,340.70	\$5,291.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,905.34</b>	<b>\$59,433.71</b>



## CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	154	109	88
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	\$113,7002.96	\$127,859.09	\$126,371.48
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	\$47,510.61	\$42,711.25	\$33,080.41
<b>Electricity</b>	\$3,966.44	\$3,696.09	\$2,801.06
<b>Retail</b>	\$10,611.96	\$13,964.04	\$14,305.33
<b>Gas Sales</b>	\$31,933.11	\$44,734.91	\$42,988.03
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	\$51,415.21	\$46,342.61	\$36,314.09
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$260,150.29</b>	<b>\$281,854.62</b>	<b>\$255,860.40</b>

# WELCOME TO FORT PIERCE!



## WELCOMING NEW BUSINESSES!

1ST CLASS TAXES & MORE INC  
 ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENTS LLC  
 ACTION FENCING INC  
 AUTO SALE & MORE OF FORT PIERCE  
 BLYCO ELECTRIC LLC  
 BP  
 BURNEY, JOHN MARCEL JAMES  
 CAREY REDDICK ENTERPRISE LLC  
 CMZ PRESSURE WASHING, LLC  
 CONCRETE IMPRESSIONS OF FLORIDA  
 E.C.A MOTORS LLC  
 FTL MARKETING, LLC  
 GOD WITH ROSE & 2 SONS

HASKETT, JAY D. M.D.  
 HOWARD, TORREY  
 JOZEB INC  
 KIDZ N MOTION  
 L & L LUXURIES LLC  
 L & R BARBECUE  
 LERROS GOURMET ITALIAN ICES  
 MACK'S BRAIN FREEZE SLUSH  
 MIKE'S PERFORMANCE GARAGE LLC  
 MOORE, ANN  
 OF PROPERTIES  
 OSHUN BOTANICA & LA NINA BOUTIQUE  
 PROVIDENCE LIFE COUNSELING

RAGIN CAJUN CAFE  
 REYES-GAMEZ MULTISERVICE  
 RSR CARPENTRY INC  
 SALT BEAUTY BAR LLC  
 SCENTED DRAGON LLC  
 SOTILLO, CHRISTOPHER  
 STONE, VIVIAN Y. M.S., LMHC  
 TOP NOTCH BOUTIQUE  
 TURTLE ISLAND FLOORING LLC  
 WASHINGTON, KATIE  
 WHIRLED INC  
 YOUR TREASURE COAST LIQUIDATOR



## **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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