

FORT PIERCE INSIDER



KIDFUN TO-GO DRIVE-THRU

St. Lucie County Early Learning Coalition hosts drive-thru event.



FALL FOR THE FORT

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RECOVER
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Help is here for St. Lucie County small businesses hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic!

Grants of up to
\$7,500
to be awarded to eligible small businesses

- Funds do not have to be repaid**

- Grants available to businesses economically injured, mandated to close or curtail operations due to COVID-19**

- Must have 10 or fewer employees**

- Total revenue of less than \$1 million**

- Other eligibility requirements apply**

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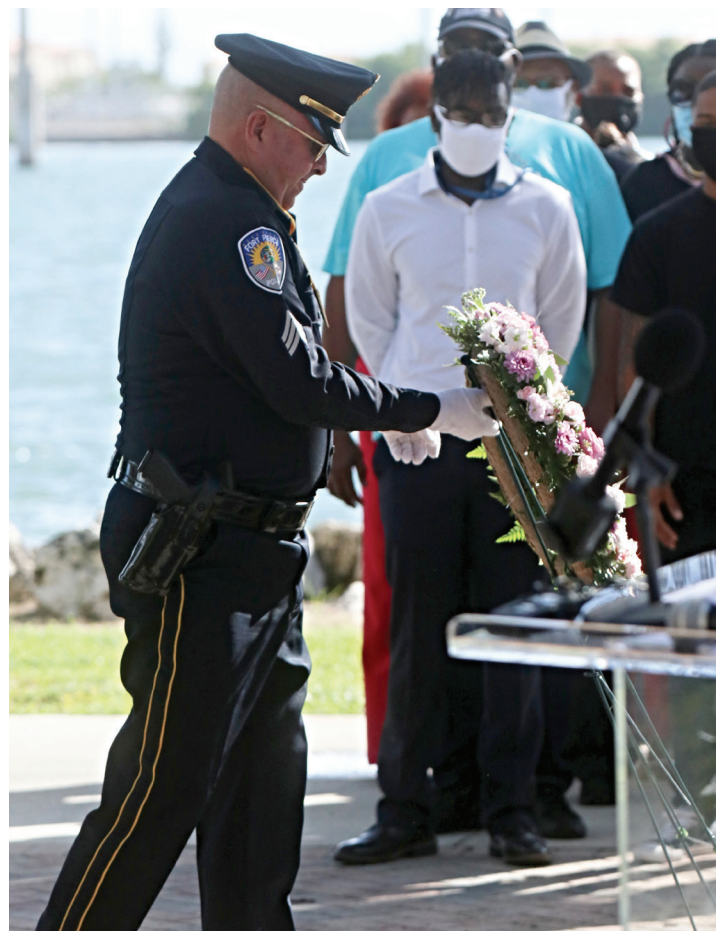


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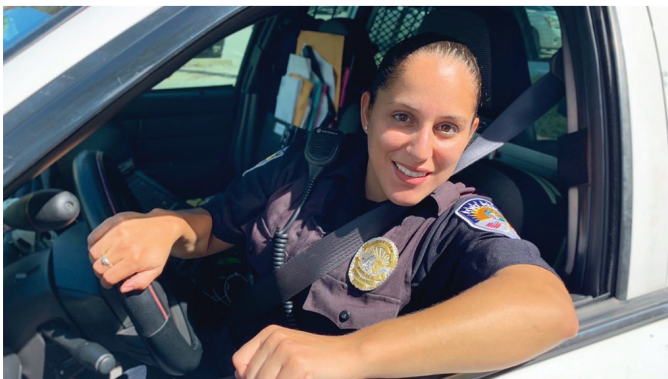
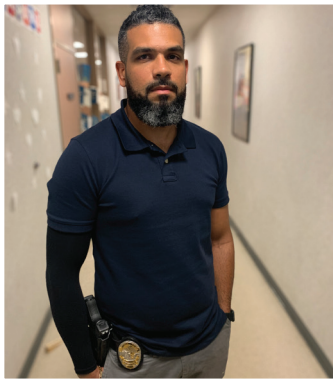
MIKE JACHLES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER

The Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors at the City of Fort Pierce's Annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park, where the statue of Cee Cee Ross Lyles stands. Mayor Linda Hudson welcomed the family of Cee Cee Ross Lyles and the dignitaries present. Thanks to all who attended in person and virtually. Wreaths were presented by the Police Department Honor Guard, the City of Fort Pierce, and the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and St. Lucie County Fire District Honor Guard. Cee Cee Ross Lyles' mother and son were among those who spoke at the ceremony honoring the detective and United Flight 93 Flight Attendant.



FPPD GIVES HIT-AND-RUN TEEN A SWEET 16

The teen struck by a hit-and-run driver while skating outside her grandmother’s house in August got a special Sweet 16 surprise from Fort Pierce police September 25. She was surprised with a patrol car parade led by Mayor Linda Hudson and Chief Diane Hobley-Burney. The Mayor and Chief delivered a cake and presents for Jayda, along with officers from the department. “While the driver that struck Jayda has yet to come forward, we wanted to step up with this small gesture to lighten her special day,” Police Chief Diane Hobley-Burney said. On August 29, Jayda was struck by a pickup truck as she roller skated near her grandmother’s house on South 17 Street and Emerald Terrace. She was airlifted to Palm Beach Children’s Hospital in West Palm Beach with a traumatic brain injury and internal injuries, and remained in critical condition in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit until September 8. She was discharged from the hospital September 15.



POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month 202 runs through October 15 in the United States and the Fort Pierce Police Department is spotlighting the heritage through social media. A number of department employees have already been featured in the posts on Facebook and Twitter, for their diverse familial heritage. The common denominator is that the employees are all proud of their heritage and their bilingual ability helps them connect with the Hispanic community. You may not know, but Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed an amendment expanding it to a month-long observation.

ALERT TODAY, ALIVE TOMORROW TRAINING AIMS TO REDUCE FATALITIES

Florida ranks #1 in the U.S. for fatal bicycle crashes. Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow training sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation was held in September at the Fort Pierce PD for officers so they can work state-funded details that target high-crash areas for pedestrians and bicyclists. The goal is to reduce crashes through education, awareness and enforcement. Officers will be out on U.S. Highway 1 and on Orange Avenue, near Interstate 95, two of our most common areas for these types of crashes.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

At the September 8, 2020, Planning Board meeting, the Board recommended for approval three short-term rentals and one annexation. These applications are scheduled for the October 19, 2020, City Commission public hearing for approval.

Planning Board September 8, 2020, meeting

Barsotti Short Term Rental – Conditional Use	1040 Windward Drive, #3402
Jetson’s Annexation	504 Tumblin Kling Road
Ballantyne Vacation Rental – Conditional Use	715 S. Ocean Drive, Unit B
Danaluk Vacation Rental – Conditional Use	715 S. Ocean Drive, Unit L

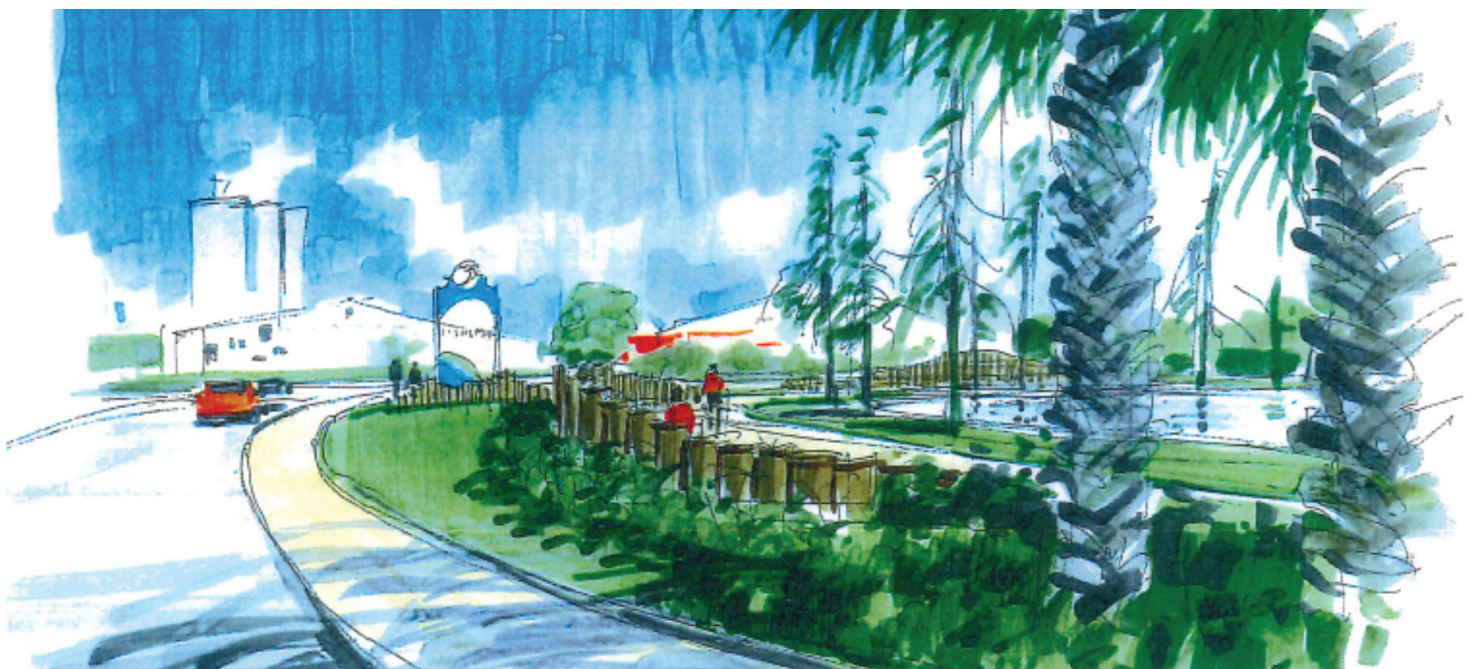
Additionally, the Planning Department is taking the opportunity in the coming months to showcase each member of the department’s staff in the City Manager’s reports to introduce them to the public and showcase their skills and backgrounds in their profession.



The first staff member to be presented is Maria Lewicka, AICP. Maria earned her Bachelor of Architecture and Urban Design from Lodz Polytechnics in Poland and served 10 years as studio manager in these disciplines. In 1989 she came to the United States to attend Iowa State University, achieving her Master’s Degrees in Architecture and Community Planning. In 1994, Maria began a 20-year career as Planner and Urban Designer for the City of Vero Beach and the City of St. Cloud, Florida.

Maria earned her American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) designation in 1997. The AICP title is the only nationwide, independent verification of planners' qualifications, by certifying professionals in the United States in the field of Urban Planning. Certified planners must uphold the standards of the planning practice in the areas of ethics, professional development, and continuing education.

In 2015, Maria joined the City of Ft Pierce Planning Department as its Historic Preservation Planner working with the Historic Preservation Board to preserve community history, character, and beauty in concert with 21st century growth and development. Pursuant to City Code Chapter 111, the City’s Historic Preservation Officer (Planner) must be experienced with, and knowledgeable in, architectural history, urban design, local history, landscape materials, site planning, and land use regulations. Maria is charged with the following duties:



(1) Prepare designation reports which establish and define the historic significance and character of the proposed designated historic sites and historic districts and all other items as described in section 111-123 et seq., for designation reports under this chapter, and make recommendations to the board regarding designation status of those properties.

(2) Prepare National Register of Historic Places Nominations.

(3) Provide advice, standards, guidelines, and procedures for the designation of historic sites and historic districts, and to applicants for certificates of appropriateness.

(4) Upon receipt of a complete application for a certificate of appropriateness for a designated historic site and for properties within an historic district, review such application, which may include a field check of the site and referral to other departments or agencies as necessary to determine any adverse effect upon the public welfare, and make approval/denial recommendations to the board.

(5) Maintain and update an official inventory and map delineating historic sites and photographs to document all officially designated historic sites and historic districts.

(6) Prepare summary reports of all decisions on applications for certificates of appropriateness for designated historic sites and historic districts including criteria and conditions for approval or denial.

(7) Schedule meetings of the historic preservation board, prepare agendas for the board meetings, and ensure that proper notice is given to the public for all regular and special historic preservation board meetings and hearings.

(8) Review all final development plans for designated historic sites and historic districts, for compliance with terms and conditions of applicable certificates of appropriateness, prior to issuance of any building permit.

(9) Issue all certificates of recognition for newly designated historic sites, and issue all approved certificates of appropriateness for designated historic sites and for properties within historic districts.

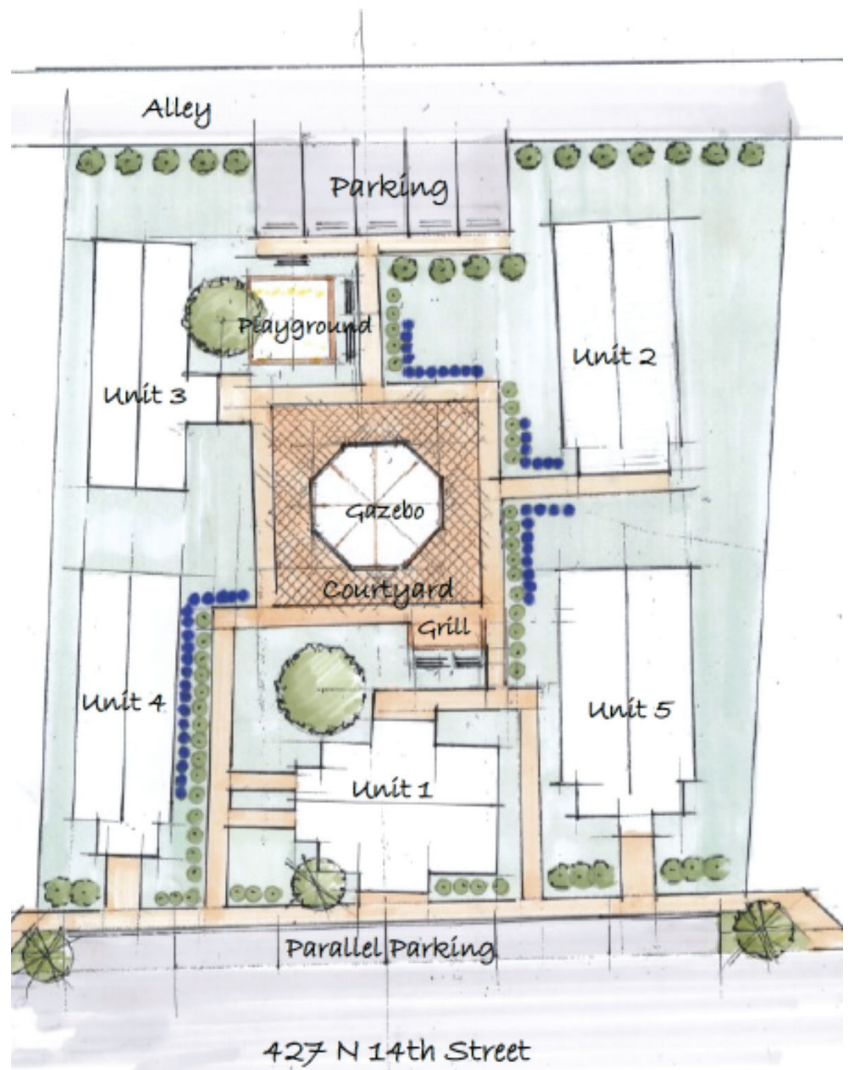
(10) Work with other city departments, public agencies and private groups as required to provide a continuing effort to protect and preserve significant elements of the manmade and the natural environment through public education and encouragement of preservation policies.

(11) Serve as the certified local government coordinator between the Historic Preservation Board and the Florida Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation.

(12) Promote the awareness of historic preservation and its community benefits to the general public and to school children through promotional materials, guidebooks, tours, informational brochures, educational tools, workshops, lectures, and presentations.

(13) Apply for preservation awards, grants, and actively participate in other preservation programs such as the Floridan Historic Marker Program, administered by the Florida Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation.

Maria's role with the Department goes beyond her duties as the Historic Preservation Planner. Illustrated are examples of Maria's architectural artistic talent as demonstrated with these hand sketches. Her ability to professionally draw assists the Planning Department in exemplifying the department's vision.



Maria's sketch of a redevelopment concept for Lincoln Park

KIDFUN TO-GO DRIVE-THRU

KAITLYN BALLARD, COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPECIALIST

The KidFun To-Go Drive-Thru Event, hosted by the St. Lucie County Early Learning Coalition was a HUGE success this weekend! Thanks to community partners including Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, Healthy St. Lucie, St. Lucie County Firefighters, City of Fort Pierce, City of Port St. Lucie, Treasure Coast Food Bank, Treasure Coast Hospice, and sponsors PNC, Renaissance Charter St. Lucie, and Care Now Urgent Care over 500 families were able to receive free books, grab & go bags, and reading & stem activities and more for the children throughout St. Lucie County. The City of Fort Pierce was excited to participate in this event and looks forward to more partnerships in the future. #lovethafort



CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



Porpoise Avenue Beach Access Parking

Final design plans are currently being prepared and will be submitted to FDEP for permitting. This project will increase beach access parking providing parking for a total of twenty-five vehicles utilizing a pervious paver system similar to the parking areas at Jetty Park and Dreamland Park. Anticipated construction is projected to commence in February/ March 2021.



Citrus Avenue Bridge Repairs:

All FEC approvals have been obtained and the contractor is scheduled to commence construction activities on September 28, 2020 through mid-April 2021. The repair work will require closure of one eastbound and one westbound travel lane for a period of 2-3 months. Construction contract amount totals \$1,062,927.80.



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

The new drainage installation began on Monday, August 31st. Phase II (Canal Terrace to Avenue D) sewer installation began on Tuesday, September 15th and estimated complete on Tuesday, September 29th. The gas contractor has completed the new gas main installation from Orange Ave to Avenue D. Mastec began conduit installations on September 8th.

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

Culpepper & Terpening's Specific Authorization No. 3 was executed on Monday, August 31st. The scope of work for this project will include drainage improvements, new curb and gutter, sidewalks, and roadway reconstruction. A survey was completed, and the project design is in progress.

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.

WHAT'S NEW?



THE BOSTON HOUSE:

Located at 239 S Indian River Drive, The Boston House is undergoing a major renovation to bring a new business venture to historic Fort Pierce. Amongst the renovations is an exterior elevator to bring accessibility to the 2nd floor of the structure. The elevator, the wooden landing at the top, the concrete landing at the base and the concrete ramp will undergo inspections to ensure compliance with the Florida Accessibility Code.



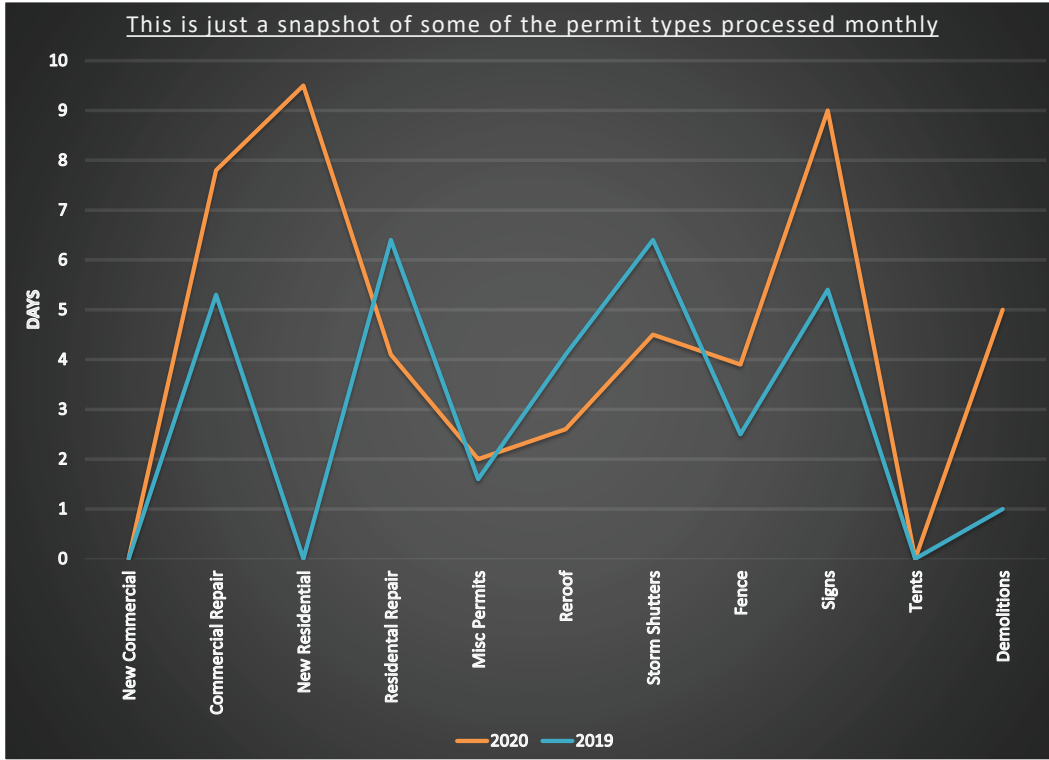
HARBOUR CAY SHOPPES:

Vertical construction has begun for the Harbour Cay Shoppes located at 825 Seaway Dr. just east of the Harbour Isle Condominiums. While still under construction, occupancy has already been secured for Goodfella's Pizza, Foxy Nails & Spa, Harbour Liquors and Paradise Emporium. As required by the Florida Building Code, rebar, short for reinforcing bar can be seen in the concrete block placed by the contractor.

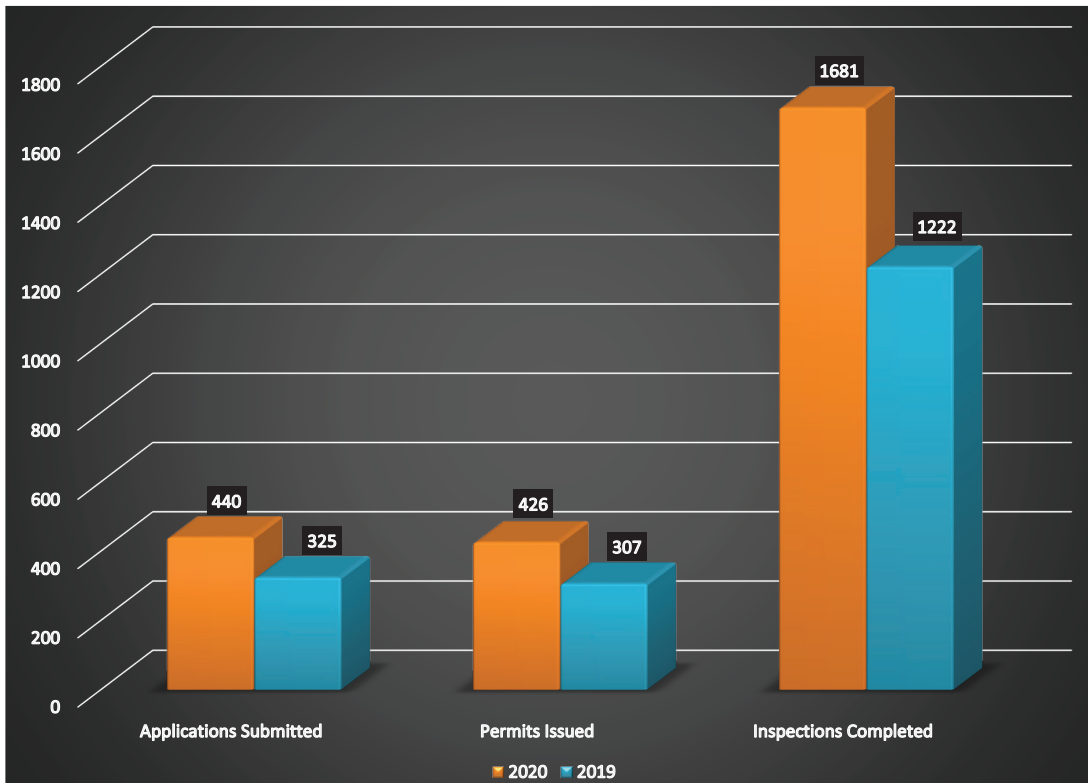
BUILDING CHARTS FOR AUGUST 2020

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



SAFETY FIRST

ANDY AVERY, PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR

During this pandemic we encountered in March of this year, the Public Works Department continued conducting our monthly safety training meetings. The monthly safety meetings were conducted in our conference room in the Director's Office prior to this pandemic. Since the conference room was not large enough for social distancing. We have been utilizing other locations for the meetings like The Garden Center.

We have been social distancing and using our sanitizing protocols before during and after our meetings. This has been a challenge, but it was necessary to continue our efforts without compromising safety.

The new procedure has increased the time to prepare for and to breakdown after the meetings. This method has been utilized in Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Classes, FNGLA, and our Safety Meetings.

With the COVID-19 virus came a lot of uncertainties. This was not like any other we had ever encountered. As first responders, we are here to serve our citizens and take care of our city. We have learned a lot during this pandemic and what it takes to maintain our jobs and keep each other in a safe environment. No one can predict or see the future, but we can take safety seriously and take one day at a time. When we help each other succeed, we all are winners. In our daily lives here at work and at home we can come together. We can help each other and learn from one another. Just being safe in Fort Pierce.





- Wednesday - Green Market - Marina Square 12pm - 6:30pm
- Saturday - Jazz Market – Marina Square 8am – 1pm
- Saturday - Downtown Farmers Market - Marina Square 8am – 12pm
- 10/31/20 Trunk-a-Fest – Dreamland Park 12pm – 7pm
- 11/6/20 Friday Fest – Marina Square 5pm – 9pm
- 11/7/20 Manatee 5K – Manatee Center 5am – 12pm

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT AUGUST 2020

CLASSES	\$ 166.74
PARK PERMITS	\$ 1,375.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 5,675.00
FACILITY	\$ 4,658.35
TOTAL	\$ 11,875.09



DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

It’s been a busy summer at the golf course, as we’ve averaged 104 players per day between May 1st and September 24th. We still have some work to do to be fully self sustaining, but we continue to head in a positive direction. We are approximately 2,900 rounds and \$100,000 in Total Gross Revenue better than last year!

We continue to improve the course conditions on an almost daily basis, focusing on the health of the turf on the greens and fairways. This process will help carry us through the dry and cool conditions of the winter months when grass growth is at its slowest. Our third and final large greens project was completed on September 9th and the greens are fully recovered and rolling smoothly!

It has been a productive summer from a project standpoint as well, completing many jobs in house. We installed new flooring and painted the exterior of the Golf Shop to freshen up the look and feel of the facility. We also painted the patio, walkway and steps as well as the covered picnic areas at the Practice Range. 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 summer maintenance projects.

**INDIAN HILLS
SALES REPORT**

	7/2020	8/2020
GOLF ROUNDS	2549	2444
GOLF FEES	\$45,822.36	\$36,293.26
RANGE TOKENS	\$1,146.88	\$1,094.74
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$892.38	\$1,223.69
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$6,280.90	\$5,493.37
MERCHANDISE	\$5,291.19	\$3,815.36
TOTAL	\$59,433.71	\$47,920.42



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Dockage Reservations	109	88	62
Monthly Dockage	\$127,859.09	\$126,371.48	\$127,941.97
Transient Dockage	\$42,711.25	\$33,080.41	\$29,181.04
Electricity	\$3,696.09	\$2,801.06	\$3,167.88
Retail	\$13,964.04	\$14,305.33	\$10,858.08
Gas Sales	\$44,734.91	\$42,988.03	\$31,949.07
Diesel Sales	\$46,342.61	\$36,314.09	\$23,153.45
TOTALS	\$281,854.62	\$255,860.40	\$226,251.49

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