

FORT PIERCE INSIDER





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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



JOE SWEAT, MARKETING SPECIALIST

There's nothing quite like being home for the holidays. There is always something to look forward to in Fort Pierce no matter the season. Each one brings something new and exciting that leaves a lasting impression, especially for Christmas time. Fort Pierce is a slow-paced kind of town; it goes with the flow of things and never really fits into that busy holiday rush like other big cities. Who wants to sip coffee just to have it run down the front of you because you were bum-rushed by shoppers? Humbug!

The City of Fort Pierce strives each year to ensure that you and your loved ones experience a cozy, laid back Christmas. The Annual Holiday Lights Spectacular is always a treat. The sound of children running around Marina Square, laughing and playing while the Dancing Palms light up the waterfront with Christmas music is a picture perfect sight, but there's always more.





The City of Fort Pierce wants to make sure your holiday season is very merry and bright and invites you and yours to explore all the wonderful decorations throughout the city. The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department has added new displays this year to help make those holiday memories last.

Complete List of Fort Pierce Holiday Decorations:

- S 10th St. and Georgia (The Garden Center)
- 17th St. and Avenue Q Roundabout
- The Sunrise Boulevard Roundabout
- Avenue D from US Highway 1 to 13th Street
- 13th St. Plaza on Avenue D
- City Hall 100 North US Highway 1
- Orange Avenue US Highway 1 to Indian River Drive
- Selfie Spots on 2nd St, Orange Avenue and Avenue A
- Indian River Drive and Avenue A
- Avenue A just East of US1
- South Beach Park S A1A & Crestview Dr.
- South Jetty Park Seaway Dr. & S. A1A
- Seaway Dr. East of the bridge
- Holiday Lights Spectacular - Marina Square, 1 Avenue A

For more info on the Holiday Lights Spectacular or City decorations, please call 772-467-3031



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The City of Fort Pierce spent back-to-back days serving the community a memorable Thanksgiving To-Go Meal. The Drive-Thru efforts led by Audria Moore-Wells, Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Fort Pierce, and in partnership with the Treasure Food Bank and Palm Beach Harvest served over 750 vehicles per day for two days. Each vehicle received a frozen turkey, fruits, vegetables, holiday fixings, and more!





Thank you to Pastor Rakhsham Cain, Pastor Vernon J. Shazier, the Fort Pierce Explorer Post 477, Anne Burns, Mai Morrison, Essence Thompson, Rafaela Mendez, Joseph Richardson, Betty Bradwell, Rev. Jonathan Ingram, Clerk of Court-elect, Michelle Miller, Commissioner-elect, Curtis Johnson Jr., City of Fort Pierce employees, Fort Pierce Police Officer, Damian Spotts, Fort Pierce Police Community Service Officer, Mandral Gibson, Fort Pierce Police IT Analyst, Alfonso Fernandez, Kaitlyn Ballard, Grants Admin Assistant Fort Pierce Police Officer Sr. Accounting Clerk, Nancy Barboza, Cassandra Jackson, and Hordanel Hidalgo, City Hall Security Guard.

Thank you, volunteers! You made these events possible and hearts happy for a truly grateful Thanksgiving!



WRAPPING UP

The City of Fort Pierce recently completed phase 3 of artistically wrapping traffic signal boxes in different locations throughout the city. A HUGE shout out to some of our awesome local photographers as well as St. Lucie County, St. Lucie Public Schools, and IRSC - Indian River State College for sharing such beautiful artwork. The final phase is in progress now and is projected to be completed after the new year. Stay tuned!





GRADUATING CITIZENS ACADEMY MEMBERS

MIKE JACHLES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER

Seven Fort Pierce residents, including a sitting commissioner and commissioner-elect, graduated from Class 2020-01 of the Citizens Police Academy, a two-month program designed to familiarize participants with procedures and programs within the department. Some of the topics covered included professional traffic stops, criminal investigations and crime scene investigation, body worn cameras, less-lethal weapons, K-9, marine unit, drone and the Milo Range Training System, when a situation can turn deadly in an instant. The graduation ceremony was held November 17. Pictured, L to R, Commissioner-elect Curtis Johnson Jr., Jaser Colin, Chief Diane Hobley-Burney, Harold Albury, Quenithia Wright, Commissioner Tom Perona. Two graduates, not pictured, were unable to attend the graduation ceremony.





MEMORIAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY

The Fort Pierce Police Department was honored to participate in the Fifth Annual Sylvia Tommie Memorial Turkey Giveaway, with the Treasure Coast Hope for the Homeless Foundation. It was held November 24 in memory of the founder of Sylvia's Flower Patch II on Avenue D. Son Alexander Tommie organizes the event each year to honor her memory. The Treasure Coast Hope for the Homeless Foundation was started in 2011 by two daughters of public servants, Richard Del Toro and former Fort Pierce Police Department's Ed Cunningham. Over \$2,400 worth of turkeys were donated this year to help families who wouldn't otherwise have a Thanksgiving dinner.



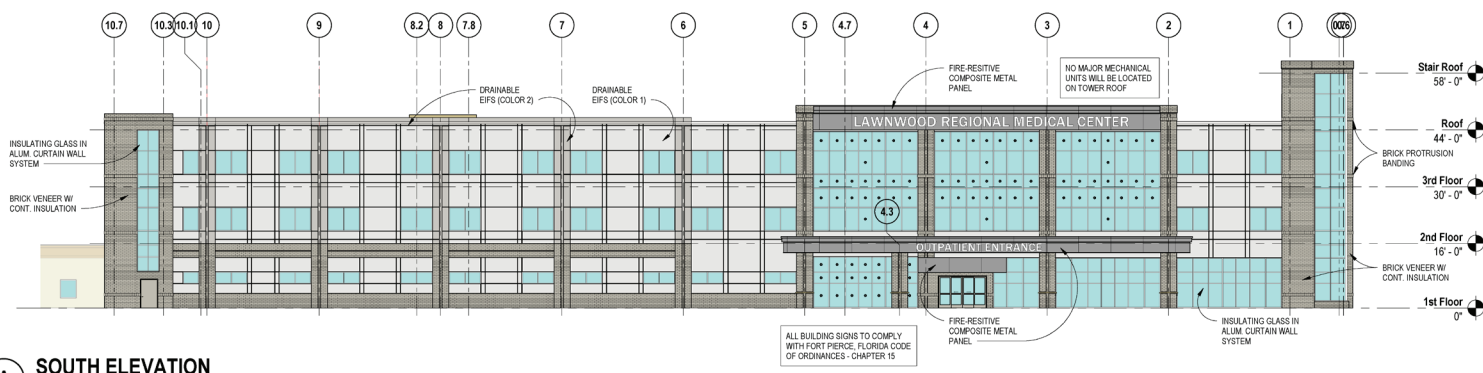
Left to right: Chief Diane Hobley-Burney, Boys and Girls Club CEO Will Armstead, Port St. Lucie Asst. Chief Richard Del Toro

ALERT TODAY, ALIVE TOMORROW

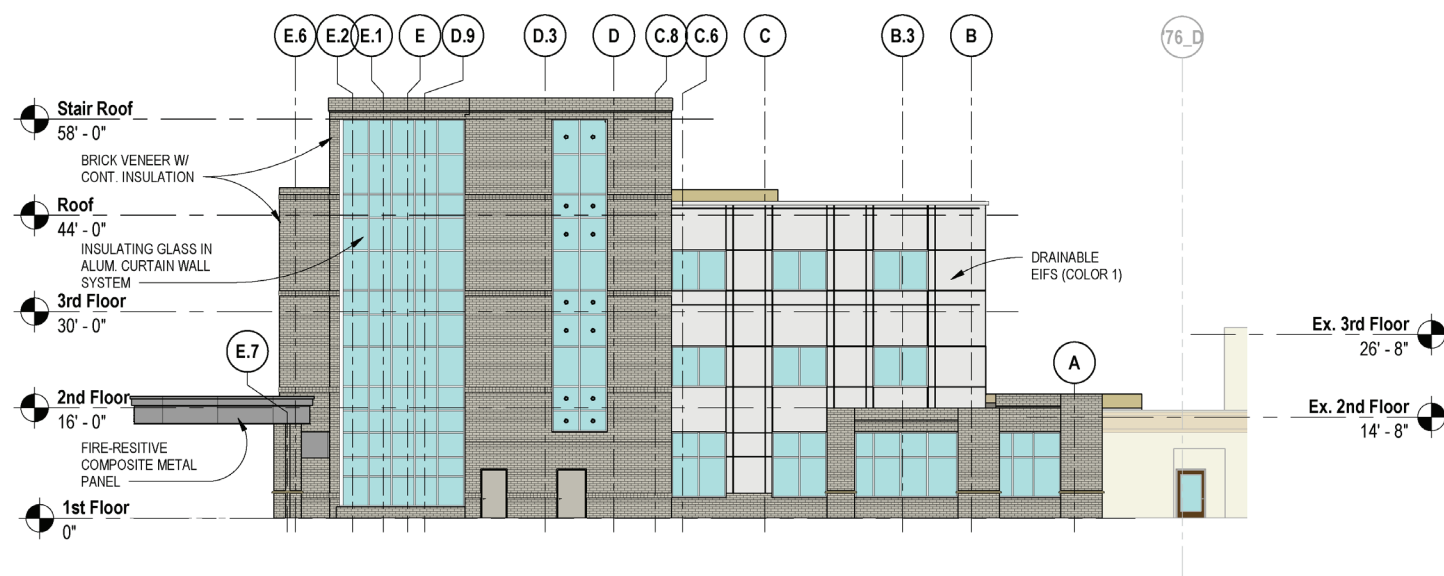
The Fort Pierce Police Department took to the streets November 18 to educate bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers for operation Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow. It's an initiative to reduce serious crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists in areas where they are most likely to occur. Sgt. Brian MacNaught and other officers started out at U. S. 1 and Midway Road for the first day of the program. In addition to educating those who are traveling by foot, bike or car, they are providing free safety swag - bicycle helmets, lights and more. Other areas they'll be concentrating on include Orange Avenue near Interstate 95. Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow is part of a state initiative made possible by the Florida Department of Transportation, the University of North Florida and Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM). The program will continue into the spring of 2021.



LAWNWOOD EXPANSION



A SOUTH ELEVATION
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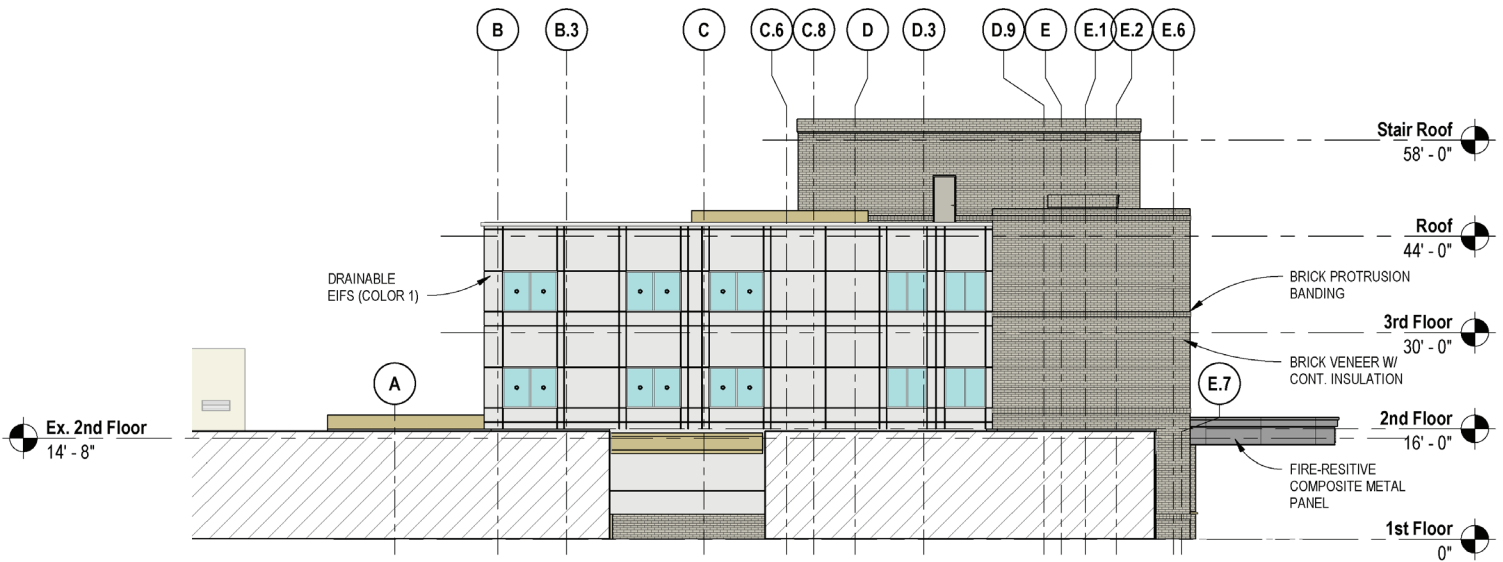


B EAST ELEVATION
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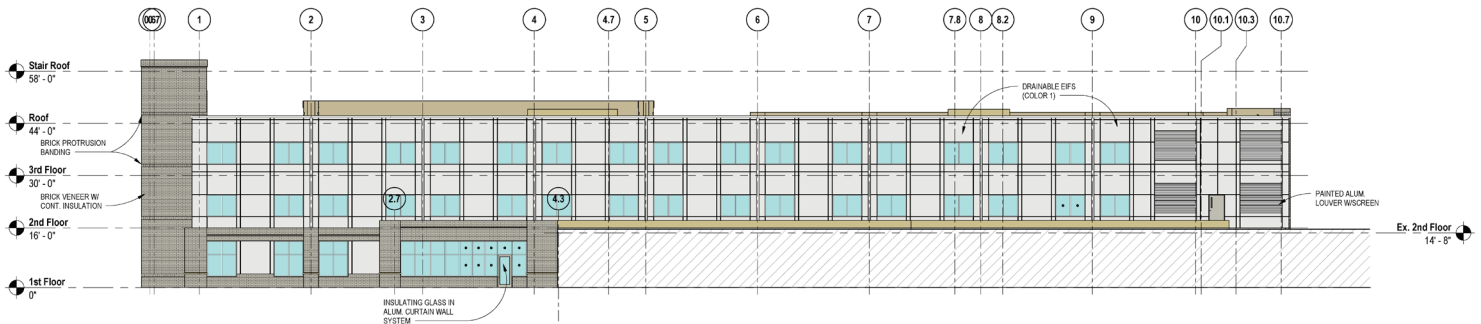
The expansion of the Lawnwood Medical Center, located at 1700 South 23rd Street, was the big-ticket item for review and recommendation by the Planning Department. Lawnwood, a 380-bed facility, received more than \$100 million to expand the pre-operative and recovery areas which will triple the size of the existing rooms, add three (3) operating rooms and 32 beds in the medical surgical unit. The expansion project will also create more parking in addition to other enhancements. When completed, Lawnwood will be a 424-bed facility and the hospital will be able to accommodate the growing needs of surrounding communities while enhancing the patient experience. The proposal was processed as a Planned Development (PD) to allow for a phased development of

the hospital as governed by an approved Master Site Plan (MSP). The standards and procedures of the MSP are intended to promote flexibility of design and permit planned diversification and integration of uses and structures, while at the same time granting the City the authority to establish such limitations and regulations as it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

The five (5) phases of the Master Plan will involve the following:



C WEST ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



D NORTH ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

- Phase 1: The construction of a three (3) story addition,
- Phase 2: A 3rd floor shell build out,
- Phase 3: An Emergency Department addition with a helipad, and a 4th Floor addition,
- Phase 4: A 5th Floor addition for a maximum height of 75 feet, and
- Phase 5: A Parking Structure.

Additional parking and landscape improvements will be provided with each phase of development. Phasing the renovations of the parking will allow the hospital to function adequately during each of the phased site improvements. Should it be determined that surface parking is not sufficient to accommodate visitors at the main campus, additional parking of 550 parking spaces will be addressed with the construction of a parking structure during the last phase of redevelopment.

The landscape plan consists of the following:

- 88 trees, which will feature the Gumbo Limbo, Ligustrum, Crape Myrtle, and Southern Live Oak,
- 30 palm trees, which will feature Pygmy Date Palm, Royal Palm, and the Cabbage Palmetto, and
- 86 shrubs

CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT

Citrus Avenue Bridge Repairs:

Repairs to the 63-year-old bridge are well underway. The damaged concrete deck has been repoured and numerous concrete spall repairs on the bridge's underdeck, fascia, and piles have been completed. The bridge has a total of ten spans with spans 9 and 10 situated over FEC R/W. Sandblasting of metal components situated on spans 1 thru 5 have been completed. Primer application on spans 1 and 2 has been finalized and inspected.



A change in the lane closures has been implemented so that work on the eastbound bridge deck can be accomplished. This work includes joint sealant replacement along with concrete spall repairs on the bridge deck, bridge fascia, and the bridge diaphragm. The total construction cost is \$1,062,928 and the project is funded with \$662,928 from the Half-Cent Surtax proceeds and \$400,000 from the City's General Fund. Anticipated construction completion is April 2021.



North 17th Street

(Orange Ave to Ave D) Roadway Improvements:

The Avenue D intersection improvements are complete, and the intersection was re-opened on Friday, November 13th. Final drainage installation and water service transfers are underway. FPUA continues to underground electrical service from Avenue D to Canal Terrace.



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

The roadway improvements for this project will include drainage, new curb and gutter, sidewalks, and roadway reconstruction. The 30% design plan was delivered, and review comments were provided to Culpepper & Terpening.

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. 100% design plans have been forwarded to utility providers for review and so they may finalize their utility design. Construction commencement in Spring 2021.





7-Eleven, located at 2496 Edwards Rd. is the latest recipient of the Building Department's Temporary Use Agreement. The Temporary Use Agreement allows 7-Eleven to operate prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy while they continue to resolve all remaining issues and prepare for their grand opening.

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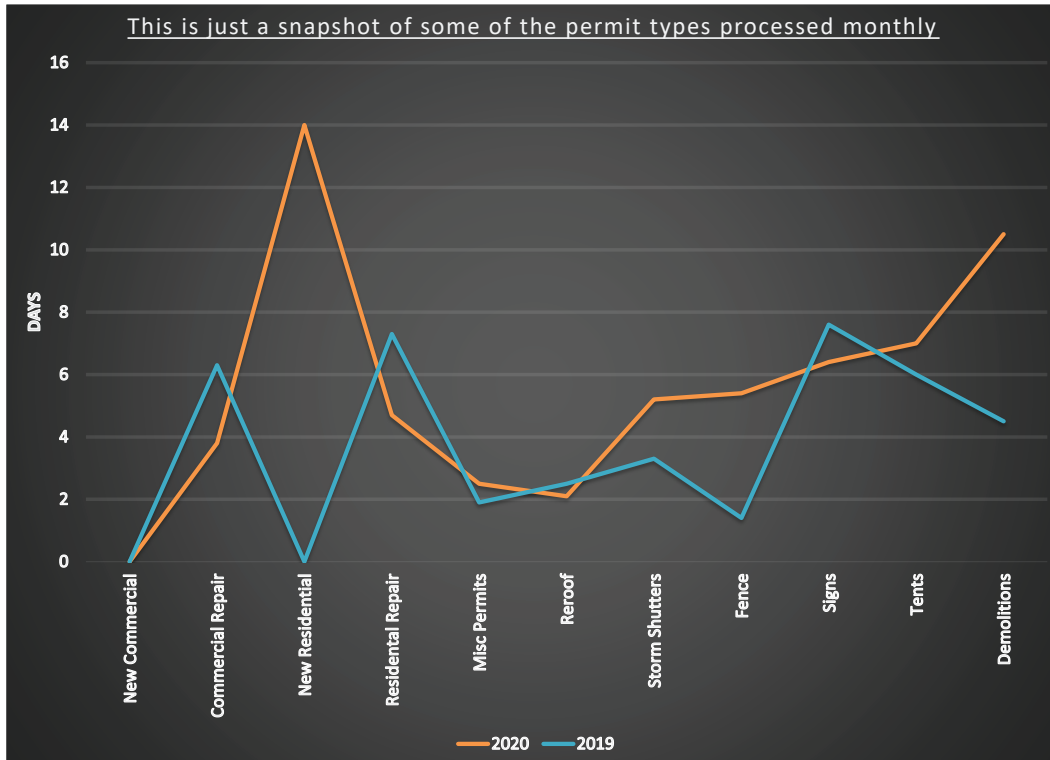


Oleander Properties of Fort Pierce LLC and Southern City Development Inc have teamed up to construct five new duplexes on the 3500 block of South 7th Street just north of Revels Lane. The duplexes are in various stages of construction with two duplexes in the early stages of construction, two duplexes preparing for final inspections and one duplex has already received a Certificate of Occupancy.

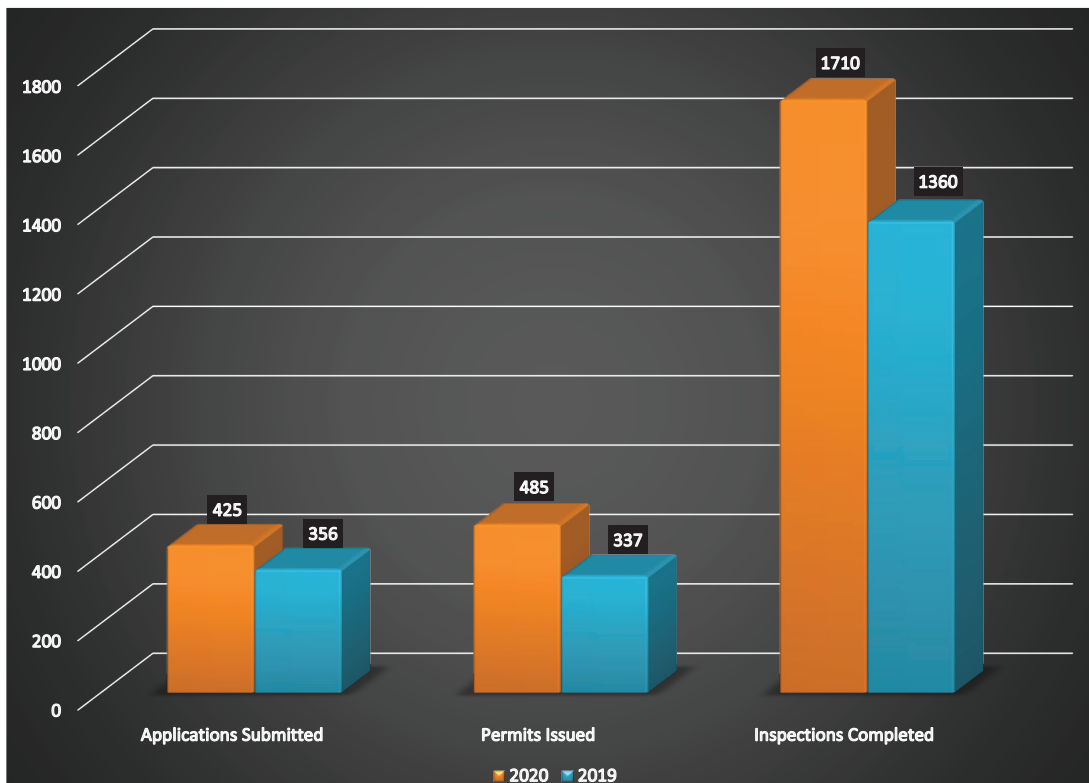
BUILDING CHARTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

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 AND GROUNDS MANAGER

As the holidays approach us and our families and friends start to prepare for the holiday season Fort Pierce Public Works Department kicks off the season to be jolly a few weeks early. If you have been up early and out and about you may have noticed a lot of city vehicles with flashers flaring, large bucket trucks roaring and personnel working throughout the evening. Please do not be alarmed. It is your very own friendly Public Works Department setting up your holiday decorations. This year, we have added a few new decorations and changed some holiday color schemes to add some new spice to our holiday show. One of the new features is a 35-foot-tall Holiday Tree in the Sunrise Roundabout. The new holiday tree was designed and constructed on site by your Public Works Department. Our traditional holiday poinsettias have arrived and are being planted all around the city for a burst of holiday color. As in many years in the past, the Public Works Team is proud to announce that the 2020 Holiday Season Lights will be on display Friday November 27th for all to enjoy. We would like to invite everyone to come out and enjoy the sights and sounds of Our Beautiful City of Fort Pierce Florida! Please take the time to thank your Mayor, Commissioners and City Manager for their commitment to keeping the City of Fort Pierce Florida the number one city to enjoy the outdoor holiday festivities.





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

1/1/21 Friday Fest – Marina Square 5pm – 9pm

1/9/21 Bridge Busters 5K - Veterans Park & South Beach Bridge 6am – 11am

1/16/21 Run for the Coach – Veteran’s Park 6am – 11am

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT NOVEMBER 2020

CLASSES		\$1518.59
PARK PERMITS		\$947.56
SPECIAL EVENTS		\$1475.00
FACILITY		\$6357.90
TOTAL		\$10,299.05



DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

Following a busy summer where we averaged almost 115 players per day between May 1st and September 30th, we are excited for peak season as we are already having a great start to our fiscal year. With rounds in excess of 1,000 more than last year to date and revenues up almost \$20,000 through the first three weeks of November versus last year, we hope that Mother Nature helps to provide a productive and prosperous 2020-2021!!

Our annual “Turkey Shootout” held on Thanksgiving morning each year was SOLD OUT! With 116 players in attendance, everyone had a great time and collectively we raised numerous food items and \$300 in cash for the Treasure Coast Food Bank!!

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

	10/2020	11/2020
GOLF ROUNDS	3201	3471
GOLF FEES	\$61,424.46	\$74,830.25
RANGE TOKENS	\$1,529.39	\$626.38
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$2,243.69	\$4,815.74
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$6,999.60	\$8,213.82
MERCHANDISE	\$4,853.85	\$4,513.35
TOTAL	\$77,050.99	\$92,999.54



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	NOVEMBER
Dockage Reservations	62	62	108
Monthly Dockage	\$127,941.97	\$132,770.55	\$111,649.16
Transient Dockage	\$29,181.04	\$21,139.18	\$37,591.28
Electricity	\$3,167.88	\$2,071.16	\$3,431.23
Retail	\$10,858.08	\$9,559.39	\$11,508.31
Gas Sales	\$31,949.07	\$26,423.88	\$20,813.56
Diesel Sales	\$23,153.45	\$18,095.04	\$31,808.91
TOTALS	\$226,251.49	\$210,059.20	\$216,802.45



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

2ND STREET ART
A-MANATEE PAINTING, INC.
ABERNETHY, LISA
BAGLIVO, NICOLE A
BESPOKE DEVELOPMENT LLC
BLC TRUST HOLDINGS, LLC
BLESSED FOREVER CANDLE COMPANY
BO, WANG M.D.
BOUSIGNAC CARE LLC
BUTLER, TERRY
CATERPILLAR INSURANCE COMPANY
COOPER, LESLIE P.A.
EASTEC SAFETY LLC
FLAMINGO MINI MART INC
FLORIDA TCM CORP
FORT PROPERTIES
FUSIONSFL LLC

GRACE WELLNESS CENTER LLC
GRANADOS, FRANCISCO
INTERMETRO FIBER LLC
J&H HANDYMEN SERVICE & REPAIR,
KLUEPPELBERG, SHERRY
LABCORP
LAND MINISTRIES, INC
LAWSON COMMERCIAL SERVICES LLC
LIBERTY MEDICAL SUPPLY LLC
MANHATTANLIFE ASSURANCE CO.
MICHEAL GREGORY BANACK DBA
MSPHAIRCARE L.L.C.
NASSAU LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPAN
PATRIOT GENERAL INSURANCE CO.
PEACE PIPE
SEPULVEDA, CARMEN
SHINY SHELL CAR WASH

SOUNDTECH SECURITY, INC
STOREY, MAUREEN
SUBLIME LAWN & ORNAMENTAL PEST
THE CELL PHONE HOSPITAL
THE FAMILY SHOP LLC
THE FRENCHIE CONNECT LLC
THE GUARANTEE COMPANY OF NORTH
TRIPLE AAA TRANSPORTATION
TUFF SHED INC
UNICO AIR CONDITIONING COMPANY
UNUM INSURANCE COMPANY
US SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
W&V SERVICES LLC
WILLIAMS, ANTHONY
WINTER RENTALS



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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