

# FORT PIERCE INSIDER





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6th Annual  
CITY OF FORT PIERCE

# JOB FAIR

JANUARY 28

# 2021

## 9AM – 12PM

All veterans receive 8:30 a.m. early entry

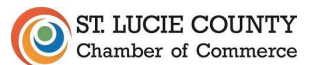


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# SANTA COP BRINGS CHRISTMAS

MIKE JACHLES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER

Over 150 children from some 60 Fort Pierce families got a head start on Christmas at FPPD's Santa Cop December 18. Families in need were identified by officers for the drive-thru version of this annual event at the police department. Chief Diane Hobley-Burney was joined by the jolly ol' fella in the big red suit and Missus Claus, along with PD volunteers to put smiles on our young neighbors' faces as they handed out big bags of toys and presents. The event would not be possible without community supporters like Elks Lodge #1520, Fort Pierce Yacht Club, Guardian for a New Future, Harbour Isle, High Point Women's Club, Sand Hill Shores, St. Lucie County Toy Run, Walmart Supercenter #973 and a host of anonymous donors.





## 120 YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED

Ten police department employees received service awards for a total of 120 combined years of service. Those recognized at the small ceremony included Detective Charles Davis, Records Specialist Jocelyn Gebhardt and Officer Stephen Griffith, who received 25-year Service Awards. Officer Mark Woodruff received his 15-year Service Award, and five-year Service Awards were presented to Officer Peter Berger, Officer Dania Francois-Brown, Chief Diane Hobley-Burney, Deputy Chief Kenny Norris, Officer Sean Patriani and Detective Clermise Smith. Thank you for your service to the City of Fort Pierce.



## FRONT PORCH ROLL CALL

Officers Samantha Foster and Clifford Gray were on a call in the middle of December when a nearby neighbor, cleaning out his closet, had a dozen pairs of shoes to find feet for and offered them to the officers. Needless to say, the officers took the donated shoes and the very next day, at a front porch roll call at the square at Avenue D and North 13 Street, found the perfect fit for the shoes. A number of neighbors with needy feet found the shoes were made for walking!

# THE PORT OF FORT PIERCE



## OUR WORKING WATERFRONT IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

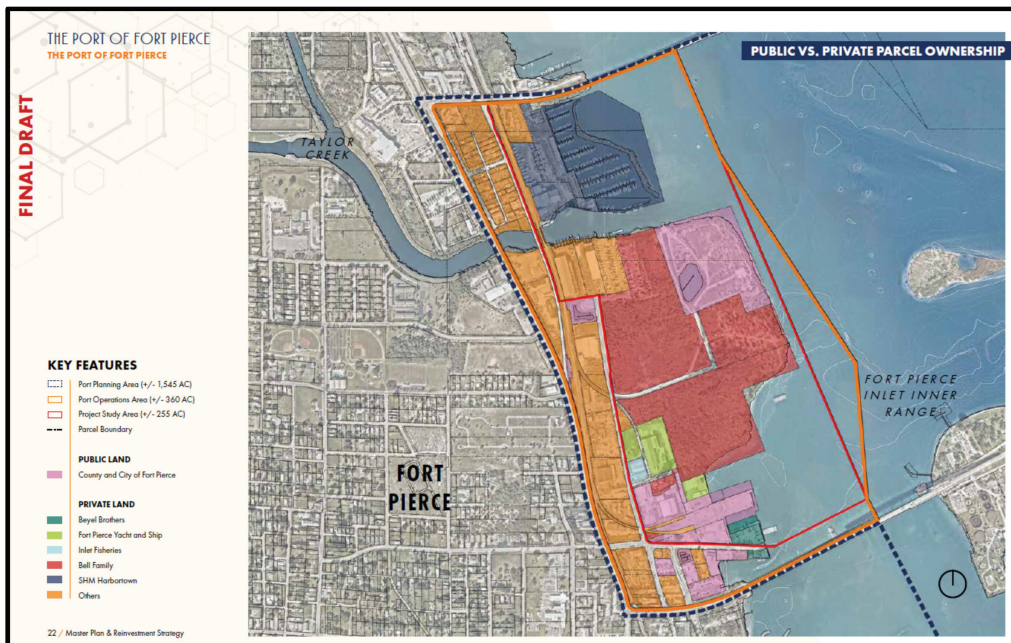
At the December 14, 2020, City Commission Conference Agenda, the Port Master Plan Advisory Committee, which is comprised of members of City, County, and Regional planning staff and outside consultants, convened to present to the Fort Pierce City Commission and the public the draft Master Plan for the Port of Fort Pierce (2020 Plan Update). The Port of Fort Pierce Project Study Area consists of approximately 255 acres of land and water area. The Study Area is bounded by the Intracoastal Waterway (east), Fisherman’s Wharf (south), North 2nd Street and Old Dixie Highway (west), and North Causeway/AIA (north). The Project Study Area includes the new Derecktor Shipyard (ex-Indian River Terminal), a large vacant property in the center of the site owned by the Bell Family, County owned Harbour Pointe Park, and private marina facilities straddling the mouth of Taylor Creek.

The subject 2020 Plan Update for the Port of Fort Pierce establishes a roadmap to achieve a truly diverse working waterfront. The Plan embraces new industries and opportunities aligned with the goals of expanding economic and social benefit to the citizens and businesses found in St. Lucie County and along the Treasure Coast. The Port has been a fixture of the Fort Pierce community since the 1920’s. Establishment of the Fort Pierce Inlet and a small but functional set of docks and transit sheds provided an

important export point for Treasure Coast agricultural products. It also offered a source of employment for residents of the City of Fort Pierce.



Every five (5) years, Florida seaports are required to update their long-range plan to identify and guide port investments to ensure alignment with local comprehensive planning and other regional initiatives. In May 2020, St. Lucie County engaged the consulting team of Atkins and Moffatt & Nichol to explore how best the Port of Fort Pierce should author its next chapter as a unique economic and community asset in the region and the State of Florida. The subject update meets state requirements and builds on the previous work conducted in the previous Port update conducted in 2015.



Public and Private Port Ownership

- Investment in County owned Harbour Pointe Park to emerge as a public marina, boat ramp, and upgraded park; and
- Advancement of a new wharf and surrounding uplands dedicated to support small import/export marine dependent businesses. The current land uses and ownership within the Port area include: *Publicly Owned*

- Fisherman’s Wharf
- Derecktor Shipyard
- Harbour Pointe Park

*Privately Owned*

- Taylor Creek Marina
- Safe Harbor Harbortown
- Underutilized & Vacant Land

The Port of Fort Pierce 2020 Plan Update has a vision that will lead into the next decade with the recent successful purchase of the 12-acre Indian River Terminal and selection of Derecktor Shipyards, Inc. Derecktor will influence the investment and operation of a mega-yacht maintenance, refit, and overhaul facility. The subject Master Plan Update looks to capitalize on this momentum and explore ways in which this new anchor can be catalytic for other Port investment. A common theme heard throughout the 2020 Plan Update-making process was the Port and its lands, harbor, and channel are an untapped resource. Accompanying this sentiment, however, was often a similar caution that harnessing this resource should be done carefully and ensure protection of community quality of life and the ecology and recreational attributes of Fort Pierce Inlet. The subject 2020 Plan Update seeks to strike this balance.

A variety of options for public and private land to evolve into a diverse working waterfront were explored. Options were prepared, refined and established through active dialogue with the County, City, property owners, agencies, and the public. According to the public outreach portion of the Master Plan, the consultant indicated that the process was challenging due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, however, the conversations about the future of the Port were robust and substantive, utilizing all manners of outreach including: virtual meetings, online surveys, conference calls, and (limited) in person meetings.

The planning result was a multi-faceted vision for the Port that calls for the following:

- Creation of the Treasure Coast’s premier center for yacht, shipbuilding, and related marine repair, overhaul, and maintenance facilities;

The next step in the planning process is to amend the City of Fort Pierce Future Land Use and Zoning Maps to consolidate the entire Port boundaries under a unified land use and create a new zoning district that will allow for the implementation of the Port Master Plan Update.



Images of the Port of Fort Pierce

At the December 14, 2020 Fort Pierce City Commission Conference Agenda, the Commission directed City Planning staff to draft a new zoning district, a Planned Industrial District, that will allow for uses that are compatible with the overall Future Land Use category of Industrial and supports a mix of supported land uses showcased in the Master Plan. As most of the Port is under private ownership, the City of Fort Pierce Planning staff will be working with the private landowners to create this new Planned Industrial District to implement the plan and support both public and private interests. The subject regulations are anticipated to establish, among other requirements, permitted and conditional uses, height restrictions, setbacks, landscaping, public space, and an interconnected network of roadways to accommodate a multimodal transportation network within the confines of the Port of Fort Pierce. The subject regulations will require public input and will be presented to the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners with approval by the Fort Pierce City Commission.

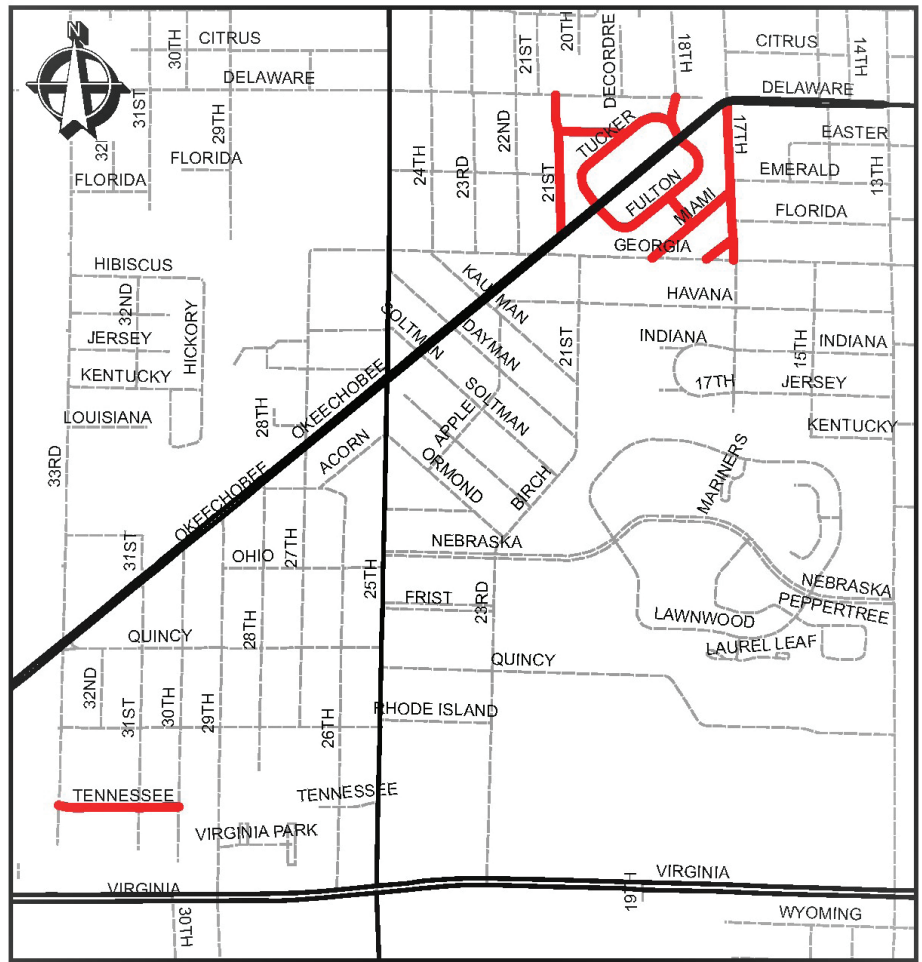
# CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT

## Half Cent Surtax Funding

The Engineering Department has begun work on preparing the 2020 Annual Report for the Fort Pierce Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee. The mission of the members of the committee is to determine that all Surtax proceeds received by the City of Fort Pierce are being expended in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes, and the ballot language approved by the voters of St. Lucie County. The State of Florida, during the first quarter of 2020, cautioned that proceeds from the surtax were estimated to be drastically cut due to the pandemic. Fortunately, this prediction has not proved correct.

Through November of this year, the City has received \$1,753,181.34 in surtax funding, averaging \$159,380 / month. This amount is up 7.43% over last years \$148,360 / month average. Project encumbrances for this year included:

- 17th Street Construction
  - Citrus Overpass Rehabilitation
  - 8th Street Reconstruction
  - Avenue B Reconstruction
  - 2020 Street Resurfacing
- Surtax proceeds used for these projects total \$1,513,769.



### Avenue B Reconstruction - 8th to 10th and 10th to 13th Street

Work under this project will be curb & gutter, driveway aprons, drainage improvements, sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Culpepper has delivered the 80% plan submittal. Engineering has reviewed the submittal and provided comments.

### 2020 Street Resurfacing

We have started resurfacing in the 17th Street and Delaware Avenue neighborhood. This project includes resurfacing approximately 1.66 miles of streets in the neighborhoods shown below. This section of resurfacing is anticipated to be completed by the second week of January 2021.



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The exterior façade of Jaguar Land Rover of the Treasure Coast, located at 4771 S. US HWY 1, is complete, and the interior renovation is nearing completion. This picture was taken shortly after the new signs were installed. Sitework is ongoing, including drainage improvements to alleviate flooding concerns of adjacent properties.

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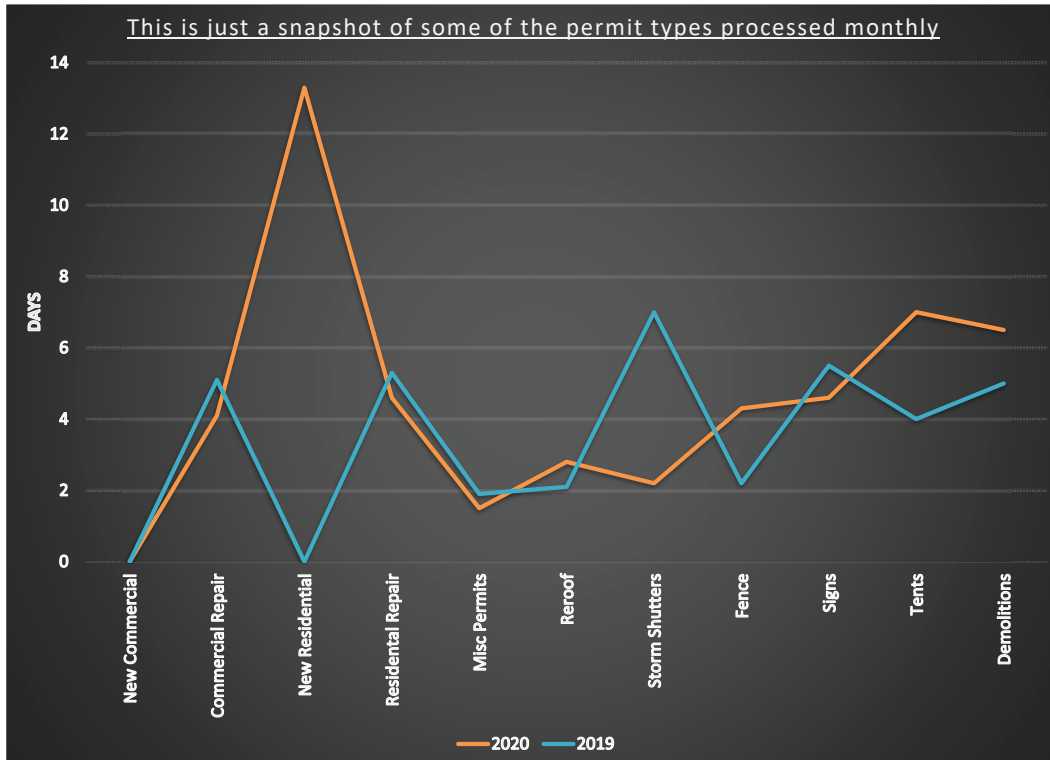


Residential apartments located at 1529 Avenue D have recently started complete interior renovations to include new mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems as well as new drywall. The renovations will bring a fresh new look to the building built in 1954.

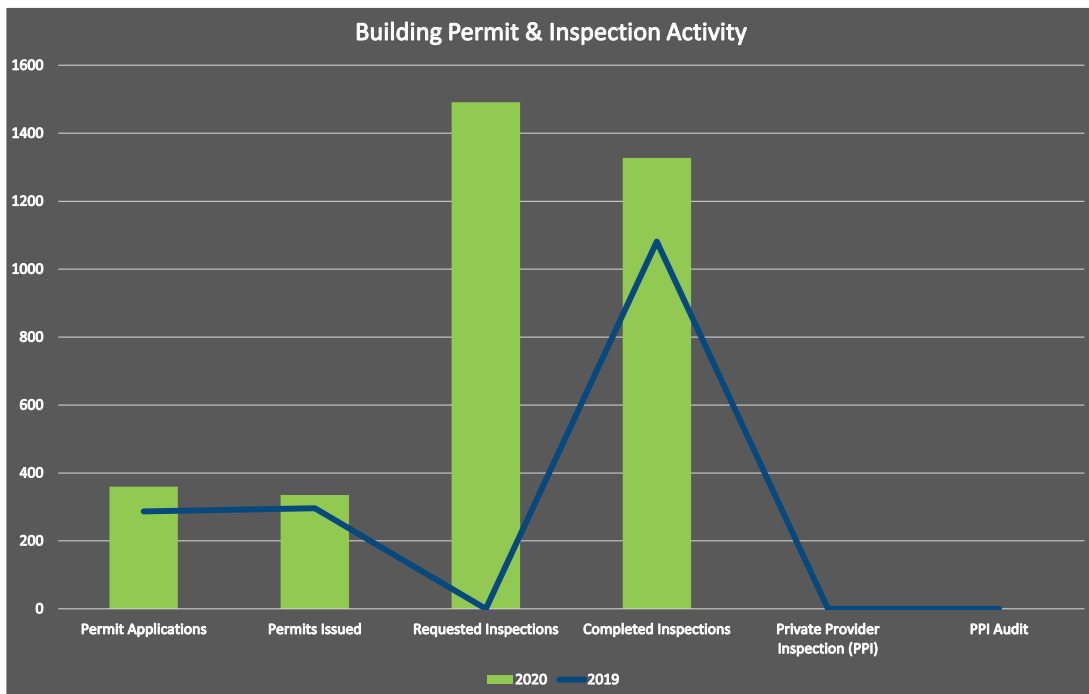
# BUILDING CHARTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

## 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





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PAUL BERTRAM, PARKS AND GROUNDS MANAGER

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The Fort Pierce Public Works Department is winding down our Holiday Season and beginning to plan for an exciting new year of customer service for our citizens and guest of the Beautiful City of Fort Pierce Florida.

Our first goal for the new year 2021 is that all our Public Works Employees start their new year off with three strong priorities.

1. Stay Safe.
2. Stay Busy.
3. Do a Quality Job.

Our next 2021 goal is to continue to provide outstanding customer service to all our citizens.

1. Friendly Quality Service.
2. Respond Promptly.
3. Listen to your concerns.

We would like to thank everyone for all their support this year. Our Team at Public Works know that this has been a tough year for everyone. We want to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year! May the new year fill your heart with all the joy and happiness!





- 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 & S Beach Bridge 6am – 11am

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## RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT NOVEMBER 2020

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CLASSES .....	\$1,979.96
PARK PERMITS .....	\$250.00
SPECIAL EVENTS .....	\$2,410.00
FACILITY .....	\$3,342.50
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$7,982.46</b>



**DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER**

Now that 2020 is behind us, we hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing everyone back for a healthy, happy 2021. We wish to thank all of our staff, members and our guests in helping those in need in our community!! Through our annual Thanksgiving Golf Outing and our food drive, we were able to raise \$346 in cash and almost 400 pounds of food for the Treasure Coast Food Bank this year. We also collected over 200 toys for the Toys for Tots program!!!

Mother Nature has certainly been cooperative with us this Fall with a significant amount of rain! With any luck, these conditions will continue as they help us improve the course conditions on an almost daily basis as we focus on the health of the turf on the greens and fairways.

We’ve had a great start to our first three fiscal months of the year which began on October 1st. We are approximately 1,500 rounds and \$20,000 ahead of last year, so we hope for mild temperatures and periodic rain through January, February and March to help us achieve the best conditions during the colder months.

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**

	<b>10/2020</b>	<b>11/2020</b>
<b>GOLF ROUNDS</b>	3471	2891
<b>GOLF FEES</b>	\$74,830.25	\$67,948.51
<b>RANGE TOKENS</b>	\$626.38	\$1,682.30
<b>MEMBERSHIP PASS</b>	\$4,815.74	\$3,378.95
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGES</b>	\$8,213.82	\$5,675.68
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	\$4,513.35	\$5,538.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,999.54</b>	<b>\$84,223.07</b>



*Thomas Claud Photography*

## CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	62	108	183
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	\$132,770.55	\$111,649.16	\$135,162.15
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	\$21,139.18	\$37,591.28	\$60,684.46
<b>Electricity</b>	\$2,071.16	\$3,431.23	\$4,898.99
<b>Retail</b>	\$9,559.39	\$11,508.31	\$11,712.83
<b>Gas Sales</b>	\$26,423.88	\$20,813.56	\$18,794.90
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	\$18,095.04	\$31,808.91	\$56,380.30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$210,059.20</b>	<b>\$216,802.45</b>	<b>\$287,633.60</b>

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## **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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