

FORT PIERCE INSIDER





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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FANNIE!

JOE SWEAT, MARKETING SPECIALIST

In October of 2020, the Commission reached out to the community to seek the renaming of N. 29th Street for long-time resident and native of Fort Pierce, Fannie-Lewis Darden. Fast forward a few months, and the community not only supported the renaming of the street which runs from Orange Avenue to Avenue Q, but held a special block party to honor Ms. Fannie who was turning 100 years old! Ms. Fannie enjoyed the day with friends and family, and guests who drove by to wave hello on her birthday.

About Fannie Darden:

Fannie Lewis-Darden was born in Fort Pierce, Florida, on December 24, 1919, to father Alfelton Lewis and mother Fallie Lewis. She is one of six children and attended school at Lincoln Park Academy. During her time in Fort Pierce, she met her lifelong partner, Mac Darden, and bore nine children. She has been a life-member of Saint Paul A.M.E Church and spent her career working as a homemaker for the Willis family on Delaware Avenue. Ms. Fannie is kind and warm; the type of woman who never met a stranger because she treated everyone like an old friend. She is giving and compassionate, frequently opening her home to those in need. She holds the most remarkable propensity for forgiveness and leads with love always. What's more, she has a great sense of humor!

As a centenarian, she has lived through a host of historical moments from the Great Depression, several wars, the Civil Rights movement, the introduction of color television, the election of the first Black president, and a world-altering pandemic. Today, she spends her days gardening, reading her daily newspaper, and spending time with friends and family on 29th Street, where she has lived for more than 50 years. She has always invested in her mental and physical health; hence, she takes pride in remaining relatively independent. She is the matriarch of a host of thriving children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Her offspring have gone on to lead successful lives. Some of their accomplishments include a son that recently completed his 26-year tenure as Command Sergeant Major with the US military, a son in the American Culinary Federation Hall of Fame, a grandchild who works as the Human Resources Coordinator for Fort Pierce's City Hall, a grandchild who competed in the Miss America pageant, two-grandchildren completing doctoral degrees, and a host of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren working in health care, architecture, education, real estate, and the police force.





PAINT OUR TOWN PROGRAM

It truly takes a village! Thanks to our partnership with Westside Church and its' volunteers, the Paint Our Town program has recently been able to assist homeowner(s), Ms. Hudson on Oleander Avenue, and the Mercer family on Avenue D.

The City of Fort Pierce purchased the paint, painting supplies, and materials needed for the project while the manpower and talents were all from the hearts of the Westside volunteers! The homes were prepped the day before and bright and early on Saturday morning, volunteers arrived to begin painting and making minor exterior improvements. During the projects, Westside graciously provided lunch to the volunteers, the families, and made it fun for all who participated.

This collaboration allows individuals, church or civic organizations, and businesses to donate their time or services to make a difference in the community we love and serve. We look forward to partnering with more organizations, like Westside Church, to help beautify the lives of all residents in the city of Fort Pierce.





The Paint Our Town Program is a Neighborhood Revitalization initiative funded by Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), to assist senior, low-income and disabled homeowners, as part of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. To learn more about the Paint Our Town program, please visit www.cityoffortpierce.com or contact Kaitlyn Ballard, Community Resource Specialist at 772.467.3183 or kballard@cityoffortpierce.com.

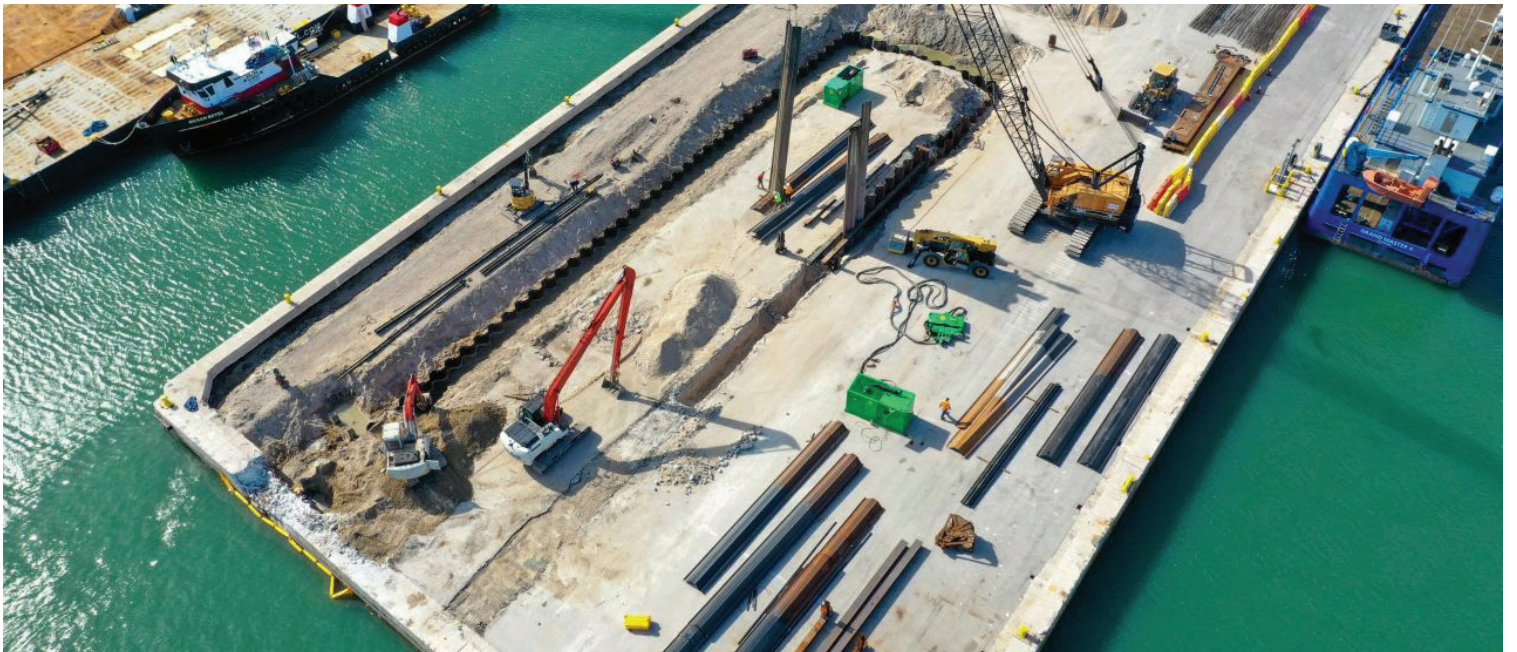


NEW PROJECTS

101 Port Avenue- Construction is in progress of a haul-out basin designed for mega-yachts. Once completed, the site will accommodate the world's largest boat hoist to be operated by Derecktor Ft. Pierce. These pictures were taken during an in-progress inspection of the auger piles. One crane operates the auger which removes soil and rock and pumps in concrete. During this process, another team is preparing the reinforcing steel cages to be hoisted with a different crane. The cages are inserted into the ground and the piles are cast in-place. Once the concrete has cured the auger piles provide the structural support necessary for the foundation.



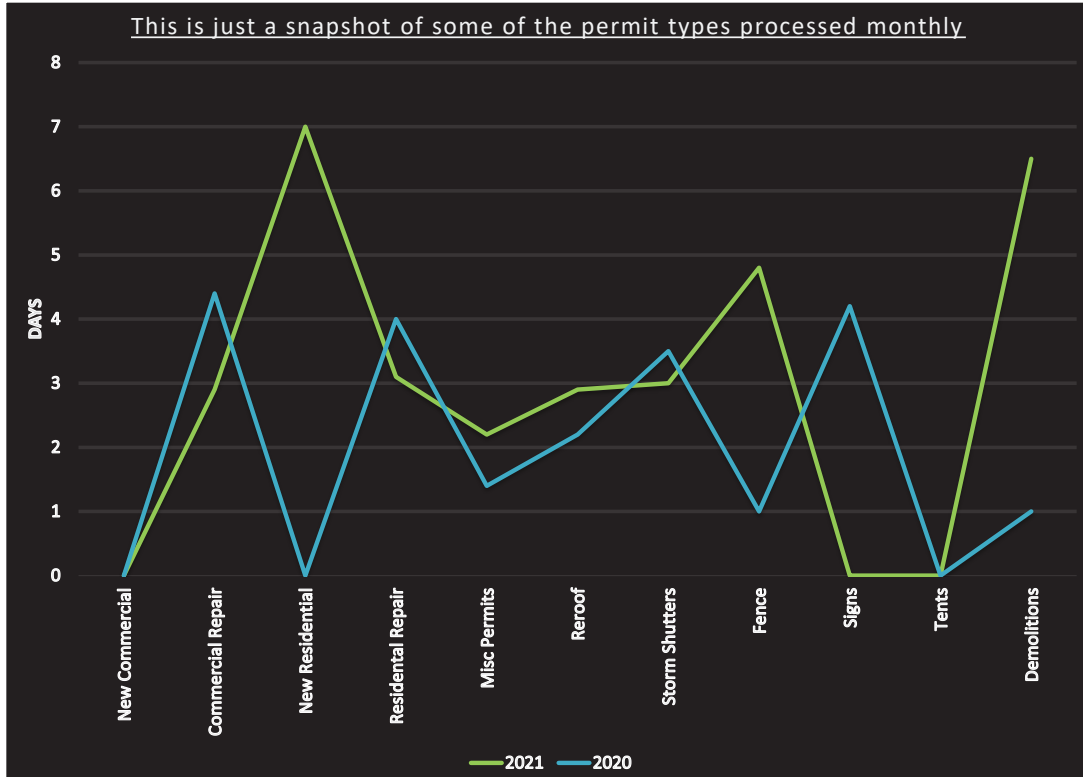
Left: Nicholas C. Mimms, P.E., ICMA-CM, Will Conelius, Engineer for Derecktor



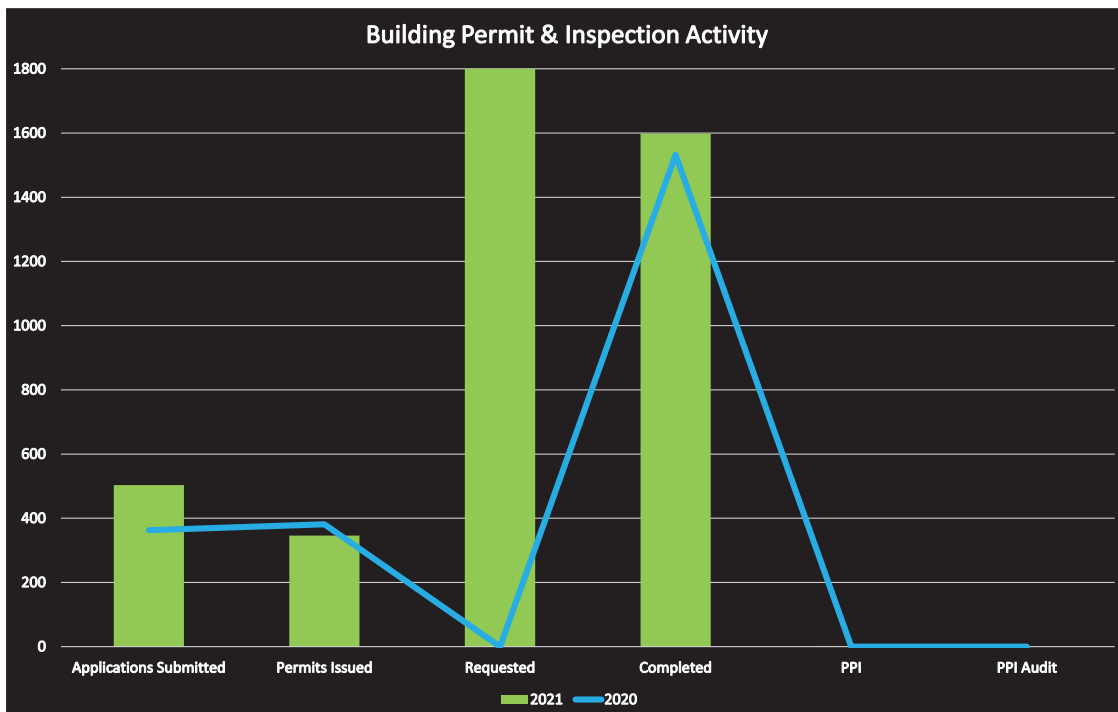
BUILDING CHARTS FOR JANUARY 2021

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



CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



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

The roadway re-build between Avenue D and Canal Terrace has completed new curb and gutter, driveway aprons and sidewalks. On Monday, February 22nd, the roadway re-build from Canal Terrace to Avenue B will commence. FPUA will install new decorative street-lights in March. The anticipated completion for individual residential transfer of services to underground electric services is March.

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. The project is currently being advertised for proposals. A pre-bid meeting was held on February 19, 2021, with bids due on March 11, 2022. Construction commencement Spring 2021.

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. Consultant is working on street lighting plans and with FPUA for the underground electric requirements.

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. FPUA will also underground the electric services in this area. Culpepper & Terpening's 80% design is under revision based on submitted review comments.

2021 A NEW YEAR AND OFF TO A GREAT START!

2021 is starting off to be a Boom Year in development for the City of Fort Pierce! The Planning Board had much to opine on at the February 9th Planning Board meeting. All of those highlighted below will go forward to the City Commission meetings in March with the exception of one that was reviewed and approved at the City Commission meeting held on February 16th. At that February City Commission meeting, Crossroads Industrial project was approved and is highlighted in this report. Below is a summary of the planning projects that will be on the City Commission agendas during the month of March, excluding Crossroads Industrial.

Planning Board Public Meeting Items:

• Future Land Use and Zoning Map Amendments	➤ 2564 Kings Highway
• Annexation – Project Hurricane	➤ 2398 Peters Road
• Text Amendment – Chapter 4 and 125	➤ Sale of Alcoholic Beverages
• Text Amendment – Chapter 125	➤ Residential Construction & Nonconforming Lots
• Conditional Use with no New Construction – ACOR Recycling	➤ 1121 DiGiorgio Road
• Conditional Use with no New Construction - Gateway Plaza Arcade	➤ 2051 S. US Highway 1
• Waiver of Distance- Triple Royal Arcade	➤ 2061 S. US Highway 1
• Conditional Use with no New Construction – Triple Royal Arcade	➤ 2061 S. US Highway 1
• Palm Beach Career College - Nursing School	➤ 1901 S 25 th Street Unit 103
• Conditional Use with no New Construction - Baker Vacation Rental	➤ 1577 Thumb Point Drive
• Conditional Use with no New Construction – Readler Vacation Rental	➤ 1182 Binney Drive Unit B
• Disposal of Land – 1207 Avenue L, Cortez Blvd, S. 11 th Street	➤ Disposal of Surplus Land
• Site Plan and Design Review– Crossroads Industrial	➤ South of Okeechobee, in between I-95 and the Turnpike

Crossroads Industrial Development



The Crossroads Industrial Development is approximately 129.52 acres of vacant land that is proposed for development as a 1,133,000 square foot warehouse that can be designed as either one (1) building for a single user or two (2) separate buildings for two (2) separate users. Ten-Mile Creek flows through the property and the site plan calls for preserving approximately 47.75 acres in its natural state as a South Florida Water Management District Conservation Easement. Additionally, the applicant has agreed to maintain the Airborne Mountain Bike Club use of the conservation easement for its bike trails as a Conditional of Approval.

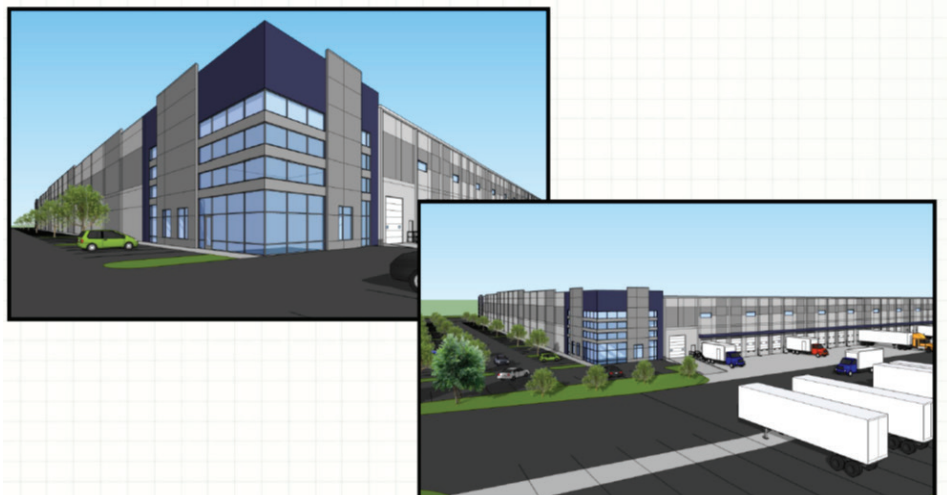
The City's Design Review guidelines provide approaches to design situations that will contribute to the existing and developing character of the City. The intent of the City's design review process is not to stifle innovative architecture, but rather to assure respect for and reduce incompatible and adverse impacts on the visual experience throughout the City. This may be accomplished through respectful interpretation of vernacular building typologies and styles in proposed development. Proposed designs should take cues from traditional proportioning systems and be synonymous with a chosen style.



The landscape plan is consistent with City Code 123-37 and will consist of the following:

- 587 trees, which will feature the Red Maple, East Palatka Holly, Crape Myrtle, Brown Beauty Magnolia, South Florida Slash Pine, American Sycamore, Southern Live Oak, Bald Cypress, and Tulip Tree
- 96 palm trees, which will feature the Sabal Palm
- 3,295 shrubs
- Tree Mitigation will not be required on-site as the applicant will be preserving approximately 47.75 acres as part of the South Florida Management District Conservation Easement.

The proposed design for the warehouse complex was approved as it is consistent with the built environment as most of the uses that surround the site are warehouse or distribution centers. The proposed building elevation is articulated with varying roof heights and accents. The applicant has also agreed to provide up lighting for the outside of the building that will provide a unique visual amenity that can be seen from Interstate 95 and the Turnpike to provide an entrance into the City of Fort Pierce.





Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County presents

KidFun TO-GO

A DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT



Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 9 am- 11:30 am

A Parking Lot **Drive-Through** Event

Percy Peek Gym Parking Lot in Fort Pierce

You must remain in your car!



FREE BOOKS! DRIVE THROUGH GRAB & GO BAGS & SCAVENGER HUNT!

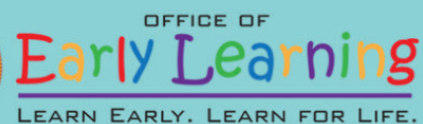
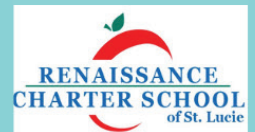
TAKE HOME READING & STEM ACTIVITIES

- Stay in your car & let us bring the take-home fun to you!
- Fifteen different stations to stop at, all in one parking lot.
- Exciting books & activities to take for children at home
- Geared for families with children birth through age 10






KidVisionPreK.org

Featuring Miss Penny from KidVision & Curious George & our fabulous STEMGEMS



EDIBLES TO PLANT IN February



	North	Central	South
 Easily Survives Transplanting	Arugula, Beets, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Peppers, Swiss Chard, Tomatillo, Tomatoes	Arugula, Beets, Boniato, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Eggplant, Endive, Gingers, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Swiss Chard, Sugarcane, Tomatillo, Tomatoes	Arugula, Chinese Cabbage, Eggplant, Endive, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Pepper, Swiss Chard, Tomatoes
 Transplant Carefully	Celery, Mustard, Potatoes, Spinach	Celery, Mustard, Pineapple, Potatoes, Spinach, Sweet Potatoes	Amaranth, Calabaza, Celery, Long Squash, Luffa, Papaya, Passionfruit, Pineapple, Seminole Pumpkin, Spinach, Sweet Potatoes
 Use Seeds	Cantaloupe, Carrots, Corn, Cucumbers, Onions (bunching), Peas (English), Radish, Squash, Turnips, Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupe, Carrots, Corn, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching), Peas (English, Southern), Radish, Squash, Turnip, Watermelon	Beans (bush, pole, lima), Cantaloupe, Carrots, Corn, Chayote, Cucumbers, Okra, Onion (bunching), Peas (English, Southern), Radish, Squash, Watermelon

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WHAT'S FLOWERING FEBRUARY in Florida?

NORTH/
CENTRAL

Chickasaw Plum 
Native, deciduous (*Prunus angustifolia*)

Eastern Redbud 
Native, deciduous (*Cercis canadensis*)

Eastern Dogwood 
Native, deciduous (*Cornus florida*)

Fringetree 
Native, deciduous (*Chionanthus virginicus*)

Japanese Magnolia 
Not-native, deciduous (*Magnolia x soulangiana*)

Taiwan Cherry 
Not-native, deciduous (*Prunus campanulata*)

 **Bougainvillea**
Non-native, evergreen (*Bougainvillea* spp.)

 **Hong Kong Orchid Tree**
Non-native, evergreen (*Bauhinia x blakeana*)

SOUTH



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PAUL BERTRAM, PARKS AND GROUNDS MANAGER

Here at Public Works we have been striving to accomplish many goals and aspirations. In the past month, in addition to our regular job duties, we have assisted the Saint Lucie County and St Lucie County Health Department. We have assisted twice with the COVID-19 vaccine at two locations. This is a privilege and a challenge at the same time. We have had several members of staff from Streets and Drainage, Solid Waste, the Riverwalk, and the Director's Office to assist in this endeavor.

We are part of the City of Fort Pierce and we take this challenge head on to accomplish the goals needed to help our community and the citizens individual needs. The Fenn Center was the first of this endeavor which was a three-day run. Starting on a Monday through to Wednesday we helped with the sanitizing of clip boards and pens. We ran the downtown Tram and ran supplies as needed to the nurses' stations during the three days. We are proud to serve and to give the customer service to our community. The second most recent event we assisted in was at the Lincoln Park Recreation Center. We provided assistance with the staff from the Saint Lucie County and Saint Lucie County Health Department.

Our contact person was Audria Moore-Wells in the City Manager's Office. She assigned us in positions to assist with this vaccination location. Some of us were assisting with directing residents in the parking areas. We also walked with those who needed help to safely cross the street. The Public Works Department is committed to responding to our community's needs.





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

3/20 Manatee 5K – Manatee Center 5am – 12pm
 3/23-26 Jazz Week Brown Bag Lunch – Marina Square by Fountain 11am – 2pm
 3/25 Dancin In the Streets – N 2nd Street 6pm – 9pm

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT JANUARY 2021

CLASSES	\$515.54
PARK PERMITS	\$1,675.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$1,015.00
FACILITY	\$5,006.53
TOTAL	\$8,212.07



DANIEL VISCONTI, IHGC MANAGER

Last summer, we performed an application to enhance the grass on our tee complexes, our driving range tee and our front nine fairways. Through all of the cold, dry, windy weather of January those tees held up particularly well versus the past several years. The third week of April this year, we will be duplicating that process focusing on the tees again as well as the fairways on the back nine. We will also start top dressing our fairways with an organic material to help offset our abundance of sand in our soil. This practice will also help us achieve a better root system and better turf coverage and health.

From a financial standpoint, even in spite of the massive reduction in our seasonal residents we have held our own through January and February. We are approximately 1,000 rounds and \$15,000 in Gross Revenue above last year to date. With a mild Spring of rain and warm weather, we should continue to stay busy all the way through April.

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

	12/2020	1/2021
GOLF ROUNDS	2861	2970
GOLF FEES	\$88,333.01	\$87,325.95
RANGE TOKENS	\$2,260.52	\$1,769.61
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$7,437.45	\$1,890.83
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$5,296.50	\$6,336.51
MERCHANDISE	\$3,973.98	\$5,125.43
TOTAL	\$84,223.07	\$102,448.33



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Dockage Reservations	183	263	240
Monthly Dockage	\$135,162.15	\$163,793.55	\$144,411.00
Transient Dockage	\$60,684.46	\$63,786.23	\$67,282.83
Electricity	\$4,898.99	\$5,834.90	\$6,183.40
Retail	\$11,712.83	\$15,889.53	\$16,451.92
Gas Sales	\$18,794.90	\$19,055.93	\$23,7063.01
Diesel Sales	\$56,380.30	\$129,048.74	\$44,082.88
TOTALS	\$287,633.60	\$397,408.88	\$300,869.80

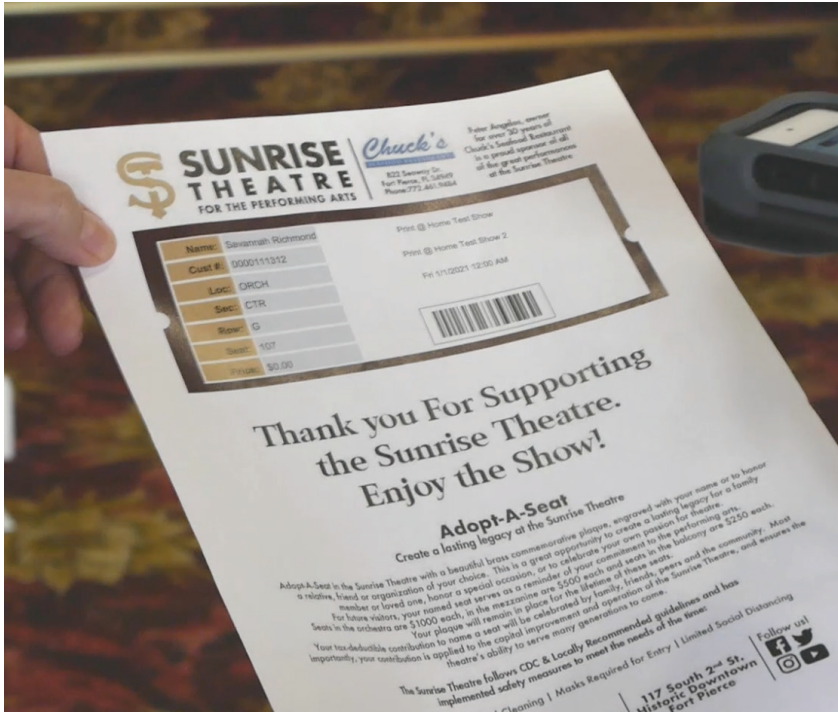


Sharon Engle,
Executive Director

The Sunrise Theatre is back and open for business with safety protocols in place! All of our shows that are on the Main Stage and in the Black Box receive a thorough cleaning, 50% seating capacity, social distancing seating along with masks required at all times. While it isn't your typical season at the Sunrise, staff is making the best of what we do have and patrons are excited to come back and enjoy a show... and they do! Gearing up to reopen safely required hand sanitizers and sanitation stations, masks, gloves, cleaning products and disinfectants, electrostatic sprayers, signage, print at home ticketing, ticket scanning software and hardware, bi-polar ionization system, tables and stools for social distancing events, mobile ordering capabilities, stanchions and ropes, and more.

The Save Our Stages Act was recently passed as part of the latest Covid-19 relief package. This Act provides \$15 billion dollars in relief to the live events industry. For the Sunrise Theatre this funding opportunity will help sustain us through this unprecedented time. The Sunrise Theatre along with the City's grants department will be applying for this grant as soon as it becomes available. The grant program will be administered by the Small Business Administration and the funds do not have to be repaid. This will be a significant factor in the effort to continue to reopen and help us grow for the 2021/22 Sunrise Season which is right around the corner.

Come out and support Your Sunrise Theatre by attending one of our many great offerings! We have some terrific shows coming up in March all with safety in mind. From the H2O: Hall and Oates Project, Vinny and Vin A from the Bronx Wanders, Comedian Preacher Lawson all on the Sunrise Theatre mainstage. As well as Comedy Corner (2nd & 4th Saturday of every month) and Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society's Jazz Jams every Tuesday in the Black Box. There is something for everyone to enjoy. Check out our upcoming events at Sunrisetheatre.com.



St. Lucie County



Fort Pierce Featured in Florida Trend Magazine.

The Sunrise City, one of the oldest communities on the East Coast of Florida. Fort Pierce is a small, charming town with so much history, culture, diversity and is becoming quite the hotspot. Read more about how Fort Pierce is booming. For full article, visit: <https://bit.ly/3eq8Rc5>



Up, up, up and away

St. Lucie County is a hotspot for research, real estate, manufacturing and health care — all buoyed by workforce development efforts and partners in education. Cemented by unified collaboration across agencies, the county has created a welcome mat for businesses and economic growth. At the same time, its leaders recognize the importance of preserving what makes the area special in terms of natural resources: scenic beaches, unique history and diverse activities. Add to that scenario an airport property with acres of developable land and cargo port with a state-of-the-art mega-yacht facility. You've got a region ripe for success. You've got St. Lucie County.

By Susan Shalhoub



Meet Cynthia Ashley and Emily Quarterman of Cynthia's Alterations, a seamstress shop located at 1802 Avenue D. These ladies create anything from wedding and bridal dresses to upholstery, custom clothing, and more. Cynthia's is passionate about reviving the Lincoln Park District and wants to see Avenue D thrive for all to enjoy.

Follow FortMade and hear the stories of thriving businesses, young and old tell their story of Fort Pierce and what makes our City unique to live here, play here and work here in beautiful Fort Pierce. Follow us on Facebook at

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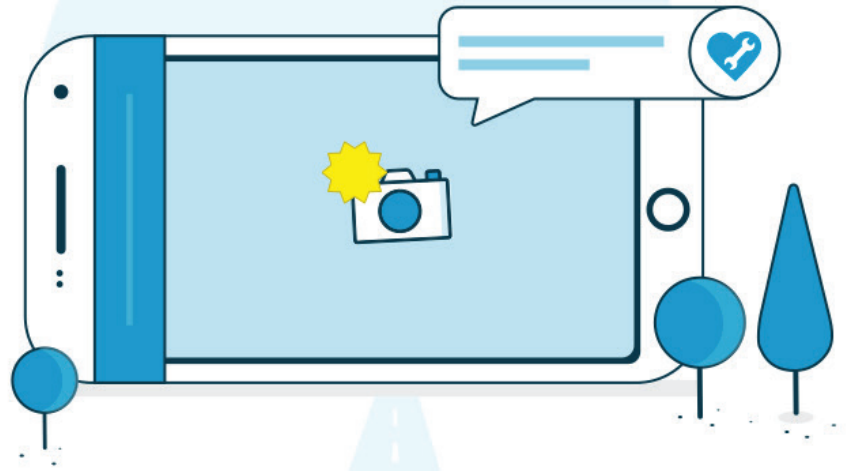
WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

APEX PREDATOR SPORTFISHING
 DISCOUNT CONNECTIONS LLC
 EXCEPTIONAL CARE OF THE TREASURE COAST
 FRUTERIA LEON II
 GLITZ N GLAM FASHION TRENDZ LLC
 ISAIAH 58 HEALTH & WELLNESS
 JUST RITE REPAIRS
 KINGS & QUEENS UNISEX SALON
 LA GONAV ALL IN ONE SALON , LLC
 LUXURY BLOSSOM FLOWERS AND TREES
 MOORE, JOHN E.

PALM SPORT AND WELLNESS
 PJ TATTOO LLC
 ROY, MICHAEL D.
 S&A ADAMS ENTERPRISES LLC
 SEPULVEDA, CARMEN
 SPORT CARS GROUP, LLC
 SUNSHINE LAWN SERVICES & LAND
 TREASURE COAST MEDICAL INT.
 TREASURE FLORIDA REAL ESTATE



SeeClickFix



SEE A PROBLEM, JUST REPORT IT THROUGH THE SEE-CLICK-FIX APP

With free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, Fort Pierce citizens will now be able to provide city staff with pictures, videos, specific descriptions, and more — valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution — engaging Fort Pierce citizens throughout the process.

The Fort Pierce Works mobile app is available for download on Android (<http://bit.ly/1SFITP3>) and iPhone (<http://apple.co/1kvaEJk>). In addition to the mobile app, citizens can send reports to the City of Fort Pierce's website.