

FORT PIERCE INSIDER





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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE JETTY INLET

The City of Fort Pierce celebrates the history and anniversary of the Fort Pierce Inlet, which was built in 1921 paving the way for the Port of Fort Pierce and becoming one of the safest and most beautiful inlets on the east coast of Florida. The City of Fort Pierce will honor the history and beauty of the Fort Pierce inlet throughout the remainder of the year in various ways.

History of the Inlet:

The original inlet, known as the Indian River Inlet, existed nearly 2 miles north of the present inlet, near Pepper Park on North Hutchinson Island. The channel was thusly large enough for small crafts but immensely difficult for fishermen and sailors to cross into the Atlantic, especially during storm season as the inlet was often closed.

The new inlet started as a shoal, or sand bar, between two barrier islands, known today as North and South Hutchinson Islands. This slight opening was only big enough for small crafts and made navigating during tide changes tedious. In 1920, the famous inventor of Crayola Crayons, and an avid fisherman, Edwin Binney, led the dredging efforts at the point of the shoal to open a more natural flow between the two barrier islands, making the passage from the Indian River to the Atlantic Ocean safer, and easier. In 1921, the artificial inlet was open to nautical navigation.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

Boating Education Course: Racing Rules
Wednesday, May 5th at 6PM

Boat Parade & Blessing of the Fleet
May 8th at 11:30 AM

Summerlin Fish Fry - May 22nd at 11AM

Main Street Fort Pierce's Inlet Celebration Golf
Tournament - Saturday May 15th at 7:30 AM

For a complete list of all the events happening in May in honor of the Inlet Celebration, visit: https://www.facebook.com/lovetheinlet/events/?ref=page_internal

About Fort Pierce:

Fort Pierce is truly a unique gem situated on the Treasure Coast and is at the heart of it all. With recent redevelopment projects, historic preservation initiatives, and a focus on cultural and recreational amenities, Fort Pierce has become an exceptional place to live, work, learn, and play, and has the cultural excitement to rival any “big city” atmosphere. USA Today ranked Downtown Fort Pierce among the “Nation’s Most Idyllic and Historic Main Streets” and was named “Most Beautiful Main Streets” in America by Reader’s Digest.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 16-22, 2021

Stronger Together

National Public Works Week will take place on Sunday, May 16, through Saturday, May 22, 2021. The Public Works Department looks forward to this event every year as it gives employees the opportunity to educate the public about the important role the Public Works Department plays in the community. It also serves to highlight and celebrate these devoted individuals as they continue to work within our community to plan, build, operate and maintain our City's vital infrastructure.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works departments throughout the entire country. It is a week dedicated to the men and women who go above and beyond to serve their community with unwavering dedication and commitment to making a difference. Oftentimes the work of these dedicated employees goes unnoticed. However, they are the unsung heroes of our community as they continue to work hard building and maintaining our beautiful City.

In honor of National Public Works Week, the Public Works Department has several beautification projects planned around the City of Fort Pierce. The project include replacing all the street banners in front of the Fort Pierce Police Department Substation on Avenue D and creating new handicap parking spaces for the Sunrise Humane Society's anin their recently renovated parking lot. Once those projects are complete, the team will focus their efforts on cleaning out the Mayflower Canal, which serves as the drainage canal for



residents and businesses from Virginia Avenue to Edwards Road. Public Works employees will also place decorative wrappings around five dumpsters in the Downtown area with historical photos of old Fort Pierce. Finally, the team will finish up this beautification initiative by pruning all the trees along Virginia Avenue and Okeechobee Road.

The week will conclude with an employee appreciation lunch for Public Works staff, as the Management Team wants to recognize every employee in this department and let them know how much their efforts are truly appreciated. Effective storm drains and sewers, sturdy roads and bridges, safe buildings, clean parks, hurricane response, and garbage/recycle pickup are just some of the many City functions that would not be possible without the amazing employees of the Public Works Department. Their constant dedication to improving the quality of life for residents and businesses here in the City of Fort Pierce is sincerely cherished and greatly valued.



SAVE THE DATE!

A Community Meeting has been scheduled for May 12, 2021, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Riverwalk Center located at 600 North Indian River Drive. The Planning staff will present the Code revisions to the Edgartown Settlement Historic District residents and businesses based upon a Community Input meeting held in December 2019. At that meeting, the Edgartown Zoning District regulations, which are specific to this neighborhood, were discussed. In addition to the Code discussion, much dialog emerged on a number of areas of concern raised by the residents.

Those issues included the following: *Cut through traffic along Avenue D, maintenance and repurposing of historic buildings, noise concerns, burying of existing powerlines, alleyway requirement per Code, homelessness, lighting, streetscape improvements and traffic flow along 2nd Street, and Police response.*



Edgartown COMMUNITY MEETING

**PROPOSED EDGARTOWN
SETTLEMENT DISTRICT CODE
AMENDMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Riverwalk Center
600 N. Indian River Drive**

For more information,
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Georgia Avenue Basin Water Quality Improvements:

CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



The City of Fort Pierce was recently awarded a \$1,320,000 Water Quality Improvement Grant through South Florida Water Management District for a project identified as Georgia Avenue Basin Water Quality Improvements. SFWMD approved grant funding to nine different projects within their governing boundary all of which provide some type of water quality benefit to the Indian River Lagoon. The City proposes to implement numerous Best Management Practices (BMPs) to aid in the removal of phosphorus, nitrogen, and other harmful nutrients from stormwater discharging from the 235-acre Georgia Avenue Drainage Basin. The design contract was awarded to Captec Engineering on April 19, 2021 and a Design Meeting has been scheduled for April 27, 2021.

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

Work under this project will be curb and gutter, driveway aprons, drainage improvements, sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Culpepper has delivered the 80% plan submittal. Our consultant has been working with the FPUA to finalize their designs for underground utilities including power and lighting to be incorporated into the 100% plans for bidding and construction.

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

The roadway re-build from Canal Terrace to Orange Avenue is currently in progress. Roadway curb and gutter and driveway aprons were installed. The contractor is currently working on sidewalk formation and driveways. FPUA's contractor began installing new decorative streetlights and has completed installations 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. FPUA will also underground the electric services in this area. Culpepper & Terpening's 80% design is under revision based on submitted review comments.



NEW PROJECTS

Lawnwood Regional Medical Center

located at 1700 South 23rd Street is being built specifically to house the chiller equipment. Along with the steel framework, the steel chiller structures are hoisted atop the building for placement. A chiller air conditioning system works by circulating chilled water through coils to chill the conditioned space, the water is then recirculated to the chiller to be re-cooled. The cooling coils transfer the heat from the air to the chilled water which cools and dehumidifies the air.

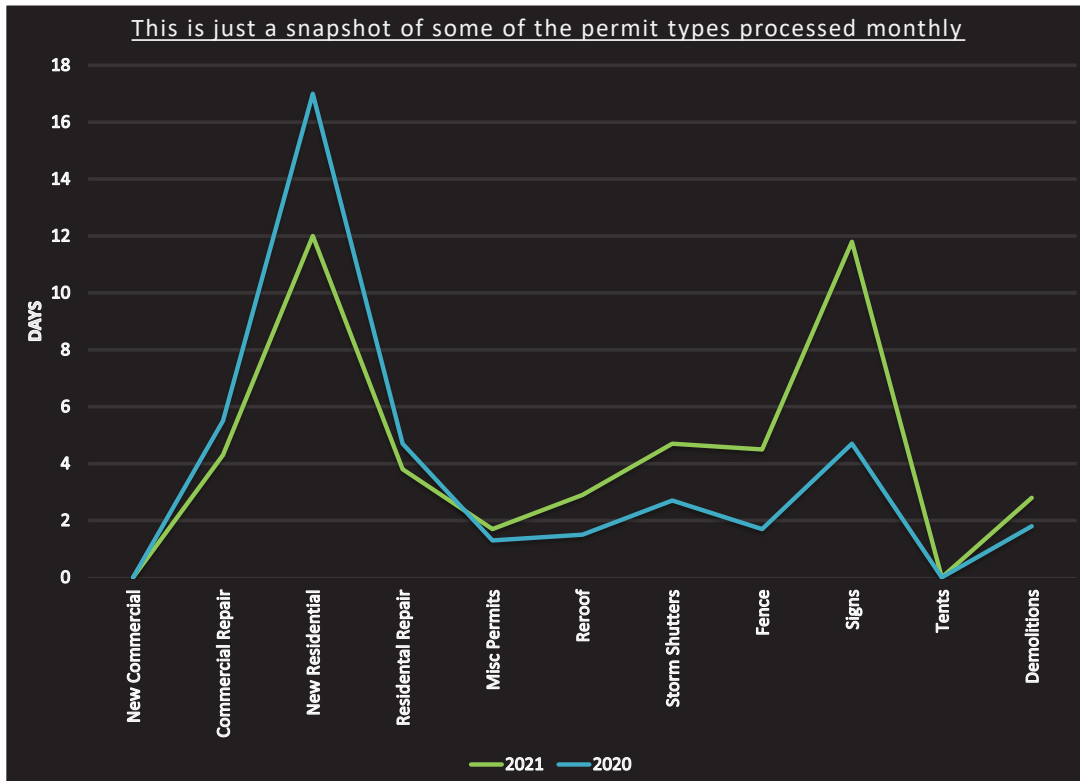


Olgam Life Plasma Donation Center located at 5216 Okeechobee Road recently obtained a stocking permit. Approved by the Building Department, a stocking permit is similar to a temporary use agreement. Once all life safety systems have been inspected and approved, a stocking permit is sometimes granted when a new business isn't quite ready for final inspections. The stocking permit allows for the installation of equipment or merchandise and also allows the business to begin training staff on-site.

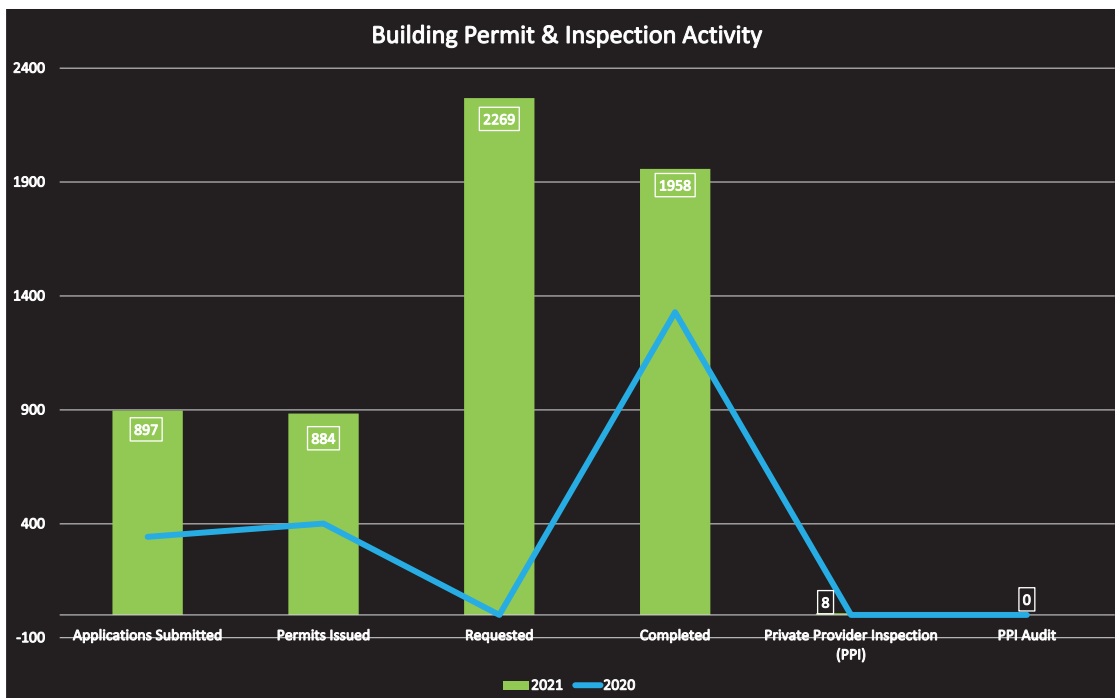
BUILDING CHARTS FOR MARCH 2021

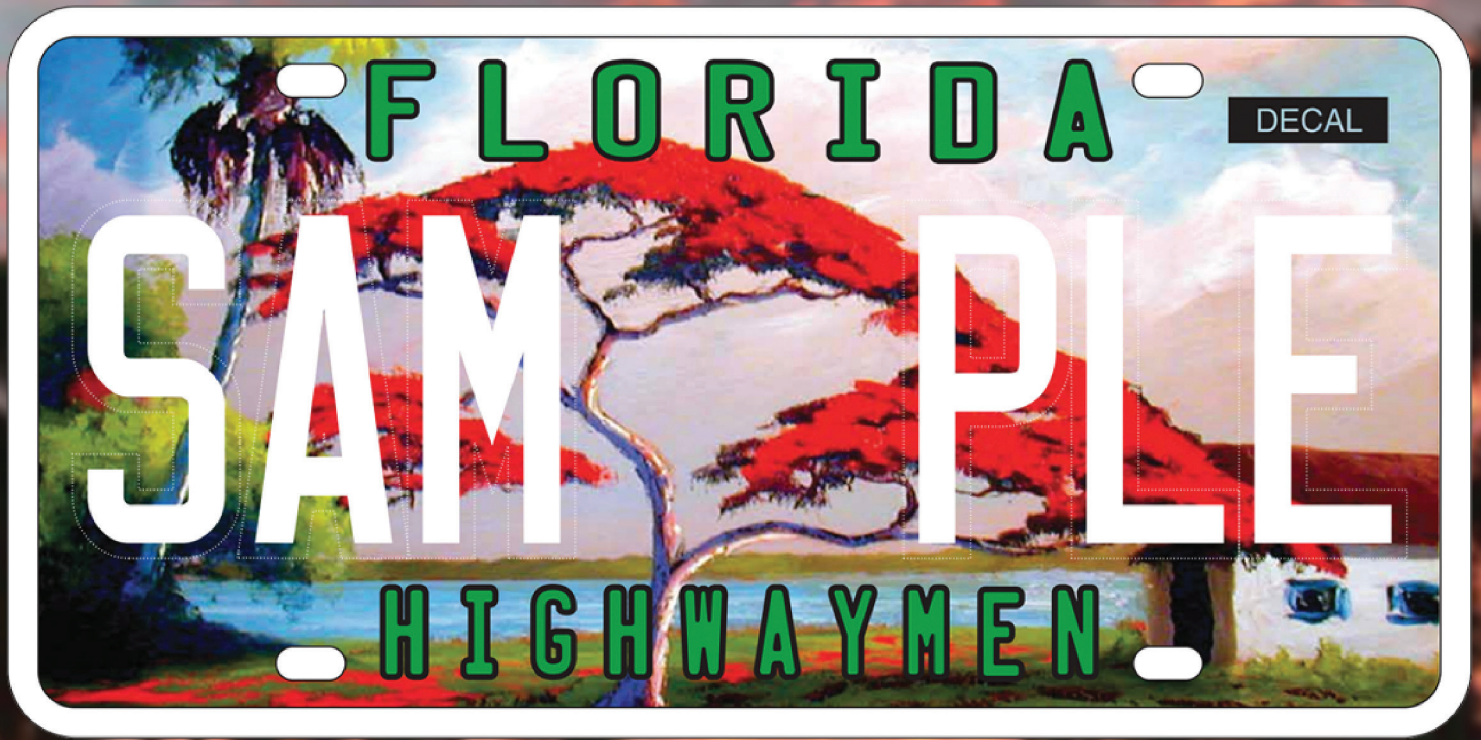
PLAN REVIEW PROCESSING TIME

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





Florida Highwaymen License Plates are available for Pre-Purchase through the St. Lucie County Tax Collector office. For details on purchasing the new Highwaymen License Plate, visit their webpage or call them at:

www.TCSLC.com / 772-462-1650



- 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

- 5/7/21 Friday Fest – Marina Square 5pm – 9pm

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT MARCH 2021

CLASSES		\$ 631.58
PARK PERMITS		\$ 4,787.50
SPECIAL EVENTS		\$ 3,145.00
FACILITY		\$ 7,126.82
TOTAL		\$ 15,690.90



From a maintenance standpoint, we have already been VERY aggressive this Spring. We have aerated several fairways twice. We will be completing a full nematode treatment on most fairways as well as all of the tees and greens. The remaining fairways will be aerated and top dressed several times throughout the summer to improve their health and condition. The first major maintenance project will take place in late April and the second large project will be in mid September based on the weather. We look forward to a little help from mother nature in the way of warm weather and rain to help us improve the turf conditions.

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**

	2/2021	3/2021
GOLF ROUNDS	2970	2342
GOLF FEES	\$87,325.95	\$56,913.49
RANGE TOKENS	\$1,769.61	\$2,254.51
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$1,890.83	\$788.76
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$6,336.51	\$6,552.80
MERCHANDISE	\$5,125.43	\$6,034.02
TOTAL	\$102,448.33	\$72,543.58



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Dockage Reservations	240	240	215
Monthly Dockage	\$144,411.00	\$144,411.00	\$160,994.51
Transient Dockage	\$67,282.83	\$67,282.83	\$81,324.00
Electricity	\$6,183.40	\$6,183.40	\$7,460.84
Retail	\$16,451.92	\$16,451.92	\$33,749.88
Gas Sales	\$23,7063.01	\$23,7063.01	\$52,346.30
Diesel Sales	\$44,082.88	\$44,082.88	\$93,028.36
TOTALS	\$300,869.80	\$300,869.80	\$428,903.89



On April 23, 24 and 25, the Sunrise Theatre went under the sea with the Renaissance Charter School’s performance of Disney’s The Little Mermaid. Family, friends and students all enjoyed the highly colorful and dramatic sets under and above the high seas in the performance. The Little Mermaid tells the story of Ariel, an adventurous young mermaid who’s got a thing for disobeying the rules and following her heart. Ariel’s fascination with the human world often leads her to the sea surface, a zone that’s designated as “off-limits” by her father Triton, the sea king.

If you are from Fort Pierce, you don’t want to miss the upcoming Caffeine, Nicotine, Benzedrine: A Tribute to Gary Stewart LIVE @ The Black Box on Saturday, May 15 at 6pm, along with opening act Smokey Gage. Be sure to check out all of our upcoming shows at sunrisetheatre.com!

Over the past 15 seasons and April being “volunteer appreciation month”, hundreds of volunteer man-hours have helped make the Sunrise Theatre what it is today. What better way to say “Thank You” to our Sunrise Theatre volunteer ushers and bartenders, especially this season with COVID-19. The dedication of our small team players of volunteers this year allowed the Sunrise Theatre to reopen in January to 50% capacity shows. With over 200 volunteers in the Sunrise Theatre family, we all are looking forward to a great 16th Season with performances beginning in October.

Sunrise Theatre Volunteers Pictured:

1st row from the left: Terry VanLoo, Pat Reynolds, Christine Ernst, Peggy Decina, Jon Bell - 2nd row from left: Emily Lella, DiAnn Yonker, Phyllis Elkins - 3rd row from left: Lauren Newsome, Tricia Higgins, Julie Moore, Genie Geiger, Dave Geiger - 4th row from left: Dave Lassalle, Joe Stagnitta, Tony Lella



Sunrise Theatre Bartenders Pictured:

From left: Leslie Cuatt, Dan Pacinelli & Bill Planer



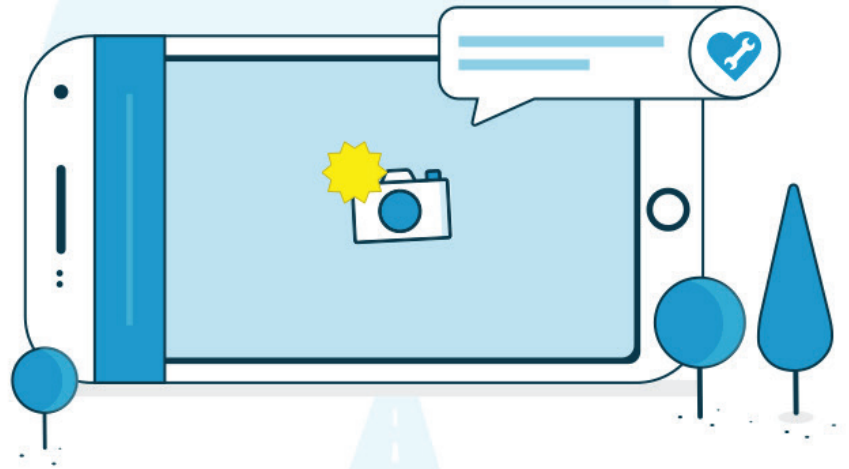
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SeeClickFix



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.

FORTMADE



Meet Sam Summerlin, Joy Yancy, and Roy Summerlin, the owners of Summerlin's Marine Construction, a long time dock and seawall building business. You might recognize the last name, Summerlin - that's right. The family name has been here in Fort Pierce since the 1900's and is mostly recognized for the famous fish dip, Summerlin SMAK, but the Summerlin's are also known for being one of oldest marine construction businesses in Fort Pierce

Follow us for more FortMade and hear stories of thriving business owners, 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

<https://www.facebook.com/ftpierce/> or Twitter @Ft_Pierce

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

A TBT INSURANCE AGENCY LLC
BALANCED BEAUTY BY LEANDRA
BAM MOBILE AUTO DETAILING
BUBBLES AUTO WASH
CALDERON, ALSTON BRYAN
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL TR.
COSTCO WHOLESALE LOGISTICS
CUSTOM NAILZ BY KD, LLC
D & J FOODS AND MORE CATERING
EBEN-EZER FASHION LLC
FOSTER, LYNETTE ARNP
GROUNDHOG TREE SERVICE AND MORE
HILLBILLY FIREARMS INC

JACK HEBERT AUTO SALES
JOHNSON, RUBY
JS LANDSCAPING & MORE LLC
LAWN IN ORDER LANDSCAPING AND
MACAL LANDSCAPING
MEDMARK VETERAN SERVICES, LLC
MOHAN, KRISHNA
MURPHY, SUSAN M.D.
NAILED IT JO, LLC
NAUGLE, RICHARD
ORANGE SUNOCO FOOD & GAS LLC
PERMANN DIESEL SOLUTIONS, LLC
PIEHOLE WOOD PIZZA, LLC

PILLY, SUPRIYA APRN
PIZZA HUT
RELENTLESS SALON LLC
RRED CITY
RUGGIAN, JOHN M.D.
SAVAGES DETAILING AND CLEANING
SCALONE, SHARON
SHOLTES LAW, P.L.L.C.
SUNSHINE SUPER CLEANERS CORP.
TREES AND LAWN JAVIER'S SERVICE
WHEELZ AND DEALZ, LLC
WHITEHURST, MELISSA D.
XTREME PEST SERVICES LLC