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Have a plan in place should a disaster strike

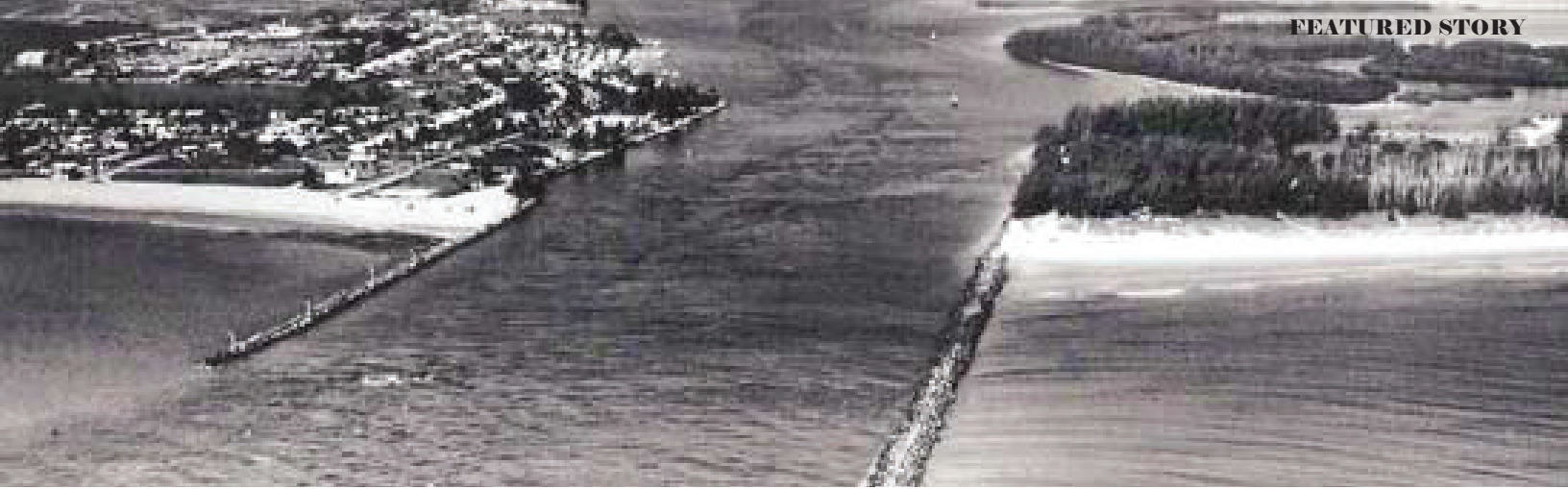
 **Get a kit**
Make sure your supply kit is stocked and ready

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The 100 Year Anniversary Celebration of the Fort Pierce Inlet

From fish fries, boat parades, and plein air to a 1920's cocktail party, boater education, and Friday Fest, the month of May was celebrated in various ways to honor the 100 years since the creation of the beautiful Fort Pierce Inlet. You can find out all about the events or more on the Jetty Inlet by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/lovetheinlet>

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.



Left: Mayor Linda Hudson,
Michelle Franklin – St. Lucie County Property Appraiser





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RAISING AWARENESS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



For four weekends, the Fort Pierce community has helped the Police Department raise awareness and almost \$8000 for Special Olympics Florida by attending one of four Tip A Cop events. On Saturday May 29th, the Fort Pierce Police Department and the Saint. Lucie County Sheriff's Office will be hosting the 2021 St. Lucie County Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This is the signature event of the law enforcement community's support for Special Olympics Florida. Each year, over 5,000 officers from over 300 Florida Law Enforcement agencies carry the torch which bears the "Flame of Hope" on a 1500-mile relay through 67 counties in Florida to the Opening Ceremony of our annual State Summer Games. However, due to Covid, the torch will now be, tentatively carried into the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics Fall Classic, tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2021.

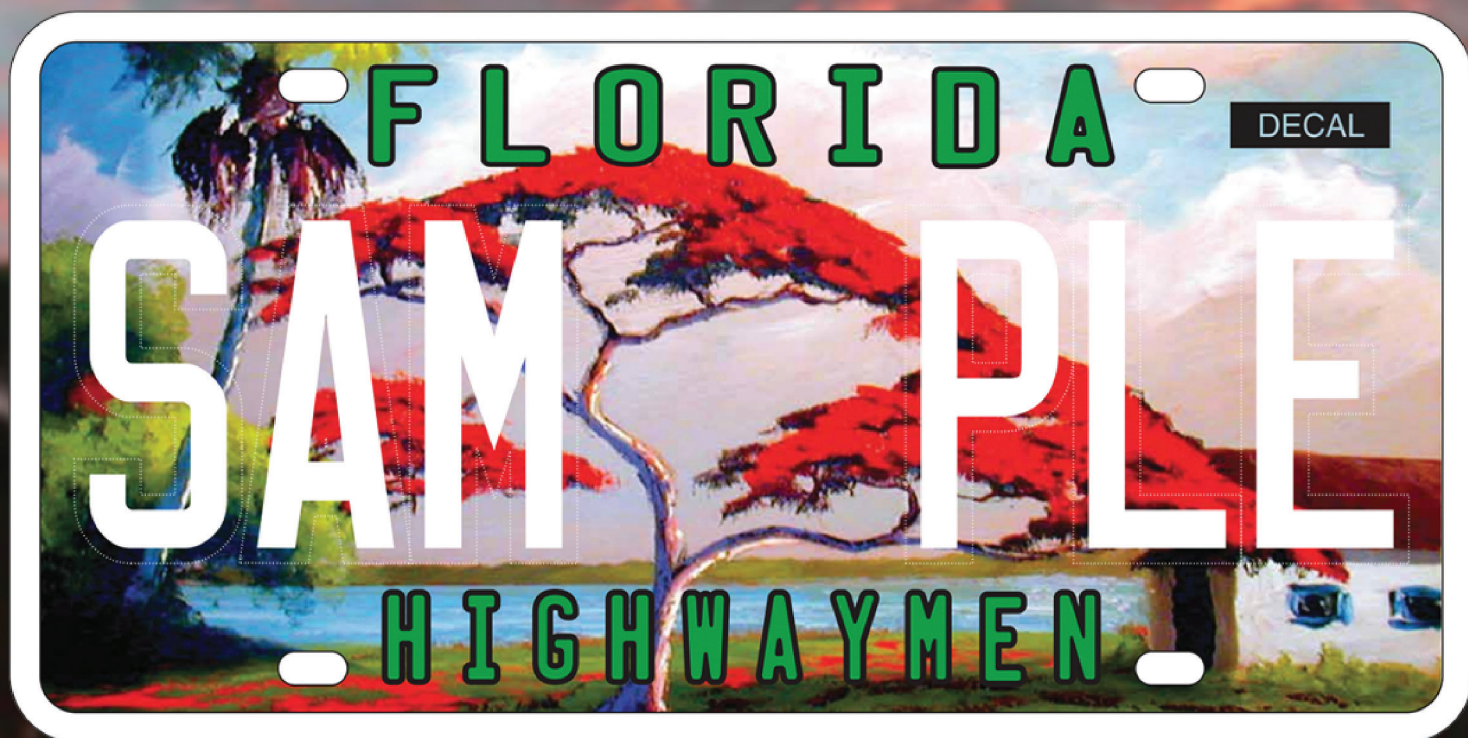
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Welcome to The Fort Pierce Police Department Family

The Fort Pierce Police Department would like to congratulate their newest officers Russell Baudanza, Cory Bernardini, Daniel Deighan, Ashley Lugo, Dylan Perez, Angelo Tsaousis, Jean Valbrun and Julie Viciere. After being welcomed by City of Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson, the newest officers were sworn in at the Riverwalk Center in Fort Pierce by Chief Diane Hobley-Burney in the presence of family members and friends. They will soon enter into their first phase of field training with our field training officers to begin their road patrol training. So, if you see them out and about, wish them well and say hello. The Fort Pierce Police Department family would like to welcome our newest officers into our law enforcement family and we wish them a successful career for years to come, as they uphold the Department's motto.

#InHonorWeServe



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

Kings Highway is set to become the City's Employment Center Corridor!



The feature story of this month is the Kings Highway Commerce Park, perfectly situated along Kings Highway, which is best suited for the City and County's employment center corridor! Kings Highway Commerce Park recently completed Technical Review by internal and external agencies and will be heading into the public hearing process in the coming months. The Kings Highway Commercial Park located at 2496 South Kings Highway is proposed for annexation and includes a petition for Development Review and Design Review for nine (9) properties that will eventually be combined into one (1) expansive property. The project is for a warehouse, office, and flex space development

with 485,000 square feet in Phase 1. The combined property size is approximately 103 acres. A Zoning Atlas Map Amendment currently going through the process will amend the zoning on all properties to Commercial Parkway Zone (CP-1). Future planned phases will expand the development to 1.9 million square feet of overall building space! Below are a few of the conceptual plans and elevations of this innovative project that will contribute immensely to economic growth of the City of Fort Pierce while bringing much needed employment opportunities for the residents of our growing community!



During the month of May, the City Commission approved text amendments to the City Code, amendments to the Future Land Use and Zoning Maps, a number of Conditional Uses and annexations. With regard to the text amendments, changes were approved relating to the minimum distance requirement of establishments with alcoholic beverage licenses from other religious/educational/

business entities. Additionally, an amendment to the Code Section pertaining to non-conforming lots was approved to grant duplexes as a permitted use subject to compliance with other code requirements. A snapshot of approvals granted by the City Commission are displayed below.

Snapshot of the City Commission Approved Projects:

- Amendment to the minimum distances required for alcoholic beverage licenses and other religious/educational/business entities | US Highway 1, Orange Avenue, Okeechobee Road and 25th Street
- Residential Text Amendment to Chapter 125 to allow duplexes on prior platted properties subject to compliance with other Code requirements | Substandard Lots on prior platted parcels
- Future Land Use Amendment and Rezoning from mixed-use and single family to General Commercial 2564 South Kings Highway
- St. Peter Lutheran Church Sign | 2900 S. Jenkins Road
- Conditional Use with no New Construction for a Dwelling Rental | 1577 Thumb Point Drive
- Conditional Use with no New Construction for a Dwelling Rental | 1507 Faber Court
- Conditional Use with no New Construction - Gateway Plaza Arcade | 2051 S. US Highway 1
- Conditional Use with no New Construction and Waiver of Distance – Triple Royal Arcade | 2061 S. US Highway 1
- Macritchie RV Storage - 17.83 acres | 2192 Copenhaver Road
- Project Hurricane (Voluntary Annexation) - 18.70 acres | 2398 Peters Road

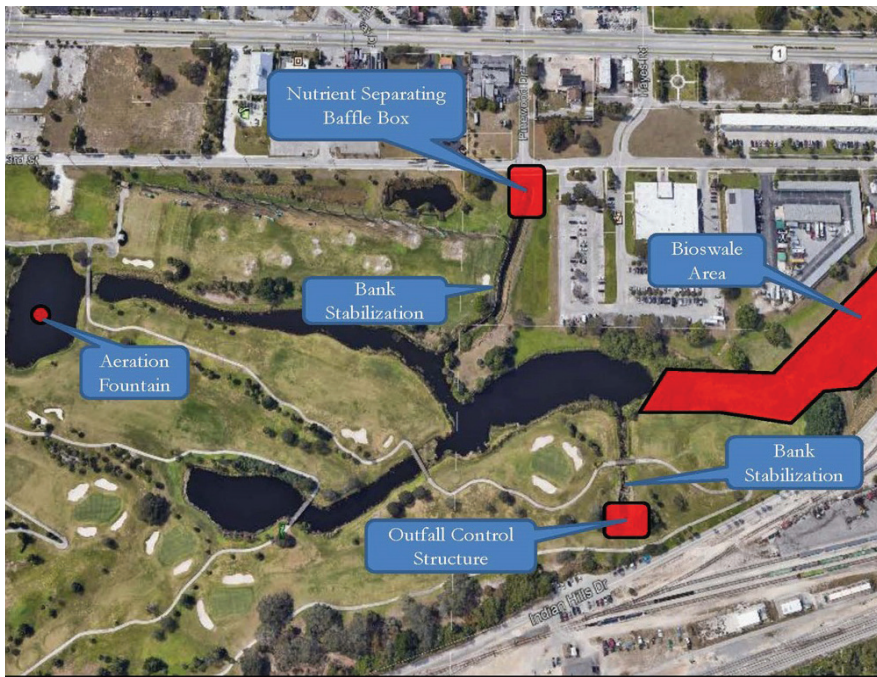
CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



Indian Hills Recreation Area located at 54 Savannah Road is a stormwater treatment area that includes recreational components including a one-mile loop walking path with exercise stations and picnic areas. Indian Hills Recreation Area is the result of a partnership between the City of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, South Florida Water Management District, and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Action Bound is a brand new, interactive scavenger hunt game installed to educate community members about the Six Best Management Practices (BMPs), which directly impact the stormwater runoff and the Indian River Lagoon. At the south side of the recreational area, there is a sign with game instructions. To play, users must first download the Action Bound app on their device(s) and scan

the QR code found on the sign at the entrance of the walking path. The app will then guide players through the scavenger hunt to locate the BMPs. The educational components are created and provided by St. Lucie County's 4-H program. The Florida 4-H Mission is to use a learn-by-doing approach for the community to gain the knowledge and life skills needed to be productive and responsible citizens. On May 17th, St. Lucie County 4-H hosted the newest graduates of their Master Gardeners Program at Indian Hills Recreational Area to launch the Action Bound scavenger hunt game. For further information on educational opportunities, field trips and group activities at Indian Hills Recreational Area, please contact Debbie McManus, St. Lucie County 4-H Program Specialist at dmcmanus@ufl.edu.



Georgia Avenue Basin Water Quality Improvements:

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. Survey and geological testing are currently underway. Construction commencement expected Spring 2022.

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. The bid opening of the Rebid was held April 22, 2021 with four (4) responders. Request to award the \$845,130.00 construction contract to the low bidder, Dickerson Florida, Inc., will go before the commission on June 7, 2021 for approval. Construction commencement Summer 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. Our Consultant has been working with FPUA to finalize their designs for underground utilities including power and lighting to be incorporated into the 100% plans for bidding and construction. FPUA Electric is finalizing electrical design to include street lighting and undergrounding electrical services. FPUA Water/Wastewater has supplied final design to consultant for conflict review.

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

The contractor is currently installing paver brick crosswalks at Avenues B and C and Canal Terrace. FPUA's contractor has completed installing the decorative streetlights from Orange Avenue to Avenue D. The roadway re-build from Orange Avenue to Avenue D is complete, which includes curb and gutter and the first lift of asphalt. Portions of sidewalk and driveway aprons remain due to existing utility pole conflicts. Comcast is working to underground their existing aerial service within the next 30-days. Thereafter, all utility poles will be removed.

NEW PROJECTS



WaWa's

located at 2101 S US HWY 1 is following the installation and approved inspections of the underground fuel tanks and footings, structural steel is being erected for the second Fort Pierce Wawa's location near the northwest intersection of US Hwy 1 and Virginia Avenue.

Pueblo Viejo

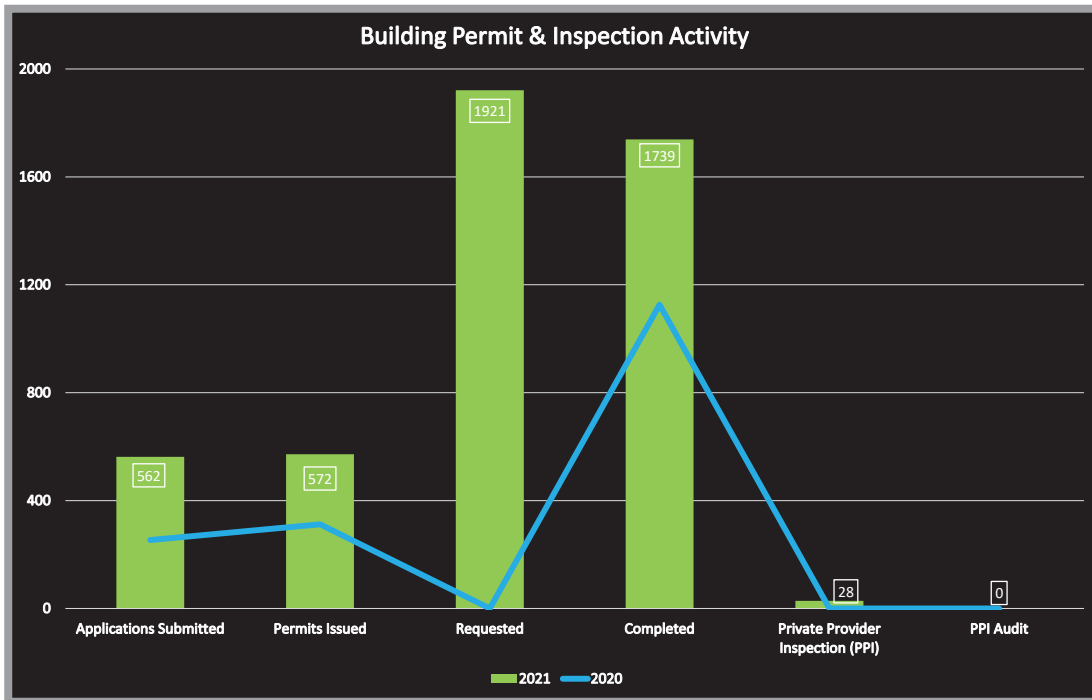
now features outdoor dining! The concrete slab has recently been inspected and the aluminum framing and roof installation is near completion. In addition to the Florida Building Code wind load requirements, all outdoor dining is reviewed to ensure compliance with accessibility requirements and emergency egress requirements to ensure public safety.



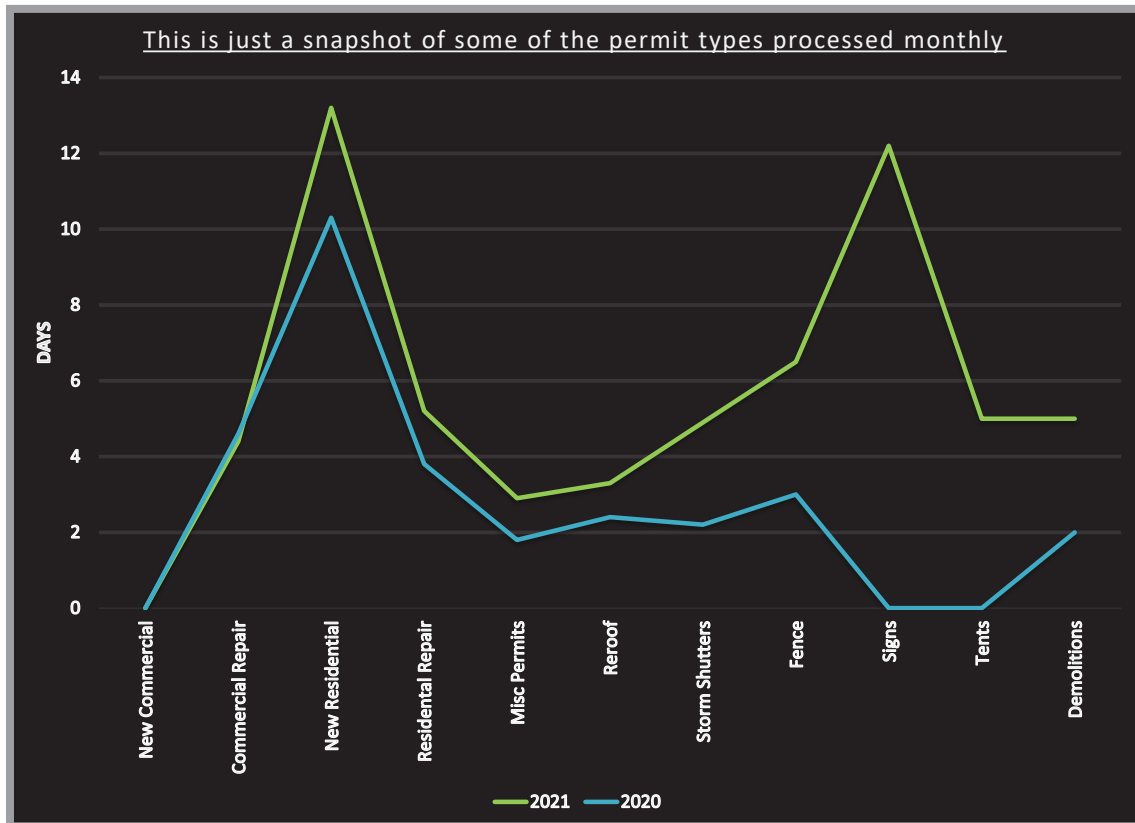
BUILDING CHARTS FOR APRIL 2021

APRIL 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



ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

The City of Fort Pierce Adopt-a-Road program offers businesses, civic groups, local organizations, schools, churches, families, and individuals the opportunity to adopt a section of City-maintained roadside. The purpose of this adoption consists of litter reduction, volunteer opportunities, and enabling community members to show their pride in the beautiful City of Fort Pierce. The goals of this program also include reducing the litter along the roadways, keeping the surrounding environment clean, including swales, canals, and storm water inlets, and increasing public awareness about littering.

The City of Fort Pierce has always been committed to its beautification efforts and offering a program such as this gives residents, business owners, and other locals a chance to contribute to those efforts. Adopting a road in our great City evokes community pride, reduces crime, increases economic growth, and increases the quality of life for people that live, work, and visit Fort Pierce. This program truly is a great opportunity to make a noticeable difference throughout the community.

To get started and hit the ground running, the City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department will provide volunteers with safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and trash grabbers when they adopt a city roadway. There are many roads throughout that City of Fort Pierce that are up for adoption and are waiting for their new cleaning crew. Speaking of a new cleaning crew, a very special thank you goes out to Mr. Chad Ingram for recently adopting a section of Avenue D between N. 9th and 12th Street.

Adopting a road and getting started is extremely fast and easy. Please visit our website at:

www.cityoffortpierce.com





- Every Wednesday | Green Market in Marina Square | 12:00pm - 6:30pm
- Every Saturday | Jazz Market in Marina Square | 8:00am – 1:00pm
- Every Saturday | Downtown Farmers Market in Marina Square | 8:00am – 12:00pm

- 6/4/21 Friday Fest in Marina Square | 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- 6/6/21 TC Triathlon at Jaycee Park | 6:30am – 10:30am
- 6/18/21 Juneteenth at Means Court Center | 8:00am – 2:00pm
- 6/19/21 Juneteenth at Lincoln Park Community Center | 9:30am – 7:00pm

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT APRIL 2021

CLASSES	\$ 1,823.90
PARK PERMITS	\$ 4,787.50
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 867.46
FACILITY	\$ 10,989.22
TOTAL	\$ 18,355.58



We have remained steady through the Spring and early Summer, averaging well over 100 players per day and we have already hosted the “Play For Ed” and Ft Pierce Kiwanis Outings. In spite of last year’s huge increase in golf nationwide, we are still right in line with last year’s numbers for rounds and revenue.

From a maintenance standpoint, we have already been VERY aggressive. We have aerated several fairways multiple times as those have been our weakest point. We completed a full nematode treatment on most fairways as well as all the tees and greens. The remaining fairways will be aerated and top dressed several times throughout the summer to improve their health and condition. We have already aerated all greens and those have been verti cut twice. The next large greens aeration will be mid to late September. Since we sit on sugar sand, we have begun top dressing fairways with top soil rather than more sand. This process will, in time make the fairways smoother and allow the grass to grow more horizontally on top of the soil. It will also begin to change the composition of the soil below making the roots stronger, longer and the turf healthier!

Now all we need it some help from Mother Nature in the way of MUCH NEEDED rain! After being inundated in October and November with almost 40 inches of rain, we have only received approximately 3” TOTAL in the past 5 months....uggghhh

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**

	3/2021	4/2021
GOLF ROUNDS	2342	2646
GOLF FEES	\$56,913.49	\$51,826.11
RANGE TOKENS	\$2,254.51	\$1,743.94
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$788.76	\$984.76
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$6,552.80	\$6,165.39
MERCHANDISE	\$6,034.02	\$5,034.63
TOTAL	\$72,543.58	\$65,754.83

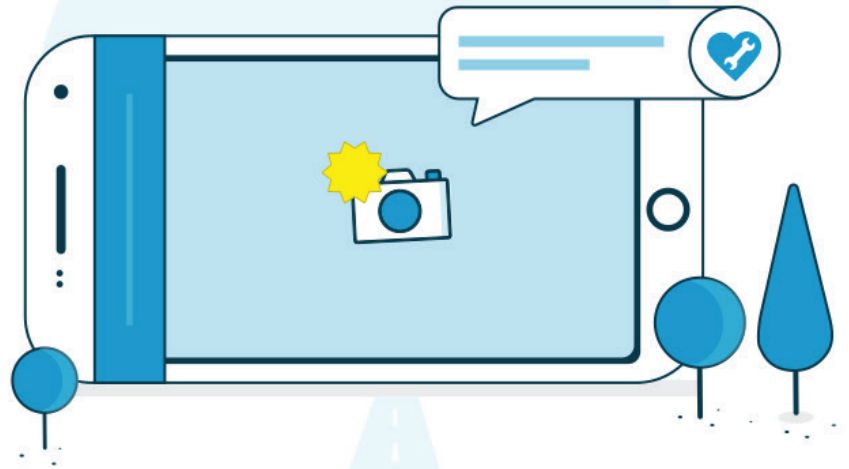


CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Dockage Reservations	240	215	219
Monthly Dockage	\$144,411.00	\$160,994.51	\$150,773.70
Transient Dockage	\$67,282.83	\$81,324.00	\$76,253.08
Electricity	\$6,183.40	\$7,460.84	\$6,771.50
Retail	\$16,451.92	\$33,749.88	\$32,473.82
Gas Sales	\$23,063.01	\$52,346.30	\$86,393.12
Diesel Sales	\$44,082.88	\$93,028.36	\$92,902.17
TOTALS	\$300,869.80	\$428,903.89	\$445,567.39



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.

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WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

ANB CLEANING SERVICE
ARTESANIAS LUPITA, LLC
BLUE WATER PLACE LLC
CROWNED SKIN & NAILZ
DAVE'S DINER
GENESISCARE USA OF FLORIDA, LLC
GEORGE AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACT
HARMON'S LOCK & KEY SERVICE
HERNANDEZ A. SERVICES, LLC
IN & OUT CLEANING SERVICE
ISLAND EBIKES

JAIME S LANDSCAPING
JERUSALEM STORE CORP
JOHN READLER AND JACKIE ELLIS
JOJO DIFRAN & COMPANY INC
M & U CLEANING SERVICES
M.A.B.B. CLEANING SERVICES LLC
MARK LEE PERMAN, MD
MIKE'S DOWNTOWN COMPUTER REPAIR
MIRROR AND SHOWER DOOR PRO.
PALM CAREER TRAINING CENTER LLC
RAUJ TRANSPORT SERVICE LLC

RICK NORWOOD TRAVEL LLC
ST. ANNE BOTANICA RESAN PLUS
SUNRISE HUMANE SOCIETY, INC
TIRE WORKS AND MORE 4 LLC
TOP TIER CREDIT SOLUTIONS INC
TREASURE COAST CAR DOCTORS LLC
TREASURE COAST IT SOLUTIONS
UNIQUE CARTEL EXTENSIONS LLC
WILLIAM F. CROOK MD