

# FORT PIERCE INSIDER





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## WELCOME HOME

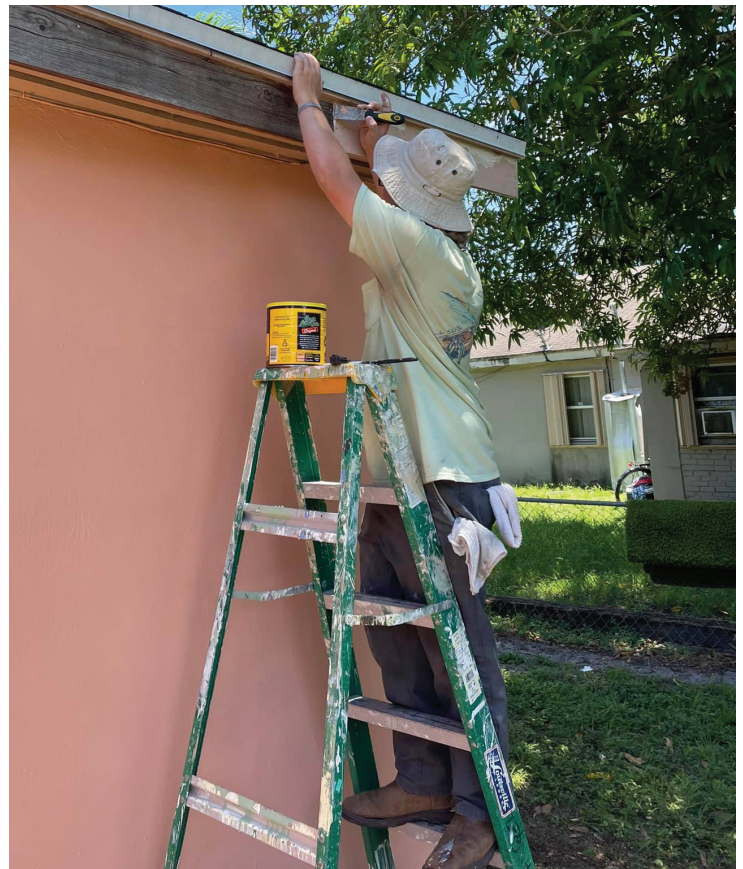
St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity received a Public Service Grant from the City of Fort Pierce to support Habitat's Homeownership program. This partnership, along with additional support from the community, in the form of donations and volunteer labor, helped build an affordable home for Lucson and Benette Leroy. Other stakeholders involved in building the Leroy family home were the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, Inner Truth Project, Coastal Florida Real Estate Investors, Linde, and the Fort Pierce Woman's Club. Home dedications are celebrations of all that is possible when we work together! In his gratitude-filled speech, the new homeowner, Lucson, said he enjoyed the hard work of building his home so much, he wanted to volunteer with St. Lucie Habitat and help other families achieve homeownership. Habitat homeowners never pay more than 30% of their monthly income on housing. Because homeownership is out of reach for so many in our community, programs like Habitat for Humanity are needed now, more than ever. For more information about supporting St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity, call Melissa Winstead at 772-464-1117, ext. 103.





## MISSION SERVE, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

9 homes in our community are being positively impacted by World Changers (Mission Serve), a Christian organization that serves those in need in different states, from different states. Several youth groups traveled from North Carolina to spend their summer here in Fort Pierce to help out some of our residents with exterior painting, weeding, small renovation projects and more. Thank you, World Changers for once again making an impact!



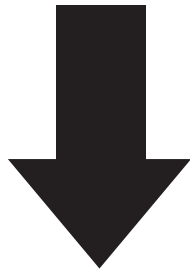


# ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

A special thank you goes out to SCL Florida A&M University Alumni Association for recently adopting a section of Avenue M, between US-1 and 25th Street. This is the largest road adoption in the City of Fort Pierce, and we could not be more excited! This program is successful because of local partners like you, and we greatly appreciate your organization adopting this road and helping keep the Fort Pierce community beautiful. The City's 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.

If you or your organization is interested in adopting a road, please visit our website at [www.cityoffortpiere.com](http://www.cityoffortpiere.com) or call 772.467.3821 for more information and details.





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## ***CRIME CONTINUES TO DECREASE***

In 2020, the Fort Pierce Police Department reported 1189 Part 1 UCR Crimes, a 36% decrease in crime since Chief Hobley-Burney started. The Chief credits her officers, “Our officers are doing quality work, and I am honored to be their Chief.”

Since 2016, Hobley-Burney has strengthened community relationships with the Police Department by listening to resident’s concerns, holding Front Porch Roll Calls in problematic areas and implementing programs that the community could find useful.

Through community partnerships and Department restructuring, the City of Fort Pierce is a safer place than it was six years ago. “We are working together; the divide between the Community and Police Department, if it still exists, is becoming less and less,” Chief Hobley-Burney said.

## **MEET THE PACK.**



The Fort Pierce Police Department’s K9 Unit has grown since 2016. The Department grew from two to five K9 Teams. Meet (Pictured from left to right) K9 Tucker and Officer John Ashton, K9 Maxx and Officer Sean Patriani, K9 Loki and Sergeant Tad Lindstadt, K9 Jax and Detective Kyle MacCarthy, and K9 Wyatt and Officer James Pulliam.



A long-awaited vision has come to pass with the grand opening of the Resource In Community Hope (R.I.C.H.) House off of 2304 Avenue I, a beacon of hope for all ages in the community.

It was the vision of Chief Hobley-Burney over 6 years ago to establish a place where seniors, adults, youth, and children can receive specific help, whether it's anger management or dealing with bullying for the youth, or technical and computer assistance support for elders, something offered for everyone.

"There will be so many options for anyone at any age to come here and get the help they need. We have all waited a long time for this and are excited about the possibilities this place will bring. We can't say thank you enough to our community partners and our City to help see this through." ~ Mayor Linda Hudson.

The mission of the Fort Pierce Police Department is to reduce crime and enrich the quality of life through a collaborative partnership with all citizens. In fulfilling that, the Resources in Community Hope (R.I.C.H.) House was established for the purpose of creating a safe haven for all those in need of services. It will be a place that fosters police and community relationships

and provides a multi-purpose education and resource center for all ages to enhance their quality of life.

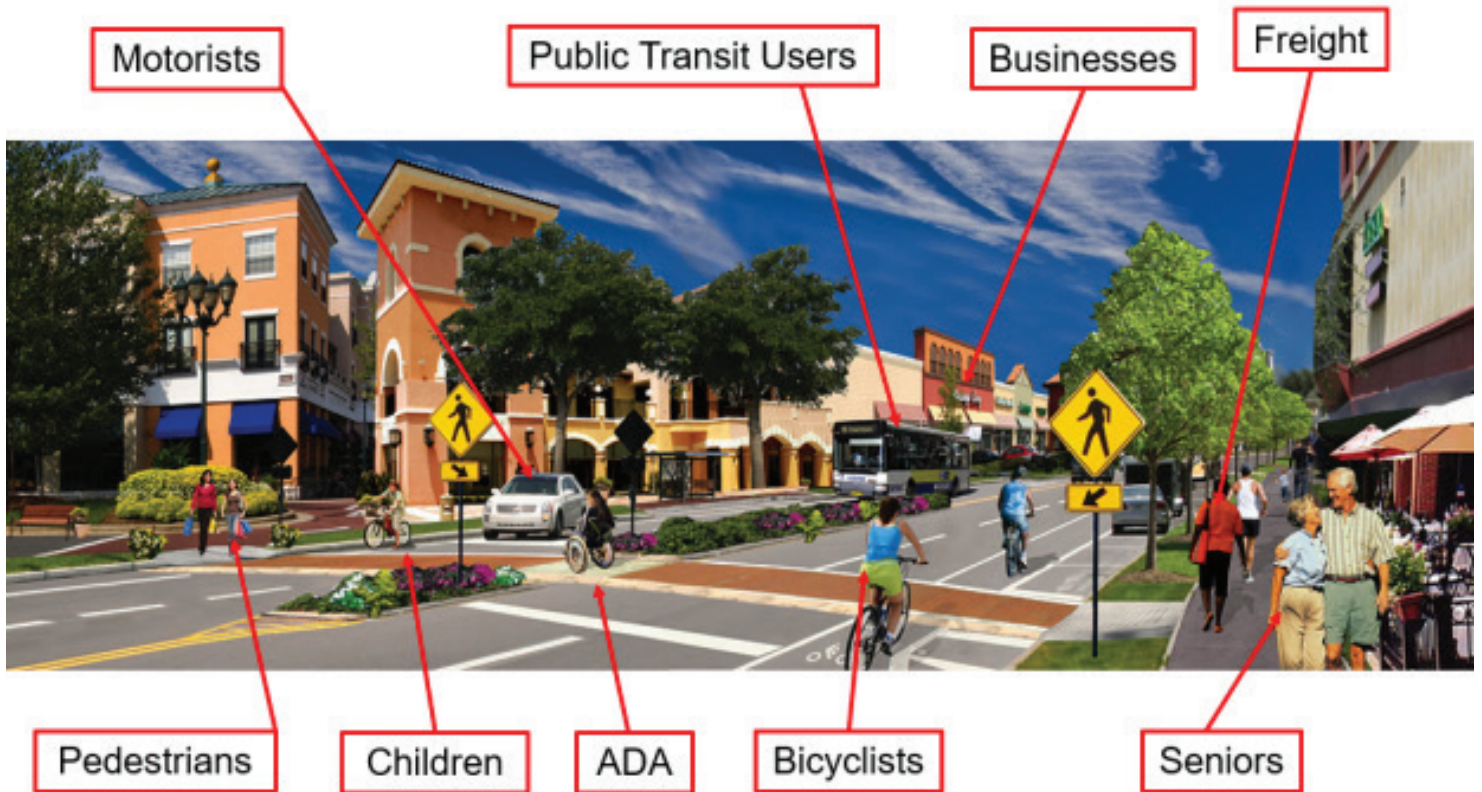
The R.I.C.H. House will rely heavily on community partnerships and support from non-profit organizations, businesses, and volunteers to make this program well-designed and successful. The R.I.C.H. House will provide curriculums geared towards educational assistance, conflict-resolution, socialization skills, and self-esteem building for children, parents, and seniors.

The R.I.C.H. House will also help create a stronger relationship of mutual trust between the members of the Fort Pierce Police Department and the community by making a commitment to improving the overall well-being of the communities we serve.

\*The Fort Pierce R.I.C.H. (Resources in Community Hope) House is based in part on a community engagement initiative started by the Tampa Police Department in 2000.

We would like to thank our sponsors, the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the City of Fort Pierce, and The Housing Authority of Fort Pierce.

# A NEW PATHWAY FOR TRANSPORTATION



The Planning Department in conjunction with the City Manager’s office has brought on board, NUE Urban Concepts (NUE), a transportation planning firm with multi-mobility expertise to develop a combined mobility plan and mobility fee for the City of Fort Pierce. To effectively move people and provide mobility choices requires a mobility plan that looks beyond just new and wider roads.

A mobility plan that considers integrating land uses, people focused complete streets, innovative parking strategies, with the groundwork established for new micro-mobility and micro-transit technology will provide the public with the choice to walk, bike, scoot, ride transit or drive to meet mobility needs and access to future rail service. An adopted mobility plan serves as the basis for development of a mobility fee. The intent of a mobility fee would be to replace the City’s transportation impact fee, all or a portion of St. Lucie County’s transportation impact fee,

or a County/City multi-mobility fee to coordinate County and City efforts. The mobility fee can provide the City with a unified revenue funding source paid by new development and redevelopment that creates additional travel demand that controls and prioritizes multimodal projects that are identified in a mobility plan. The mobility plan is also an opportunity to integrate the establishment of “park-once” environments within our downtown and to the beach area. Additionally, the mobility plan can develop innovative shared parking policies and fee in lieu of parking to encourage infill and redevelopment. The proposed mobility plan is projected to be developed around facilitating access to future rail service within the downtown and potentially park once mobility hubs in identified locations. A quality-of-service standard will also be established in the mobility plan that could also serve as the basis for the City to develop innovative Complete Street Design Standards.



***The following are the major steps involved in developing a mobility plan and mobility fee:***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Establish legislative intent in the comprehensive plan;</li> <li>(2) Develop a mobility plan that integrates land use, transportation and parking;</li> <li>(3) Calculate a mobility fee;</li> <li>(4) Adopt an implementing mobility fee ordinance;</li> <li>(5) Develop administrative procedures and rules for fee collection, credits and expenditures;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(6) Update the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations to remove transportation concurrency references, implement the mobility plan, and replace traffic impact analysis requirements with site access / impact assessments; and</li> <li>(7) Annually fund and prioritize mobility plan projects through capital improvements planning.</li> </ul> <p>The mobility plan and mobility fee will take between 12 and 15 months to complete once the agreement with NUE Urban Concepts is executed, which is anticipated in August 2021.</p> |
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## **MOBILITY PLAN & FEE OVERVIEW**

- Legislate Local Governments with flexibility to Plan for Mobility
- Acknowledge national recognition of the importance of multi-mobility verses transportation capacity
- Apply funds towards Multi-Modal Transportation (sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, & transit stops)
- Prepare for new mobility technologies & sharing economy
- Eliminate Transportation Concurrency, Proportionate Share & Road Impact Fees
- Simplify “one-time” mitigation payment
- Encourage Mixed-Use, Infill & Redevelopment through land use policies
- Design street redevelopment projects as complete streets

# NEW PROJECTS



***Sanctuary Medicinals*** located at 5001 S US Hwy 1 is coming soon at the southwest corner of US Hwy 1 and Midway Road. The interior work is nearly complete and ready for final inspections. The decorative wood façade is being installed along the north elevation of the building

## ***Avalon Crossings***

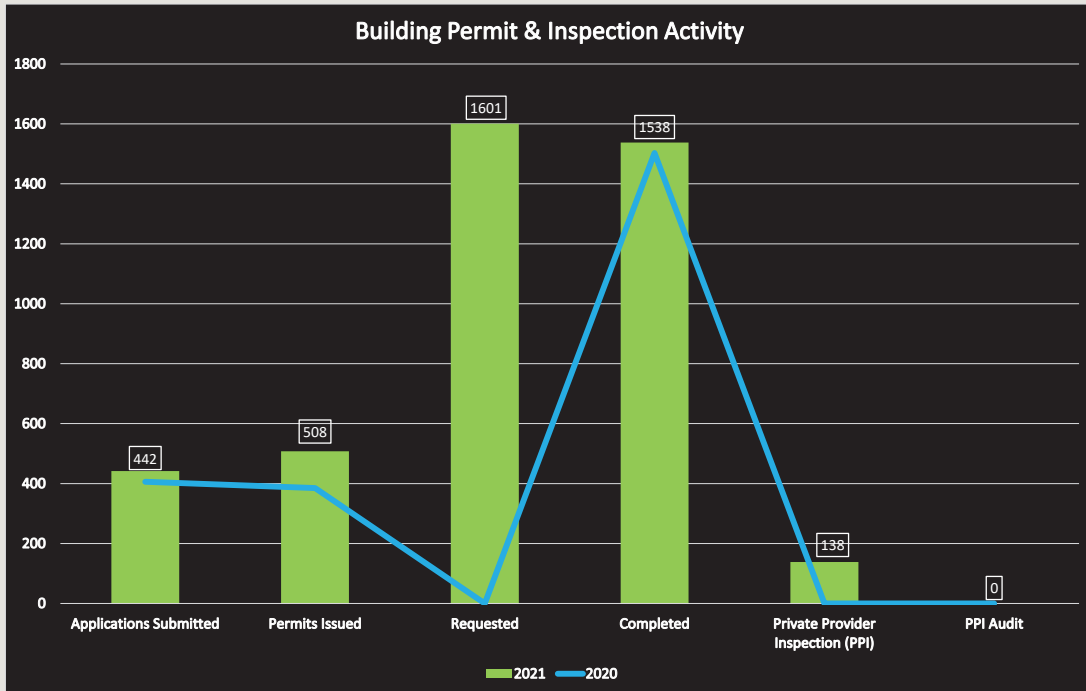
The first homes of Avalon Crossing, by Ryan Homes are being constructed on Clementine Road. Just south of Okeechobee Road, the development will have entrances on both McNeil Road and Jenkins Road. The homes currently being built will serve as models. The photo above was taken during the roof sheathing (plywood) inspection.



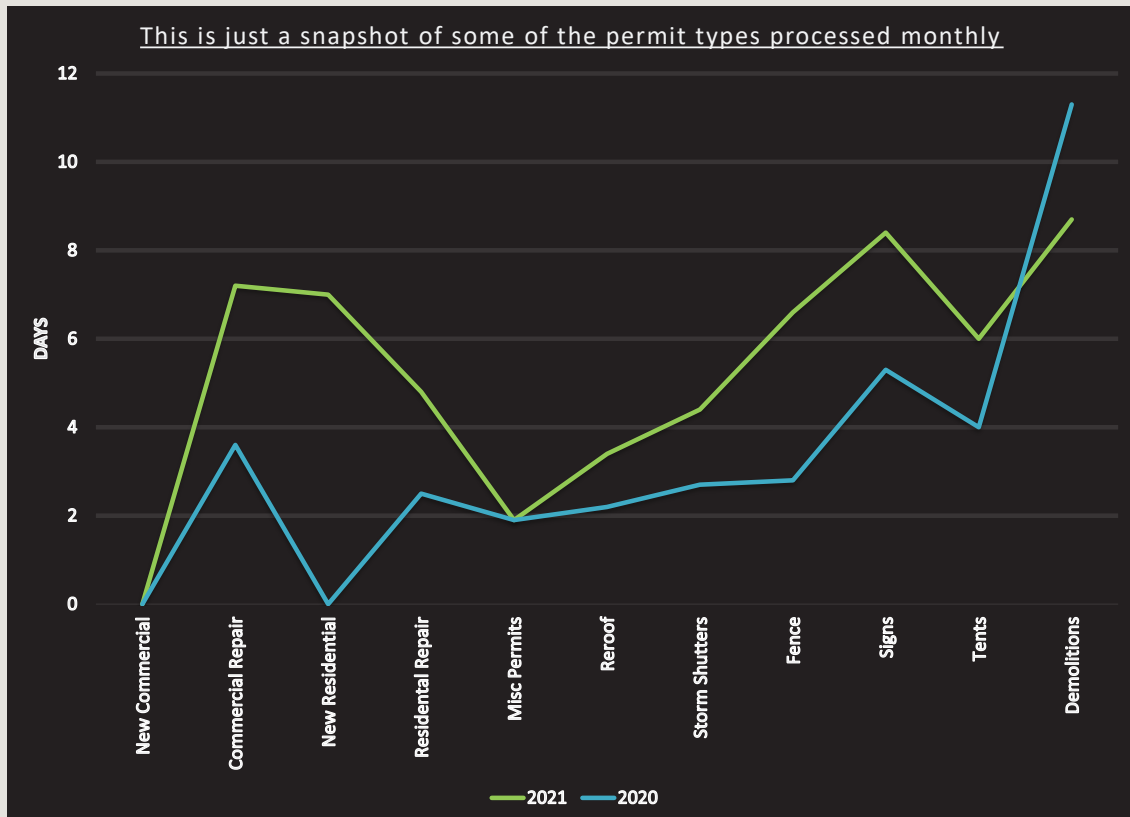
# BUILDING CHARTS FOR JUNE 2021

## JUNE 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



# PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation, and to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time, seasonal workers and volunteers — that maintain our country’s local, state and community parks.

The services that park and recreation professionals provide are vital for our community — from protecting open space and natural resources to helping fight obesity and providing activities and resources for our residents. This has been especially true throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Park and Recreation Month encourages everyone to reflect on the exponential value our parks and recreational amenities bring to our community. Our city’s parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories — moments that park and recreation professionals help make happen. Our parks are often resident’s first experiences in nature and introduction to a favorite hobby or physical activity. They are places to gather with friends and family, spaces to celebrate life’s special moments, areas to participate in sports and so much more.

The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department works around the clock to build and maintain our beautiful parks, recreation center and local amenities for all our residents and visitors to enjoy year round. We have pride in our parks and our amenities because we know their importance here in our community. According to NRPA’s 2020 Engagement with Parks Report, an overwhelming majority of people living in the U.S. assert that they benefit from local parks and that their communities benefit from local parks. People visit their local park and recreation facilities more than twice a month, on average, with 1 in 10 visiting at least weekly, if not daily. Three in five people — or more than 190 million people — visited a local park, trail public open space or recreation facility during the first three months of the COVID-19 pandemic (mid-March through mid-June 2020). Eighty two percent of U.S. adults agree that visiting their local parks, trails and open spaces is essential for their mental and physical well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic. More than four in five people living in the U.S. agree that parks and recreation are an important local government service.

Support for local parks is widespread, spanning different age groups, income levels, and household types. According to a 2021 NRPA Park Pulse poll, six in seven U.S. adults look forward to outdoor activities this spring and summer.



The Centers for Disease Control found that increased access to places for physical activity led to a 25.6 percent increase in people exercising three or more times per week. Living close to parks and other recreation facilities is consistently related to higher physical activity levels for both adults and youth. Moreover, parks provide a connection to nature, which studies demonstrate relieves stress, strengthens interpersonal relationships and improves mental health. Various research studies are confirming that community parks and recreation, green spaces and time outdoors are critical for creating healthy, active and sustainable communities. Children that have easy access to a playground are approximately five times more likely to have a healthy weight than children that do not have easy access to playgrounds. In the U.S., ninety three percent of adults say their mental health is improved by services offered by local park and recreation professionals and agencies. Taking all this into account, The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department is leading initiatives and providing opportunities for people of all ages to achieve healthier lifestyles, promote and understand nature and conservation, as well as bringing the community closer through a variety of programs and services. We will continue

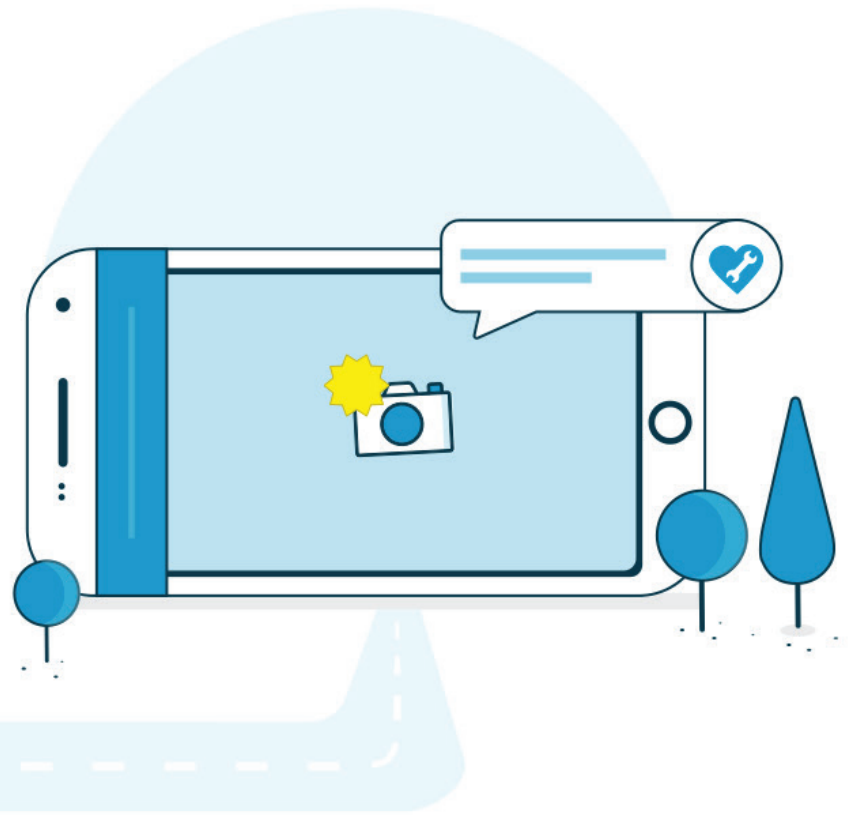
to work hard on our parks and recreation for our residents and visitors and are committed to their quality and excellence. We also encourage you to celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month by visiting one of the city's beautiful parks and spending time in the great outdoors.

For more information on parks, recreation and other amenities throughout the City of Fort Pierce please visit our website at [www.cityoffortpierce.com](http://www.cityoffortpierce.com) or call our Parks and Grounds Division at 772.467.3821.





# 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.



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

8/6/21 Friday Fest – Marina Square 5:00 pm – 9 pm  
 8/7/21 Back 2 School – Dreamland Park – 12pm – 5pm

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## RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT **JUNE 2021**

CLASSES .....	\$ 1,449.92
PARK PERMITS .....	\$1,712.50
SPECIAL EVENTS .....	\$ 3,465.00
FACILITY .....	\$ 6,628.45
TOTAL .....	\$ 13,255.87



In spite of receiving almost zero rain for months in the middle of these scorching hot days, we have held up well from a condition standpoint. A little help from Mother Nature in the way of steady afternoon showers would go a long way!

We've instituted a new maintenance practice for our greens called Ninja Tines. It's a practice of pulling a very small aerification plug to allow oxygen into the green but is far less intrusive to the golfers. After being done, the process is followed by rolling and cutting and can hardly be noticed. This has allowed us to eliminate one large aerification procedure during the summer. In the past we would have performed three large procedures. Now we can do one large tine in April and one large tine in September with several ninja tines in between. Our second large tine scheduled for this summer will be performed in early September and based on weather at the time. During the month of August we will continue to aggressively spray for weeds and fertilize to give us the healthiest possible turf conditions we can achieve heading into the Fall and Winter 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.

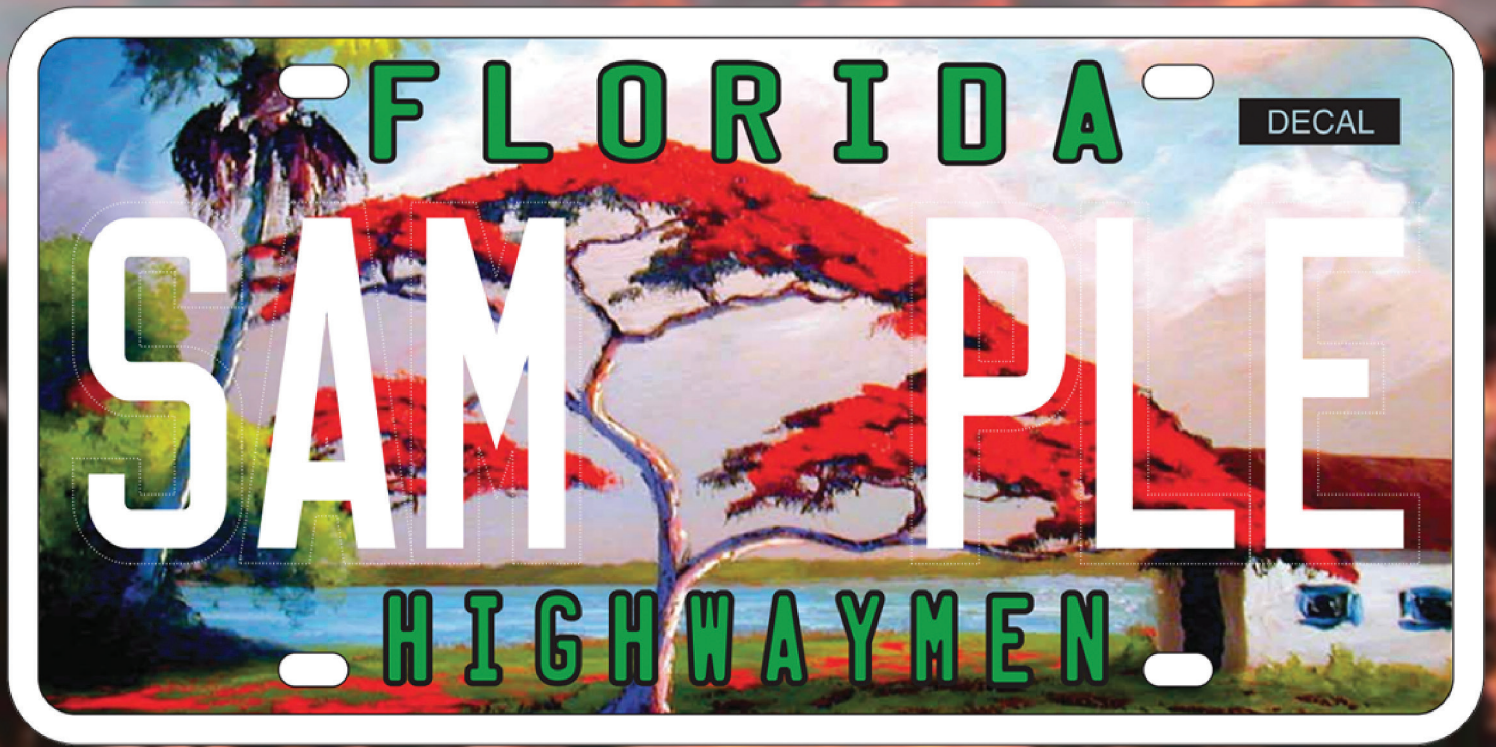
## INDIAN HILLS SALES REPORT

	5/2021	6/2021
<b>GOLF ROUNDS</b>	2646	1796
<b>GOLF FEES</b>	\$51,826.11	\$33,479.98
<b>RANGE TOKENS</b>	\$1,743.94	\$1,264.53
<b>MEMBERSHIP PASS</b>	\$984.76	\$533.69
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGES</b>	\$6,165.39	\$4,982.96
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	\$5,034.63	\$3,570.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,754.83</b>	<b>\$43,831.32</b>



## CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	215	219	234
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	\$160,994.51	\$150,773.70	\$133,057.18
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	\$81,324.00	\$76,253.08	\$69,197.67
<b>Electricity</b>	\$7,460.84	\$6,771.50	\$4,905.31
<b>Retail</b>	\$33,749.88	\$32,473.82	\$25,781.12
<b>Gas Sales</b>	\$52,346.30	\$86,393.12	\$64,159.60
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	\$93,028.36	\$92,902.17	\$95,376.56
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$428,903.89</b>	<b>\$445,567.39</b>	<b>\$393,737.44</b>



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](http://www.TCSLC.com) / 772-462-1650



# WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

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| ACOR                         | • INCREDIBLE RIDES, LLC          | • T-MOBILE FINANCIAL LLC          |
| ATLANTIC SCREEN REPAIR, LLC  | • JET SKI MAGIK LLC              | • T-MOBILE LEASING, LLC           |
| BADGER DAYLIGHTING CORP      | • LAS GEMELAS GROCERY, INC.      | • T-MOBILE SOUTH, LLC             |
| BEACH BOWLS FORT PIERCE, LLC | • MIND BODY SOULUTIONS, LLC      | • THE BEAUTY BANK STUDIO          |
| COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE     | • MONFORT, LAURENDY              | • THE CLEANING BEE                |
| DARBY, JAHREALLE             | • PHILIPS, MONTI                 | • THE STAINED APRON, LLC          |
| DILLMAN, MICHAEL             | • POSLAIKO, SARA                 | • UNICO AIR CONDITIONING COMPANY  |
| DIRECT AUTO INSURANCE        | • PQS GUNSMITH & REPAIRS         | • UNIQUE CUTE STYLZ, LLC          |
| ENCHANTED CLEANING, LLC      | • SANDERS, JOSIE                 | • V-BRIGHT BY GALE                |
| FLORIDA COAST YACHT SALES    | • SIMA, NEIL CHRISTOPHER         | • VALVERDE, JOSUE                 |
| HERSHEY ICE CREAM CAFE       | • SUNRISE CITY FISHING CHARTERS, | • WIRELESS VISION SOUTH, LLC      |
|                              | •                                | • XCLUSIVE CLEANING & MAINTENANCE |

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