

# FORT PIERCE INSIDER

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# KEEPING FORT PIERCE BEAUTIFUL

The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department has experienced many successes over the past few months and they're excited to share the news with the Fort Pierce community. With the successful launch of their quarterly Lunch and Learns, the implementation of their quarterly Community Cleanups, the relaunch of their Adopt a Road program, and the introduction of their new Adopt a Park program. They have witnessed the community be incredibly receptive to these initiatives and are extremely excited to take part in many more community endeavors.

Public Works launched its quarterly Lunch and Learns last month, featuring the Parks and Grounds Division with special guest, Kate Rotindo from UF-IFAS. It was a great time, with over thirty attendees visiting the Public Works compound and learning all about the Parks and Grounds Division. Attendees also had the opportunity to plant their own herb gardens and learn helpful tips and tricks from UF-IFAS representative, Kate Rotindo.

Following a successful Lunch and Learn, the Public Works Department implemented their quarterly Community Cleanup initiative. This was well received throughout the community, as more than 60 volunteers came out to clean the City of Fort Pierce. The Public Works Department supplied bags, buckets, gloves, vests, and pickers to the volunteers that registered for the

cleanup. Individuals and groups went out and cleaned different areas of the city and posted pictures and hashtags to get involved in the movement on social media. It was amazing to see the community come together and help clean our amazing city.

Prior to the new Lunch and Learn and Community Cleanup, the Public Works Department updated and relaunched their Adopt a Road program. This program has seen amazing success lately, as six roads have recently been adopted throughout the City of Fort Pierce. Organizations have adopted sections of 25th Street, Orange Avenue, Avenue B, Avenue M, Avenue D, and Ohio Avenue. It is truly amazing to see the community come together and volunteer their time and effort. As a thank you, the Public Works Department provides and installs signs on these roads to help recognize the commitment and dedication these organizations show in helping keep Fort Pierce beautiful.

Another exciting initiative that recently launched is the Adopt a Park program. This program just received final approval from the Parks Advisory Committee and the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Board, last month. Since then, organizations have started contacting the Public Works Department to find out how they can adopt a local park here in the City of Fort Pierce.



All the information for the Adopt a Park program will be on the city's website very soon. The City of Fort Pierce is truly the gem of the Treasure Coast and a magical place to live, work, and play. The Public Works Department is full of men and women who are proud of the city and strive to make it a better place, each and every day. As always, the Public Works Department is committed to its residents and will continue moving forward with community-based initiatives. For more information on the City of Fort Piece Public Works Department and its initiatives, please visit [www.cityoffortpiece.com](http://www.cityoffortpiece.com) or contact Kaitlyn Ballard at 772.467.3795 or [kballard@cityoffortpiece.com](mailto:kballard@cityoffortpiece.com).

<https://youtu.be/rOZ-jbVnxA0> - Lunch and Learn Video



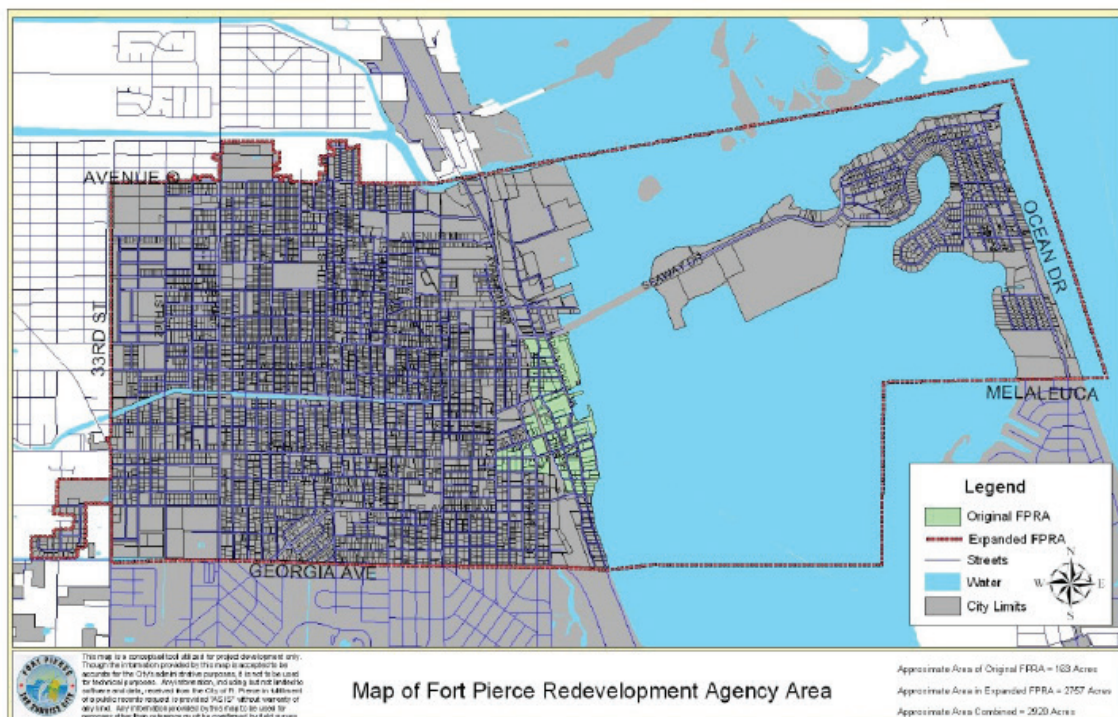


## THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE LAUNCHES FPRA COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT

The City of Fort Pierce is pleased to announce the launch of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) Commercial Façade Grant. The pre-application period is now open until November 24, 2021. The intent of the Commercial Façade Grant Program is to support the revitalization of the commercial corridors in the FPRA district by stimulating private investment in improvements that enhance the appearance of buildings and properties and eliminate blight and non-conforming design standards. This program is designed to encourage redevelopment of the FPRA by enhancing its visual aesthetics which will lead to increased property values, tenant occupancy, economic development, and job creation.

The grant is a reimbursable dollar-for-dollar matching grant up to \$25,000. To be eligible the building must be located within the FPRA District and be commercially zoned. To apply and for a complete list of eligibility requirements, please visit: <https://choosefortpierce.com/969/FPRA-Incentive-Program>

This will be the first of several grants that were recently approved by the FPRA Board. To request a paper application in person or in the mail, or for more information about the Commercial Façade Grant program, please call 772-465-4170 or email [fp@cityoffortpierce.com](mailto:fp@cityoffortpierce.com)



# LONG-RANGE PLANNING VERSUS CURRENT PLANNING



How does the City Planning Department determine the appropriate types of development and associated regulations per zoning district? The answer rests with an understanding of the relationship between long range (comprehensive) planning, and current planning, more often referred to as site planning. What is the difference between long-range and current planning? To answer that, one needs to look to the City’s comprehensive plan. In the state of Florida, comprehensive planning is mandated pursuant to Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, the Community Planning Act. Pursuant to Florida law, all local governments, city and county, are required to adopt and maintain a comprehensive plan and implement development regulations for all future development actions.

A local government comprehensive plan is the vision document drafted by staff, with the input of residents, stakeholders, and local officials, that sets the implementing regulatory authority through the Code of Ordinances, including the zoning code, governing all land development activities. Florida Statutes requires certain “Elements” within a comprehensive plan that correlate to the zoning regulations for specific zoning districts within a local government’s Code of Ordinances. In the City of Fort Pierce, our comprehensive plan currently consists of 11 Elements that address important aspects of land development and growth in the City of Fort Pierce specified through the Goals, Objectives and Policies, (GOPs) of each of the following Elements:

- **Future Land Use**
- **Transportation**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Conservation**
- **Coastal Management**
- **Public School Facilities**
- **Housing**
- **Recreation and Open Space**
- **Intergovernmental Coordination**
- **Capital Improvements**
- **Public Facilities Management**
- **Property Rights (scheduled for adoption on November 15, 2021)**

The Future Land Use Element sets the guiding principles for the Planning Department as it is the adopted long-range plan for development. It defines the desired development per the list of general land uses, most often defined as: residential, commercial and industrial. The comprehensive plan also contains maps. The Planning department refers to the Future Land Use Map when development projects are requested. It is referenced as “future” as it is the intended uses for the future development of the City based upon compatibility with the surrounding area, consistency with the Zoning code and concurrency. Concurrency means that infrastructure will either be in place at the time of development or planned in the near future to support the intended development.

### What are Goals, Objectives and Policies?

**Goals and objectives are the things that a community hopes to accomplish and how the community would like to be in the future. They provide direction for community decisions.**

**Land use policies are the rules or actions that a community intends to implement to meet the desired goals and objectives.**

By establishing a land use pattern for a city, the Future Land Use Element of the comprehensive plan sets the expectations for future development and influences the future pattern of development. It also identifies the infrastructure improvements necessary to support that development. Current planning is regulated by the zoning code, which establishes rules placed upon property per zoning district. The Zoning Code includes such design criteria as use of land, bulk (or size and placement of the structures on land) and setback requirements that ensures compatibility with adjacent properties. The regulations contained in the Zoning code dictate how a site plan is laid out to conform to the associated zoning district that relates back to the land uses defined in the Future Land Use Element.

### Goal 1

The City of Fort Pierce shall regulate land uses to maintain and protect its traditional Florida small-town character by embracing its rich heritage, diverse cultural and community assets, and natural resources through the 2030 planning horizon. Objectives and policies within our Future Land Use Element ensure consistency with our Zoning Code and are as follows:

### Objective:

The City shall adopt and implement the Future Land Use Map to designate future land uses that regulate uses, densities and intensities that enhance its neighborhoods and districts, stimulate tourism and the local economy, and are compatible with its small-town character.

### Policy:

The City will ensure consistency between the updated Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations.

### Policy:

The City shall administer Land Development Regulations consistent with the future land uses in this Element.

To sum it up, Planning is both a visionary as well as a regulatory function to ensure the mission for the community as identified in the City’s Comprehensive Plan (long-range planning), is implemented by the associated zoning districts and demonstrated on site plans (current planning).



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CITY OF FORT PIERCE &  
TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK PRESENTS



## ANNUAL



# *Thanksgiving*

## FOOD GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021  
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST  
PERCY PEEK GYMNASIUM, 2902 AVENUE D

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# FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK "WHAT MAKES MY CITY GREAT?"



The City of Fort Pierce celebrated Florida City Government Week-themed, "What Makes My City Great?" the week of October 18 and 24 by hosting a photo contest, Commissioner Spotlights, and sharing fun facts about what makes Fort Pierce great!?

5 fun facts were shared through social media during Florida City Government Week. From community, diversity, and the arts to history, beaches, and amenities. Fort Pierce is the perfect little getaway where one can enjoy paradise, quietly but everyone know you by name. Fort Pierce embraces the historic charm, yet invites growth and is accepting of new trends; the City remains authentic to its character. Some of that authentic spirit was captured in the photo contest. Hats off to our winner, earning the cover photo and the photo shown above -  
*"Swinging Still" by Kristin Pesta.*

## About Florida City Government Week:

Florida City Government Week, held annually in October, is a time for cities across the state to celebrate and bring awareness to the role city government plays in enhancing the quality of life for residents through civic engagement activities.





## WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Officers Scott Flores, Shaun Sharpe and Tiffany Warren were sworn in on September 29, 2021 at the Police Department by Chief Diane Hobbly-Burney in the presence of family members and friends. Scott, Shaun and Tiffany are currently in their first phase of training with our road patrol Field Training Officers. So, if you see them out and about, wish them well and say hello. Welcome to our family and we wish each of you a successful career for years to come as you uphold the Fort Pierce Police Department's motto, In Honor We Serve.

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## READING IS "FUN"DAMENTAL

On October 5th, Sergeant Fasanello, Officer Spotts, Officer Quiles, Officer Lalima, and Victim's Advocate Angela Brathwaite went to Fairlawn Elementary School and read to four 2nd grade classes. It looks like the officers had just as much fun as the kids, who were super excited to be read to by their special classroom guests. Thank you, Principal Ricksecker, for organizing this morning's reading session.



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## OPERATION, GET THE CANDY!

On October 14th, a candy seizure took place, and the Fort Pierce Police Department seized over 5000 pieces of candy during "Operation Halloween Boo." Investigation before the haul revealed that an individual in the City of Fort Pierce was stockpiling candy for purposes other than personal consumption. But, be honest, who can eat that much candy? Come to find out, it was Mr. Howard Dunn Jr. and his usual antics of helping out the community he loves! For the second year in a row, Mr. Howard Dunn Jr., the founder of Dunn's Kids Foundation, donated a gigantic stash of candy which was handed out at the Fort Pierce Police Department's Halloween Drive-Up event on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The department would like to sincerely thank Mr. Howard Dunn and Dunn's Kids Foundation for your continued support of the Fort Pierce Police Department and our community.



# CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



## INDIAN HILLS RECREATION AREA: MULTI-USE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SUN TRAIL

Construction is nearing completion on the Indian Hills section of SUN Trail through the City of Fort Pierce. This 12' wide concrete trail begins at the southernmost point of the recreation area at the FEC spur track and proceeds north to Indian Hills Drive. This segment, 1.56 miles in length, is the first of three sections that will traverse the City of Fort Pierce. The total construction cost of this section of trail was \$512,933 and was built by PRP Construction of Indiantown. Design and construction were fully funded by a grant applied for by St. Lucie County through FDOT and the city provided the project management and construction administration. Phase II which will proceed through the Indian Hills Golf Course is currently under design.



# NEW PROJECTS



## ASPEN DENTAL & CARE NOW

Utilizing stem wall construction methods, this three-unit building to include Aspen Dental and Care Now located at 5000 Okeechobee Rd is nearing completion of blockwork and pouring of columns. Once the rebar is inspected, the concrete will be ready to pour.

## HISTORIC BOSTON HOUSE

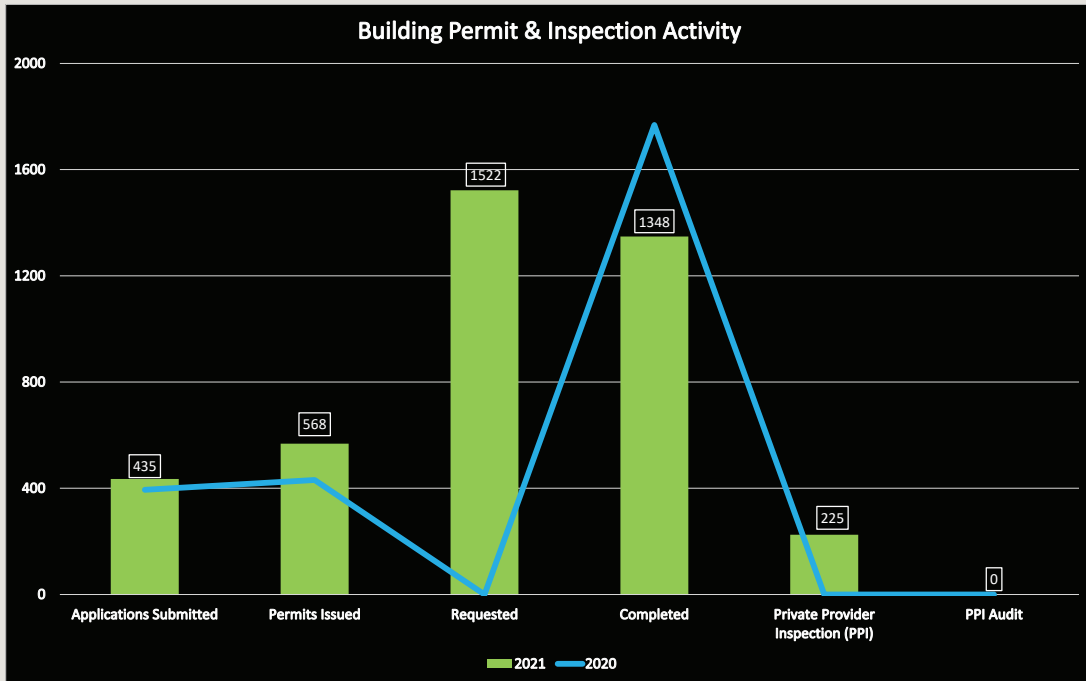
The renovation of the historic Boston House located at 239 S Indian River Dr is nearly complete and awaiting final inspections. The renovated space will provide for a food service establishment on the first floor and office space on the 2nd and 3rd floors.



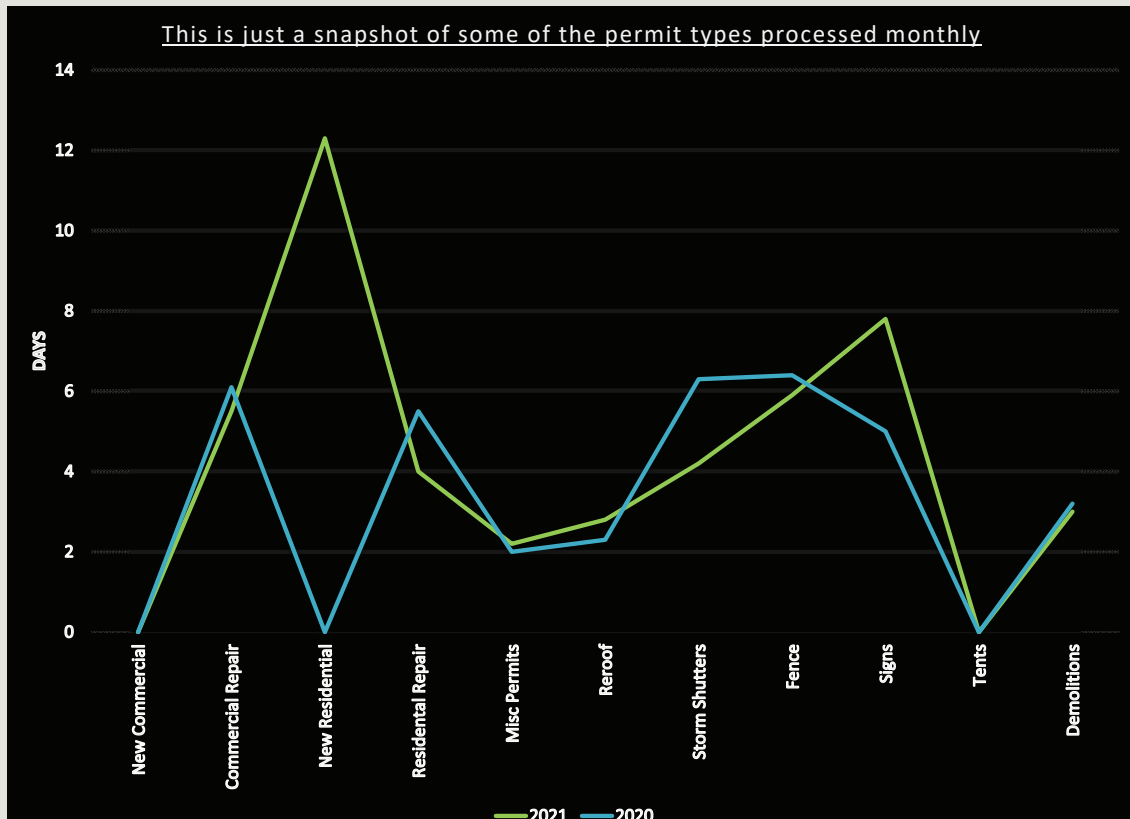
# BUILDING CHARTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

## SEPTEMBER 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



# YOUNG HEARTS To ARTS

**FREE  
EVENTS**

*Exhibitions*



**FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

LIVE MUSIC | MANTRA ROCK PAINTING  
MAGIC SHOW | YOUTH YOGA & MORE

**NOV. 7, 12 – 4 PM**

HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL GARDENS  
210 SAVANNAH RD, FORT PIERCE, FL 34982

**NOV. 13, 10 AM – 12 PM**

PORT ST. LUCIE BOTANICAL GARDENS  
2410 SE WESTMORELAND BLVD, PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34952

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- Every Wednesday – Green Market – Marina Square 12:00 pm – 6:30pm
- Every Saturday – Jazz Market – Marina Square 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Every Saturday – Downtown Farmers Market – Marina Square 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- 11/2-6 Firefighter Challenge World Championship – Manatee Parking Lot
- 11/1/21 Friday Fest – Marina Square 5 pm – 9 pm

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

CLASSES .....	\$ 954.82
PARK PERMITS .....	\$ 1,550.00
SPECIAL EVENTS .....	\$ 2,023.54
FACILITY .....	\$ 8,618.99
TOTAL .....	\$ 13,147.35



We can't tell you just how excited we are that we are reassuming the golf course's maintenance operation! We will now have control of where all of our budget dollars are going to provide the best product for our residents and guests.

We've been fortunate to assemble several fantastic employees to our Golf Maintenance Team. The team will be headed by Jeff Carlson who was the Superintendent at Meadowood for the past 26 years. Jeff's Assistant Superintendent will be Fabian Luna and the gentleman in charge of eliminating the weeds will be Jessie Ewing. We have also added Johnnie McKinney, Doug Jones and Antwan Williams who have added a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team.

We will be conducting a "wall to wall" fertilizer application beginning in mid October which will give the grass a great kick start. We will begin using more organic products to offset the vast amount of sand in our soil. Our irrigation run times have been modified to provide less water where it's not necessary and more water where needed. Rakes have been placed back in the bunkers. Overgrowth around cart paths have been cut back and cart paths and bunkers will be edged for a cleaner and neater appearance.

We will be soon advertising our annual "Turkey Shootout" held on Thanksgiving morning which is always extremely well attended and a LOT of fun! Please keep your eyes out for the registration for on our Facebook page, Instagram and at the club.

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 summer maintenance projects.

## INDIAN HILLS SALES REPORT

	8/2021	9/2021
<b>GOLF ROUNDS</b>	2115	1831
<b>GOLF FEES</b>	\$33,604.72	\$34,533.59
<b>RANGE TOKENS</b>	\$691.72	\$1,015.41
<b>MEMBERSHIP PASS</b>	\$663.69	\$767.38
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGES</b>	\$5,462.07	\$3,479.34
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	\$1,523.63	\$3,317.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,945.83</b>	<b>\$43,112.73</b>



## CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	125	56	62
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	\$169,127.64	\$124,264.16	\$140,484.13
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	\$42,781.20	\$26,807.40	\$25,424.00
<b>Electricity</b>	\$3,375.40	\$3,492.11	\$3,800.19
<b>Retail</b>	\$27,702.27	\$17,229.34	\$13,982.57
<b>Gas Sales</b>	\$90,175.63	\$59,042.61	\$52,132.93
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	\$76,947.38	\$51,518.96	\$51,332.54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$410,109.52</b>	<b>\$282,354.58</b>	<b>\$287,156.36</b>



The month of October at the Sunrise Theatre has been a mix of Country, Rock, Gospel and the Mersey Beatles from Liverpool, England! Not only have the audiences love their favorite performers, but you can see that everyone is happy to be back in the Sunrise Theatre enjoying “live” entertainment. The 16th Season is just getting started and promises to shine brightly moving forward, with more shows being added. With the shows comes box office staff. A new box office manager and box office staff positions are being filled to expedite the ticketing process.

Sunrise Theatre staff welcomed the consultants from Professional Facilities Management (PFM) the first of the month. PFM is contracted for one year by the City of Fort Pierce who will provide access to a national network of leading live entertainment venue professionals in talent buying, ticketing, marketing, guest services, branding, production and venue operations. PFM will assist the Sunrise Theatre in building the best team ever and expand even more on the exceptional guest service currently offered by Theatre staff.

On the building maintenance side of the Sunrise Theatre, a new needlepoint Bi-Polar Ionization system was installed. This state of the art equipment will provide the most comprehensive air purification system available for our space. It goes far beyond simple filtration and ultra violet light air purification. A new chiller was added on top of the Sunrise Theatre which will aide in reducing the recovery time for the temperature and thus enhances the comfort level and consistent temperature.



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## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

4616 INVESTMENT LLC  
A & K CLEANING SERVICES INC.  
AMERICAN NATIONAL PROPERTY  
ARACE, KELLY  
BEACH THERAPY FP, LLC  
BELLO, JOHN  
BERNARD, PAUL  
BLUE WATER PLACE, LLC  
BURROWES, SHARON  
BYRNE, PETER T.  
C & H TREASURE BOX  
CARLOS MANZANARES LAWN, LLC  
CITYKINGS, INC  
D&O CLEANING, LLC  
DOWN SOUTH MAINTENANCE  
DRIFT AWAY MASSAGE & SPA, LLC  
ELITE AUTO RENTAL SERVICE  
FL SUNSHINE ARCADE 1, INC  
FORT TRASK, LLC  
FREEDOM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
GINGER EXPRESS CORP  
GOLF VILLAS 5421, L.L.C.  
GONANO, ALEXZANDER  
GUERRERO, STANLEY J.  
HERNANDEZ-FALCON, DAILY M.D.  
HOLLEY, WILLIAM  
IRECOVERY, LLC

JUSTEE COLLEGE, LLC  
KB&K WHOLESALE CLOTHING, LLC  
KOVAR, MICHAEL  
LA GONAV BEAUTY SUPPLY, LLC  
LAWN IN ORDER LANDSCAPING  
LEADERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
LINEBERGER, CARMEN M.  
LOPEZ, JOSE L.  
LUGO SOLUTIONS  
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE  
MEMORIES 2 CHERISH  
MENDOZA, GUILLERMINA  
MICHAELS JEWELERS 2, INC  
MILES, ROBERT  
MONTESINO BLANCO, DAYANIS  
OCEANFRONT RETREAT RENTAL, LLC  
OF PROPERTIES'  
OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY  
OV LUX BEACH CONDO, INC  
P J HENNESSEE  
PARDO, NELLY  
QUINN, BARBARA  
REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL, LLC  
REDS BOUDIOR  
ROBINA VACATION RENTALS, LLC  
ROYALTY CANDLES, LLC  
SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY

SEA WAY PETROLEUM, INC  
SOUTH STATE BANK, N.A.  
SPM CONCRETE, INC  
STANSELL, JOHN E  
STARMOUNT LIFE INSURANCE COMPA  
STEIN-DOBROWSKI, JUDITH  
STEWART, JOYCE MARIE  
STRONG BROTHERS MARKETING, LLC  
SUIKKI, ARIANE H.  
SULLIVAN, JAMES & PAMELA  
TAYLOR & TAYLOR LAWN CARE  
TCOAST 360 RENTALS, LLC  
TOUCHDOWN MUSIC GROUP, INC  
TRANSAMERICA LIFE INSURANCE, CO  
TREASURE COAST HOMECARE SPECIAL  
TRIPLE S AUTO FINDERS LLC  
TUSCANO, FRANK L. III  
TWISTED SOUL  
VAUGHN, MARIA  
VERTIZ, ALEXANDER  
W & B FUNERAL SERVICE ESCORT  
WELCOME BACK HOME CARE, INC  
WESTERN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE  
WHITBECK, SUSAN  
YJ CLEANING SERVICES, LLC