

FORT PIERCE INSIDER

JANUARY 2022





TABLE OF CONTENTS

3 FEATURED STORY	15 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
6 PLANNING DEPARTMENT	16 INDIAN HILLS GOLF COURSE
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT	17 FORT PIERCE CITY MARINA
10 CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT	18 SUNRISE THEATRE
12 BUILDING DEPARTMENT	19 NEW BUSINESSES



FORT PIERCE FIREHAWKS WIN THE POP WARNER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Fort Pierce Firehawks 14U Division swept their opponent at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando, FL, facing the Northampton Indians out of Pennsylvania; a power-heavy running team that was just as eager for the national title.

The Firehawks quickly racked up 19-points by the first half without allowing the Indians to score and continued battling their way through the 2nd half. The defense held the Indians to just 12 points, while the offense put up another 19 points on the board with a final score of Firehawks - 38, Indians - 12.



The Fort Pierce Firehawks 14U Division ended the season with a perfect record, 17-0.

The Fort Pierce Firehawks Youth Football and Cheerleading program is based out of the City's Recreation Center located at 903 S. 21st Street in Fort Pierce engaging over 400 youth in the community offering various activities such as football, cheerleading, basketball, and much more.



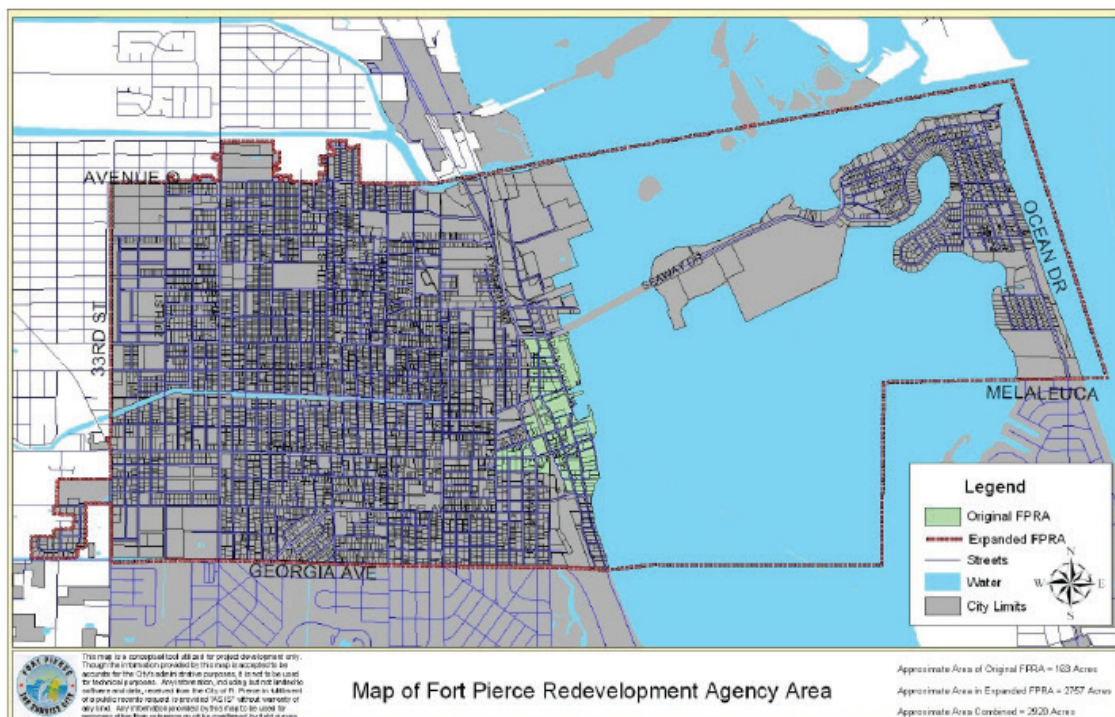


THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE LAUNCHES FPRA COMMERCIAL INTERIOR UPLIFT GRANT

The City of Fort Pierce is pleased to announce the launch of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) Commercial Interior Uplift Grant. The pre-application period is now open until January 19, 2022. This incentive program is available to businesses throughout the FPRA District. The program provides matching funds to commercial property owners and businesses for interior upgrades with a focus on projects that remedy degraded building systems and extend the economic viability of the building. The goal of the program is to eliminate functional obsolescence, remove deterioration, and improve the “energy efficiency” of existing buildings in the FPRA District, with an emphasis on bringing these buildings up to current building codes and making them more viable for occupancy.

The grant offers financial assistance in the form of a reimbursable matching (50%) grant up to \$10,000. 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://choosefortpiece.com/969/FPRA-Incentive-Program>

To request a paper application in person or in the mail, or for more information about the Interior Uplift Grant program, please call [772-467-3786](tel:772-467-3786) or email fpra@cityoffortpiece.com



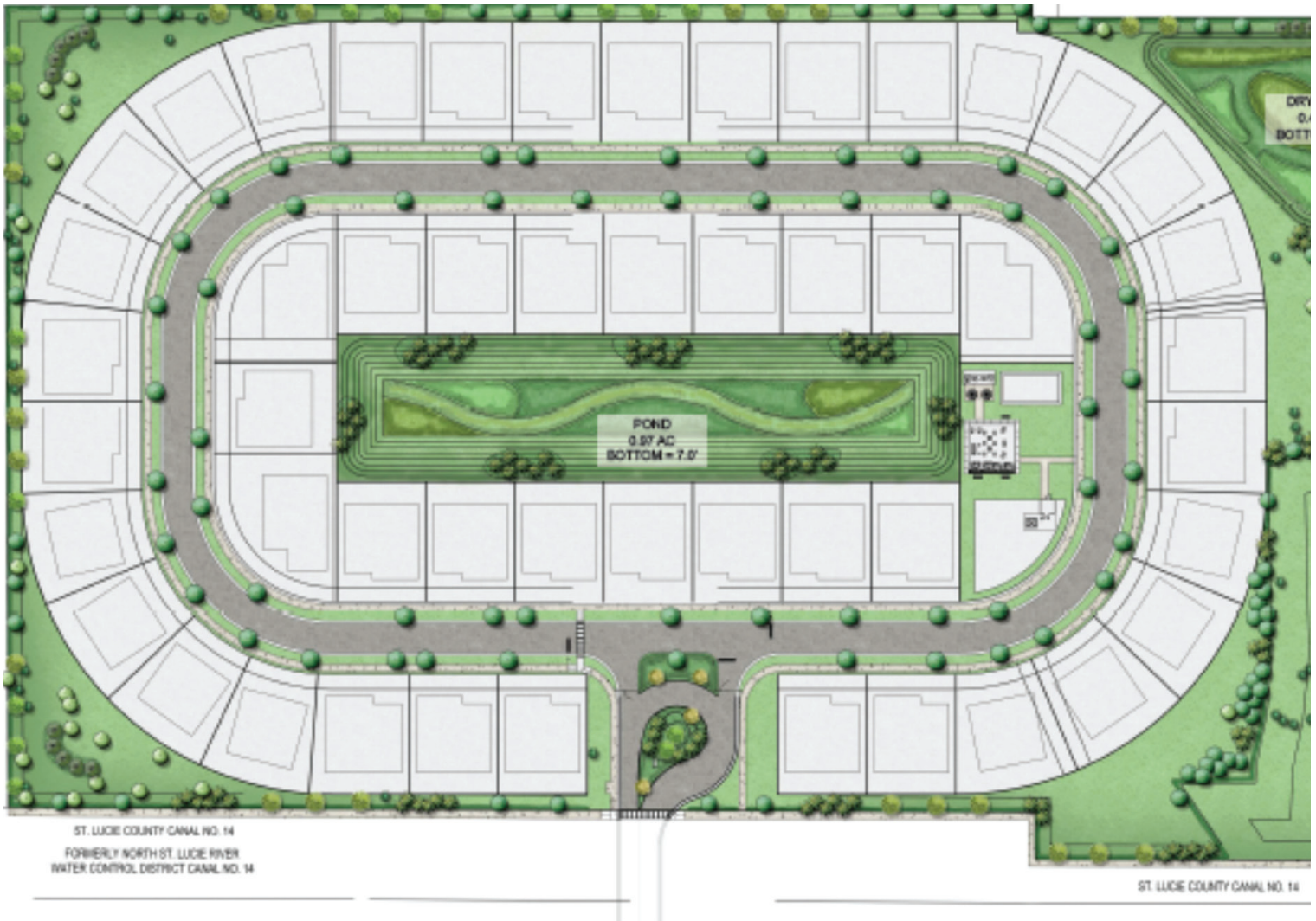
The Importance of Planning for Bus Stops When Site Planning New Residential Developments

Over the last couple of months, the Planning Department and the owner, Alva Stone Group LLC, and the applicant, Kimley-Horn, representatives of the proposed Oleander Oaks 50-unit single family development, have been working diligently to address the Planning Board’s concern with the location of the bus stop into the proposed development. At the October 11, 2021, Planning Board meeting, the Planning Board recommended approval of the associated PD application and preliminary plat.

However, the Planning Board had concerns over the location of the school bus stop and requested that the applicant, and School District and Planning staff work together to develop an alternative to address the safety concerns. Following the Planning Board meeting, subsequent meetings were held with City Planning, County Engineering, the School Board staff and the applicant.



Original Site Plan



Revised Site Plan

After reviewing the potential safety concerns with the then-current location of the bus stop, a new entrance was designed that now allows for a full bus turn around behind the private gate, without interfering with the right-of-way. Additionally, the site was adjusted to provide additional recreational amenities, that now total a community pool, grilling stations, an outdoor gym, tot lot, and outdoor seating alongside the interior pond.

The process was a model example of how private and public sectors can work together for the betterment of the community! Shown are the original site plan and the revised plan that addresses the concerns of the Planning Board. The new site plan provides an improved location for school buses to enter the gated development to wait for school children to enter and exit the school bus safely. This project is scheduled for review and final approval by the City Commission on January 18, 2022. Teamwork at its BEST!

CareerSource Research Coast is an equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. All voice telephone numbers on this document may be reached by persons using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711. For program funding details in compliance with the Stevens Amendment, please visit www.careersourcerc.com/program-funding.

7th Annual
CITY OF FORT PIERCE

JOB FAIR

01/20/22

10am – 1pm

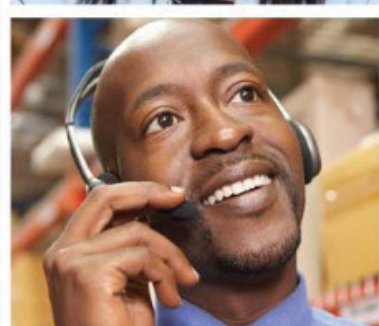
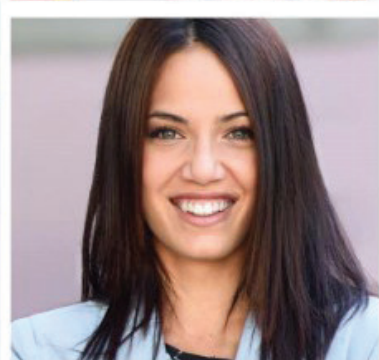
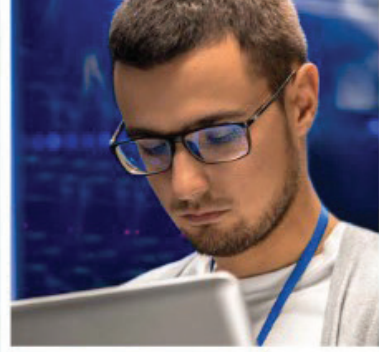
9:30am early entry for veterans

HAVERT L. FENN CENTER
2000 Virginia Avenue
Fort Pierce, Florida 34982

Scan the QR Code to pre-register
or visit <https://bit.ly/3pdD5Tk>
Questions? Call 866-4U2-HIRE



CareerSource
RESEARCH COAST



Registration Now Open



SANTA'S FIRST STOP:

On December 17, 2021, the Fort Pierce Police Department held its annual "Santa Cop" event. Seventy-five local families were invited to be part of this yearly tradition that the department's chaplain started over twenty years ago. He encountered a family that could not provide Christmas gifts for their children, so he sought a way for the police department to help out vulnerable families. Since then, the Santa Cop has become an annual tradition, helping children of families who have been victimized or affected by crime or are facing tough times. The children are selected by our officers and the department's victim advocate throughout the year. The Fort Pierce Police Department would like to sincerely thank all the organizations that donated to the Santa Cop Program. Without generous donations, the program would not be possible.

SHOPPING FOR THEM:

On December 3, 2021, the Fort Pierce Police Department held their annual "Shop with a Cop" at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Fort Pierce. Twenty-two children were selected to participate in this yearly event, where each child is gifted a \$100 gift card and sent off with an officer to shop to their heart's content. Shop with a Cop is an annual event and has been going on for many years at the Fort Pierce Police Department and is one of many programs utilized to create a positive bond between law enforcement and children of the community. The Fort Pierce Police Department would like to sincerely thank the Wal-Mart Supercenter of Fort Pierce for the donation of the gift cards which allowed this event to take place.



A SPECIAL GIFT:

On December 3, 2021, Officer Spotts and Officer Goz presented Special Olympics Florida with a special edition Autism Awareness police model car in appreciation of Special Olympics Florida's ongoing mission to make a difference in the lives of persons with intellectual disabilities. Officer Spotts and Officer Goz were attending the Special Olympics Florida 2022 Season Kick-Off event in Orlando, FL, when they presented the model police car.

CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



SOUTH 5TH STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (BOSTON TO DELAWARE):

Construction is progressing according to the contractor's schedule. The undergrounding of the electric, utilities, and AT&T facilities have been completed as have the storm drainage, water/sewer construction, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and the roadway base rock has primed reading for the first lift of asphalt. Paving operations are scheduled for the first week in January 2022. Roadway work is anticipated to continue through February 2022.



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. 100% plans have been reviewed and comments provided to the consultant for final plan Construction commencement expected late Spring 2022.

PORPOISE AVENUE BEACH ACCESS PARKING IMPROVEMENTS:

FDEP and FDOT permit applications have been approved for the construction of a pervious paver brick parking area with associated driveways, retaining walls, sidewalks, and landscaping. Pav-Co was the winning bidder of the construction contract, and a Pre-construction Meeting has been scheduled for January 11, 2022. Construction commencement expected early February 2022.

OHIO AVENUE (U.S. HIGHWAY 1 TO 11TH STREET):

Full roadway reconstruction of Ohio Avenue between U.S. Highway 1 and 11th Street will provide a curb and gutter roadway section complete with sidewalks, streetlights, underground utilities, introduction of a stormwater collection system, limited landscaping, and ADA upgrades. The project is under design by Cardno.

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. Three contractors submitted bids, which are currently under review for award in January 2022.

BEACH COURT (FLORIDA AVENUE TO DELAWARE AVENUE):

This roadway project will include a complete reconstruction of the roadway with curb and gutters, sidewalks on both sides of the road, installation of a new storm drainage system, street lighting, ADA upgrades, and underground electrical. 60% plans have been reviewed by engineering staff and FPUA and the consultant is currently finalizing the 100% plans. Construction commencement anticipated for the Summer of 2022.

ATLANTIC AVENUE (5TH STREET TO 7TH STREET):

Atlantic Avenue is proposed to be reconstructed between 5th Street and 7th Street. Improvements will include roadway reconstruction with sidewalks, ADA upgrades, curb and gutter, stormwater collection system, conversion of overhead utilities to underground, and street lighting installation. Surveying of this section of roadway has been completed.

NEW PROJECTS



READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Two beautiful duplexes located at 511 & 513 N 9th Street have just been constructed on 9th street just north of Avenue D. Final inspections are in the process of being completed and a Certificate of Occupancy will soon be issued. Once issued, the duplexes will be ready for residency.

THE NEW 7-11

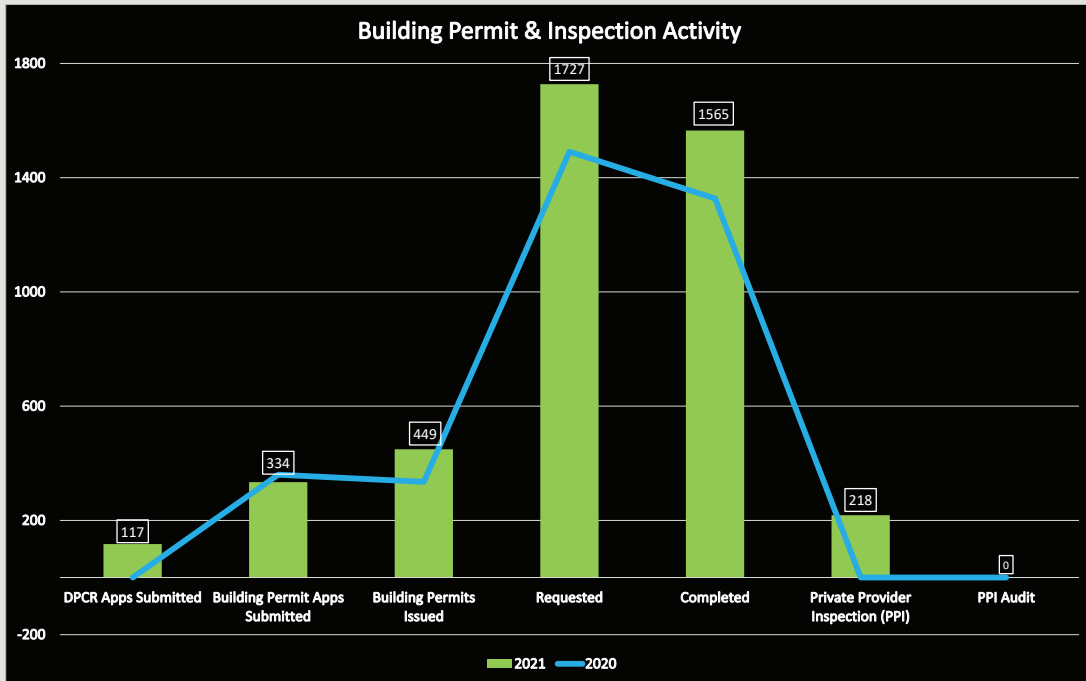
The 7-Eleven located at 2423 Orange Avenue is nearing completion at the corner of North 25th Street and Orange Avenue. Final inspections will soon be scheduled for the convenience store building and the separate car wash.



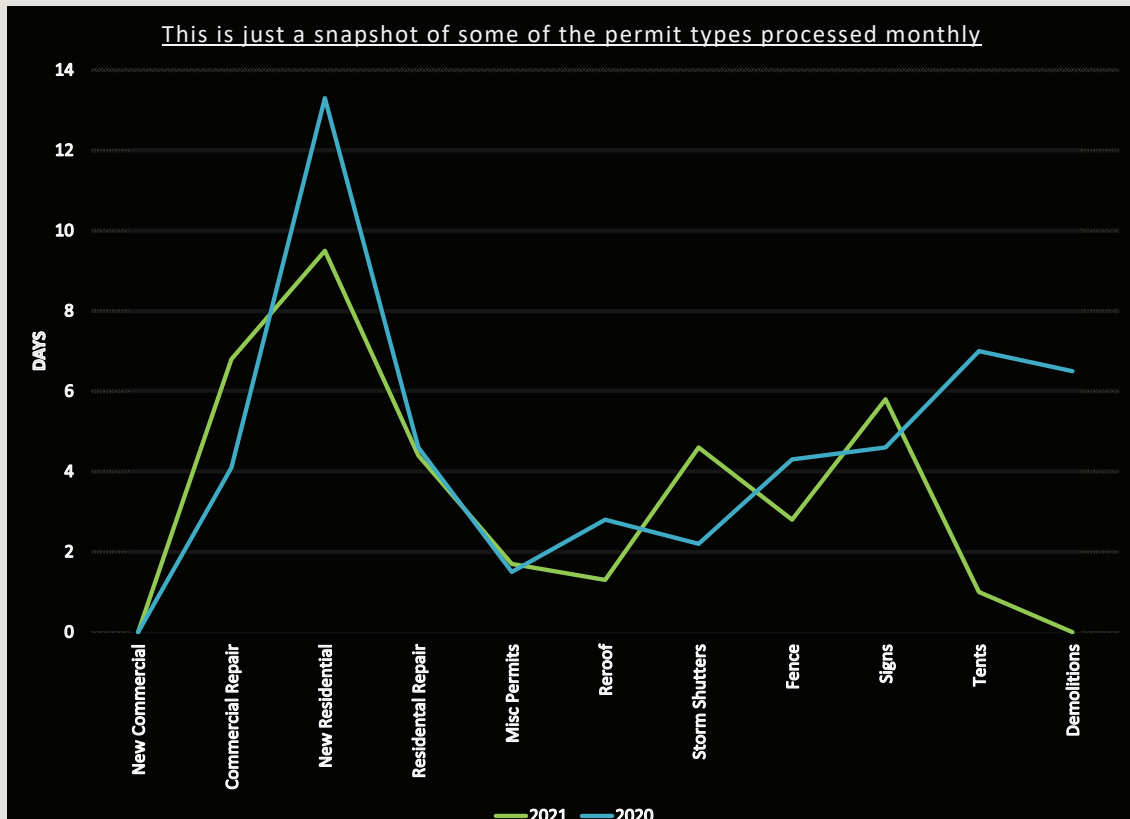
BUILDING CHARTS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER 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



SAVE THE DATE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

YOUR TEAM
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
LITTER CONTROL

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

REGISTER ONLINE:
CITYOFFORTPIERCE.COM
OR CALL 772.467.3795

KEEP FORT PIERCE BEAUTIFUL





- 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
- 1/15/22 MLK Wreath ceremony – Dreamland Park
- 1/17/22 MLK Parade – N 25th Street

.....

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT **NOVEMBER 2021**

CLASSES		\$ 1,053.98
PARK PERMITS		\$ 1,700.00
SPECIAL EVENTS		\$ 500.00
FACILITY		\$ 6,441.63
TOTAL		\$ 9,695.61



Now that 2021 is behind us, we hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing everyone back for a healthy, happy 2022. We wish to thank all of our staff, members and our guests in helping those in need in our community!! Through our annual Thanksgiving Golf Outing and our food drive, we were able to raise \$415 in cash and almost 400 pounds of food for the Treasure Coast Food Bank this year. We also collected over 300 toys for the Toys for Tots program!!!

Mother Nature has certainly been cooperative with us this Fall with warmer temperatures and a significant amount of rain! With any luck, these conditions will continue as they help us improve the course conditions on an almost daily basis as we focus on the health of the turf on the fairways.

We've had a great start in reassuming the Golf Maintenance Operation here at The Hills. Since October 15th, we have cleaned up all of the over growth around the ponds and bunkers. Bunkers have been edged as have the cart paths for a neater and cleaner appearance. We have already performed several fertilizer and chemical applications to improve the conditions. We will be performing an application in January that will help greatly reduce the number of insects in our sandy soil and therefore allow the grass to become healthier.

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

	10/2021	11/2021
GOLF ROUNDS	1831	3499
GOLF FEES	\$50,110.31	\$83,873.51
RANGE TOKENS	\$1,073.22	\$2,725.88
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$4,346.57	\$4,869.43
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$3,825.80	\$8,110.07
MERCHANDISE	\$3,997.49	\$7,283.58
TOTAL	\$63,353.39	\$106,862.47



CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Dockage Reservations	62	120	184
Monthly Dockage	\$140,484.13	\$128,173.93	\$139,545.31
Transient Dockage	\$25,424.00	\$36,518.63	\$69,552.75
Electricity	\$3,800.19	\$4,284.46	\$4,625.61
Retail	\$13,982.57	\$14,616.50	\$16,412.73
Gas Sales	\$52,132.93	\$45,954.19	\$38,926.06
Diesel Sales	\$51,332.54	\$99,632.53	\$126,713.63
TOTALS	\$287,156.36	\$329,180.24	\$395,776.09

SUNRISE THEATRE

The Sunrise Theatre is pleased to welcome Marisa Quijano to the box office. Marisa handles all box office related duties and responsibilities and oversees the part time box office staff. The box office is now officially opened to the public Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm which affords expediting the ticketing process to customers.



A reception was recently held by the newly established Earl Frank Little Foundation on Thursday, December 9th in the Sunrise Theatre Lobby. The Fort Pierce City Commission approved the naming of the first 10 rows of the balcony at the Sunrise “The Earl Frank Little Mezzanine” in his honor. Mr. Little’s career spanned sixty-eight years educating, directing, and performing in the field of musical arts. Mr. Little’s love for music and theatre began at Lincoln Park Academy in the 1930s. He continued his post secondary education and training while attending Hampton Institute (University) and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. He returned to his beloved hometown of Fort Pierce, Florida in 1955, where he spent his lifelong career teaching music and the arts.

His continued support of the Fort Pierce community included many years of service with volunteer and civic organizations and events. The leadership Mr. Little exhibited with directing area performances, enabled him to expose generations in our community and the surrounding Treasure Coast areas to the world of the Theatre and the Arts.



On December 13th in the Black Box, Sunrise Theatre volunteer ushers and bartenders were recognized for their service during the past year. Approximately 70 volunteers came and enjoyed the holiday atmosphere, food, cake and dancing to the music of Curtis Hill aka Mr. Motwn. The Sunrise Theatre volunteers are incredible and we cannot do it without them!



The 16th Season is just getting started and promises to shine brightly moving forward, with more shows being added like The Gin Blossoms: New Miserable Experience Live – Celebrating 30 Miserable Years, The Zombies Life Is A Merry-Go-Round Tour and One Night of Queen performed by Gary Mullen and The Works (always a sellout) and Ron White.



GET INVOLVED.

SERVE ON A BOARD & COMMITTEE
BE THE VOICE, SIGN UP TODAY!

WWW.CITYOFFORTPIERCE.COM

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

ADAMS, RICCARD	HANDY, VICTORIA	SALT COTTAGE LLC
AGUILAR LAWN MANAGEMENT INC.	HUTCHINSON ISLAND PLAZA HOTEL	SARGENT, DAVID
AIDAN POST-ACUTE AND REHABILIT	JONATHAN BURCH LLC	SEIBEL, PHILIP SCOTT
ALEXANDER ELLIOTT LAW, P.A.	JOSEFA M. PEREZ-SANCHIS P.A.	SOUTHPAW PLUMBING AND METERING
ALKS REMODELING & HANDYMAN SER	K&P BEACHSIDE, LLC	STANTON, WILLIAM MD
BARROCAS, ROBERT	KICKASSBEAUTY	STEWART, AMELIA
BEESELEY, STEVEN MD.	KIMBERLY JONES	STUDIO 34949
BELLO, JOSE	LAVISH LOUNGE DOWNTOWN, LLC	SUNQUEST BEAUTY SPA LLC
BIEN VENUE CHEZ MILIENNE LLC	MALIAS, MARK A	SUNRISE DREAMZ
CAUSEWAY COVE MARINA, LLC	MARTIN, TYLER PA	SWEET RETREAT SUGARING & SKIN
COELLO-COFFEY, ROSA MAR	MULTISERVICIOS GOMEZ	SZYMANSKI, ADELA
CONNECTION MULTI SERVICES, INC	NATIVE HAIR ARTISTRY LLC	THE CORNER FLOWER VENUE, LLC
CRE 3	OCEAN VILLAGE VACATION RENTAL	THE ROOTED REEF LLC
DESI CHILI'S	OPPEL, SUSAN	THE TROLLEY DOLLY LLC
ELITE CONCIERGE PRIVATE CARE	ORENDER GROUNDS MANAGEMENT	TODD S. LUDWIG
EXPRESSION BROW STUDIO	OROVAL RENTALS	VISION OF GREEN PEST CONTROL
FISHER, ROBIN PA	P&D DELGADO ENTERPRISES LLC.	WAWA #5387
FLORIDA SMART YARD INC	PARIN PROPERTIES LLC	WHEELER, ERIN
FORT PIERCE CK STATIONS, LLC	PRESIDENTIAL CUSTOM LLC	WILLIAM PLASENCIA
FRANZ, JOSEPHINE THERESIA	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	ZAPROWSKI, JEFFREY
GORDON, ELIZA PA	ROWEN, DON	