

# FORT PIERCE INSIDER

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## Meet District 1 Commissioner, Arnold S. Gaines



Arnold S. Gaines was born and raised in the City of Fort Pierce, Florida. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Howard University, his Master of Science from Barry University and his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law. He is the proud father of three amazing children, Kiara, Nyree and Aiden. Arnold is honored to continue his family's long history of community service. His father, Samuel S. Gaines, served as an elected school board member for 34 years. His mother, Theresa D. Gaines, was an educator for 44 years in the St. Lucie County school system. His family, through Stone Brothers Funeral Home, has continually served Fort Pierce and the tri-county area of Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties since 1932.

Arnold is an accomplished attorney and active softball coach with Northside Bat and Ball Club. He serves on the Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, is an active Life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and currently serves as the 7th District Counselor, is active with MWUGL-FL, and the NAACP. He is currently a member of Christ Fellowship – Port St. Lucie Campus but remains loyal to the church he grew up in, St. Paul AME Church in Fort Pierce. He also serves on the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments, Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Lincoln Park Main Street, St. Lucie County Homeless Task Force and the Treasure Coast Education, Research & Development Authority. Arnold S. Gaines was elected as a Fort Pierce City Commissioner, District 1 and took office on January 3, 2022.

For more information about the Mayor and City Commission, please visit:

<https://www.cityoffortpierce.com/182/Mayor-City-Commission>

# CITY OF FORT PIERCE 7TH ANNUAL JOB FAIR

Employers and job seekers packed the Havert L. Fenn Center in Fort Pierce on January 20, 2022. The City of Fort Pierce Grants Division partnered with CareerSource Research Coast, St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, and the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce in bringing the largest crowd yet!

This job fair was for those seeking quality jobs in the area. There were over 80 employers and 20 community service providers in attendance with immediate job openings. Our primary goal was to promote and increase the job choices available to residents, provided job seekers the resources to apply for jobs, and have on sight interviews with employers. Our local community partners provided information on various types of assistance and much more. We believe the event was a major success.



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## Year 2022 is off to a Great Start for new Development All Around the City of Fort Pierce!

The first month of 2022 is off to an expansive start in growth that has set a standard for quality development for the City! Not limited to one area, new projects are being witnessed throughout our community. These projects are well planned and positioned for multi-generational residents living here now and those to come! The first featured is the King's Landing project, which is perfectly positioned at a prominent downtown location, overlooking the Indian River waterfront and city marina. The architectural style is contemporary but features design elements that blend with the existing surroundings and urban marina setting and scenic beauty. The scale of development provides a transition from the neighboring Edgartown Settlement District with the proposed town-

house villas on the north bank of Moore's Creek and the buildings that front North 2nd Street to the larger mixed use structures center to the development. The proposed development maintains a human scale and pedestrian orientation through dedicated walkways, shaded arcades, and expansive storefronts. The extensive landscaping provides an inviting and relaxing atmosphere. Additionally, it is envisioned that the King's Landing development will also complement the uses planned for Fisherman's Wharf. It is likely that King's Landing will serve as the catalyst for future redevelopment and economic prosperity for the downtown and the City as a whole. The adoption and second reading is scheduled for February 7, 2022.



## FLAGSHIP SELF-STORAGE

The second project, which was formally approved by the City Commission, is Flagship Self-Storage. Strategically positioned on the northeast corner of Jenkins and Okeechobee Road, the subject parcels total approximately 4.73 acres and are adjacent to Walgreens, Starbucks, and Chick-fil-A. The site will have cross-access to all of the aforementioned sites. The project will consist of a three (3)-story, 93,840 square foot storage building, with 1,050 square feet of office space and five (5), one (1)-story storage buildings totaling 11,377 square feet.



Continuing, Willow Lakes Development was approved in 2020 to be a vibrant, mixed-use urban village at the crossroads of Florida's Turnpike, and Interstate 95 in the City of Fort Pierce. The site is situated on 200.3 acres of land, lying immediately north of Midway Road and west of I-95. Willow Lakes is envisioned to be an East Coast destination uniting local residents and regional, national and international visitors. The development has been planned to be a lively, pedestrian-oriented community of inviting public spaces, walkable streets, and authentic neighborhoods with a recreational amenity for seasoned and novice surfers. The site plan for Willow Lakes is a mixed use live, work, play and learn community.

The vision proposed by the applicant for Willow Lakes is a community that celebrates outdoor activity and a healthy lifestyle. The residential, retail, and commercial uses will be combined to provide a critical mass of activity that will bring year-round life to the proposed community. Willow Lakes is being designed to create a "village" that will be one of a kind in Florida, built around a state-of-the-art and largest world-class surf park in the country. Phase 1A was also approved at first reading and scheduled for final approval on February 7th to include the featured "Wave Garden", the multi-use Hub, and the Lanais with parking to accommodate.



# LUNCH & LEARN



## *Solid Waste Division*

**FEBRUARY 12, 2022 / 11AM - 1PM**

### *Learning Objectives*

**\*RECYCLING 101**

**\* SOLID WASTE FUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

**\* HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

*Lunch, games, and demonstrations will be provided by the City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department*

### *Guest Speakers*

**JACOLBY WASHINGTON, SOLID WASTE DIVISON MANAGER**

**TYSHA WILLIAMS, SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS MANAGER**

### *Public Works Compound*

**52 SAVANNAH RD. FORT PIERCE, FL 34982**

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARADE

On January 18, 2022, the Fort Pierce Police Department participated in the annual Fort Pierce MLK Day Parade. Department officials handed out necklaces to community members along with some smiles.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY!

On January 9, 2022, the City of Fort Pierce honored the Fort Pierce Police Department for their outstanding work within the community along with keeping the community a safe place.



## WELCOME!!

Congratulations to our newest Fort Pierce Police Department Police Officers Justice Feeley-Carim, John Donnelly, Alejandra Guimont-Mota and Therilus Thervil. They were sworn in January 19, 2022 by Chief Diane Hobley-Burney in the presence of special guest, City of Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson, family members and friends. Justice, John, Alejandra and Therilus will soon enter into 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, [#InHonorWeServe](#)



# CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT



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

Construction is progressing according to the contractor's schedule. There has been a slight delay with FPUA wrecking out of the existing overhead electrical facilities due to the delays in the acquisition of materials. The first lift of asphalt has been completed and the contractor is currently installing the brick paver crosswalks. It is expected to temporarily open the roadway up to traffic the first week in February and to proceed with landscaping installation. 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.

## **PORPOISE AVENUE BEACH ACCESS PARKING IMPROVEMENTS:**

A Pre-construction Meeting was held with Pav-Co (contractor), FDOT, and FPUA on January 13, 2022. Construction of the pervious paver brick parking area is scheduled to commence January 24, 2022 and be complete by May 24, 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. Engineering staff is currently reviewing the 60% design plans and will forward review comments to the consultant to address.

## **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. Contract has been awarded to Pav-Co, with construction expected to begin in April 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.

## **AVENUE D (INDIAN RIVER DRIVE TO 29TH STREET):**

Full roadway reconstruction of Avenue D between U.S. Highway 1 and Indian River Drive is proposed. These improvements shall include roadway reconstruction with sidewalks, ADA upgrades, curb and gutter, stormwater collection system, conversion of overhead utilities to underground, and street lighting installation. The section of Avenue D between U.S. Highway 1 and 29th Street will include milling and resurfacing of the roadway and the replacement of the existing brick paver crosswalks with stamped asphalt crosswalks.

# NEW PROJECTS



## THE MANOR: ASSISTED LIVING

The Manor located at 4201 S 25th Street is a newly constructed assisted living facility on South 25th Street just south of Fort Pierce Central High School. All of the rough inspections (beginning stages) have been completed and finish work is underway in preparation of the final inspections.

## THE SANDS

A major renovation is taking place at The Sands located at 2750 S US Hwy 1. All twenty buildings are being renovated with new windows, new siding, and other exterior façade improvements. The electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems inside each unit are also being renovated. Improvements are ongoing with work being phased by building.

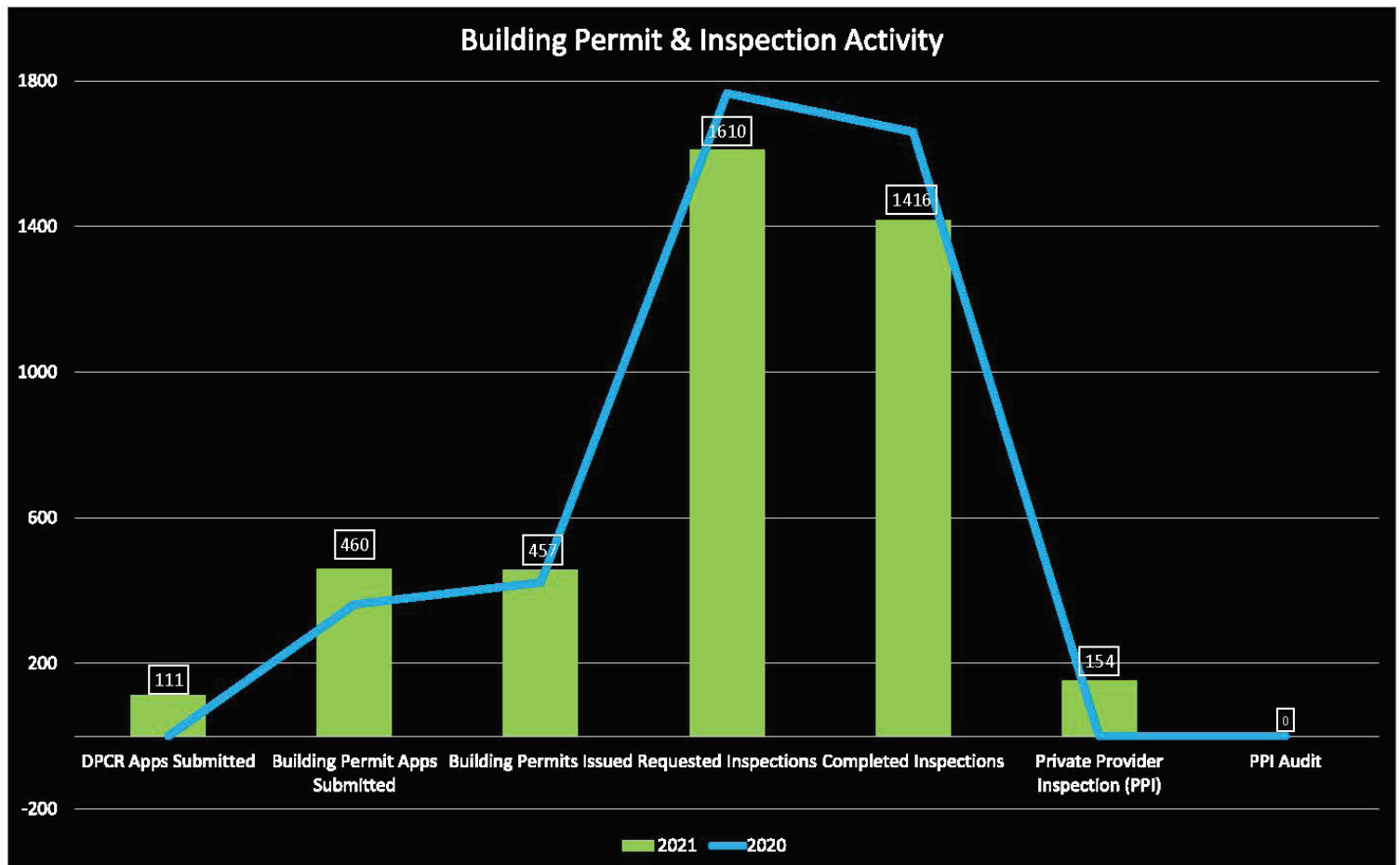




## BUILDING CHART FOR DECEMBER 2021

DECEMBER 2021 PLAN REVIEW PROCESSING TIME & ACTIVITY REPORT COMBINED

For permits with 0 days, either the review was not completed within the month, or there were no reviews for the entire month.



# PUBLIC WORKS IN THE COMMUNITY

Kaitlyn Ballard,  
Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director

Public Works Fleet Manager, Charles “Chuck” Penachio, was recently a guest speaker at the 2022 Florida APWA Leadership Training Program at Indian River State College. Chuck gave a presentation on Fleet Management which included all the interworking’s of a municipal Fleet Division and how it contributes to a successful Public Works Department.

Chuck previously graduated from the Florida APWA Leadership Training Program and was asked to be a speaker because of his expertise in the industry, his innovated ideas, and his passion for everything fleet. When Chuck was asked what presenting to the class meant to him, he said “After forty-three years in the transportation industry, I enjoy helping others and feel I have a responsibility to pass as much knowledge to the next generation as I can. Hopefully, his will help them take their careers to even greater heights and expand the fleet industry. I hope that I am having a positive impact and some of what I teach them is making a difference in their work and lives. After many years of learning and growing, it is time for me to give back.”

Chuck’s passion, drive, and dedication were notable in the success of the first course for the 2022 Florida APWA Leadership Training Program. A huge thank you goes to Indian River State College for letting Chuck and the City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department



participate in the program. Chuck is one of several managers in the Public Works Department that go above and beyond for the Fort Pierce community, and we are very happy he is a part of the Public Works Team. The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department and many of its employees participate in community lead initiatives, classes, events, and so much more. Thankfully, they are always willing to show up and help out when called upon. For more information on the City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department please visit [www.cityoffortpierce.com](http://www.cityoffortpierce.com) or call 772.467.379





- 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
  
- 2/4/22 - FRIDAY FEST – MARINA SQUARE 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
  
- 2/12-13/22 - TREASURE COAST PIRATE FEST – VETERANS PARK - 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
  
- 2/26/22 - FLORIDA LINEMAN COMPETITION – ROTARY PARK 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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## RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT DECEMBER 2021

<b>CLASSES</b> .....	\$ 1,977.41
<b>PARK PERMITS</b> .....	\$ 1,825.00
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b> .....	\$ 4,950.00
<b>FACILITY</b> .....	\$ 7,435.69
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	\$ 16,188.10



We have strived to achieve a fantastic pace of play where you can be finished with 18 holes in under 4 hours even on our busiest days. The greens, tees and bunkers are in great shape with the hard work of the new maintenance team. We are continuing to patch wash outs around the cart paths as well as removing dead palm and stumps. With the help of Public Works, we have trimmed all of our palm trees around the clubhouse area. We have completed some small tears along the range netting and will be finishing up the top section as soon as the large lift is back in stock.

On a positive note, we are about the only thing on the planet that hasn't increased in price!! Our Memberships are the exact same pricing as last year and our rates are identical to last year's January through March prices. Our Indian Hills Savings Card can be purchased for Fort Pierce residents for the low fee of \$45. With the Savings Card, that player will save 20% off of EVERY ROUND for the entire year.

In the height of the pandemic, golf, exercise and enjoying the outdoors have been a great release from life's stresses. Where else can you enjoy 4 hours of fun and exercise for more than 6 months for less than the price of a haircut!!

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

	11/2021	12/2021
<b>GOLF ROUNDS</b>	3499	2994
<b>GOLF FEES</b>	\$83,873.51	\$94,130.10
<b>RANGE TOKENS</b>	\$2,725.88	\$2,588.20
<b>MEMBERSHIP PASS</b>	\$4,869.43	\$9,041.90
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGES</b>	\$8,110.07	\$5,517.57
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	\$7,283.58	\$3,391.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,862.47</b>	<b>\$114,669.27</b>



## CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	120	219	184
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	\$128,173.93	\$139,545.31	\$164,339.07
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	\$36,518.63	\$69,552.75	\$74,744.17
<b>Electricity</b>	\$4,284.46	\$4,625.61	\$6,850.08
<b>Retail</b>	\$14,616.50	\$16,412.73	\$23,773.93
<b>Gas Sales</b>	\$45,954.19	\$38,926.06	\$63,530.79
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	\$99,632.53	\$126,713.63	\$124,334.70
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$329,180.24</b>	<b>\$395,776.09</b>	<b>\$457,579.66</b>



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Friday, February 25th:  
The National Dance Company  
of Ireland – Rhythm of the Dance 8pm

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The show must go on, as they say, and now it can — at 100% capacity just in time for the 2022 Sunrise Theatre season.

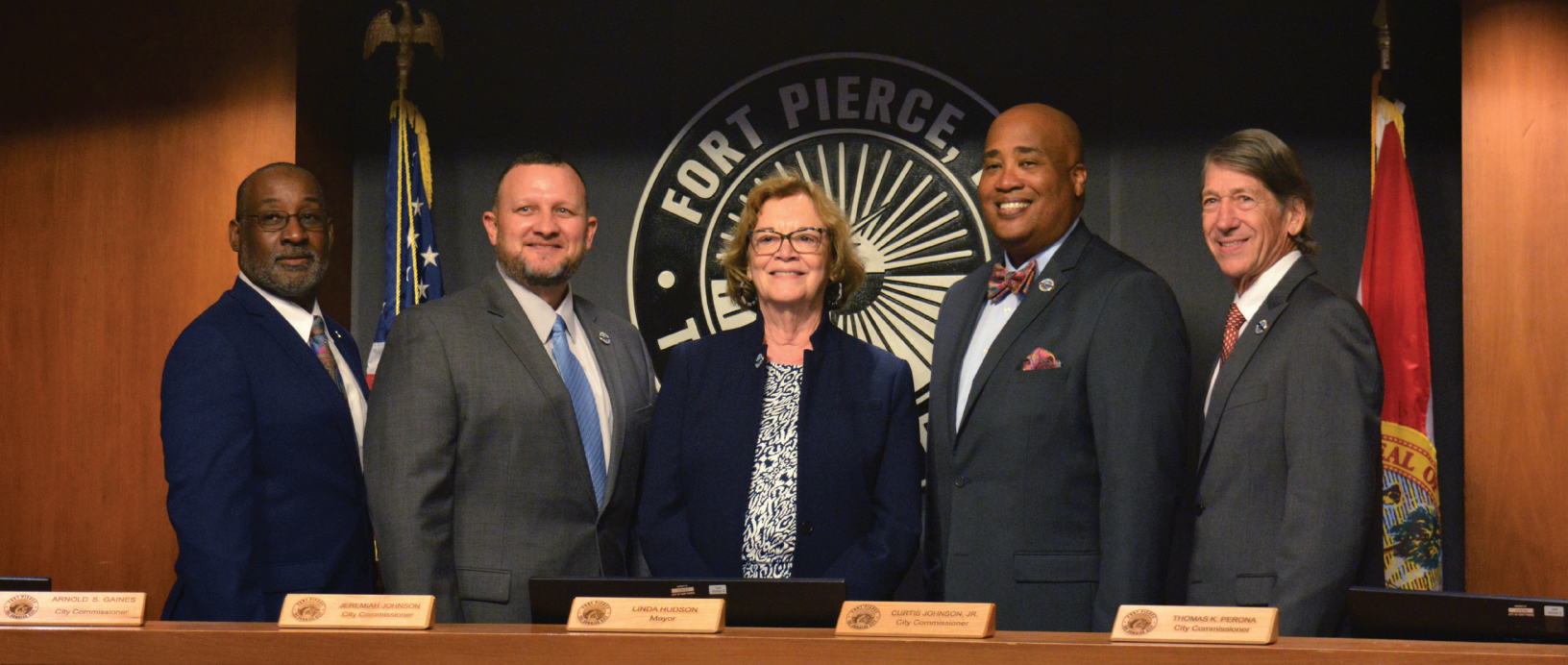
Art is the glue that unites a community, offering entertainment, connection and an economic boost. A full house helps more than the performers. A night at the theater means dinner before or after the show, a drink with friends to share raves and reviews, and maybe even some shopping. A healthy arts scene is a sign of a vibrant, revitalized downtown, so the news of a “new dawn” at Sunrise is also good news for Fort Pierce, Florida.

The last two years have been challenging for everyone, but theaters and event spaces took an especially hard hit. While live streaming helped patrons get their “arts fix,” there’s nothing like the excitement of a live performance, especially when shared with family and friends. The Sunrise Theatre does encourage the use of face masks for all inside the facility. Stringent cleaning and disinfecting guidelines remain the norm at the facility assisted by our new bi-polar ionization air filtration system.

January began a busy month of new and exciting shows at the Sunrise Theatre. With seasonal residents and visitors returning to the area, more interest in seeing LIVE performances once again is important and it shows with inquiries to our box office! To facilitate the walk up traffic to the Sunrise Theatre Box Office, staff is now available for in person tickets sales and any questions about upcoming programming Monday - Saturday from 10am-2pm.

For those who may have never been inside the Sunrise or are visiting the area we have also begun hosting an “open house” every Wednesday and Saturday through April 30th inviting the public to come and view the inside and see what we are all about. Often times we have visitors that want to see inside the theatre when we are closed and now they can, guided by a knowledgeable volunteer! Tours are Wednesday and Saturday from 10am - 2pm and you can enter to win a pair of tickets to an upcoming performance at the theatre!





# WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

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