

MARCH 2023

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT





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VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR CITY

Kailtyn Ballard, Engagement and Outreach Coordinator

There is an adage that says, “One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time,” and we could not agree more. Thus, the City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who have given so generously, their time and talents to help the City of Fort Pierce fulfill its mission of keeping Fort Pierce beautiful. We simply could not do it all without your support — you all are truly extraordinary!

One group that has gone above and beyond for the City of Fort Pierce is the South Beach Association – Beach and Parks Volunteers. This amazing group of men and women have contributed to our vibrant community by painting, landscaping, picking up trash, and so much more. Forming in 2009, they have grown to over 60 members and log over 2,000 volunteer hours every year. Hitting the ground running this year, in January 2023, their members volunteered nearly 300 hours of their time to help keep Fort Pierce beautiful.





That is an amazing accomplishment and their hard work and dedication to the City of Fort Pierce is truly appreciated and makes a big difference throughout the community. Thank you to the South Beach Association – Beach and Parks Volunteers for their unwavering support and commitment to our beautiful city, as teamwork really does make the dream work.

Also, to all City of Fort Pierce volunteers, thank you so much for your generosity, your engagement, and your support. You are appreciated more than you will ever know and the City of Fort Pierce shines bright because of you!

For more information on volunteer opportunities or organizing a volunteer group, please visit the city’s website at www.cityoffortpierce.com or call Kaitlyn Ballard in the Public Works Department at 772.467.3836.



MORE THAN A GAME

SEASON III

FREE OPEN GYM

Dads, stepdads,
grandads, adoptive dads,
permanent guardians,
and father figures... ALL
ARE INVITED!

EVERY MONDAY
STARTING FROM
**MARCH 20 –
JUNE 5, 2023**

CITY OF FT PIERCE
RECREATION CENTER
(OLD PAL GYM)

903 S 21ST ST,
FORT PIERCE, FL 34950



COME PLAY
BALL, LEARN
ABOUT
LOCAL
RESOURCES
& DISCUSS
FATHERING.

CONTACT

JOHN CESAR

JCESAR@CSCSLC.ORG

772-237-1665

THIS PROGRAM IS BEING HOSTED IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH ROUNDTABLE OF ST.
LUCIE COUNTY AND THE KIDS AT HOPE
INITIATIVE.



PRE-REGISTER AT
WWW.CSCSLC.ORG



TO SECURE YOUR SPOT OR
REGISTER AT THE DOOR.
(MAX 45 PLAYERS)

5:45PM-9:00PM



HIGHWAYMEN ART SHOW AND FESTIVAL 2023

For the first time since 2020, the Highwaymen Art Show and Festival was held in the Historic Lincoln Park area. Although the event was relocated to 435 N. 7th Street, families from all over Florida (and some from out of state) came to meet the Original Highwaymen and the Second Generation.

The new location was more spacious and allowed the artist to spread out more to mingle with the public. Additionally, there was more room for those in wheelchairs and walkers. Many who attended the event in the past commented about how there was more space to spread out and allowed more walking room.

One of the attractions that drew a large crowd was the Highwaymen Heritage Tour. There were 151 people registered prior to the Art Show with many inquiring if they could join the tour the day of the event. One attendee stated that he enjoyed





seeing different parts of Fort Pierce that he would have never explored before. He was surprised at the rich history of Fort Pierce. Many raved about the tour and how well the tour guide, Ms. Pam Carithers, explained the history of the area. Most of the inquiries were about being able to get a sneak peak of the long-awaited Highwaymen Museum.

The artists were able to sell many of their paintings. It was a quite a sight to see many people walking out of the Art Show with paintings. Some volunteers even commented on how amazing it was to think that the artist sold their artwork out the back of their trucks to being able to have their artwork in high demand at their very own art show. Two of the Highwaymen sold out of their artwork before the Art Show concluded. Afterwards, many of the Highwaymen Artists stated that it was the best Highwaymen Festival.

Despite the cold and windy weather, the 6th Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail and Art Show had a good turnout. Although the crowd was consistently streaming into the art show area, there were roughly around 300 people that attended the event.

The Grants Division is already planning for next year with the hopes of making the event an even bigger success.



FPUA AWARDED \$15 MILLION RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT FOR SEWER PLANT RELOCATION

FORT PIERCE, FL – Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) has received a \$15 million award toward our sewer treatment plant relocation project from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as part of the Resilient Florida grant program. The funds will be used toward the construction of the new Mainland Water Reclamation Facility and restoration of 2.23 acres of seagrass in the Indian River Lagoon. The Resilient Florida program aims to enhance Florida’s efforts to protect our waterways, coastlines, and shores using a coordinated approach to coastal and inland resiliency.

“This award is an investment in the resiliency of Fort Pierce and our critical utility infrastructure,” said FPUA Utility Director Javier Cisneros. “The relocation of our aging sewer treatment plant is our single largest active project and we are grateful to Governor DeSantis and the FDEP for their tremendous support.”

This award also represents a proactive effort by FPUA to seek grant funding in support of the relocation project and other critical utility projects. FPUA’s new Public Affairs and Sustainability Department, focused both on public engagement and grants, has submitted over \$40 million worth of grant proposals in under one year. “These grants will provide a great benefit to the FPUA utility and customers, who would otherwise be funding these projects through rates,” said Public Affairs and Sustainability Manager Rachel Tennant.

On February 6, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the award will be immediately available, using already-appropriated funding. Projects like FPUA's wastewater treatment plant relocation "will ensure inland and coastal communities are prepared for the impacts of storm surge, hurricanes, and flooding, continuing our aggressive efforts to protect Florida's natural resources and infrastructure," said Governor Ron DeSantis in his announcement.



This critical project removes the existing island sewer treatment plant from the shores of the Indian River Lagoon, and places the new treatment plant five miles west, far away from the lagoon and in an industrial area away from neighborhoods. The project will replace aging infrastructure with new technology, increase resilience, limit potential environmental impacts, and better serve the community.

The upgraded plant will be more energy-efficient and cost less to operate, saving our customers money. Its location next door to the Florida Municipal Power Agency's natural gas power plant adds a unique sustainability element to the project too. The project will reduce an average two million gallons per day of draw from Florida's aquifers by instead utilizing reuse water from the sewer plant for the 300 MW power plant cooling towers.

The Mainland Sewer Treatment Plant is a testament to FPUA's commitment to providing the highest quality services to our community. We are honored and thankful to have been awarded this funding, and look forward to serving our customers with a new sewer treatment plant in the near future. To learn more about this important relocation project, visit www.sustainablesewer.net.



◀ WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Our Fort Pierce Police family is growing! On February 15, 2023, the Department welcomed five new officers into our family during a swearing-in ceremony that was held at the main police station. Officers Nicholas Grecco, Joseph Griner, Matthew Memon, Lovensky Mezadieu, and Nathan Tierney were sworn in by Chief Diane Hobley-Burney in the presence of family members and friends. They will soon enter into their first phase of training with our road patrol Field Training Officers. We wish each of them a successful career for years to come as they uphold the Fort Pierce Police Department's motto, "In Honor We Serve."

TIP-A-COP SEASON IS BACK! ▶

Fort Pierce Police Department's 2023 Tip-A-Cop season started with a big bang! With the support of the Treasure Coast community, we received \$1450 at our first Tip A Cop event that was held on February 11th at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar in Fort Pierce. This is a great start to what we hope will be a great season of Tip A Cop events.

Tip A Cop is an annual event where officers from the Fort Pierce Police Department work as "servers" to earn tips that will be donated to Special Olympics Florida. Over the years, we've had awesome success raising money for Special Olympics Florida through our Tip A Cop events and our goal is to raise even more this year. 100% Of the funds raised go directly to Special Olympics Florida to help athletes participate year-round in events at no cost to them or their families.

The Department will host three more events during the season. The next Tip A Cop event will be held at Duffy's Sports Grill in St. Lucie West, on Friday, March 10, 2023.



St. Lucie Historical Society presents...

**Fort Pierce
Police Department**



**Centennial
EVENTS**

Commemorating Ceremony

March 21, 2023 12:00 PM
Fort Pierce Police Department
920 S US Highway 1
Fort Pierce, FL

Centennial Reception (Employees Only)

March 25, 2023 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
Fort Pierce Yacht Club
700 Indian River Drive
Fort Pierce, FL

Back the Blue Event

April 22, 2023 10 AM—2 PM
Causeway Cove Marina
601 Seaway Drive
Fort Pierce, FL

Event will commence with a march over Causeway bridge to Causeway Cove Marina

For more information, contact Clay Yates at 772-465-7990 or Charlie Hayek at 772-828-1080

FORT PIERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT





PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

A total of nine parcels were approved under the Millcreek and West Orange Annexation packages, which encompass approximately 80 acres and 85 acres respectively. Both projects anticipate a mix of commercial and residential uses to be located north of Orange Avenue. As the projects trigger a review by the State and other agencies, the Future Land Use applications are yet to receive final approval. In addition, the exact number of units and commercial floorspace will not be determined until final site plan applications are received and ultimately presented to the City Commission.

The Oasis project received approval for approximately 6.88 Acres off South Ocean Drive, Hutchinson Island, to be developed for residential use. City Commission approved a zoning change from R-4A, Hutchinson Island Medium Density Residential Zone to PD, Planned Development. The proposal consists of 52 dwelling units/townhomes, clubhouse, and recreational facilities. The development preserves a wetland area.



CITY PROJECT UPDATES



BEACH COURT

The contractor has completed the following improvements:

- 6" water main and water services
- New sanitary sewer services
- Storm drainage improvements
- Roadway subgrade
- Curb & gutter



AVENUE B (13TH STREET TO 8TH STREET)

This project will reconstruct the roadway from 13th Street to the west side of 10th Street and from the east side of 10th Street to the west side of 8th Street. New drainage will be installed, sidewalk will be installed/replaced with ADA improvements, as needed. Pavement markings will match existing and new signage will enhance visibility and safety. All utilities will be relocated underground due to limited Right-of-Way. The City Commission awarded this project to Heavy Civil Inc. at their June 21,

2022 meeting. A preconstruction meeting was held August 31, 2022. Submittals have been received and approved for materials. Coordination with AT&T and Comcast are complete and the City is working with the contractor to complete a schedule to begin construction. A second pre-construction meeting was held on February 3, 2023. A Notice to Proceed has been issued to the contractor with a start date of March 6, 2023.

ONGOING PROJECTS

GEORGIA AVENUE BASIN WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS:

Improvements to the 235-acre Georgia Avenue Drainage Basin will include the construction of numerous Best Management Practices (BMPs) to aid in the removal of phosphorus, nitrogen, and other harmful nutrients from stormwater discharging into the Indian River Lagoon. Improvements include:

1. The introduction of a Generation II Baffle Box to eliminate the discharge of oils and nutrients into the stormwater treatment system.
2. Installation of a control structure to control the volume of discharge from the existing treatment system thus providing additional retention time to aid in the removal of phosphorus, nitrogen, and suspended solids.
3. Construction of a bioswale which slows the conveyance of the stormwater run-off, providing more treatment time. A bioswale is a shallow swale with a wide bottom and gently sloped banks. The banks are planted with native vegetation and large boulders.

The swale's bottom is lined with limestone riprap atop a 6" base of drainfield aggregate. These vegetated swales are very important systems for improving water quality and can also reduce the volume of storm flows currently entering the Indian River Lagoon by detaining stormwater allowing percolation into the ground and giving the bioswale plants time to absorb nutrients and chemicals from run-off.

The installation of an aeration fountain into the existing lake which will increase the oxygen levels in the lake which aids in the removal of organics and nitrogen. Construction completion July 2023.

2023 ANNUAL RESURFACING CONTRACT:

Staff has presented the list of candidate resurfacing projects to FPUA for coordination.

Once we have received their comments, a contract will be issued for construction.

The Selected Streets are:

STREET	FROM	TO	LF
23rd Street	Georgia Avenue	Canal Terrace	4,137.00
24th Street	Georgia Avenue	Canal Terrace	3,990.00
26th Street	Orange Avenue	Moore's Creek	1,362.78
27th Street	Orange Avenue	Moore's Creek	1,374.66
28th Street	Orange Avenue	Moore's Creek	1,333.09
Avenue B	33rd Street (Angle Road)	27th Street	2,300.00
Avenue B	27th Street	25th Street	650.00
Boston Ave.	25th Street	13th Street	4,100.00
Rhode Island Ave.	30th Street	25th Street	1,620.00

SAVE THE DATE FOR

THE SUNRISE THEATRE SPEAKEASY

CELEBRATING
100 YEARS

SATURDAY
JULY 29
7-11 PM

117 S 2nd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950
772.461.4775
www.sunrisetheatre.com

The planning committee for the upcoming Sunrise Theatre's Centennial has been busy with The Sunrise Theatre Speakeasy celebration scheduled for Saturday, July 29 7-11pm, tickets are \$125. The Sunrise Theatre will be transformed back to the roaring 20's featuring the classic speakeasy entrance way into the event through the Black Box, a casino in the lobby area, bourbon bar on the second floor Friend's Lounge and mainstage will be known as the Vaudeville stage featuring music, dancing and more. Each of the different evening venues will feature food, a specialty drink, music and the Sunrise Theatre's rich, history over the last 100 years! Sponsorships are available in partnership with the Sunrise Theatre Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 whose mission is bring the experience of performing arts to children and to support theatre improvements. For sponsorship information, email marketing@sunrisetheatre.com or 772.467.4127.

March performances include Mike DelGuidice & Big Shot-Celebrate the Music of Billy Joel and Much More Friday, March 3 at 8pm; Evil Woman – The Electric Light Orchestra Experience Saturday, March 4 at 8pm; Ireland With Michael Londra, Thursday, March 9 at 7:30pm; Gordon Lightfoot, Tuesday, March 14 at 8pm; just added Ilana Glazer & Friends, Thursday, March 16 at 7:30pm; Carbonaro: Lies On Stage, Saturday, March 18 at 8pm; Jay & The Americans, Thursday, March 23 at 7:30pm; Celebrate The Music of Neil Diamond, Saturday, March 25 at 8pm and R.E.S.P.E.C.T. The Aretha Franklin Story Friday, March 31 at 8pm. Go to www.sunrisetheatre.com for an up to date listing of all events or call the box office 772.461.4775 Monday – Saturday 10am – 2pm and 2 hours prior to performances.



PEACOCK ARTS DISTRICT (PAD) MURAL PROGRAM

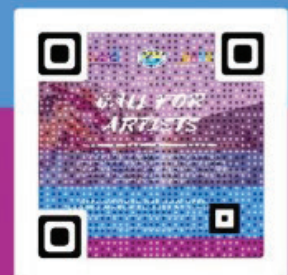
CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency is seeking local artists/muralists to participate in the first ever PAD Mural Program. The FPRA is seeking to activate the PAD with beautiful murals for all to enjoy.

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN
CLOSES MARCH 22, 2023 AT 11:45PM**

Mediums such as paint and print are accepted at this time

To apply or for more information,
please use the QR code.



PROJECTS UNDER PERMITS



Steel framing is being erected on the northern side of the Lazydays RV, located at 2398 Peters Rd. The building will house the service bays while precast concrete tilt-walls are being placed for the showroom/office area. Workers have been cutting concrete grooves for the decorative facade of the new storefront.



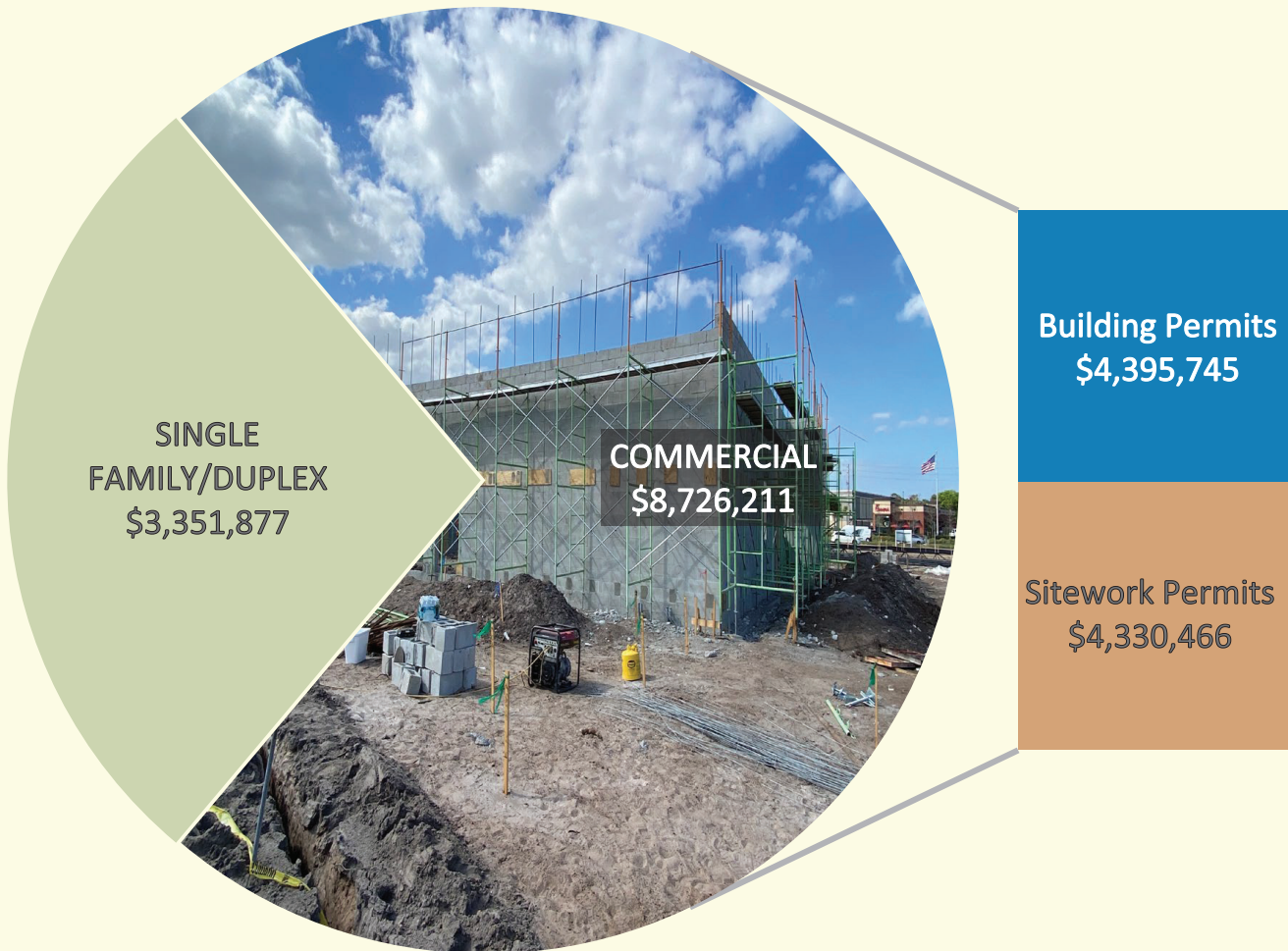
Vertical construction has recently begun for the 2-unit shell building located at 5545 Okeechobee Rd. Currently the rebar has been installed and concrete block walls have been placed. The openings in the walls have been temporary sealed with plywood to allow for the concrete block to be filled with grout for the fill cell inspection. Once the shell building is complete, the interior build-out for **Chipotle Mexican Grill** and another unknown tenant will begin.



CONSTRUCTION VALUES FOR JANUARY 2023

New Construction Values (based upon permits issued January 2023)

Permit Type	Number of Permits	Construction Value
New Commercial Building	5	\$4,395,745
New Commercial Sitework	3	\$4,330,466
New Single Family/Duplex	8	\$3,351,877



**SINGLE
FAMILY/DUPLEX
\$3,351,877**

**COMMERCIAL
\$8,726,211**

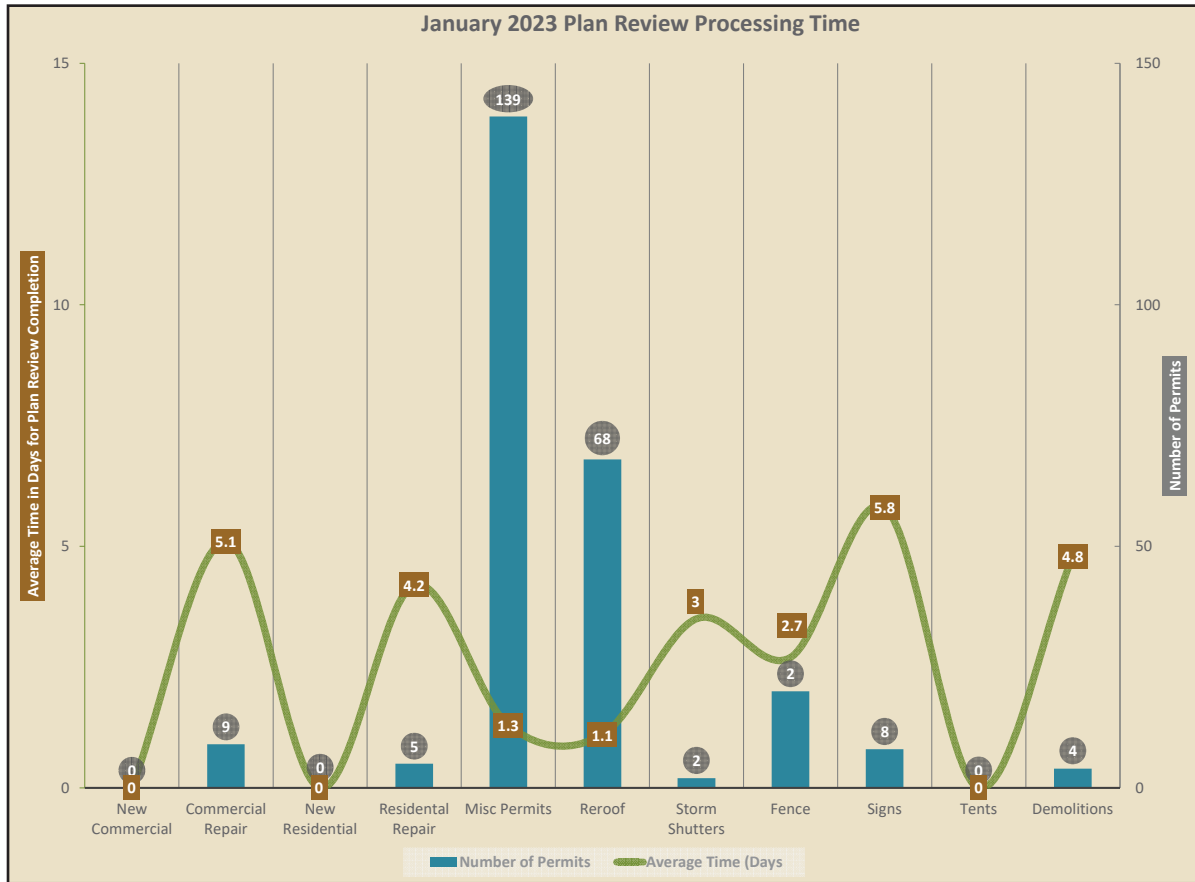
**Building Permits
\$4,395,745**

**Sitework Permits
\$4,330,466**

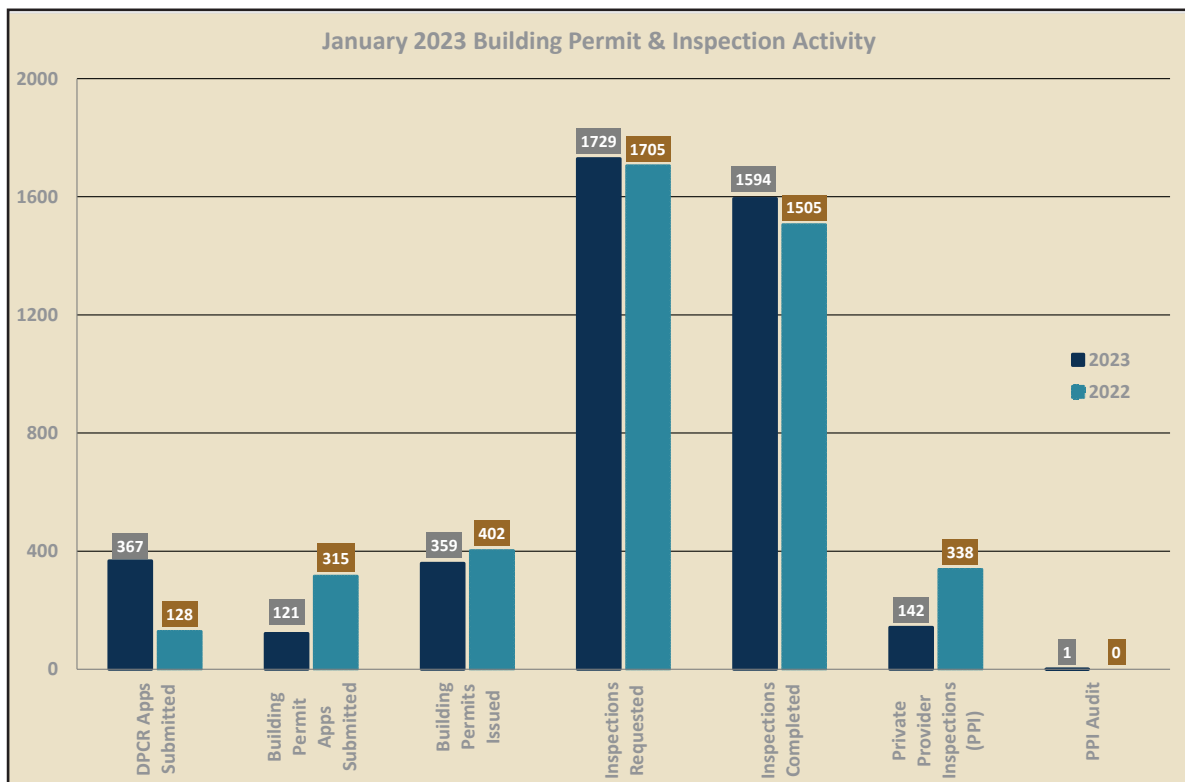
BUILDING CHARTS FOR JANUARY 2023

JANUARY 2023 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.



Permit & Inspection Activity Report





WEEKLY:

- Every Wednesday - Green Market - Marina Square 12:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- 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

- 3/3 Friday Fest - Marina Square 5pm - 9pm
- 3/11 Treasure Coast Paddle Battle - Jaycee Park 7am - 2pm
- 3/17-18 St. Patrick's Day Block Party - Sailfish Brewing Co- 2nd Street (17th) 5pm - 11pm | (18th) 2pm - 11pm
- 3/18 T.C. Manatee Foundation - 5K Race - Manatee Center 480 Indian River Drive 8am - 10am
- 3/19 Fort Pierce Jazz Society - Waterside Blues - Marina Square 1pm - 5pm
- 3/23 Fort Pierce Jazz Society - Dancin in the Street - N 2nd Street 6pm - 9pm
- 3/24 Fort Pierce Jazz Society - Jazz Concert - Marina Square 11am - 4pm

RIVER WALK CENTER SALES REPORT **JANUARY 2023**

CLASSES		\$2,474.30
PARK PERMITS		\$ 2,450.05
SPECIAL EVENTS		\$2,420.00
FACILITY		\$8,837.80
TOTAL		\$16,182.15



We are finally growing out of the adverse effect of the pre-emerge that we applied over the summer. It was a product that most clubs in the area utilize, but unfortunately it had a negative impact on our root health. For the past few months we have been applying organic liquid fertilizers several times per week to out grow the pre-emerge issue. The warmer temperatures over the past few weeks have been a god send and with the success of the liquid, we will continue that program full time.

We have instituted a system of roping off areas of the fairways to reduce cart traffic and that has paid huge dividends! Many of these areas are chevron shaped to promote the cart traffic out to the edges rather than the "in play" areas. Players that have difficulty walking can still drive around the ends of the ropes to their golf balls. We will continue to utilize a spiker in all of the fairways and some of the tees to aid with the compaction and open up the turf for more oxygen.

On a positive note, we have finally received our new cart fleet from Yamaha! The current supply chain issues continue and have caused havoc at several area clubs. For carts that are no longer under warranty, finding parts has been almost impossible! The delivery dates on some fleets are almost TWO YEARS out now, so we feel fortunate that we have been lucky enough to grab ours only a few months late.

We pride ourselves on our customer service as well as being warm and welcoming to all

players! We provide a fun and relaxed environment for players of all ages and skill levels. Our pace of play has been unmatched locally as we regularly are at, or UNDER a 4 hour round of golf on even our busiest days.

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

	12/22	1/23
GOLF ROUNDS	3245	3225
GOLF FEES	\$90,720.86	\$89,907.75
RANGE TOKENS	\$3,376.89	\$3,368.63
MEMBERSHIP PASS	\$6,484.76	\$1,982.40
FOOD & BEVERAGES	\$7,131.51	\$6,764.04
MERCHANDISE	\$3,456.67	\$3,865.00
TOTAL	\$111,170.69	\$105,887.82



Marina staff members, Carl Dougal and Alex Leblanc participated in Fort Pierce Yacht Club Chart, a job educational experience for students in the county. Approximately 100 youth learned about job opportunities on the water and educational facts about various positions. Our staff not only taught students "a day in the life of a dock master," but also demonstrated how to tie off dock cleats and other boating knot ties.

City Marina staff member, Steve Ehnot rescued a sea turtle that was in distress in the marina. The Florida Wildlife Conservation (FWC) sent a turtle rescue organization to the marina to transport the turtle to the rehab center. The turtle was safely removed from the waters and is on the road to recovery.





CITY MARINA FINANCIAL REPORT

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Dockage Reservations	191	172	157
Monthly Dockage	\$142,212.68	\$196,383.77	\$170,659.94
Transient Dockage	\$95,612.81	\$97,432.05	\$104,624.37
Electricity	\$9,100.52	\$9,218.97	\$10,245.82
Retail	\$16,335.99	\$21,019.32	\$20,057.71
Gas Sales	\$32,345.43	\$36,803.59	\$58,415.79
Diesel Sales	\$204,665.90	\$134,168.59	\$149,225.45
TOTALS	\$500,273.33	\$495,026.29	\$513,229.08



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

H & M IMPACT WINDOWS & DOOR, INC.
MONTANARI, SILVIA
BRIGHTER CARE ADULT DAYCARE CENTER LLC
MAND, DIANA / SOMMER, NANCY
LAMB, MARYBETH
FEES, HEATHER
INDEPENDENT NURSING & CARETAKER STAFFING
CARLOS REYES & SONS LANDSCAPING
BROWN, SHENA
OHANA GROUP POWERED BY SELLSTATE REALTY
FOUR BROTHERS TREE COMPANY, INC.
JONES, VICTORIA
PEZZIMENTI, FRANK
CRYPTIC REFLECTION, LLC.
THE FRIENDS PRODUCE, INC.
COGLIANESE, SARAH, PA
DOMENA, NATALIE, PA

HEALTHY HORIZONS HEBIATRICS, LLC.
SOUTH FLORIDA ELECTRICAL, LLC.
HOWARD & JAMES NY STYLE RESTAURANT, LLC.
GREEN DRAGON CANNABIS
FIRST PLACE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, INC.
BALANCED WELLBEING, LLC
MACIAS, ANDREA
SALUDVIP
ORCHID POOL CLEANING SERVICES
TONY DEAN CONSTRUCTION



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CITY OF FORT PIERCE MISSION STATEMENT:

"To provide community leadership, quality public service, and a safe environment for all citizens by an empowered team of employees motivated by pride in themselves and their work."