

City Manager's Report



MAY 2023

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Empower YOUTH!

**AUDRIA MOORE WELLS
SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR**

Empower Youth! event was a community initiative organized by the Fort Pierce Youth Council on March 28th, 2023, at the Percy Peak Gymnasium. The event aimed to inspire and motivate young people between the ages of 13 and 19, as well as their parents and guardians, to pursue their dreams and goals. The event featured motivational speakers, interactive workshops, live entertainment, and free food and drinks. The event also provided information and resources on education, career, health and civic engagement opportunities for the youth in Fort Pierce.

The Empower Youth! event was a success attracting over 100 participants and receiving positive feedback from both the attendees and the organizers.



Fort Pierce Police Department hosts riders taking part in Florida Tour De Force charity ride

The Fort Pierce Police Department was honored to host riders on the morning of April 19 who took part in the 2023 Florida Tour De Force. The group of more than 80 bicyclists stopped at the Police Department to enjoy some cold refreshments and snacks while mingling with officers and support staff.

The Tour De Force is a 5-day, 270-plus-mile charity bicycle ride that started in North Miami Beach and ended in Daytona Beach Shores. The event kicked off Monday, April 17 and concluded on Friday, April 21. The ride, which included about 1,000 riders throughout the week, was escorted by law enforcement officers from across the Sunshine State and was designed to accommodate riders of varying levels. Riders traveled about 50-55 miles each day with speeds averaging between 15-17 mph.

Riders and their support staff spent about

30 minutes at the Fort Pierce Police Department before heading off to Palm Bay. Police Chief Diane Hobley-Burney welcomed them and offered thanks for her department being included along the ride route.

“We are so thrilled that the Tour De Force riders elected to share such a noble cause with us,” Hobley-Burney said. “It is honorable to see that those who have made the ultimate sacrifice were represented by the riders today.”

The 2023 Florida Tour de Force raised money to help families of 11 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty last year. That list includes Senior Investigator Kyle Lee Patterson of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, who died on June 9, 2022 after a head-on collision on Okeechobee Road near South Header Canal Road in Fort Pierce.



Fort Pierce Police, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office team up to raise \$15,000 for Special Olympics



The Fort Pierce Police Department's 2023 Tip A Cop program was a huge success! Area residents, visitors, business owners, officers from the Police Department and deputies from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office came together over the past two months to raise more than \$15,000 for Special Olympics Florida through four Tip A Cop events.

Officers, deputies, and support staff served food to guests at local eateries while collecting donations for the annual fundraiser. The events kicked off on Feb. 10 with \$1,450 raised at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar in Fort Pierce. The second event on March 10 at Duffy Sports Grill in Port St. Lucie raised \$2,500. A record-breaking \$7,000 was raised March 31 at Meating Street Steak and Seafood in Port St. Lucie. The fundraiser closed out on April 14 with \$4,000 in tips collected at 2nd Street Bistro in Downtown Fort Pierce. Many area residents and visitors came out and were quite generous with their tips. They also got the chance to meet and chat with several proud Special Olympians.





Back the **BLUE**

Area residents, visitors, Fort Pierce Police officers, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Deputies and firefighters from St. Lucie County Fire Rescue enjoyed spending time together Saturday during the "Back The Blue" event at Causeway Cove Marina in Fort Pierce. The event was part of the Fort Pierce Police Department's Centennial celebrations and was presented by the St. Lucie County Historical Society.

"Back The Blue" kicked off at about 8:45 a.m. as a group of supporters waving flags and carrying signs crossed the Fort Pierce South Bridge (P.P. Cobb Bridge) to meet up with a variety of vehicles and others at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club. A short time later, a parade kicked off from the yacht club and ended at Causeway Cove Marina, where the festivities were ready to get underway.

Charlie Hayek, who chaired a committee that planned Saturday's event, was all smiles after making his way across the bridge with a large "Back The Blue" flag in hand.

"The Police Department is very important, not only to me but to the entire city," said Hayek, who also serves as chairman of the agency's Community Advisory Committee.

As for the parade, Hayek said it definitely was a success.

"It shows that people support the police," he said of those who participated in the event. "And then we got a lot of horn honks and everything else. People were waving at us, so there is support in the community."

Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson agreed, adding with a smile that she had so much fun



participating in the planning of the event that she was sorry to see it come to an end.

“We wanted to show everybody that our community supports the police – everybody,” Hudson said. “We are one Fort Pierce and we all support the police.”

Those who attended “Back The Blue” enjoyed seeing a variety of law enforcement and other first responder vehicles on display. The Fort Pierce Sportfishing Club put on a free clinic for kids. And there were local vendors in attendance, as well as free food and beverages, snow cones, popcorn and a demonstration by the K-9 units from the Fort Pierce Police Department and the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office that clearly wowed the crowd.

Fort Pierce Police Chief Diane Hobleby-Burney offered thanks to everyone who came together to make “Back The Blue”

such a special event.

“It warms our hearts to see so much support from the community we love,” she said. “We’d also like to thank the St. Lucie Historical Society and all the volunteers who made this event a reality as part of the Police Department’s Centennial Celebration. It truly was a special day and our officers thoroughly enjoyed spending time with those they serve on a daily basis.”



5545/5555 Okeechobee Road

Progress is being made at the future site of Chipotle and an unnamed tenant. Sitework, including stormwater drainage is being done concurrently with the construction of the shell building and interior completion of Chipotle. The roof is currently being installed and has recently passed an inspection. The underground plumbing and underground electric for Chipotle has also recently been installed and inspected. Interior completion permits for the vacant unit have not yet been submitted.



5535 Okeechobee Road

Located near the intersection of Okeechobee Rd and Jenkins Rd, construction of the second Aldi location in Fort Pierce has begun. Structural framing has been erected and concrete block has been placed for the exterior walls. This picture was taken during one of the fill cell inspections. The first fill cell inspection verifies proper placement of the rebar, visible through the holes in the block. After this inspection, the contractor covers the hole with plywood and pours grout/concrete into the block with the rebar. Once this is done another inspection is performed to ensure the grout/concrete made it all the way down.



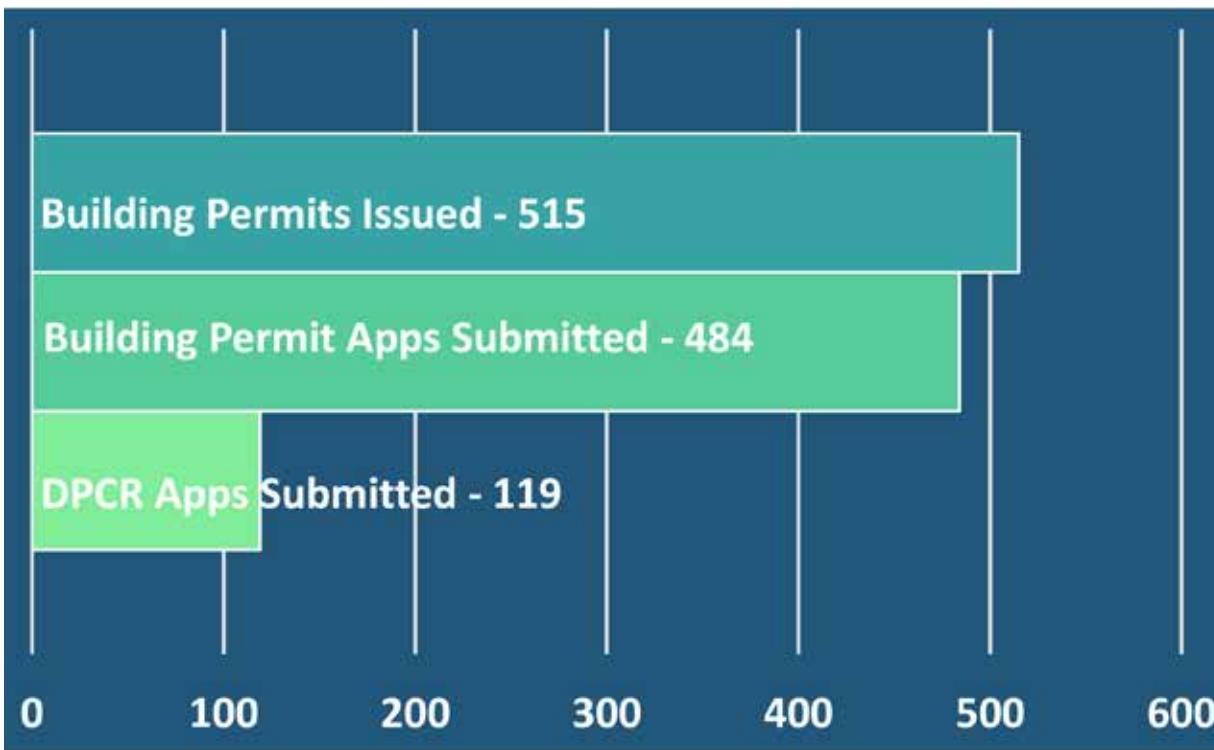
3900 S US Highway 1

Vertical construction has begun at Flagship Storage on US Hwy 1 located south of Farmers Market Rd. The six buildings are in various stages of early construction. This picture was taken during one of the underground plumbing inspections. Unfortunately, heavy rain from the night before covered some of the underground piping and there was still standing water on the site. In these circumstances, the Building Department works with the contractor, to the best of our ability, to partially approve the work that we can inspect was done properly.

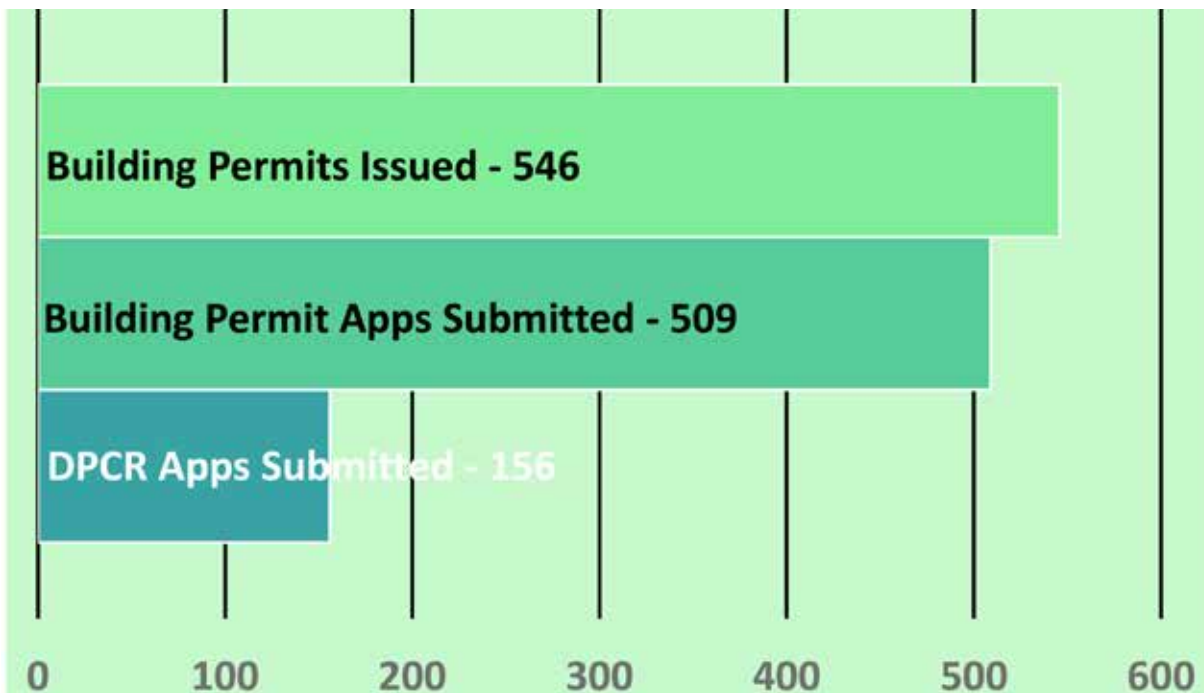
March 2023 New Construction Values

Permit Type	Construction Value	Number of Permits
Commercial Permits	\$563,990	1
Sitework Permits	\$300,000	1
Single Family/Duplex Permits	\$17,100,602	53

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

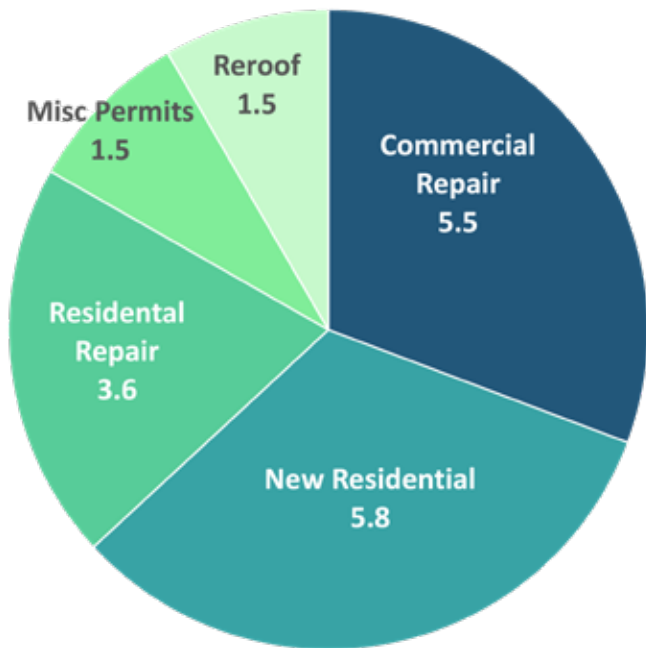


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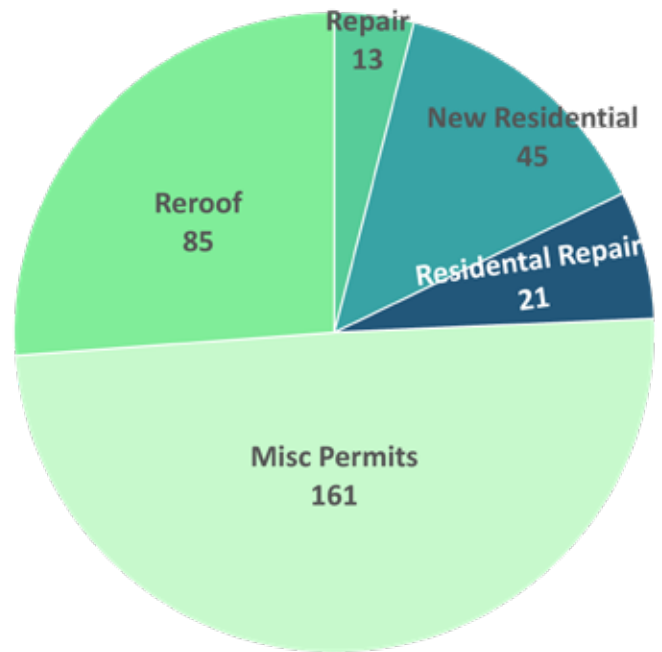
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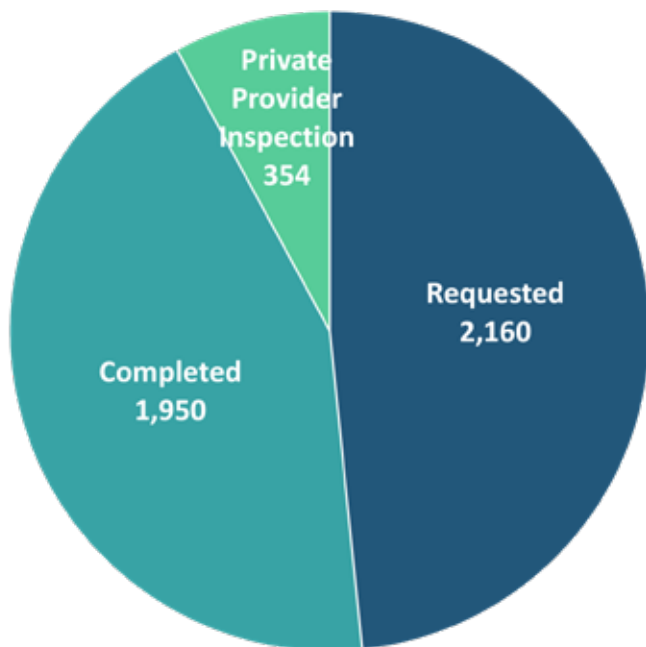
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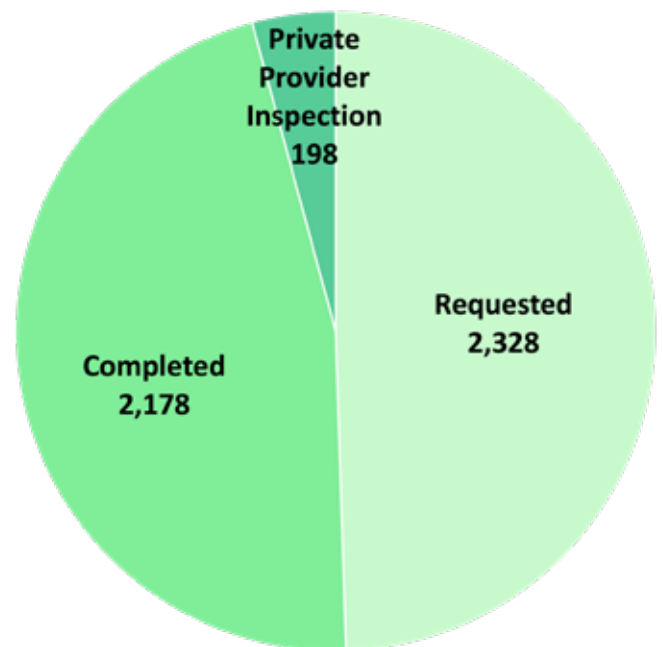


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INSPECTION ACTIVITY



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We look forward to hosting the Sunrise Kiwanis on Saturday, April 29th. The Kiwanis have been a tremendous supporter of children’s programs, including our Summer Golf Camps as well as the fantastic playground at Jaycee Park. This year’s event will be unlike any other...with several food stations throughout the course and a tremendous “Cooler of Booze” Raffle valued at over \$1,300!!

Beginning mid-May, we will start our aggressive course maintenance program. Our first green aeration will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 15th & 16th. Monday we only have 9 holes open while we aerate the other nine. On Tuesday, we will be completely CLOSED for the day while we aerate the second nine holes as well as several fairways. Following that green aeration, we will be specifically focused on our main issue this Summer which has been our fairways. They will be regularly spiked as well as heavily fertilized and sprayed to keep any weeds and insects at bay. Remember as we get into the hotter days of Summer to STAY HYDRATED!!! It is extremely important to drink liquids throughout your round. We see many players with one small bottle of water thinking that it will be sufficient where they should probably have two or even THREE for just nine holes. Other helpful additions to your golf cart prior to a round would be

sports drinks to replenish electrolytes and salty snacks such as nuts or protein bars. We certainly want you to enjoy summer golf, but we want to make sure that you stay safe.

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

	2/2023	3/2023
Golf Rounds	3295	4392
Golf Fees	\$110,023.31	\$123,540.98
Range Tokens	\$3,748.59	\$4,009.83
Membership Pass	\$2,0802.40	\$838.21
Food & Beverages	\$8,653.58	\$12,116.19
Merchandise	\$8,669.31	\$7,123.93
TOTAL	\$133,177.17	\$147,629.14

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PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

A Future Land Use Map Amendment by owner Resurrection Life Family Worship Center, Inc., was approved which allowed the change of the future land use from Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential of 4.883 property located at 1910 S. Jenkins Road Fort Pierce.

A new, greater than 100,000 square foot, two-story, self-storage, and vehicle storage facility, with associated site improvements was approved by the City Commission. The location of the site is near 5553 Okeechobee Road.

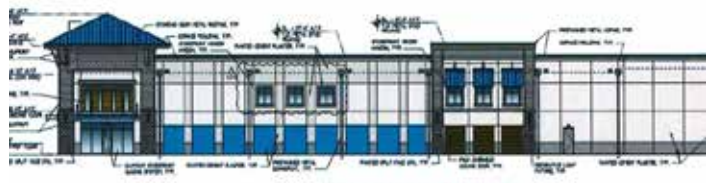
The City Commission tabled an application for a 199 ft high telecommunications tower

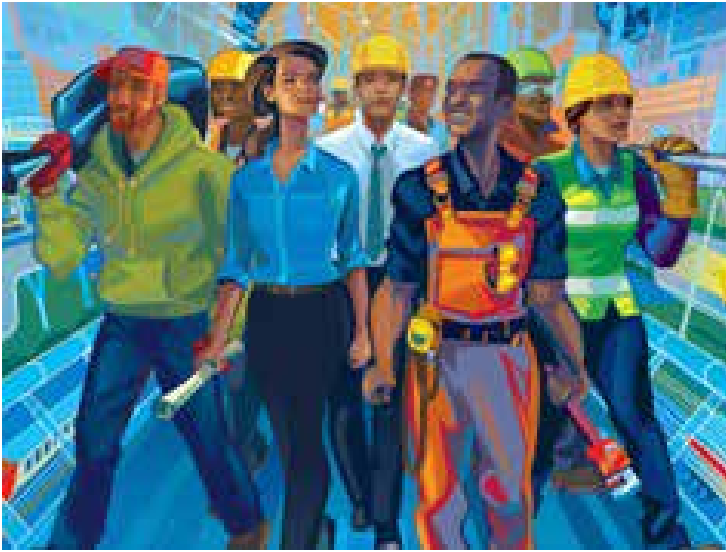
at 3111 Avenue D, to its June 20, 2023, meeting. The proposal includes the tower, ground-based equipment, and a 60 ft x 60 ft secure compound. Access to the site would be from Avenue D. The applicant has committed to organizing a community meeting to provide information and discuss the proposal.

An almost 30,000 square foot expansion to the existing Twin Vee boat manufacturing business was approved by the City Commission. The property is located at the intersection of S. US HWY-1 and Edwards Road in Fort Pierce. The expansion consists of a 23,456 square foot addition and a 4,389 square foot covered awning.

Edgartown Zoning Regulations

The City Commission approved amendments to the Edgartown Settlement zoning regulations concerning permitted noise levels and the application of conditional use requirements to certain uses. The adopted regulations only affect the properties within the Edgartown Settlement zoning district.





**CONNECTING
THE
WORLD**
THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 21-27, 2023

National Public Works Week

National Public Works Week will take place from Sunday, May 21, through Saturday, May 27, 2023. The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department looks forward to this event every year as it gives employees the opportunity to educate the public about the important role the Public Works Department plays in the community. It also highlights and celebrates these devoted individuals as they continue to work within our community to plan, build, operate, and maintain our city's vital infrastructure.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of Public Works Departments throughout the entire Country. It is a week dedicated to the men and women who go above and beyond to serve their community with unwavering dedication and commitment to making a difference. Oftentimes the work of these dedicated employees goes unnoticed. However, they are the unsung heroes of our community as they continue to work hard to build and maintain our beautiful City.

In honor of National Public Works Week, the Public Works Department will receive

a Proclamation from the City Commission on Monday, May 15, 2023, acknowledging the week and the importance of the men and women working throughout the Public Works Department. The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Team also has several beautification projects planned around the City of Fort Pierce. The main project Public Works will focus on will be the Indian Hills Recreation Area off Savannah Road. This will include tree trimming, debris removal, garbage removal, general maintenance, and sidewalk cleaning throughout the area.

The week will conclude with an employee appreciation lunch for Public Works Staff, as the Management Team wants to recognize every employee in the Department and let them know how much their efforts are truly appreciated. Effective storm drains and sewers, sturdy roads and bridges, safe buildings, clean parks, hurricane response, and garbage/recycle pickup are just some of the many City functions that would not be possible without the amazing employees of the Public Works Department. Their constant dedication to improving the quality of life for residents and businesses here in the City of Fort Pierce is sincerely cherished and greatly valued.



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COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, AND
ORGANIZATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

SUPPLIES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

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Community Cleanup Day

The City of Fort Pierce Public Works Department is excited to announce its next Community Cleanup on Saturday, June 3, 2023. This is a citywide event and individuals, families, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to participate! Participants get to choose the times and locations they wish to clean up in Fort Pierce and are encouraged to share their city pride by posting photos on social media.

Registered volunteers may be provided with litter collection supplies such as trash bags, gloves, pickers, and buckets while supplies last. These items can be picked up from the Public Works Compound located at 52 Savannah Rd. Fort Pierce, FL 34982, on Wednesday, May 31, from 1 PM TO 4 PM, Friday, June 2, from 8 AM TO 3 PM, or Saturday, June 3, from 8 AM TO NOON.

There will be no designated meet-up area as you and/or your group choose the location you wish to clean up in the City of Fort Pierce. All participants are encouraged to share their Community Cleanup fun by taking photos and posting them on social media using the hashtags #lovethafort and #cleanthefort!

To take part in this upcoming Community Cleanup, please register on the City's website at www.cityoffortpierces.com or contact Kaitlyn Ballard at 772.467.3836 or kballard@cityoffortpierces.com.

The City of Fort Pierce is the hidden gem among the Treasure Coast, so let's get out there and make our City Shine!



A Night at the Sunrise

Joe Sweat, Marketing & Development Director

It was a Saturday night. There was a great lineup of comedians at the Black Box, so we decided to check it out and do something different. Each comic built up the next with laughs, but the last comic had everyone rolling. You can't find good stand-up anywhere near here unless you go to West Palm or further. Who wants to drive that far when you can pay \$25 for a good laugh and the Sunrise Theatre staff volunteers come to you for drink order?

After our sides were done hurting, we walked out of the Black Box to see the streets of downtown a little quieter for a Saturday evening. It made me think of something that a restaurant owner recently

said to me. "You just live for Sunrise Theatre nights."

The impact that the theatre makes on a show night makes a significant difference to businesses all around. The atmosphere of downtown is livelier. The restaurants are packed, the streets are busy, and you can just tell it's a show night.

My wife and I alone spent the Saturday afternoon in downtown. We enjoyed some shops and a good brunch and later got ready for our comedy night but stopped off the beachside for a quick bite first. And to think that hundreds of people do this on a show night. Spend the day in downtown or beachside; later get themselves ready for

a nice dinner and drinks before some great entertainment. It's impactful... not just to our local economy, but to every individual that experiences a "Night at the Sunrise."

That's why it's important to us at the Sunrise Theatre to provide the very best in LIVE entertainment and bring in a variety of shows to continue to make that impact in our community and people's lives for a lasting impression.

And just a sneak peek...the FREE Summertime Movies are back! 4 great films coming to you at the Sunrise Theatre for FREE thanks to our partnership with Humana. Each film will reflect our Sunrise Theatre Speakeasy theme., so be on the lookout for the FREE Summertime Movies hosted on Sundays at 3:00 PM starting at the end of June!



SaveTheDate

Sunrise Theatre's Speakeasy – Celebrating 100 Years. This private event will be hosted on Saturday, July 29th from 7pm to 11pm. For tickets or sponsorship, visit: www.sunrisetheatre.com

Thank you for continuing to support the Sunrise Theatre – The Treasure Coast's #1 Destination for LIVE Entertainment.

CITY PROJECT UPDATES

**Beach Court
(Florida Avenue to Delaware Avenue)**

The contractor recently completed paving operations and will commence addressing punch list items for final project completion.



**Avenue B
(13th Street to 8th Street)**

Work continues to prepare the subgrade of the roadway and installing drainage at the intersections. The contractor has been installing the conduit for the underground utilities. Over the next few weeks, curb will be installed and drainage installation will continue.



2023 Annual Resurfacing Contract

Staff has been made aware that the Vero Beach Resurfacing Contract, which the City has “piggybacked” for this work, has expired. Staff is working on developing an Annual Resurfacing Contract for Purchasing and Legal review in preparation of the 2023

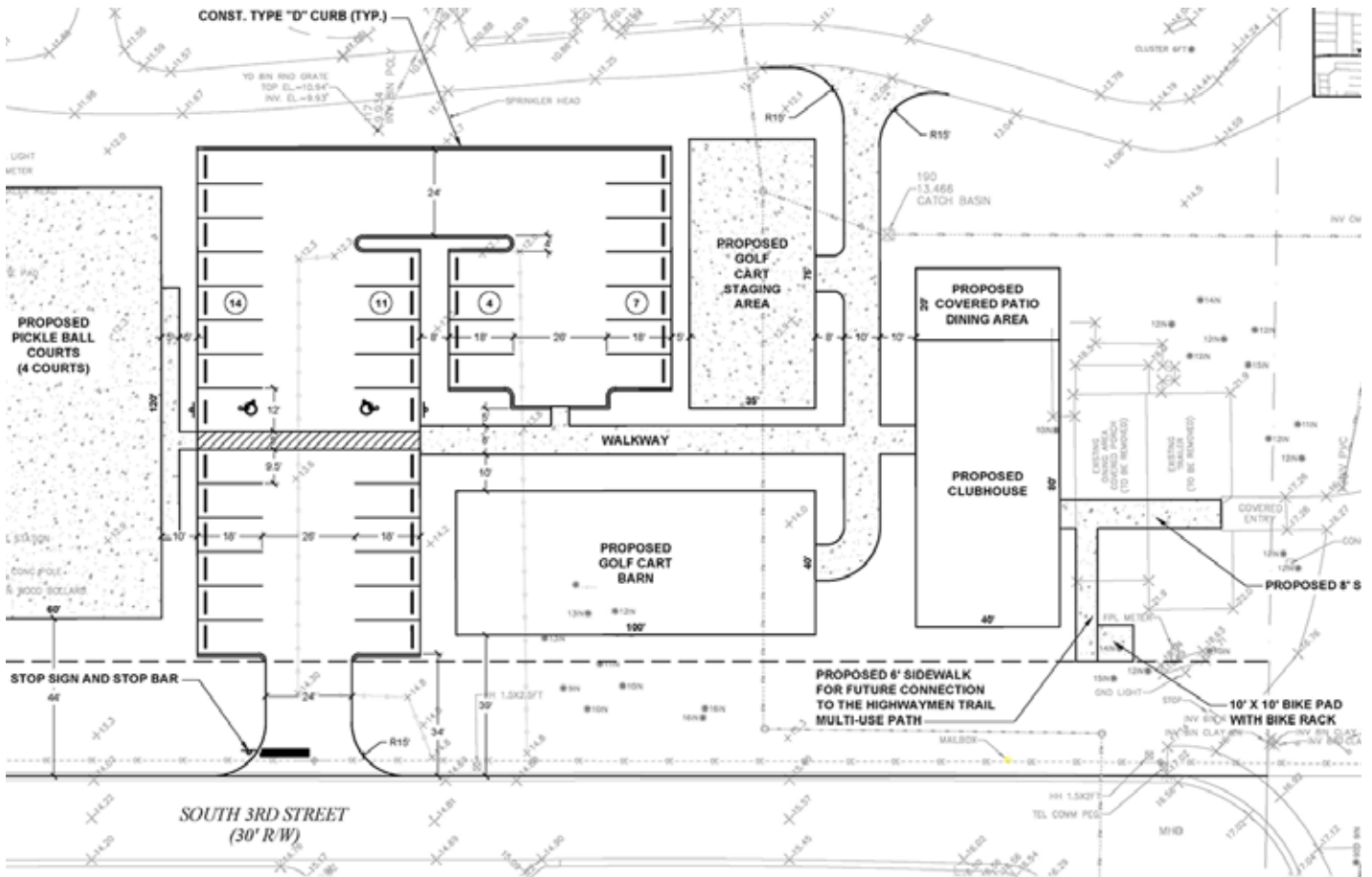
Resurfacing Contract. Additionally, staff has presented the list of candidate resurfacing projects to FPUA for coordination. Once we have received their comments, a contract can be issued for construction. The selected streets are:

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 Avenue	25th Street	13th Street	4,100.00
Rhode Island Avenue	30th Street	25th Street	1,620.00

Indian Hills Golf Course Expansion

The expansion of the golf course facilities include the construction of (4) pickle ball courts, paved parking lot, drainage facilities, golf cart path, sidewalks, and a golf cart storage barn and clubhouse.

The minor site plan went before the Technical Review Committee on April 20, 2021 and staff have addressed the minor comments provided by the committee and are expected to have the final site plan approval in the next few days.



**Avenue D
(Indian River Drive to 29th Street)**

This project has been split into two phases to expedite the bidding process. Phase 1 is Avenue D from 29th Street to US 1 and will include milling and resurfacing of the roadway, replacement of the existing brick paver crosswalks with stamped asphalt crosswalks, and the addition of sidewalk on the south side of Avenue D from 29th Street to 25th Street. As needed ADA upgrades, enhanced pavement marking, and signage will be included. Phase 1 Final Plans are currently in review.

Phase 2 of the project will include full roadway reconstruction of Avenue D between U.S. Highway 1 and Indian River Drive with sidewalks, ADA upgrades, curb and gutter, a raised intersection at 2nd Street, stormwater drainage, conversion of overhead utilities to underground, improved landscaping, street light installation and enhanced signing and pavement marking. A revised typical section is under review.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



1st Place Winners



2nd Place Winners

On April 21 - 23, 2023, 69 boats competed in the first Fort Pierce King Mackerel Invitational held at the Fort Pierce City Marina. On Saturday, the biggest Kingfish weighed 51 pounds, and on Sunday, the biggest one weighed 64 pounds. This event awarded nearly \$400,000 to fishermen who came from all across the Southeast United States.

The tournament was sponsored by the St Lucie County Sports Commission. Other photographs are available by visiting the Fort Pierce City Marina's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/marina.fortpierce>





Upcoming Events

- 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
- 5/5/23 Friday Fest - Marina Square 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- 5/6/23 Suncoast Mental Health - Bridge Walk to a Bright Future – FPYC 8:00 am – 11:00 am

River Walk Center Sales Report March 2023

CLASSES	\$1,097.79
PARK PERMITS	\$5,650.05
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$1,200.00
FACILITY	\$8,067.80
TOTAL	\$16,015.64



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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."