

# City Manager's Report



SEPTEMBER 2023

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# SUNRISE THEATRE Speakeasy

## CHEERS 100

It was 6:00 PM on Saturday, July 29th. The barricades were placed out onto the street as three mint condition Model Ts from the 1920s era parked in front of the Sunrise Theatre. At the same time, people began walking up towards the Theatre. Men were wearing suits, suspenders, hats, almost gangster like outfits, and the ladies wore long, flashy dresses with dangling strands of pearl necklaces. Some of the women incorporated a feather or headband into their hair.

As the time got closer to 7:00 PM, the Sunrise Theatre ushers began whispering to the folks out front, luring them towards





a back entrance to the theatre. The line grew, and you could see the excitement as people eagerly waited to get inside the Sunrise Theatre Speakeasy. Over 500 people walked in to celebrate the night.

Once you gave the password to the bouncer at the back entrance, a blast of jazz music hit the alley like a gust of wind blowing between trees as the door opened. The lights were dim, the dance floor was moving, the line at the bar began to fill up as you were taken back in time to the 1920s. Five tables decorated with gold and black decor were covered with delicious food. The ambiance was something from a 1920s movie in color.

In the distance, you could hear slots ringing and laughter echoing. The lights got brighter as you walked out of the Speakeasy towards the main lobby. Casino tables filled the room with

professionally dressed dealers standing at every table entertaining the gamblers. As the night went on, the casino got louder with more cheering and laughing.

Every now and then, you could hear people whisper to each other, "what's up there?" Their eyes got bigger as they walked up the steps from the main lobby, leaving the casino. Ladies wearing long dresses pulled them away from catching their heels to make the climb to the next floor, holding a drink in one hand, clenching the gown in the other, to discover more laughter and a piano jamming in the background with the stunning voice of a young lady singing songs of the 20s. A lavish spread of more elegant food covered two tables. The bar and tables were jammed, with little room to walk, but everyone enjoyed each other's company. Everyone wanted to be in the Bourbon Bar.

The 3rd floor offered guests a unique 1920s experience featuring palm and psychic readers, but not all found their way to the top as it was a secret part of the evening, adding suspense to the night.

As the night settled, guests found themselves in the seats inside the Vaudeville Stage where the Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra played tunes to silent movies. Some of the music dated back as far as 1899 and accompanied classic films such as Charlie Chaplin, ending with a hilarious Stan & Ollie skit. As the band exited, playing their final skit, more people slowly filled the seats, gearing up for a 100-year toast. A tower of champagne glasses shaped like a pyramid sat on a table for guests, and a big cake with other treats faced it diagonally.

All who were left gathered in the main auditorium as Sharon Engle, Executive Director gave a toast. Glasses raised, cheers given, and more laughter ended a beautiful night at the Sunrise Theatre Speakeasy.

Thank you to all our staff, volunteers, sponsors and caterers, the Sunrise Theatre Foundation and all who helped make the 100 Year Centennial a night to remember.



A COMMUNITY EVENT



THE PEACOCK ARTS DISTRICT  
MURAL PROGRAM

*Inauguration*  
AND ARTWALK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 AT 10AM  
CITY PARKING LOT ON ORANGE AVE &  
7TH STREET

FREE ADMISSION

REGISTER

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/PADMURALS

*Meet the Artists*



Nico



Zoey



Samara



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City Marina Financial Report

	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Dockage Reservations	181	140	97
Monthly Dockage	\$202,185.33	\$163,633.64	\$127,109.78
Transient Dockage	\$136,281.62	\$83,545.01	\$55,746.72
Electricity	\$11,100.50	\$6,597.25	\$4,630.39
Retail	\$25,712.86	\$24,278.49	\$23,625.03
Gas Sales	\$94,263.84	\$81,379.13	\$115,668.84
Diesel Sales	\$177,133.90	\$97,274.55	\$74,076.69
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$646,678.05</b>	<b>\$456,708.07</b>	<b>\$400,857.45</b>

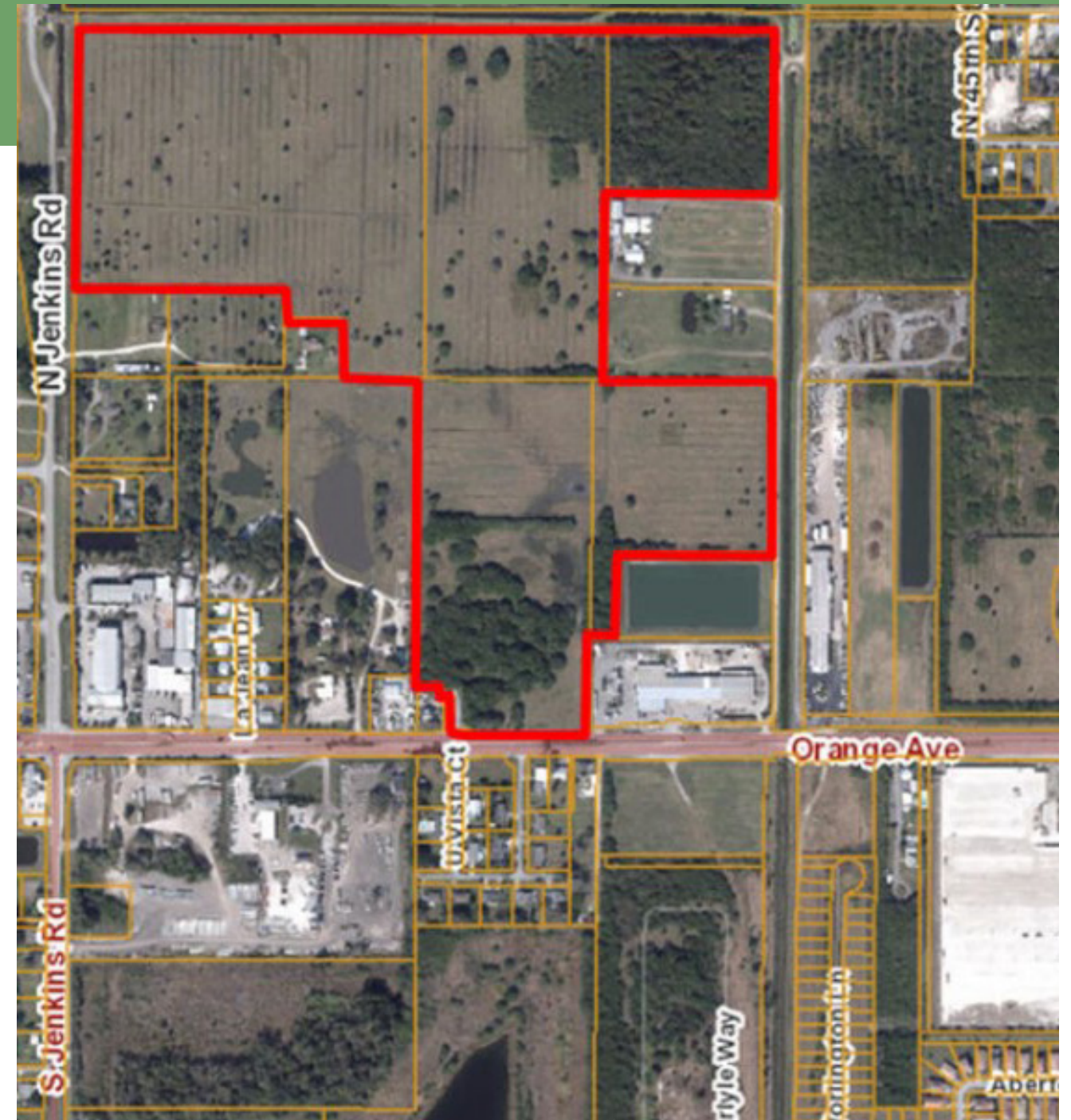


# PLANNING DETERMINATIONS



The 'Twins' new automated car wash facility with self-service vacuums was granted approval at 5340 S. US Highway 1 south of Smallwood Avenue in Fort Pierce. (IMG -Twins 1 & 2)

The City Commission adopted a Future Land Use Map Amendment for a project known As West Orange located north of Orange Avenue and East of N. Jenkins Road to change the designations to City designations of High Density Residential (RH) (+/- 80.3 Acres) and General Commercial (CG) (+/- 4.5 Acres). The final site plan has yet to be submitted for approval. (IMG - West Orange 1)



# Indian Hills Golf Course



	JUNE 2023	JULY 2023
<b>Golf Rounds</b>	2,551	2,297
<b>Golf Fees</b>	\$56,746.79	\$50,727.34
<b>Range Tokens</b>	\$2,158.83	\$1,647.03
<b>Membership Fees</b>	\$1,038.69	\$627.38
<b>Food &amp; Beverages</b>	\$7,699.81	\$7,253.20
<b>Merchandise</b>	\$4,478.48	\$6,116.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$72,122.66</b>	<b>\$66,371.68</b>

We have been busy working on the turf grass through these warmer summer months to get as healthy as we can heading into the Fall. We have had an enormous amount of help from Mother Nature, our Turf Doctor and our Maintenance Team!! We are finally starting to tip the balance of the scales between healthier grass and less weeds. We certainly still have some turf issues along the edges of the cart paths on the front nine but we have come a LONG WAY in a short time!!

Our second greens aeration is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, when we will only have 9 holes open as well as the Practice Range. On Wednesday, September 13th everything will be closed for the day. We will reopen on Thursday, September 14th with reduced rates for approximately 10 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 is something we can improve upon...tell us, so we can keep getting better! We thank all 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.

Thank you so much for your support and cooperation!



### Oleander Oaks

On Oleander Avenue between Bell Avenue and Tumblin Kling Road the sitework consisting of the roadways, street lighting, drainage and fire hydrants is well under way while the first eight homes are being constructed in Oleander Oaks. This development will be complete with 50 single-family homes and an amenity center for the residents.

### 3602 S US Hwy 1

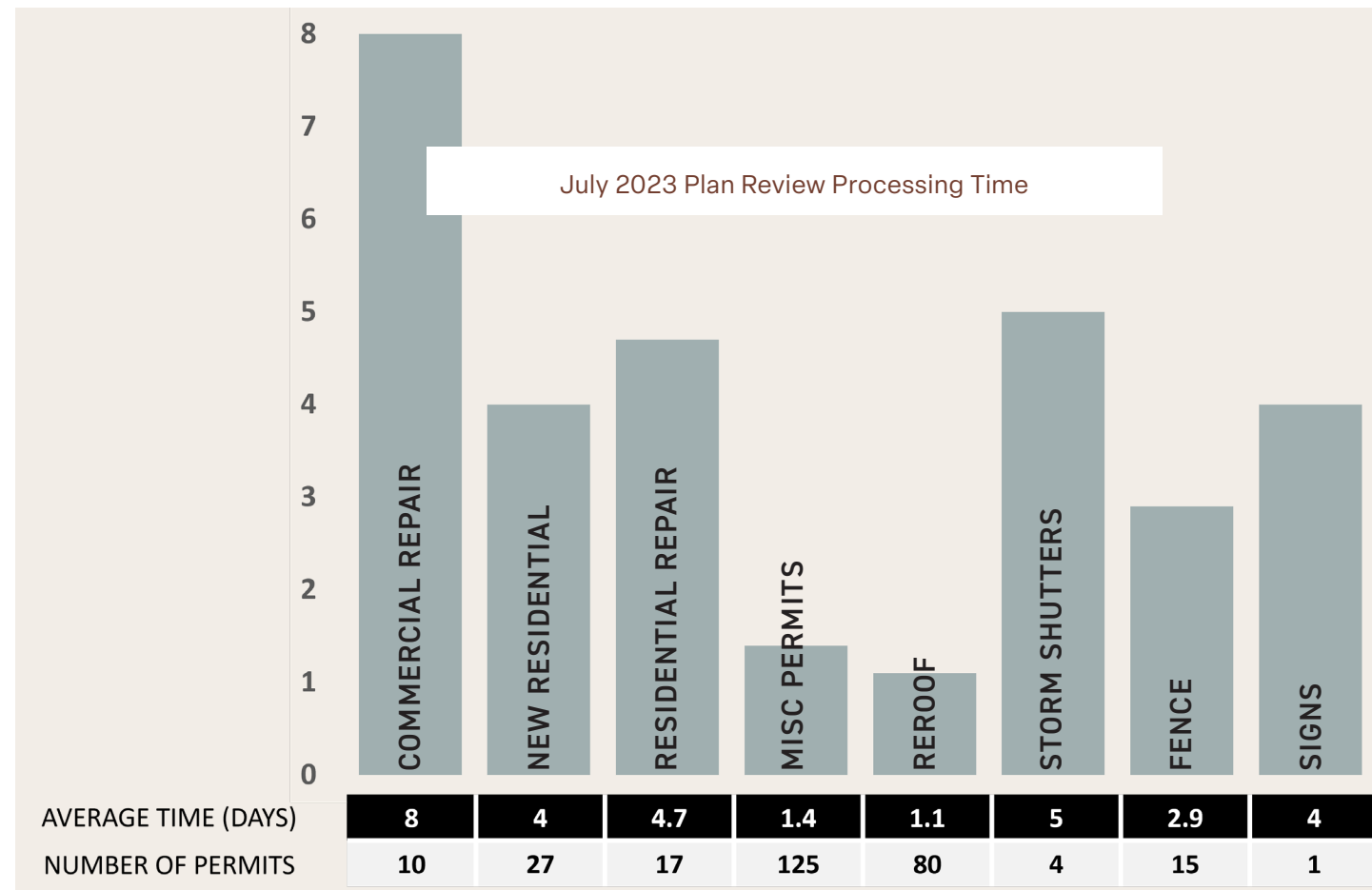
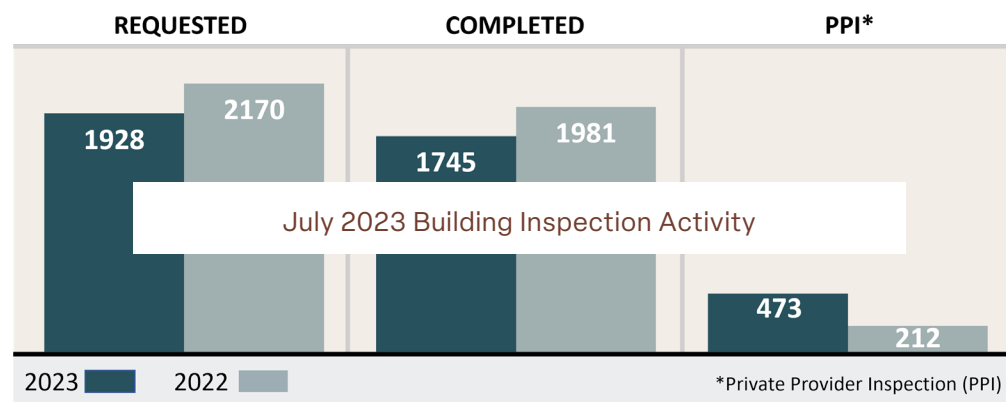
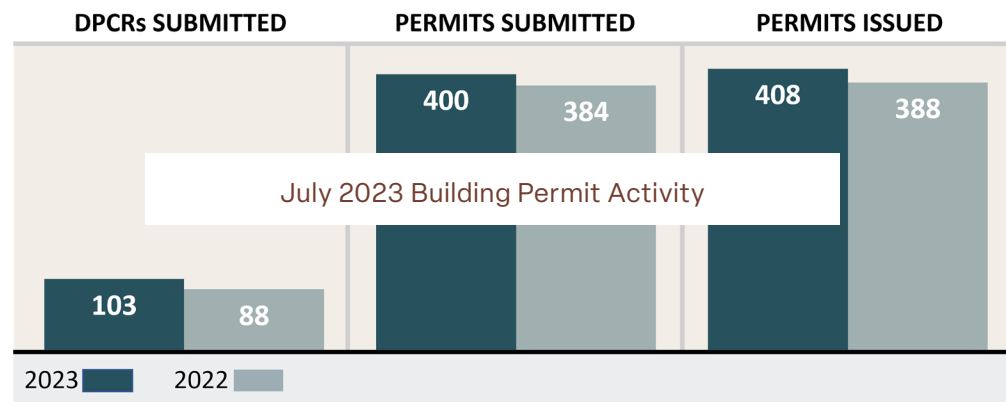
Just south of Farmer's Market Road on US Hwy 1, sitework has begun for the new U-Haul storage building adjacent to the existing U-Haul storage facility. The new building is approximately 17,000 square feet. Materials are being delivered in preparation of construction.



### 3900 S US Hwy 1

Construction is on-going at Extra Space Storage at the intersection of S US Hwy 1 and St. James Blvd. Buildings are in different phases of construction. These pictures were taken while insulated roof panels were being installed on the northwest building and concrete was being pumped in for the slab of the main building.





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Fort Pierce Police Department wants to thank everyone who attended its National Night Out Event on Aug. 1 at the River Walk Center in Fort Pierce.

Area residents and visitors didn't let a little rain stop them from enjoying the two-hour, family-friendly event where they got to know officers and civilian personnel while learning more about their Police Department. Fort Pierce Police Chief Diane Hopley-Burney said she was thrilled with the turnout and the overall event – especially the one-on-one interactions with the attendees.

“National Night Out means that we are coming together for the safety of our city,” Hopley-Burney said. We’re bringing everyone to one location so that we can intermingle, love each other and we want everyone to know that we are one Fort Pierce.”

Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson also deemed the event a success, saying she had arrived just 10 minutes earlier and already had learned a great deal.

“Anybody that wants to know anything about the way the Police Department works needs to come to one of these,” she said. “This is a great community force.”



The event included games and prizes, a chance to meet K-9 officers and their dogs, a children's fingerprint station and a taser demonstration by the Training Unit. Participants chatted with Crime Scene Investigators, Victim Services Advocates, Community Engagement Officers, Crime Analysis personnel, specialists from the Records Department and members of the Citizens Observation Patrol (COP) Unit. They also enjoyed checking out some of the Police Department's vehicles that were on display in front of the River Walk Center, as well as some tasty hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments.



# Tunnel of Hope

Members of the Fort Pierce Police Department thoroughly enjoyed coming together in mid-August to welcome students back to school.

Officers and civilian personnel from the Police Department took part in the “Tunnel of Hope” at five different schools – Fairlawn Elementary, Frances K. Sweet Magnet School, Dan McCarty Middle School, C.A. Moore Elementary and St. Lucie Elementary. The events were hosted by Roundtable of St. Lucie County and Kids at Hope SLC.

Fort Pierce Police personnel were joined by St. Lucie County Sheriff’s deputies, St. Lucie County firefighters, local educators, leaders and other members of the community while waving signs sporting positive messages for the students. Many offered words of encouragement and several groups sang impromptu songs as the students walked through the “Tunnel of Hope” and high-fived those cheering them on.

Needless to say, there were plenty of smiles among students and their parents as they were celebrated. It truly was a great way to kick off the new school year!



## Annual Great Causeway Raft Race

The 3rd Annual Great Causeway Raft Race was held Aug. 5 and it was a huge success!

Members of the Fort Pierce Police Department’s Courageous Kids mentoring program thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the event at Causeway Cove Marina, as did some of our officers, civilian personnel and members of our Marine Unit. The participants also enjoyed some tasty food and wonderful music provided by Bamboo.

The event featured three separate races broken into age categories. Those included:

- Race 1 – Turtle Class (ages 7-13);
- Race 2 – Snook Class (ages 14-17); and
- Race 3 – Dolphin Class (ages 18-plus).

Along with our Courageous Kids program, the event was sponsored by the Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation, Derecktor of Fort Pierce and Project Lift. The Police Department would like to thank all of the sponsors and every participant for making this such a wonderful event and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!



# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

## Georgia Avenue Basin Water Quality Improvements

Construction is on-going with the contractor completing the construction of the baffle box, control structure, pedestrian bridge replacement, and canal stabilization, Current construction activities include lake bank stabilization and bioswale construction. Final construction completion is scheduled for the end of September.



Bioswale Final Grading



Pedestrian Bridge and Canal Stabilization



Bioswale Grading

## The Oaks at Moore's Creek Phase II (Means Court Extension)

This new fifteen (15) lot single-family affordable housing subdivision has achieved substantial construction completion. The project included the extension of Means Court roadway between Avenue B and Moore's Creek to support the subdivision. Improvements include water, sewer, gas, fiber, and storm drainage facilities, along with sidewalks, curb & gutter, street lighting, landscaping, and underground electric.



Looking South at Avenue B Roadway Connection



Eastern Detention Area



Looking North from Avenue B



Means Court Cul-de-Sac and Sidewalk Connection to Moore's Creek Linear Park

# CITY PROJECT UPDATES

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

The City has received \$1.5 million in state grant funds for construction of the Avenue D project. A kickoff meeting was held with the FDOT on August 3, 2023 to ensure we maximize resources to complete this project. The project is currently being reviewed by FDOT stakeholders and the City is reviewing Right-of-Way. It was determined to leave the project in phases, with Phase 1 being the resurfacing from 29th Street to US 1 as it is "shovel ready". The state grant funds will be used on that phase, and it is anticipated this will be able to be advertised for construction in early 2024. The City continues to advance the design of Phase 2 which is the complete reconstruction of Avenue D from US 1 to Indian River Drive.

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

Construction continues with improvements moving east of 10th Street. Curb, gutter, and sidewalk is approximately 90% complete. Some driveways and curb ramps remain. Roadway grading will continue with the first lift of asphalt scheduled for early September. Underground utility conduit installation is complete, with pedestals and junction boxes to remain. Due to the ongoing delays of AT&T, it is likely that the contractor will be unable to complete the sidewalk and final asphalt lift without a significant delay.



## 2023 Annual Resurfacing Contract

A pre-construction meeting was held July 12, 2023, with PRP Construction and impacted utility owners. Construction commencement is scheduled for the beginning of September 2023.

# LINCOLN PARK BUSINESS



# EXPO

PERCY S. PEEK GYMNASIUM &  
INDIAN RIVER STATE  
COLLEGE'S BLACKBURN  
EDUCATION CENTER  
2902 AVENUE D, FORT

11AM – 6PM  
FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

The Expo is FREE and open to everyone.

The Expo's inaugural agenda is packed with presentations and educational workshops focusing on all things business. Workshop topics include 'City of Fort Pierce Tips and Tricks: Permits, Zoning, and Business Tax Licenses;' 'Marketing Your Small Business;' 'Financial Management for Small Businesses;' 'Maximizing Marketing and Public Relations;' Team Building'; 'Non-Profit / Government Contracting' and 'Entrepreneurial Mindset.' Expo attendees will receive gift bags and raffle tickets for prizes that will be given throughout the event.

The Expo is FREE and open to everyone; however, registration is recommended. Small businesses wishing to reserve a FREE space to showcase their business in the Community Pop-Up Shop must pre-register to participate.

The Expo will also have small business grant application assistance available.

To register yourself or your business, please visit the city's website at Lincoln Park Business Expo | Fort Pierce, FL - Official Website ([cityoffortpierce.com](http://cityoffortpierce.com))

For more information, please contact Kimberlee Henton at [khenton@cityoffortpierce.com](mailto:khenton@cityoffortpierce.com) or by calling 772-742-9833.



# 2023 Youth Program Update

The 2023 Pop Warner Youth Football and Cheer Teams, reported on previously as they started registration and practice, are now fully active in the season running from August to October. The Fort Pierce Firehawks fielded nine teams: 6U, 8U, 12U, and 14U Division football teams and five Cheer Teams consisting of Junior Tiny Mites, Tiny Mites, Junior Pee Wee, Junior Varsity, and Varsity age participants. The season was launched in late August with the Firehawks hosting the Pahokee Panthers in five home games at the home field at 1200 Avenue M. The other four teams traveled to

compete in Palm City along with supporters. Two of the teams returning from last season were victorious in winning the TCFC Conference Championships last year and are hoping to move up higher in playoffs this year.

The Pop Warner Youth Football and Cheer program is one of several programs operating under the City of Fort Pierce Recreation Center. The Recreation Center also offers youth Karate, Basketball and Summer Camp at the facility.





Fort Pierce Named 2023 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Contest Winner

## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 772 TREASURE COAST CONCRETE CORP  | MYRACLE NAILS                      |
| ALBU FAMILY PROPERTIES FL, LLC    | NEXT LEVEL BOAT & RV               |
| ALL ATLANTIC COASTAL INSURANCE    | OCEAN VILLAGE BISTRO, INC          |
| AUNT G'S KITCHEN                  | PAVERS ORELLANA LLC                |
| B L W CONSULTANT GROUP INC        | PIERRE, MARIE                      |
| B&B BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES  | PRIMO REPAIR LLC                   |
| B&W HEAVY EQUIPMENT INC           | QASEM GROUP CO.                    |
| BLUE DOLPHIN REAL ESTATE LLC      | ROBINSON, MARYAM MICHELINE MD      |
| CAMPBELL, KELLY APRN              | ST LUCIE AFFORDABLE AUTO SALES INC |
| CHANEY'S ART OF FLOWERS           | STRICKLAND BG 1 LLC                |
| CLEAR HEADLIGHT RESTORATIONS      | SUNRISE ABA THERAPY LLC            |
| COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE          | THAT'S MY DRINK! LLC               |
| CONSTRUCTION BIZ & MORE LLC       | TURCO, KELLEY MARIE APRN           |
| FABELO, ELIZABETH                 | VAKBNB LLC                         |
| FETTEROLF, JENNIFER               | VINCE GASKIN                       |
| FLASH TATTOO COMPANY              | WALTER LANDSCAPING LLC             |
| FLORIDA POOL LIFE LLC             | WINTER, SELINA & LARRY             |
| FORMAN VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES | WTP INVESTMENT GROUP LLC           |



# 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 Farmer's Market - Marina Square 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- 9/17/23 - Mexican Independence Day - Veteran's Park 3:00 pm-10:00 pm

### River Walk Center Sales Report July 2023

<b>Classes</b>	<b>\$1,543.69</b>
<b>Park Permits</b>	<b>\$3,150.00</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>\$1,625.00</b>
<b>Facility</b>	<b>\$11,667.89</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,986.58</b>



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## CITY OF FORT PIERCE MISSION STATEMENT:

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*"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."*