

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



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## THANKSGIVING Meal Distribution

The City of Fort Pierce and the Treasure Coast Food Bank teamed up again this year to help families who may be struggling and going through a hard time to supplement their family Thanksgiving.

Motorists began lining up early Saturday morning along North 29th Street for the annual Thanksgiving Meal Distribution. By the time the distribution began at 8:00 AM, the line of vehicles stretched for miles.

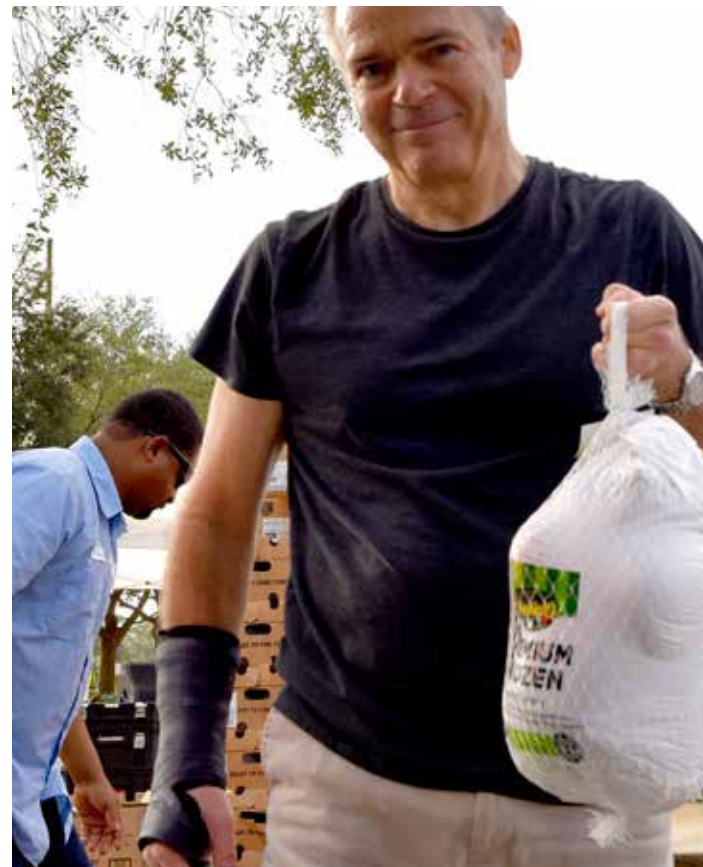
More than 60 volunteers, City staff from Public Works, Planning, Finance,





Grants Management, Engineering, Communications, the Police Department, the Golf Course, and the City Manager's Office were on hand giving out food to those who need assistance this holiday season. Within approximately 2 ½ hours, volunteers had served more than 500 families.

The holiday season can bring so much uncertainty for some families. Too often, they don't even know where their next meal will come from, and inflation has made food insecurities much worse. The City of Fort Pierce is grateful for the partnership with Treasure Coast Food Bank and thankful for the many volunteers that joined us in this labor of love for our fellow man. WE LOVE THE FORT!





Recent landscaping improvements at Fort Pierce City Marina



## City Marina Financial Report

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	57	50	87
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	\$161,701.44	\$144,024.67	\$172,511.80
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	\$44,842.95	\$39,142.24	\$61,660.48
<b>Electricity</b>	\$4,227.00	\$3,799.00	\$8,656.13
<b>Retail</b>	\$23,834.29	\$11,406.86	\$12,827.53
<b>Gas Sales</b>	\$58,970.91	\$43,004.17	\$34,726.41
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	\$38,004.37	\$25,059.22	\$54,278.62
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$331,580.76</b>	<b>\$266,436.16</b>	<b>\$344,660.97</b>

### 5535 OKEECHOBEE ROAD

A stocking permit has been issued for the new Aldi on Okeechobee Rd just east of I-95. A stocking permit allows Aldi to install shelving, stock merchandise, and hire and train employees while finishing construction prior to their opening. All life-safety systems are in place, ensuring the protection of the employees and other occupants. Parking lot striping is being completed and prepared for inspection.



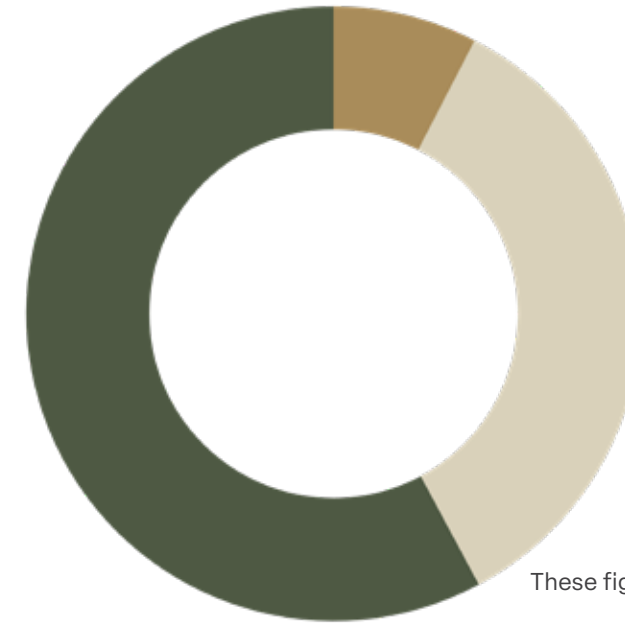
### 5503 OKEECHOBEE ROAD

Take 5 Oil Change is nearing completion. All of the rough inspections have been approved. Interior finishes such as drywall, flooring, fixtures and equipment will be inspected shortly after installation is complete.



# 3602 S US HWY 1

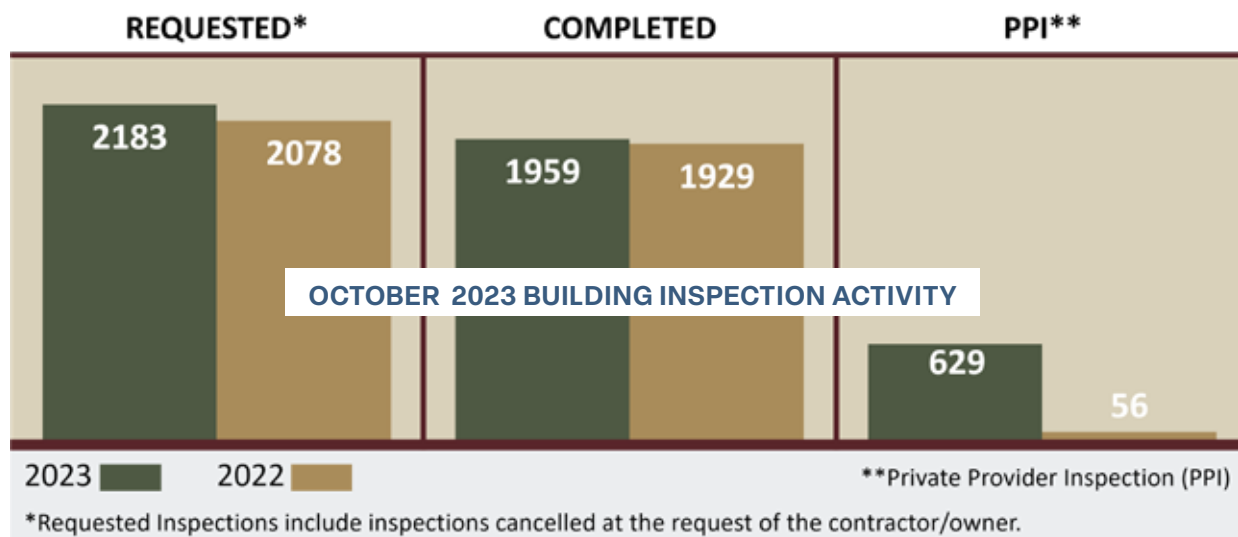
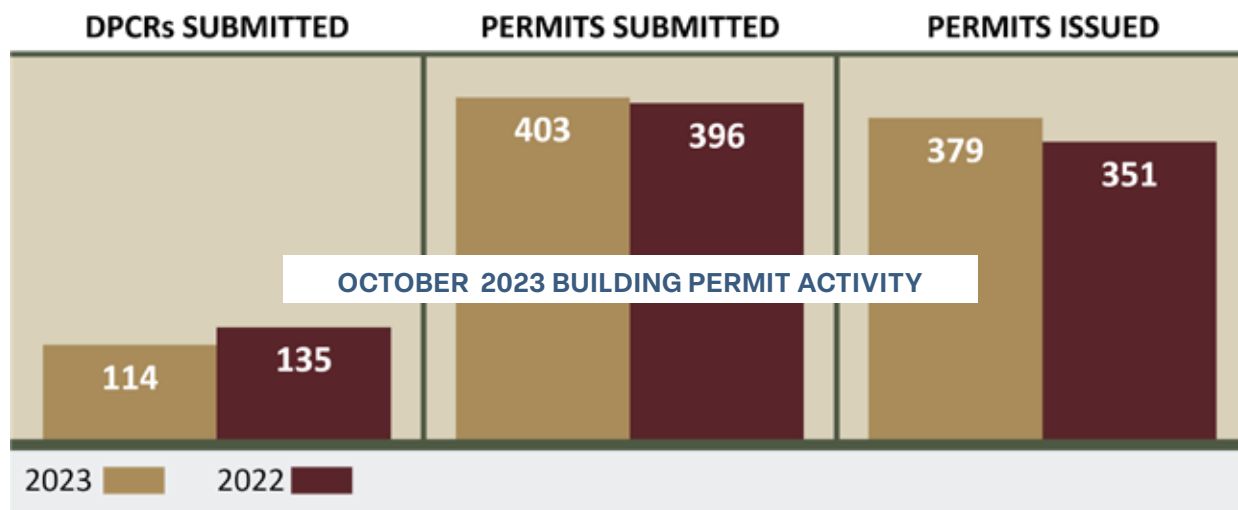
A 16,600 square foot warehouse building for U-Haul is being constructed on US Hwy 1 just south of Farmer's Market Rd. With the underground utilities and slab inspections complete, the contractors are preparing for their framing inspection of the installation and placement of red iron. After the sheets of siding are installed, openings for windows and doors will be cut-out and inspected per the approved plans.



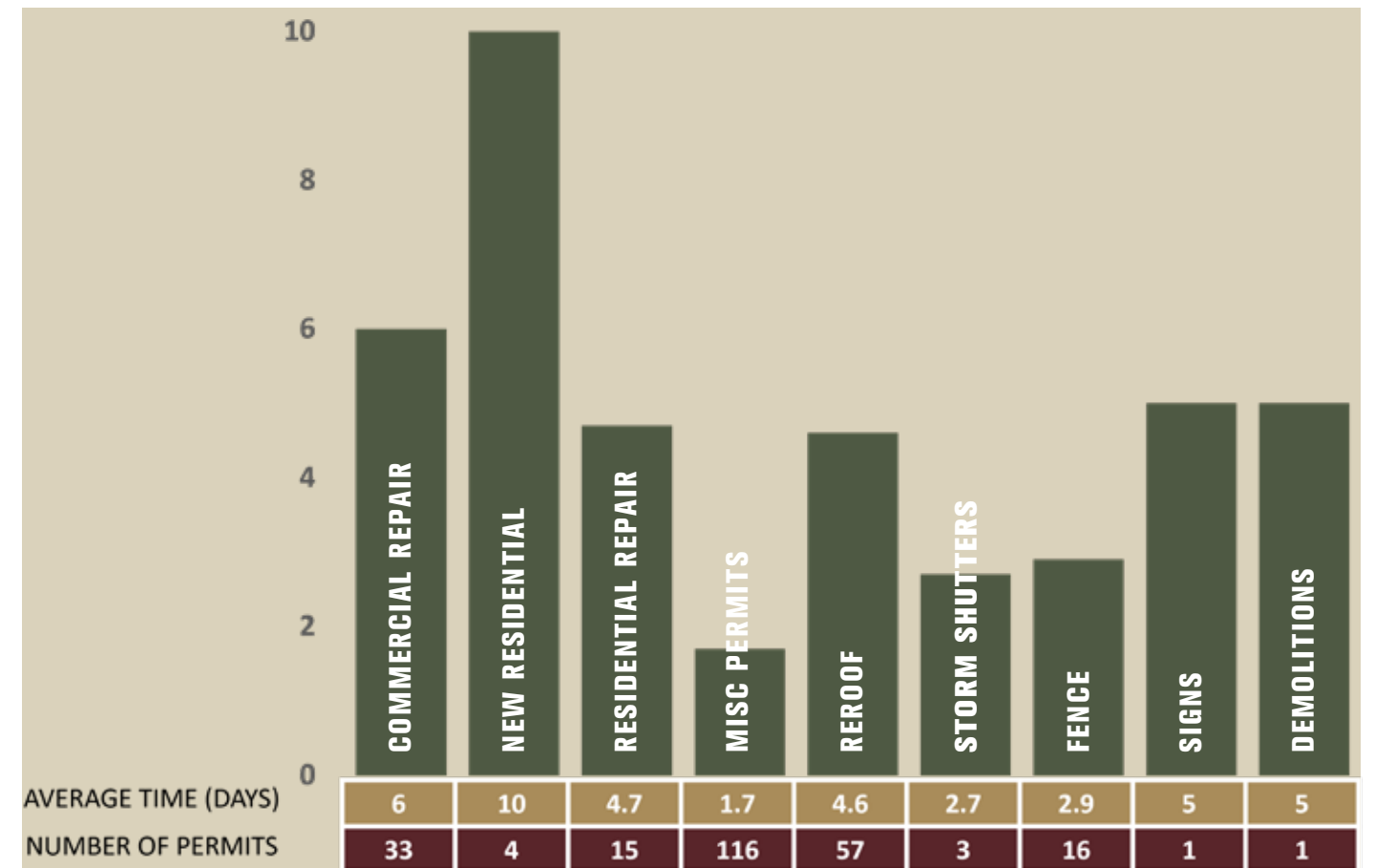
**OCTOBER 2023 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES**

\$624,752	NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS
\$2,850,000	NEW SITEWORK PERMITS
\$4,764,645	NEW SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX PERMITS

These figures are based on permits issued in October 2023 for New Construction



OCTOBER 2023 PLAN REVIEW PROCESSING TIME



## Senior Dog Gets a New Lease on Life!

Willow is an 8-year-old Beagle that came to the Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center as a stray. While the staff immediately fell in love with her, she was not a cute little fluffy puppy that most people come looking to adopt. At 8-years old, she is a senior dog who would require a little extra love and care... little did we know how much extra love and care she would need.

Approximately a year ago, Mary Rowse and David Drew, who had never owned a dog before but wanted to just “look around” to see if they could find one, laid eyes on Willow and fell in love. They knew about Willow’s age, did not mind, and agreed to foster Willow pending her sterilization surgery, which was required to finalize the adoption. But when the veterinarian started the surgery, they found cancerous tumors throughout her body and contacted Summer Rulapaugh, Operations Manager, requiring an immediate decision – to either euthanize or remove the tumors with an unknown outcome. Of course, Summer chose the surgery and gave Willow a chance to fight!

The vet estimated that Willow would only live six months to a year. But everyone chipped in – from Willow’s new owners, to the staff at the Adoption Center, even to Animal Control who helped transport Willow from the vet to her new home. The healing process for Willow was extensive but according to her new “parents” it was worth all the trouble and extra care they needed to give. They said even if she only



lived six months, it would be the best six months of her life.

It is a year later, and Willow is fully healed and is a very happy (definitely extra spoiled!) dog and super playful. She still comes to visit everyone at the Adoption Center and recently joined in the fun at our “Howl-O-Ween” adoption event. We could not be happier for Willow and her happy ending!

We are incredibly thankful to Mary Rowse and David Drew for opening their hearts and home to Willow and encourage everyone looking to add a new member to their family to consider a senior dog or cat and make a difference in their lives.



## Veterans Day Ceremony

The Fort Pierce Police Department was honored to take part in Frances K. Sweet Elementary School’s Veterans Day ceremony on November 9, 2023. Several military veterans who serve as police officers and civilian staff took part in the wonderful event, which included a parade through the bus loading zone in front of cheering students.

Students at the school prepared letters and written poems to show their appreciation for the veterans’ service to our country. Presentations also were made by students from each grade level.

After the ceremony, students served breakfast to the veterans and they were presented with certificates thanking them for their military service.



At the podium - FK Sweet Principal Makeda Brome

**Ohio Avenue  
(US Highway 1 to 11th Street)**

Construction underway. The contractor has broken the construction into two (2) phases with the first phase of construction extending between Sunrise Boulevard and 11th Street. Current construction activities include the installation of the potable water system. The roadway improvements include new drainage, potable water, and sanitary sewer collection systems along with a new roadway, curb & gutter, sidewalks, streetlighting, and limited landscaping.



Potable Water Installation at Sunrise

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

A second coordination meeting was scheduled with FDOT for November 28. One topic for discussion is environmental documentation. A complete bid package is being prepared to send to FDOT for approval. We are awaiting a funding agreement from FDOT for approval and signature.

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

The roadway construction of Avenue B from 13th Street to 8th Street is essentially complete. Utility work (AT&T) remains and is anticipated to be complete in January. Until utility installations are complete, sidewalk in the locations of existing utility poles has not been constructed.



Avenue B at 11th Street

**2023  
Annual Pavement Marking Contract**

The striping work on Delaware Avenue is being reviewed. Work remains to be completed on Okeechobee Road.

**2023  
Annual Resurfacing Contract**

Staff continues to work to finalize the contract with the selected contractor.



# Indian Hills Golf Course

Mother Nature has already been a huge help this Fall, with several days of unexpected rain. It would be extremely beneficial for us to receive continued rain one or two nights per month as we get into the cooler winter season. Coming off our best Revenue in October ever, November has been equally strong! With the much improved course conditions and the new cart fleet, we are excited heading into the winter months with our best product in years.

Our annual "Turkey Shootout" held on Thanksgiving morning each year was SOLD OUT again! With 120 players in attendance, everyone had a great time and we raised a few hundred pounds of food and just over \$350 in cash for the Treasure Coast Food Bank!!

We are also a drop site for the "Toys for Tots" program, so if you're looking to donate any toys for children this holiday season please drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the Golf Shop. With so many people struggling this time of year, any donation you can provide goes a long way to helping those in need in our community!



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.

## IHGC MONTHLY SALES REPORT

	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023
<b>Golf Rounds</b>	2,323	3,400
<b>Golf Fees</b>	\$52,277.48	\$82,626.50
<b>Range Tokens</b>	\$1,552.08	\$2,503.15
<b>Membership Fees</b>	\$510.00	6,800.00
<b>Food &amp; Beverages</b>	\$6,921.07	\$8,636.06
<b>Merchandise</b>	\$2,284.98	\$3,861.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,545.61</b>	<b>\$104,427.23</b>



## Fallen Heroes Bicycle Ride

On November 1, the Fort Pierce Police Department was honored to join with our colleagues from the Port St. Lucie Police Department, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, the Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Indian River County Sheriff's Office as part of the law enforcement escort for the 2023 Cycling for Fallen Heroes bike ride. The 2023 Ride was dedicated to 28 fallen Florida first responders who died in the line of duty last year while protecting their communities, including local Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Senior Investigator Kyle Patterson.

The ride, which included first responders from across the Sunshine State, started in Naples on October 27, 2023, and ended in Miami on November 4, 2023. It covered more than 600 miles and riders averaged about 70-90 miles per day.



## Thanksgiving Meals Delivered to Local Families

Fort Pierce Police officers teamed up with Family Meals Inc., members of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and other volunteers on the morning of November 18, 2023, to deliver free Thanksgiving meals to a number of local families. The meals included a turkey or chicken, stuffing, vegetables, cornbread, a tasty dessert and dog or cat food for those with pets.

A huge thank you goes to Officer Elia Velasquez, Officer Alexis Diaz, Officer Mary Stephens, Officer Alix Deneau, Family Meals Inc., St. Lucie County Sheriff's deputies and everyone who helped put smiles on the faces of more than 500 families this holiday season!

Family Meals Inc. helps families that fall between the cracks of traditional social services provide the positive impact of sharing a family meal.





## Police Department Receives \$50,000 Grant

The Fort Pierce Police Department was honored to receive a \$50,000 grant on November 13, 2023 from the St. Lucie County Education Foundation. The Resiliency Through the Community grant, presented for the Police Department's R.I.C.H. project, will provide local students with opportunities to learn through the use of reading, media and technology rooms and a variety of activities connected to those resources.



## Youth Program Activities Update

A truly great season and post season playoff for Fort Pierce Firehawks football has been completed! The Firehawks Football and Cheer Program 10U-Red team won it's Conference Championship game in Okeechobee and received top honors during the post-season activities.

Coach Devarieuv Dickerson and the 10U-Red Firehawks Football team's 11-1 record earned them a spot in the playoff for the 2023 Treasure Coast Football Conference 10U-D2 Championship Title, which they won for the second year in a row. Way to go Firehawks!!

The following week, on November 4, the team advanced to the SE Region Semi-finals 1st round and defeated the New Smyrna Beach Cudas, giving them an overall 12-1 record for the 2023 season.

Unfortunately, on November 11, in the SE Region Semi-finals 2nd round, the Firehawks fell short of maintaining their winning streak, losing to the Belleview Tigers. The coaching staff, through their leadership and mentorship of the team, praised the outstanding efforts of the



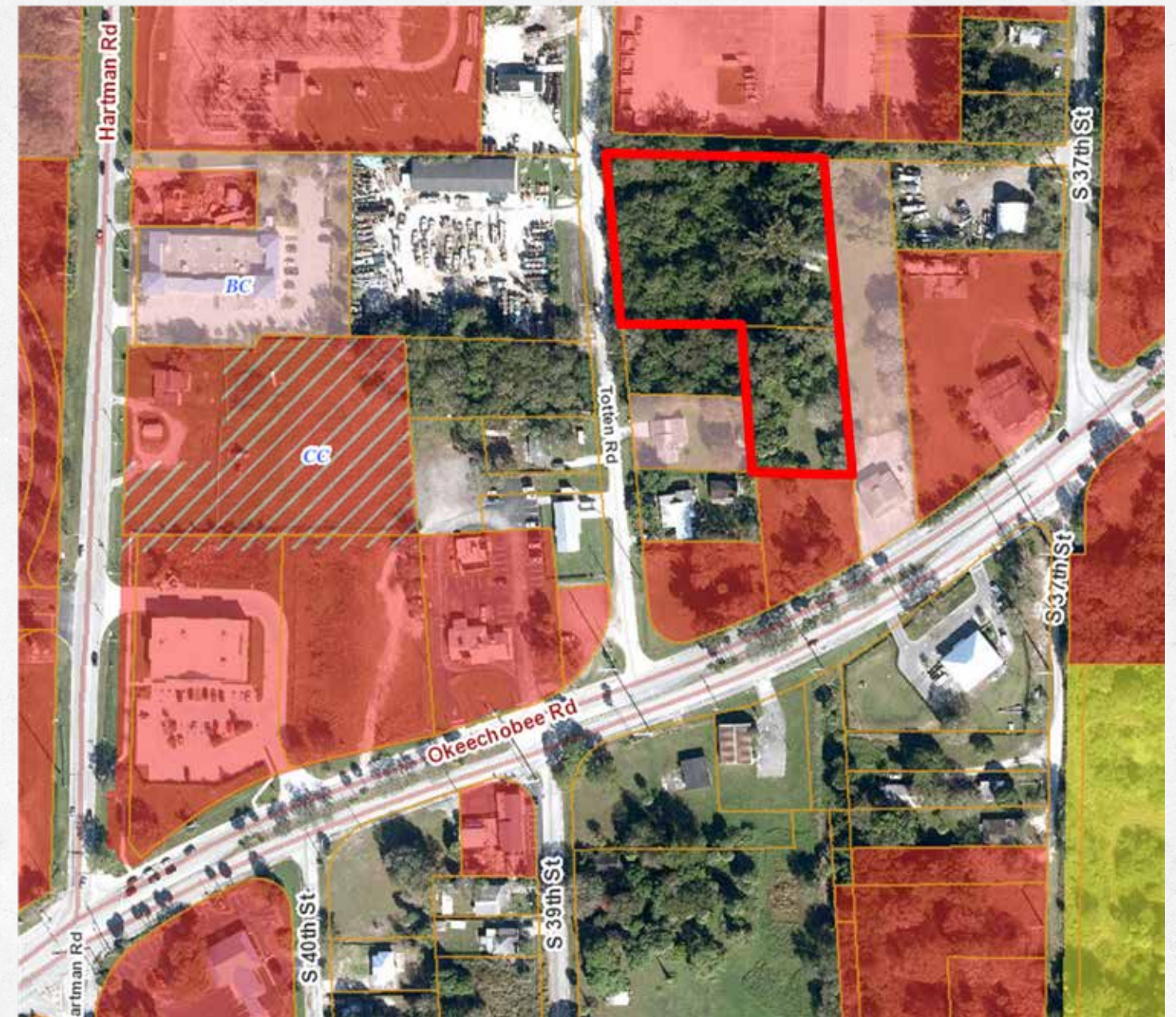
team members as a whole, which helped the players understand the importance of maintaining discipline and team-work on and off the field. 90% of team members have played together with the Firehawks coaching staff since the age of 5 years old.

The resilience of the team and their brotherly bond has the team looking forward to the 2024 season. "Let's Go Hawks!" We'll see them next year!!



## PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

The City Commission approved the annexation of three parcels totaling 2.44 acres located off Totten Road into the Fort Pierce city limits. The property was assigned a City Future Land Use of GC, General Commercial, and a City Zoning of C-3, General Commercial.



# October 2023 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Unpermitted Construction Activity	1	0	0.0	0.0	1	1	0.0	0.0
General	4	1	0.0	0.9	6	1	4.6	9.1
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	-	-	-	-	1	0	3.6	0.0
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	-	-	-	-	1	1	1.0	2.5
Drainage Issues	-	-	-	-	2	1	0.2	0.3
Erosion and Sediment Control	-	-	-	-	2	0	0.0	0.0
Illicit Discharge	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	0.0
Roadway Construction	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Traffic Signal	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Parks and Playgrounds	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Pothole	1	1	0.0	0.0	5	1	0.8	0.3
Street Light	1	0	0.0	0.0	3	1	0.5	0.1
Trash and Recycling	4	3	0.3	1.2	5	2	0.5	0.1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>

Please use this link to view a map of the Fort Pierce City Commission Election Districts:

<https://cityoffortpierce.com/DocumentCenter/View/22378/City-Election-Districts-Map-2022>

- BUILDING DEPARTMENT
- COMMUNITY RESPONSE
- ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
- PUBLIC WORKS



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

- AE ENGINEERING, INC
- AMERICAN MEMORIAL LIFE INSURANCE
- BATT ENTERPRISES LLC
- BERNAL, YOHESMIRA
- COASTAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC
- COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE
- DIANASHOP
- DORADO HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
- DWYER, LINDA
- EXTRAVAGANT TOUCH "L.L.C."
- GARCIA PLANTATION SHUTTERS, LLC
- GONANO LAW, PLLC
- GOULD, ALYSSA
- GREEN THUMBS UP SEEDS
- JCF CONCRETE INC
- LEAL, VERONICA
- LIVE OAK DETOX
- LONG, ERIN
- LUCKY CEE VEE INC
- LYLYJUSTLYLY
- RADIOLOGY IMAGING ASSOCIATES
- SAINT LOUIS, KAHISA
- SCALES, CHRISTOPHER
- SECURITY MUTUAL LIFE INS CO. OF NEW YORK
- SERGEYEVA, LARISA
- SIERRA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE CO INC
- SOLIS QUALITY PAINTING LLC
- SUN LIFE FINANCIAL DBA RYAN LLC
- SUNSHINE GAS LLC
- TACKLE BOX HOLDINGS LLC
- THE CHESAPEAKE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
- THE NASSAU COMPANIE OF NEW YORK
- TREASURE COAST BAGEL BAKERY
- TREASURE COAST DUSTLESS LLC
- TREASURE COAST HVAC DBA ONE HOUR AIR
- TREASURE COAST ROOFING, LLC
- UNITED STATES LIABILITY INSURANCE CO
- VIET BOWL LLC
- YCV CARPENTRY INC
- YELLOWSTONE DUMPSTER RENTAL LLC



## Educational Children's Performance

Thanks to the Sunrise Theatre Foundation approximately 550 children from 8 different schools enjoyed an educational school-time performance by Steve Trash Science in November. The Foundation provided bus transportation to the students so they could enjoy the performing arts. The goal of the Sunrise Theatre Foundation is to bring the theater experience of the performing arts to the children of the Treasure Coast and to support improvements to the Sunrise Theatre, which will fulfill its purpose within the community.

The Foundation also co-sponsored summer camps, which were performed on the Sunrise Theatre's stage. During summer camps, campers rehearsed and presented their plays on a professional stage. The children enjoyed an exceptional experience and gained true working knowledge of the theater.

The Sunrise Theatre Foundation also played a huge role in this year's 100-year centennial celebration, the Sunrise Theatre Speakeasy. The partnership between the theatre and the foundation continues to grow strong as they work to bring in more children to enjoy the historic theatre and the performing arts.



## 2023 HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**DOWNTOWN FRIDAY FEST**  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st  
 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
 MARINA SQUARE  
 772.466.3880

**SIGHTS & SOUNDS ON 2ND ST.**  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd  
 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
 PARADE STARTS AT 4:00 PM  
 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN  
 772.466.3880

**CHRISTMAS ON MOORE'S CREEK**  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th  
 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM - SK RUN / WALK  
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - TOY GIVEAWAY  
 / HEALTH & WELLNESS FESTIVAL  
 434 N. 7th STREET  
 772.462.2481

**HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE**  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th  
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
 STARTS AT MARINA SQUARE  
 772.692.7599

**COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR**  
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th  
 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
 FORT PIERCE YACHT CLUB  
 772.466.3880

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR**  
 DECEMBER TO JANUARY  
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
 MARINA SQUARE  
 772.467.3000

### River Walk Center Sales Report October 2023

Classes	\$950.91
Park Permits	\$1,675.00
Special Events	\$1,925.00
Facility	\$4,868.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,419.39</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."*