



# COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS

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# FPRA Paint Program



**DOES YOUR PROPERTY NEED A FACELIFT?**

Receive a reimbursable grant up to **\$1,000**



**VOLUNTEER**

*Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful*

**GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP**

*Food, Fun, Prizes, Free T-Shirt and*




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# TARGETED APPROACH

- Volunteer Efforts
- Government Partnerships
- Public Works
- Code Enforcement

THE WAY TO GET  
STARTED IS TO QUIT  
TALKING AND BEGIN  
DOING.

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# VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

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- South Beach Association
- Hibiscus Park Neighborhood Association
- Fort Pierce Lions Club
- Manatee Center Volunteers
- Marine Clean Up Initiative

# ADOPTION EFFORTS

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- Adopt a Street
  - Approximately 20 streets have been adopted.
- Adopt a Park
  - Rotary Park
  - Jaycee Park
    - Kiwanis
    - Westside
    - South Beach Association
  - Veterans Park
    - Students4H2O



# OKEECHOBEE ROAD CORRIDOR

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Working with businesses to assist with the litter removal: providing supplies to interested parties.



Routine inspection of the corridor.



Collaboration with our State and County partners on items outside of City of Fort Pierce responsibilities.



# GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

The Great American Cleanup is Fort Pierce's largest annual litter cleanup and beautification event.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE:

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8 AM until Noon

# QUARTERLY COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

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- Community Clean Up events are citywide events and individuals, families, and organizations are encouraged to join! Participants get to choose the times and the locations they wish to clean up in Fort Pierce and are encouraged to share their city pride by posting photos on social media.
- Citizens can participate in one of our upcoming Community Cleanups:
  - 3.9.2024- Great American Cleanup
  - 6.1.2024 - Community Cleanup
  - 9.28.2024 - Community Cleanup
- Parties wanting to participate are encouraged to register online on the City of Fort Pierce website.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

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## LITTER AND DEBRIS

- Assessing current trash receptacle routes
- Ordering additional receptacles
- Relocation of under-utilized containers

## BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

- Seeking assistance in high traffic areas
- Providing supplies to interested parties: buckets, grabbers, etc...

# CONCERNS REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Report an issue on  
**SeeClickFix**



- SeeClickFix
- Phone calls
- Emails

# CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

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## Staffing

- As of 12/12/2023, Code Enforcement is fully staffed and is catching up on case back log.

## Foreclosures

- Several foreclosures were completed in 2023 with very successful results.
- Fifteen properties have been prepared to initiate the 2024 cycle.

## Nuisance Abatement

Re-write of the ordinance is underway which will hopefully increase our compliance rate for lot clearing and other nuisance abatement issues.

# CHAPTER 24 – NUISANCE ABATEMENT

## OLD PROCESS

- Send notice of violation.
- Post property as a nuisance.
- If non-compliant, a City vendor completed the work.
  1. Work intensive – certified mail, plus regular mail, plus posting.
  2. Very low compliance rate.
  3. Recent complaints about the price being assessed by vendors.

## NEW PROCESS

- Immediate hearing before the Special Magistrate, which is permissible by state statute if the violation is for life/health/safety.
- Special Magistrate's order will declare the nuisance and order the work to be done or the City will complete the work and the cost, PLUS DAILY FINES, will be assessed.
  1. In general, cases scheduled to be heard by the Special Magistrate have a very high compliance rate PRIOR to the hearing.
  2. Hopefully, the possibility of daily fines in addition to the cost of services will compel compliance before a vendor is needed.



# SUMMARY

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- Utilizing volunteers, community partners and staff, the City of Fort Pierce is making every effort to address community issues throughout the city, with a focus on the main corridors.
- The efforts remain ongoing and will hopefully expand as more businesses and partners join the effort.
- **COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?**

