

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



MARCH 2024

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# Florida Cracker Trail Parade

The Fort Pierce Police Department provided security and traffic control on the morning of February 24, 2024, for the 37th Annual Florida Cracker Trail Association Cross State Ride. The parade, led by Trail Boss Robert Wolfe, his wife, Kathy, and their 5-year-old granddaughter, Ella Johnson, featured close to 60 riders who were welcomed by a large crowd along the route through the Downtown area. The annual ride recreates the old Florida cowboys cross-state cattle drives that began in the 1850s to drive cattle to Florida ports for shipment to Key West, Cuba, and other destinations. This year's ride started on February 17 in Bradenton and followed traditional route highways, entering Fort Pierce on State Road 68 (Orange Avenue) on February 24, and continuing through Downtown.



# Indian Hills Golf Course

We have had a GREAT start to our fiscal year!! Through February, we will be in excess of 3,000 rounds above last year through the same five month period. In conjunction with the increased rounds, our Revenues are in excess of \$150,000 more than last year over the same five month stretch. Our turf doctor has been instrumental in our success and when we can FINALLY get some warmer weather, we will again begin to aggressively grow grass. Keeping with the same agronomy programs, we should have a complete and healthy stand of turf through the entire course at the end of the coming summer.

We are also excited about the possibility of our future addition of 4 Pickleball Courts on site!!

We will firm up all the details as we get closer, but we will be offering an annual membership for both residents as well as non-residents.

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.



Monthly Sales Report	DECEMBER 2023		JANUARY 2024	
	Golf Rounds	4,068	4,841	
	Golf Fees	\$126,081.80	\$150,332.33	
	Range Tokens	\$4,155.31	\$4,982.21	
	Membership Fees	\$9,903.45	\$11,091.57	
	Food & Beverages	\$8,394.16	\$11,494.51	
	Merchandise	\$6,157.50	\$7,509.36	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$154,692.22</b>	<b>\$185,409.98</b>	



The Zora Neale Hurston Foundation, Lincoln Park Main Street, and Incubate Neighborhood Center Inc.

One of the attractions that drew high participation by attendees was the Highwaymen Heritage Trail Tour. This Guided Trail Tour aboard a chartered luxury bus began when the event opened and during the day more than 150 people participated in the tour guided by Pamela Carithers, Executive Director of Lincoln Park Main Street. Ms. Carithers kept the attendees engaged by explaining the history of the area and the significance of each stop on the tour.

Despite some rain and windy weather conditions, this 7th Annual Highwaymen Art Show and Festival was a success with positive feedback from attendees and the Original and 2nd Generation artists who were able to display and sell their artwork and enjoy fellowship with one another and community members.



## Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival

The City of Fort Pierce held its 7th annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival on Saturday, February 17, from 10am-4pm on the corner of 7th Street and Avenue D near Moore's Creek Linear Park in the heart of Lincoln Park. This Festival is a tribute to the world-renowned Florida Highwaymen artists and their contribution to the rich cultural history of the Lincoln Park neighborhood and Fort Pierce, the birthplace of the Highwaymen artists movement. These unique artists are said to have begun the "last great American Art Movement of the 20th Century."

The Festival featured many of the "historic Original" and 2nd Generation Highwaymen artists who were present displaying and selling their art, as well as tribute booths for several revered artists who are no longer with us. Over 500 people in attendance from across Florida as far away as Florida's west coast and Miami enjoyed music provided by local radio DJ Mighty Michael, live performances by local artists Kayy-Love Band, a Drumline performance by Future Generations of SLC, food vendors, craft vendors, a Kid's Zone, and displays from local community organizations such as





Trinity Lutheran Church (Major Amendment) - Site Location

## PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

The City Commission approved a request for a Major Amendment to add a 6,530 sq. ft. classroom building, to be used in association with religious education and day care programs, at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 2011 S. 13th Street, Fort Pierce. The proposed building, a prefabricated modular structure, will be located along the western side of the existing developed area of the property and substantially screened by existing landscaping. The proposed use will require minor modifications to the existing parking lot and site stormwater systems.



## Historic Designation of Little Jim Bait & Tackle

The Historic Designation of Little Jim Bait & Tackle moved through its first step as the Historic Preservation Board approved the recommendation. Located just inside the inlet, the "Little Jim Bait and Tackle" site has served the local and transient fishing community for over 60 years after its former role as the main gate guardhouse of the US Navy amphibious and underwater demolition training base. The site, located on the north shore of Jim Island along Highway A1A, is well known and popular with locals and visitors for its history, fishing and "old Florida" appeal. The recommendation follows the decision by the City Commission, at its December 11th, 2023, City Conference Agenda meeting, to pursue a historic designation for the property.



## Tip A Cop

The Fort Pierce Police Department teamed up with the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office to stage the agencies' first Tip A Cop event of 2024.

The event, which supports Special Olympics Florida, took place on Friday, February 16, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Meating Street in Port St. Lucie. Officers and Deputies worked as servers to earn tips that were donated to Special Olympics. The money raised – a whopping \$5,800 – will help athletes participate in year-round sporting events at no cost to them or their families.



## City Marina Financial Report

	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<b>Dockage Reservations</b>	204	144	191
<b>Monthly Dockage</b>	\$218,349.93	\$172,980.68	\$195,718.09
<b>Transient Dockage</b>	\$120,703.40	\$117,326.49	\$121,809.42
<b>Electricity</b>	\$9,575.89	\$9,850.07	\$8,740.63
<b>Retail</b>	\$18,099.03	\$21,980.19	\$19,011.99
<b>Gas Sales</b>	\$43,415.33	\$28,472.83	\$28,618.32
<b>Diesel Sales</b>	\$147,086.39	\$73,457.51	\$80,299.71
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$557,229.97</b>	<b>\$424,067.77</b>	<b>\$454,198.16</b>

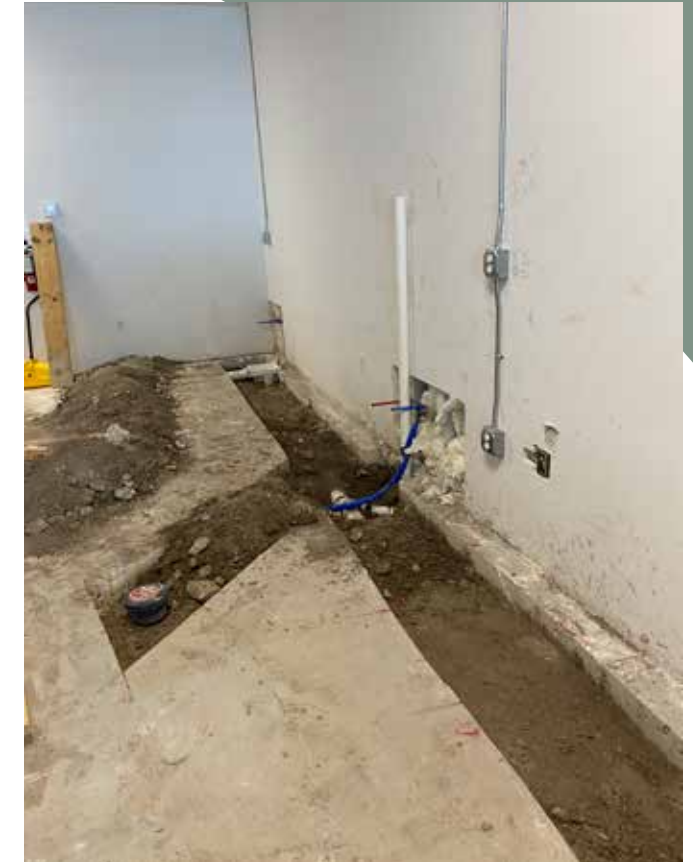
### EASTER AVENUE

A residence on Easter Ave recently had the building sewer pipe relined utilizing a process called Cured-in-Place Pipelining (CIPP). Although this is not a new technology, it has recently been incorporated into the 2023 Florida Building Code, Residential Code as an approved process. Instead of digging up and replacing the piping, the repair is performed by inserting a flexible felt tube typically made of polyester or fiberglass saturated in resin into the existing pipe. The resin then hardens to form another pipe within the original pipe. Once the work is completed, an inspection is performed internally by a video camera survey. The plumber also provides a certification to the Building Department that the relining materials have been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and the building code.



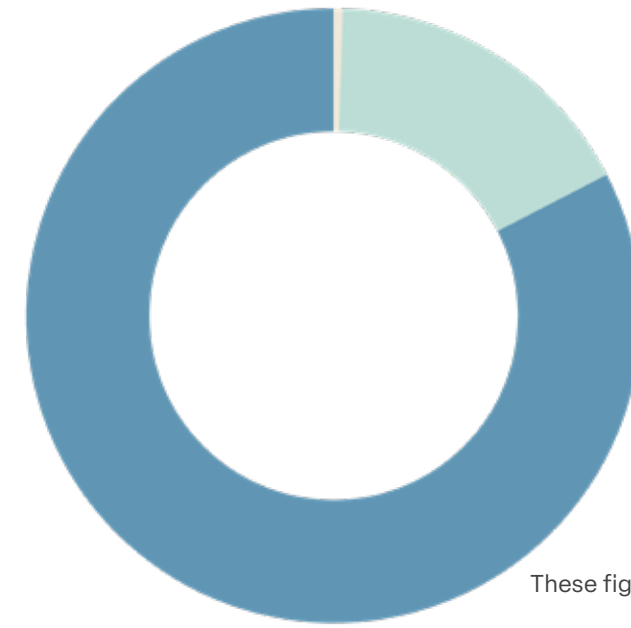
### 835 SEAWAY DRIVE

NYC Subs is coming soon to Phase 2 of Harbour Cay Plaza. The concrete slab has been cut and piping is being installed for the water supply, sanitary piping, and grease trap. A grease trap, or grease interceptor (not yet installed) is a device designed to intercept greases and solids before they enter the wastewater system. Grease traps are required to be installed in all commercial kitchens including but not limited to restaurants, ice cream shops, and coffee shops.



## 5555 OKEECHOBEE ROAD

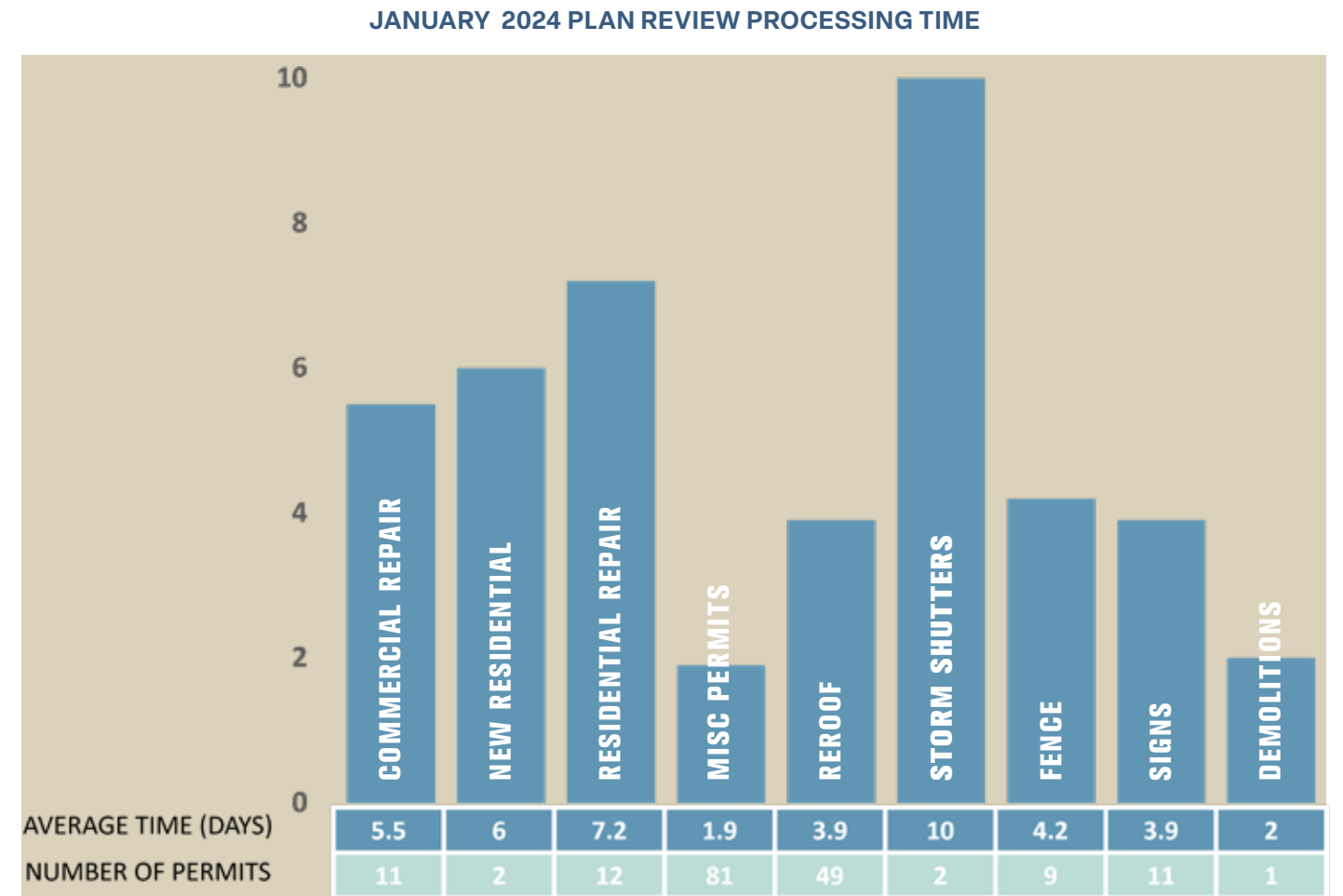
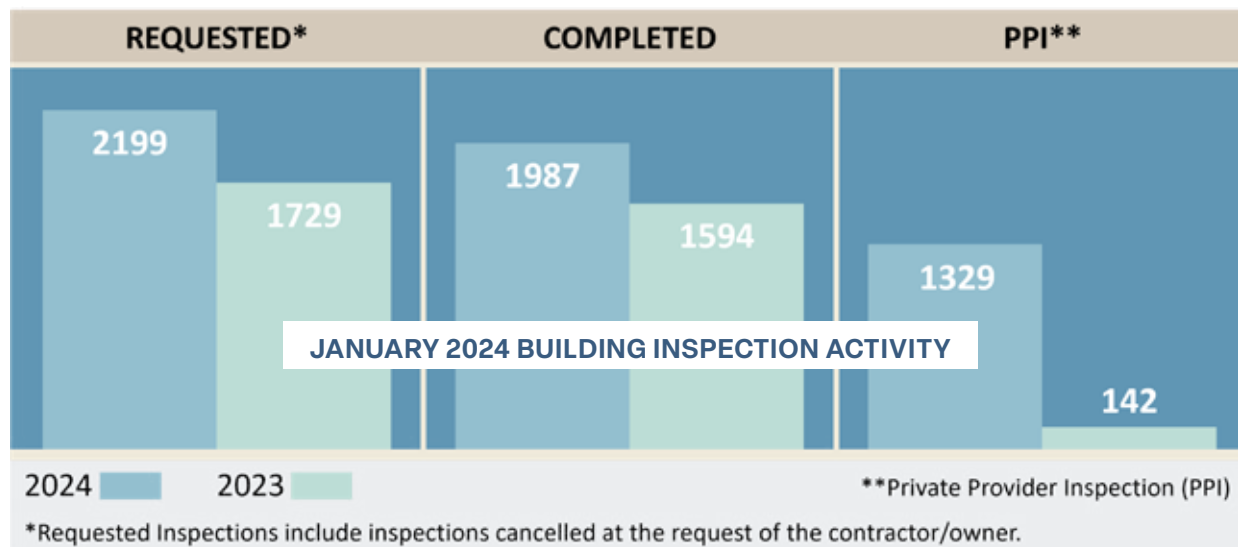
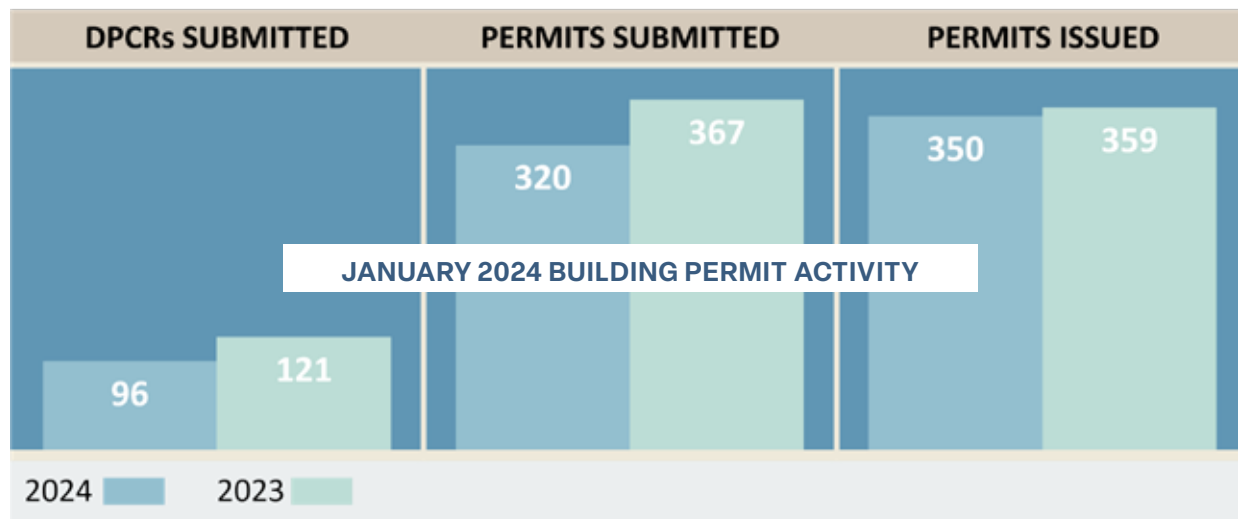
Stanton Optical now open! A Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for Stanton Optical near the intersection of Okeechobee Rd and Jenkins Rd. Stanton Optical is the newest business to open in the area along with Aldi, Chipotle, Seven Brew and Take 5 Oil Change.



**JANUARY 2024 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES**

\$34,000	NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS
\$1,217,000	NEW SITEWORK PERMITS
\$5,932,438	NEW SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX PERMITS

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





## Chart Your Course

Lieutenant Brian MacNaught and Detective Roberto Sarmiento of the Fort Pierce Police Department had a great time on February 22 talking with local students at the second annual Maritime and Marine Career Expo,

Chart Your Course, at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club. The officers answered plenty of questions about our Marine Unit, our AmeraCat police boat and various careers in law enforcement.



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



Phase I Construction

Construction of Phase I (Sunrise to 11th Street) is underway. The potable water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, street lighting conduit installation, curb and gutter construction and 75% of the sidewalk have been completed.

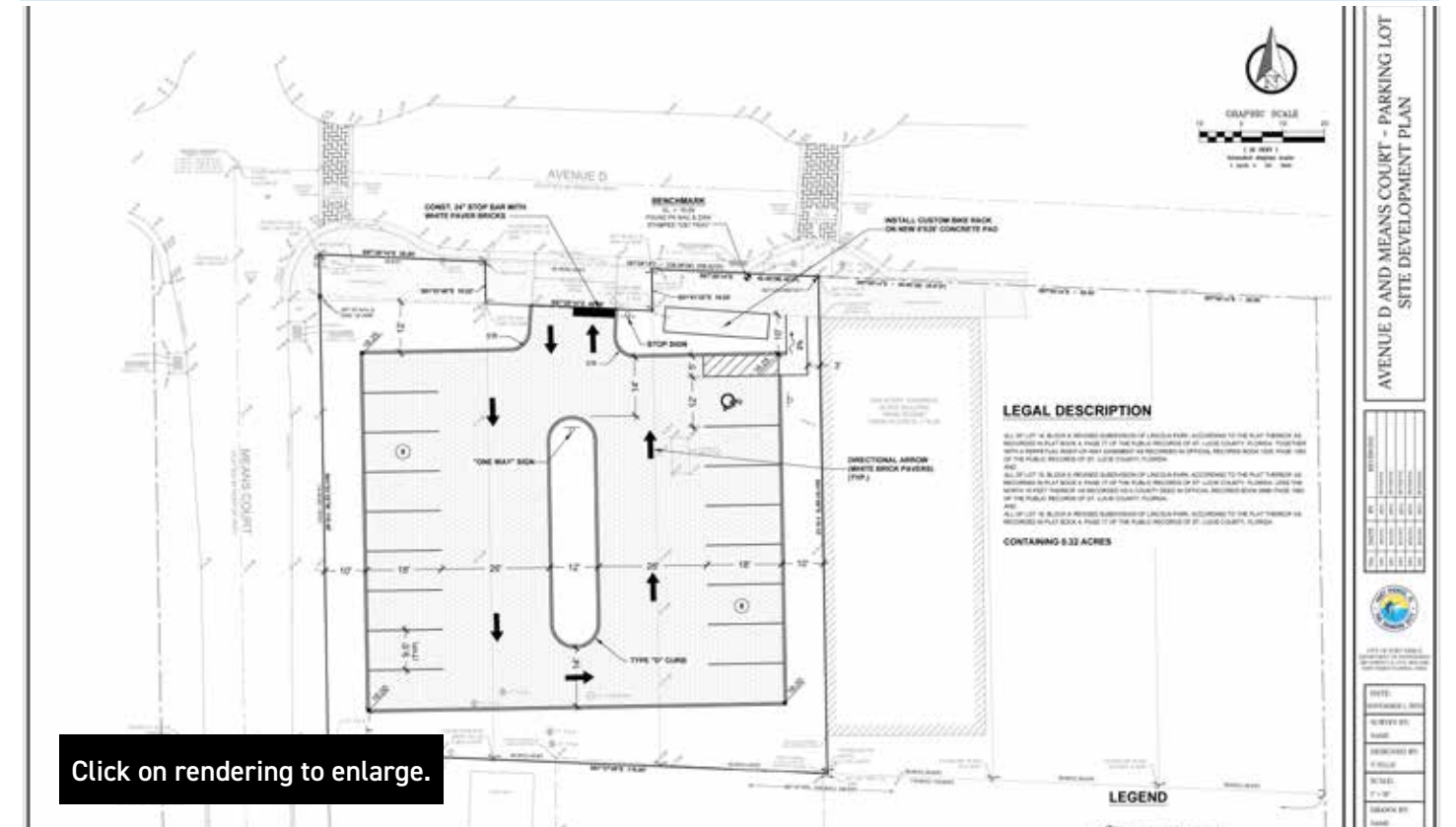
Phase II (US 1 to Sunrise) of the construction is underway with water main and service installation. The proposed roadway improvements include new drainage, potable water, and sanitary sewer collection systems along with a new roadway, curb & gutter, sidewalks, streetlighting, and limited landscaping.



Phase II Water Main Installation

### Avenue D and Means Court Public Parking Lot

Project design is complete. Anticipate advertising for bids in March 2024.



Click on rendering to enlarge.

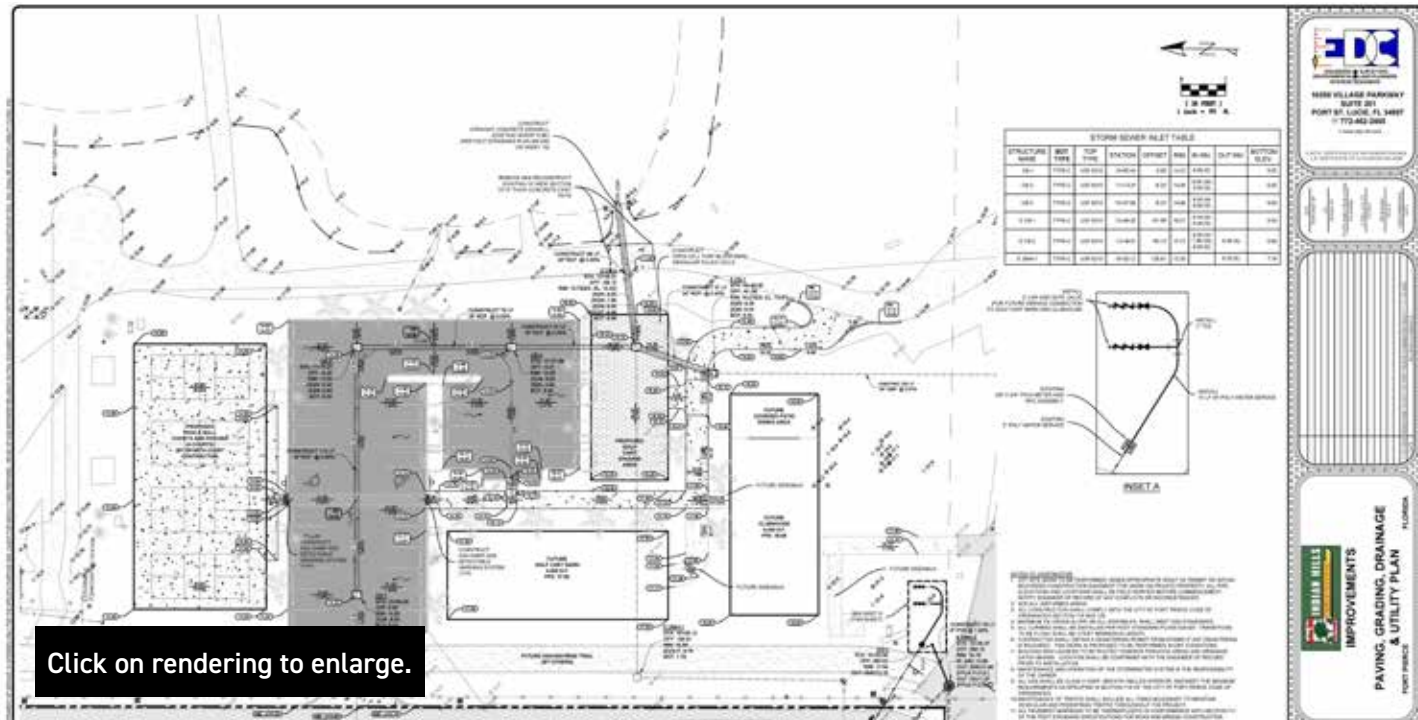
### 2023 Annual Resurfacing Contract

The contract has been fully executed and the contractor is preparing the fee proposal for the 2023 Street Resurfacing. Staff is preparing the 2024 list of streets for resurfacing.

### Indian Hills Golf Course Site Expansion Phase I

The proposed site expansion of the Indian Hills Golf Course includes Phase I development consisting of four (4) Pickleball Courts, paved parking lot for 36 vehicles, pervious paver golf cart staging area, landscaping, parking lot lighting, and utility connections for the Phase II improvements. Phase II improvements include the construction of a new clubhouse and golf cart barn.

Phase I bid opening was held on February 21, 2024, and staff is currently reviewing the bids. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2024 with construction completion estimated to be in November 2024.



Click on rendering to enlarge.

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

The FDOT funding agreement is in review by the City Attorney's office. The City is responding to FDOT comments and preparing certifications for utility clearance and environmental compliance. Final edits to the bid package continue.



## Wagging Tails on the Trails

On February 3, 2024, the first Wagging Tails on the Trails 5K Race was held to help support the Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center. Skies were blue and spirits were high as over 175 participants, both 2-legged and 4-legged, hit the trails of Pepper Park. City Commissioner Arnold Gaines gave the honorary "Go" to the runners and then joined everyone on the trails. The City of Fort Pierce was well represented with a team of runners/walkers and big congratulations to our own Noemi Rios for placing in her age group.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Nicole Savanello for all her hard work organizing this event. A great time was had by all and the proceeds from the race will be used to improve the play yards at the Adoption Center with a new water feature for the dogs to play in this summer.



# January 2024 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Unpermitted Construction Activity	1	0	9.6	7.0	1	0	0.0	0.0
Unsafe Structure	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	0.0
Abandoned Vehicle	3	3	1.1	4.7	1	0	1.8	0.0
Animal Control	1	1	0.0	0.7	3	2	6.8	0.9
General	2	0	5.9	0.0	3	2	1.0	6.2
Illegal Dumping	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.1	0.0
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	-	-	-	-	1	1	5.2	5.3
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	4	3	0.0	1.5	-	-	-	-
Drainage Issues	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Roadway Construction	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Traffic Signal	-	-	-	-	3	0	0.0	0.0
Pothole	-	-	-	-	2	1	1.1	8
Street Light	1	0	1.2	0.0	1	1	0.9	0.9
Street Sign	-	-	-	-	3	2	0.7	3.8
Trash and Recycling	2	2	10.1	10.1	3	2	5.0	4.6
Trees	1	1	5.2	7.1	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>

DTA - Days to Acknowledgement      DTC - Days to Close

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



## Courageous Kids Shoe Donations

The Fort Pierce Police Department worked alongside Mustard Seed Ministries, Shoes From Susan and DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse to provide almost 90 pairs of shoes to our Courageous Kids participants and those who take advantage of our Resources In Community Hope (R.I.C.H.) House. We truly appreciate the generosity of those organizations coming together with us to make such a huge difference in young lives!

Our Courageous Kids program facilitates building positive relations between our youth, the community and law enforcement. The program is dedicated to helping

our children and youths gain confidence and become courageous in their decision-making. The weekly mentorship takes place every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at First Step Park, located at Avenue G and North 31st Street in Fort Pierce.

Our Resources In Community Hope (R.I.C.H.) House, located at 2304 Avenue I in Fort Pierce, promotes individual, family and community involvement and well-being through reading, as well as understanding media and technology. It also offers a safe haven to do homework, use computers and have fun.



## R.I.C.H. House Opening Event

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, the Fort Pierce Police Department held a highly successful open house event for the Resources In Community Hope (R.I.C.H.) House, located at 2304 Avenue I in Fort Pierce. Officers and civilian personnel thoroughly enjoyed spending quality time with some great children and local residents who are big supporters of the program.

The R.I.C.H. House promotes individual, family and community involvement and well-being through reading, as well as understanding media and technology. It also offers a safe haven to do homework, use computers and have fun!

The R.I.C.H. House is open Monday-Thursday from 8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. and Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

## MARCH LINE UP



ONES BEATLES TRIBUTE

MAR 1



MIKE DELGUIDE

MAR 2



THE BEACH BOYS

MAR 3



TOM'S ELTON TRIBUTE

MAR 6



SOLDIER STRONG TOUR

MAR 7



LITTLE RIVER BAND

MAR 8



DAVE MASON TRAFFIC JAM

MAR 9



PASSION OF THE CHRIST

MAR 10



GRAND KYIV BALLET - GISELLE

MAR 13



BEE GEES NOW

MAR 14



RANDY RAINBOW

MAR 15



THE ULTIMATE ROCK CONCERT

MAR 16



GET THE LEAD OUT

MAR 21



TONY BENNETT TRIBUTE CONCERT

MAR 26



THE DOO WOP PROJECT

MAR 29



SPACE ODDITY-DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE

MAR 30

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# Upcoming Events

## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

- CARAF OIL 3030 MARKET LLC
- DK INTERNATIONAL REALTY, INC.
- THE HOME DETECTIVE
- M.R. GALARZA INC.
- RUEDA BUILES, OSWALDO
- MEDINA CARPENTRY INC.
- XKLUSIVE AUTO SALES LLC
- DAVID TILE & FLOORING OF FL INC
- COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE
- ROBINSON, IVY & HUNSUCKER, GREY
- FIRST NAILS SALON 2 LLC
- MAIN STREET EAST LLC
- COX CONTRACTING CO LLC
- WANDERLUST BOOK BOUTIQUE LLC
- C&D LANDSCAPING
- FLORIDA SOUTH COAST UNIVERSITY INC.
- CORNERSTONE CREATIVE ART STUDIO LLC
- COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE
- SOULSHINE WINDOW CLEANING
- OCEAN VILLAGE HOLDINGS, LLC
- COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE
- T. CHARLES SHAFER, ATTORNEY AT LAW. PLLC
- GILLIAM'S TOWING & TRANSPORT INC
- GILLIAM'S LANDSCAPING INC
- EMS SAFETY & HEALTHCARE TRAINING
- CARING HANDS & HEARTS OUTREACH INC

- Every Wednesday - Green Market - Marina Square 12 pm-6:30 pm
- Every Saturday - Jazz Market - Marina Square 8 am-1 pm
- Every Saturday - Downtown Farmer's Market - Marina Square 8 am-12 pm
- 3/14/24 Street Dreams on the Treasure Coast Car Show - 2nd Street 6pm-9pm
- 3/16/24 Manatee Center 5K - Manatee Center 8am-11am
- 3/16/24 St. Patrick's Day on 2nd Street - 12pm-11pm
- 3/17/24 Waterside Blues with Jazz Society - Marina Square 1pm-5pm
- 3/21/24 Dancin in the Street with Jazz Society - Second Street 5pm-9pm
- 3/22/24 Brown Bag Jazz Weeek - Marina Square 11am-2pm
- 3/30/24 Zora Neale Hurston Festival - 809 N 9th Street 9am-4pm

### River Walk Center Sales Report January 2024

Classes	\$1,600.16
Park Permits	\$1,721.95
Special Events	\$2,025.00
Facility	\$8,306.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,653.23</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."*