

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



APRIL 2024

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KEEP FORT PIERCE BEAUTIFUL

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

The Great American Cleanup and Arbor Day Celebration this year was hosted by the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful Board, the Public Works Department, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, the Manatee Center, and the City Commission.

This year's event was a huge success for the City of Fort Pierce! The event check-in and registration was set up at the Manatee Center, a new location with better visibility to the public. Over 400 volunteers of all ages participated in cleanup of litter on the waterfronts, downtown, canals, parks, and your local neighborhoods. UESI Underwater Engineering Services sent out a dive team to help recover litter underwater along the shoreline.

With the help of these volunteers, organizations, City employees and Fort Pierce Solid Waste we collected over 14 thousand pounds of litter and debris. Please give yourself a big round of applause. In addition, the City planted 30 new trees in two of our roundabouts in the city in recognition of Arbor Day.



The focus of this effort was litter – the paper, plastic, bottles, cans, diapers, and personal property carelessly disposed of that clutters our community public areas and neighborhoods. Every state, county and city shares the problem of litter within their limits. None are litter free and it is a constant battle. All seek ways to stop litter in their communities.

It takes the whole community to truly address our litter issues. Enforcement of regulations, publicity, and convenient disposal sites can slow it down. But the neighborhoods and volunteers personally addressing these issues will raise awareness in the community and show our visitors that we care and take pride in the place we live.

So please be part of the solution by volunteering to keep our beautiful home litter free!

Benefits of Volunteering:

- ✓ Connects you with others.
- ✓ New Friends and Contacts.
- ✓ Volunteering as a family. Children watch everything that you do.
- ✓ Increases your social and relationship skills.
- ✓ Happiness effects on your health.
- ✓ Provide career experience.
- ✓ Teach you job skills.
- ✓ Fun and fulfilment to your life.

Thank you all who participated for your time and dedication to our cause. Your support to Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful touches the whole community and our valued visitors.

Indian Hills Golf Course



We have had a GREAT start to our fiscal year!! Through March, we will be more than 4,000 rounds above last year through the same six-month period. In conjunction with the increased rounds, our Revenues are more than \$200,000 over last year for the same six month stretch. Our turf doctor has been instrumental in our success and now that it looks like we will be getting some warmer weather, we will again begin to aggressively grow grass. In keeping with the same agronomy programs, we should have almost a complete and healthy stand of turf through the entire course at the end of the coming summer. As the turf quality and health improves, that will begin to choke out many of the weeds that have been an issue through the recent years.

With some cooperative weather we are optimistic we will have a steady summer, as a few local courses will be closed for various maintenance projects. We are also looking forward to hosting a few group outings in the coming months. We will be

the host site for the Sunrise Kiwanis' Annual Shoot-Out in late April as well as a Women's Challenge Cup and two Charity fundraisers in June.

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 | JANUARY 2024 | | FEBRUARY 2024 | |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Golf Rounds | 4,841 | 4,889 | |
| | Golf Fees | \$150,332.33 | \$149,836.91 | |
| | Range Tokens | \$4,982.21 | \$6,176.28 | |
| | Membership Fees | \$11,091.57 | \$4,258.72 | |
| | Food & Beverages | \$11,494.51 | \$9,878.12 | |
| | Merchandise | \$7,509.36 | \$5,320.84 | |
| | TOTAL | \$185,409.98 | \$175,470.87 | |



A Dog Named Rain – A Love Story...

A white Husky was picked up by Animal Control after being hit by a car and rushed to the Veterinary Medical Center. He required surgery to save his leg. Thanks to donations to our HOPE Foundation, he received the surgery at VCA/Tri-County Animal Hospital. Unfortunately, the surgery was not successful, and it was quickly determined that to save Rain's life, he would need to have his leg amputated.

Sierra Worth, a groomer for VCA, met Rain while he was there for his first surgery and instantly fell in love. She knew Rain would need to be in a home environment to heal

safely and fully, so agreed to be his Foster Mom. Rain stayed with Sierra both before and after his surgery and she was able to help him with his recovery and provide him with the love and care he needed during this time.

Learning to be a "tripod" takes some time and adjustment. Being able to have this adjustment time under the care of a foster instead of at the Adoption Center is why Rain is such a success story. He was given the chance to heal without risking any other illnesses, without the high level of stress often found in a shelter environment, and

his Foster Mom helped him exercise with trips to the Farmers Market and walking around downtown.

Enter FPAAC's partner, Husky Haven. Operations Manager Summer Rulapaugh reached out to them because a record number of 8 Huskies were in residence at the center, including our story's Hero – Rain. Enter Elizabeth Bussler (our Heroine) who came to do an assessment of all the huskies and fell in love with Rain. Shortly after, Foster Mom Sierra met with Mom-to-Be Elizabeth and Rain's new sister at the FPAAC and as they say...they are now living happily ever after! Sierra still gets to see Rain when she "dog sits" for him occasionally.

The moral of this story – being a foster is so very important in the lives of the animals that go through the Animal Adoption Center, many of which have a medical or special need and will simply not survive in the shelter environment. Fostering will not only change the life of the animal, but it will also give you everlasting, loving memories that will stick with you always.

If you are interested in being a foster, would like more information regarding the HOPE Foundation or other ways you can help – please contact the FPAAC at 772-262-1662.



February 2024 SeeClickFix Summary

| CATEGORY | DISTRICT 1 | | | | DISTRICT 2 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| | CREATED | CLOSED | DTA | DTC | CREATED | CLOSED | DTA | DTC |
| Unsafe Structure | 1 | 0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Animal Control | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | - | - | - | - |
| General | 4 | 4 | 2.1 | 7.5 | 1 | 3 | 3.1 | 9.9 |
| Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Outside Storage/Junk/Trash | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| Erosion and Sediment Control Issues | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Roadway Construction | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Traffic Signal | - | - | - | - | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Pothole | 3 | 2 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 3 | 1 | 5.0 | 2.0 |
| Street Light | 4 | 2 | 1.9 | 2.6 | - | - | - | - |
| Street Sign | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 4.0 | - | - | - | - |
| Trash and Recycling | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 3.0 |
| TOTALS | 20 | 10 | 1.6 | 4.6 | 22 | 7 | 2.7 | 6.2 |

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



PLANNING DETERMINATIONS



Regatta Luxury Apartments

The City Commission approved a request for a Site Plan by property owner, BGDN LLC, to construct a 312-unit multi-family development named Regatta Luxury Apartments south of Graham Road on S. Jenkins Road in Fort Pierce. The project includes a Clubhouse, Barbeque and Pool area, Indoor Gym, Tot Lot, and other associated site improvements, including a developer contribution to construct a sidewalk which will connect to Samuel S. Gaines school to the south, in addition to completing off-site sidewalk connection gaps on the east side of Jenkins Road between the subject site and Okeechobee Road.



13 Police Officers Promoted

The Fort Pierce Police Department would like to congratulate the 13 officers who were promoted during a ceremony on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at the River Walk Center.

They include:

- Promoted to Captain: Lead Lieutenant Jason Braun and Lieutenant James Grecco.
- Promoted to Lieutenant: Acting Lieutenant David Cuti, Sergeant John Fasanello, Sergeant Kyle MacCarthy and Acting Lieutenant Onese Rene.
- Promoted to Sergeant: Acting Sergeant Dania Francois-Brown, Detective Troy Carter, Officer Brandy Grecco, Detective Candice Kernan-Fullen, Detective Joselito Simon, Detective Evens Saintilien and Officer Steven Sobon.



City Marina Financial Report

| | DECEMBER | JANUARY | FEBRUARY |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dockage Reservations | 144 | 191 | 191 |
| Monthly Dockage | \$172,980.68 | \$195,718.09 | \$159,214.49 |
| Transient Dockage | \$117,326.49 | \$121,809.42 | \$120,806.59 |
| Electricity | \$9,850.07 | \$8,740.63 | \$9,597.15 |
| Retail | \$21,980.19 | \$19,011.99 | \$20,988.98 |
| Gas Sales | \$28,472.83 | \$28,618.32 | \$43,022.02 |
| Diesel Sales | \$73,457.51 | \$80,299.71 | \$110,957.99 |
| TOTALS | \$424,067.77 | \$454,198.16 | \$464,587.22 |

GATEWAY PLAZA

A major renovation of Gateway Plaza at the corner of US Hwy 1 and Virginia Avenue is underway. Planet Fitness has just opened, renovation of the former Kmart has begun for the future space of Bravo Supermarket, and the shell building for Starbucks and T-Mobile is being constructed.



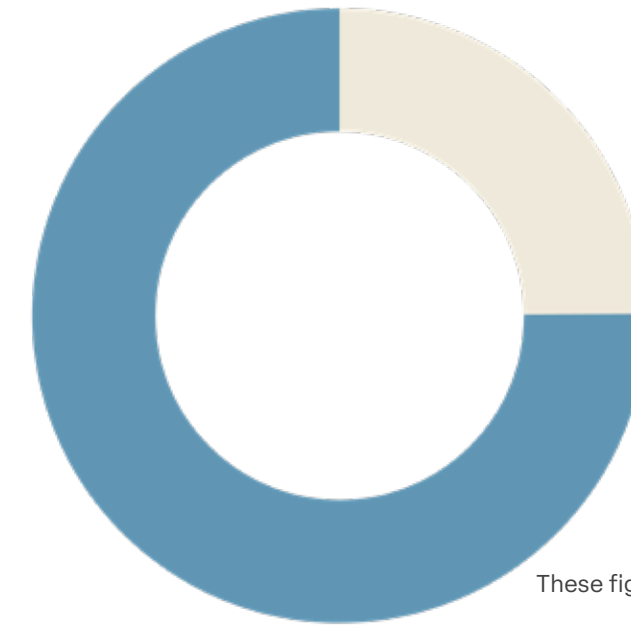
5553 S US HWY 1

The showroom for Wallace Hyundai is being framed out while block walls have been completed on the remainder of the building. The roof is being inspected in phases due to the scope of the project. Once completed, the interior space will start taking shape with ongoing inspections throughout the remainder of the project.



3350 S US HWY 1

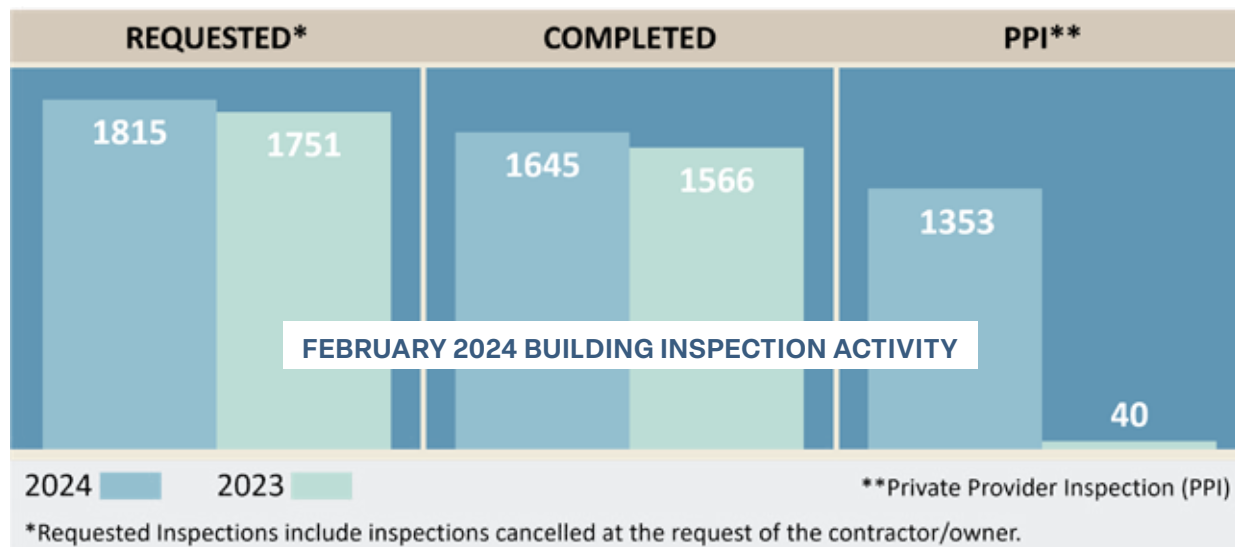
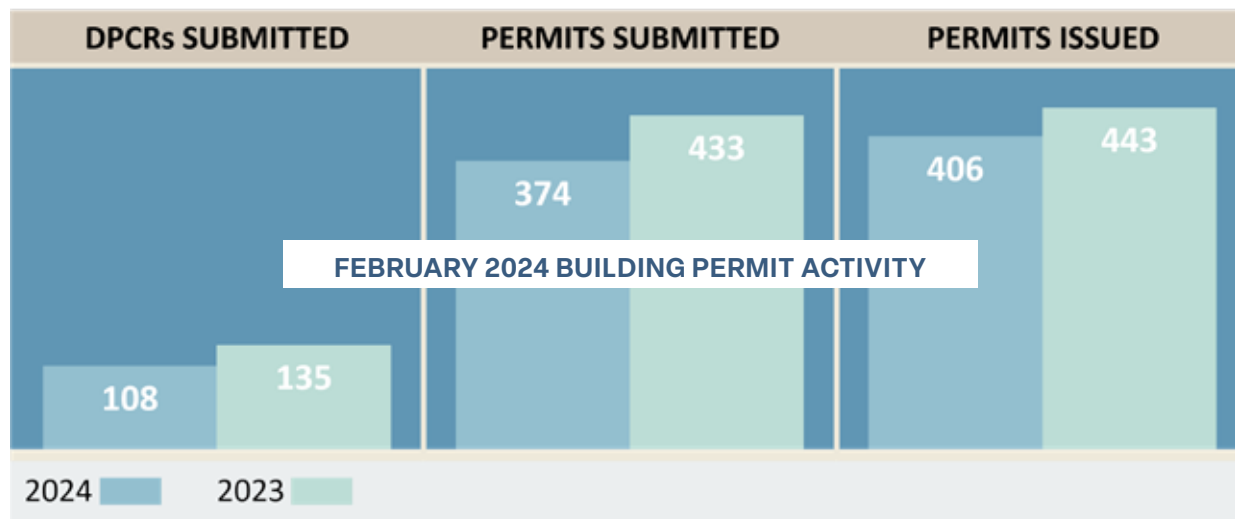
Renovation of Bev Smith Toyota is on-going. The exterior facade of the showroom and interior framing of walls is being done simultaneously to expedite construction. The dealership, service center and body shop remain open during renovations.



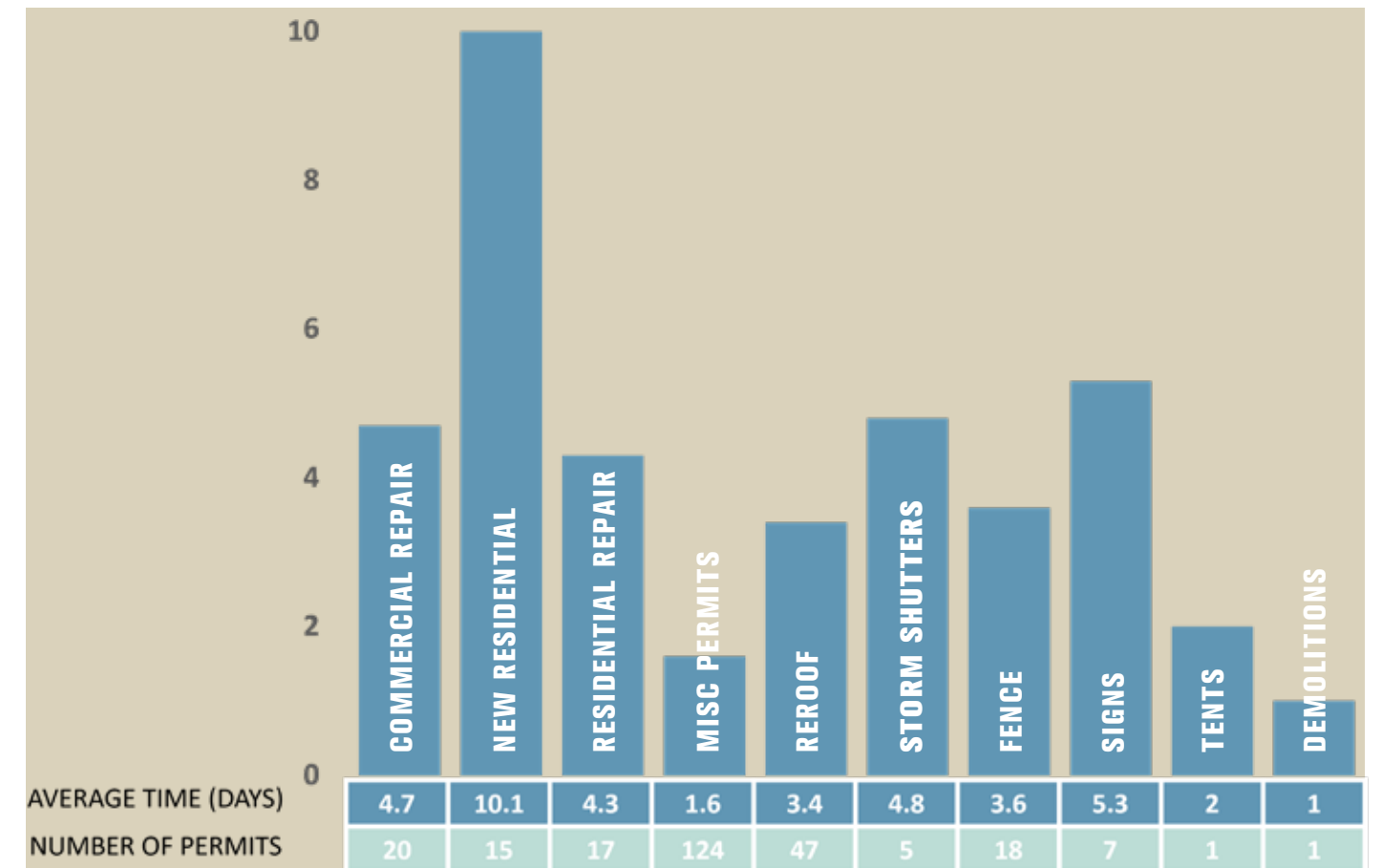
FEBRUARY 2024 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| \$2,723,605 | NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS |
| \$8,213,856 | NEW SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX PERMITS |

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



FEBRUARY 2024 PLAN REVIEW PROCESSING TIME



WORKSHOPS: SUNRISE THEATRE

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

JUNE 3-21

WE ARE ALL HEROES

JULY 8-26

CAMP HOURS:

M-F: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

E: INFO@STAGEFRIGHT ACADEMY.ORG
BOXOFFICE@SUNRISETHEATRE.COM

P: 772.461.4775



February and March were two very busy months, featuring an array of artists and bands. Yet, there is a lot more to the season with other big names coming in April and May, including Alan Cumming, Kevin James, Jeremy Camp and more. The Sunrise Theatre has had more shows this past season than any other, hosting a variety of amazing talent. Though the majority of current Sunrise Theatre patrons are seasonal or from the north, our goal is to add more shows to fill our calendar and keep up with the growth that the City of Fort Pierce has been experiencing.

Sunrise Theatre Summer Camp is here!! The Sunrise Theatre, in partnership with StageFright Academy, will host 2 separate, 3 week-long children's summer programs that culminate in a public performance starring local children, complete with professionally designed scenery and costumes. For more information contact the box office at 772-461-4775 or visit: <https://sunrisetheatre.com/childrens-summer-programs/>



Tip A Cop

\$5,800 RAISED FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Fort Pierce Police Department offered a huge thanks to everyone who came out to 2nd Street Bistro on March 8, 2024, to support Special Olympics Florida. Officers and civilian personnel joined with their colleagues from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office to put on a Tip A Cop event that raised \$2,625. That money was added to \$5,800 that was collected during an earlier Tip A Cop event and it will help athletes compete in many different sporting events at no cost to them or their families!



Ohio Avenue (US Highway 1 to 11th Street)



Phase I Construction

Construction of Phase I (Sunrise to 11th Street) is nearing completion with the street light installation scheduled for the end of March and the first lift of asphalt to be placed the first week of April 2024.

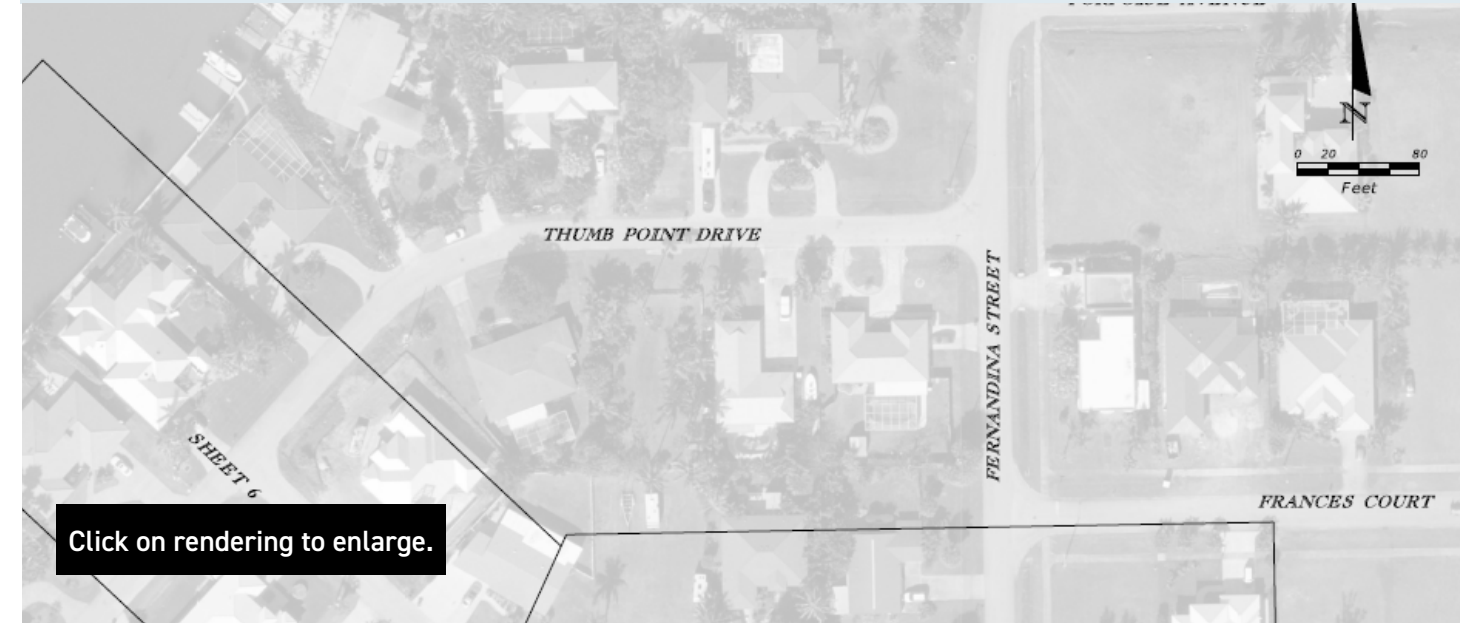
Phase II (US 1 to Sunrise) water main and service installation has been completed and pressure testing of the water main along with chlorination of the system is currently underway. Storm drainage installation is scheduled to commence the week of March 25, 2024. The proposed roadway improvements include 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

Frances Avenue Roadway Improvements

Bid package has been completed and forwarded to the Purchasing Department for advertisement. The work associated with this roadway improvement project includes drainage improvements, water main installation, utility adjustments and roadway restoration.



Click on rendering to enlarge.

Avenue D and Means Court Public Parking Lot

Bid package has been completed and forwarded to the Purchasing Department for advertisement.

Indian Hills Golf Course Site Expansion - Phase I

Phase I bid opening was held on February 21, 2024 and staff expects to request approval to award the construction contract to the lowest bidder at the April 15, 2024 City Commission meeting. Construction is anticipated for July 2024 with construction completion estimated to be in December 2024.

South 8th Street (between Emil Avenue and Howie Drive) Drainage Repairs

Drainage repairs on South 8th Street from Emil Ave to Edwards Road commenced on February 28, 2024. The drainage repairs will include drainage pipe replacement from corrugated metal to reinforced concrete. The pipes will be upsized from 15-inches to 18-inches. Additionally, new inlets, a manhole and a check valve will be installed, and the roadway restored. Utilities that conflicted with the stormwater improvements were also adjusted or relocated.



Corrugated Metal Pipes Removed

Drainage Pipe Replacement

APRIL & MAY LINE UP



KEVIN JAMES

APR. 3



ALAN CUMMING: UN CUT

APR. 5



POSTMODERN JUKEBOX

APR. 6



DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE

APR. 7



THE GUESS WHO

APR. 10



CREEDENCE REVIVED

APR. 13



JEREMY CAMP

APR. 16



LEONID & FRIENDS

APR. 19



JIM BREUER

MAY 11



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MAY 19

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Please join in the Fort Pierce Police Department congratulating their newest Police officers. They were sworn in on the afternoon of March 21, 2024 at the River Walk Center by Chief Diane Hobley-Burney.

During the swearing-in ceremony, family members, loved ones and friends of the 10

officers participated by taking part in the pinning ceremony.

The Fort Pierce Police Department welcomes these 10 new officers and wishes them long, successful careers as they proudly uphold the motto, "In Honor We Serve."



Upcoming Events

- 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
- 4/5/24 Friday Fest - Marina Square 5pm-9pm
- 4/11/24 Treasure Coast Car Show on 2nd Street - 6pm-9pm
- 4/19/24 Jazz on Moore's Creek - 438 N 8th Street 5:30pm-10pm

River Walk Center Sales Report February 2024

| | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Classes | \$792.93 |
| Park Permits | \$4,075.00 |
| Special Events | \$3,215.00 |
| Facility | \$10,844.90 |
| TOTAL | \$18,927.83 |

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 7BREW | FORT PIERCE FLAMINGO INN LLC |
| A&C PRESSURE WASHING SERVICES LLC | GIMME 5 "LLC" |
| APEX RESTORATION AND PROPERTY | IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST |
| BARRIOS PAINT SPECIALTY SERVICES | INK & HUE STUDIO |
| BROWNING, DARBY | JED BAIL BONDS LLC |
| BRUSH MASTERS LLC | JED MULTI SERVICES LLC |
| CALIBER FT. PIERCE OP CO. LLC | LAVIE, MAURICIO |
| CASA BELLA PAINTING & PROPERTY | MADE 4 CLEANING LLC |
| CLEARVIEW MOBILE DETAILING INC | NAAMAD, ABDESSANAD |
| COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE | PROMETHEUS PROPANE & NATURAL GAS |
| CONSOLIDATED CONSTRUCTION GROUP | STANTON OPTICAL |
| EAZY TRAFFIC SCHOOL | TOWN & COUNTRY INDUSTRIES |
| ECOATM, LLC | W.T.P INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC |
| FIN & FOIL LLC | WHEELER, ERIN & WAYNE |
| FLORIDA FAMILY HOMES, INC. | |



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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."