

2023 | Annual Report

Year in Review



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Message from the Mayor



Linda Hudson
Serving since 2012



The City of Fort Pierce offers a friendly, small-town feel, a year-round ideal climate, and no metropolitan hassles. We welcome growth, but we know what makes Fort Pierce special. We are "One Fort Pierce" and we are "Real Florida."



Whether you're a visitor exploring the rich history and natural beauty of the area, or a resident enjoying our vibrant local community, Fort Pierce is a place where everyone feels welcome and at home.

In Fort Pierce, every day is an opportunity for a new adventure. You can indulge in local flavors at our diverse eateries, explore our unique boutique shops, or immerse yourself in our vibrant arts scene. With a variety of festivals and events happening throughout the year, there's always something exciting to look forward to.

For nature lovers, Fort Pierce offers a wealth of outdoor activities. From bird-watching at our many nature preserves, to hiking and biking along our scenic trails, or just enjoying a quiet picnic in one of our lovely parks, there's something for everyone to enjoy. And let's not forget our beautiful beaches, perfect for sunbathing, surfing, or just a leisurely stroll at sunset.

For those who are fond of pets, the area offers a wealth of options. Dog lovers can find solace in the various dog parks that are conveniently located both on the beach and mainland. In addition, our animal adoption center is tirelessly dedicated to the noble cause of finding loving and caring homes for every pet that comes their way. The center believes that every pet deserves a home and they strive to make this a reality.

Fort Pierce is more than a city, it's a community. We take pride in our, warm friendly atmosphere and our commitment to maintaining a safe, clean, and vibrant environment for all who live, work, and visit here. Our dedicated public servants, from our police department to our city commission, work tirelessly to ensure that Fort Pierce remains a great place to live.

Linda Hudson,
Mayor



City Commission



Curtis Johnson, Jr.
District 1
Serving since 2021



Arnold S. Gaines
District 1
Serving since 2023



Jeremiah Johnson
District 2
Serving since 2016



Michael Broderick
District 2
Serving since 2023

Message from the City Manager



Nicholas C. Mimms
P.E., ICMA-CM
City Manager



Our future is about investing in our community, ensuring we remain a destination that provides a high quality of life for all residents.

It is a privilege to serve as your City Manager and an honor to present the 2023 Annual Report for the City of Fort Pierce. This report highlights major accomplishments and initiatives over the past year. In 2023, we embraced a new image and identity, transforming from a mere idea into an established, diverse community and a destination. We are recognized for our strong marine-related industry, contributing to our economy and providing career paths for future generations. Our rich history and culture, exemplified by figures like the Highwaymen, Zora Neale Huston, and Beany Backus, have made us a hub for tourism.

We are expanding our focus on arts and culture, with increased programming at the Sunrise Theatre and community-produced murals. As we continue to grow, it's crucial that we all contribute to the upkeep and investment of our community, our jewel on the Treasure Coast.

In 2024, we aim to solidify our place as a destination, bringing years of planning and preparation to fruition. We must persevere and stay true to our strategic vision, ensuring a high quality of life for every citizen. Public safety is our top priority. We're proud of our steadily declining violent crime rate and outstanding commitment to community engagement. Our approach isn't just about incarceration; we aim to prevent crime and teach alternatives, making public safety a building block of our community.

We are also investing in city beautification and recreational facilities, including state-of-the-art playgrounds and exercise equipment at Jaycee Park and Coach Fenn Park. Despite turnover challenges, we maintain customer-centric service, always focusing on our residents' needs.

Looking ahead, we recognize our growing city's need for continued infrastructure investment. We're planning major projects, enhancing transportation networks, managing waterways, and focusing on affordable and attainable housing. With increased residences comes retail growth, and we're working to fill those jobs and meet employers' needs.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Mimms".

Nicholas C. Mimms, P.E., ICMA-CM
City Manager



Strategic Plan

| 2022 | 2027 | 2037 |

*Fort Pierce 2037 is a Unique
Coastal Florida City
OUR WATERFRONTS,
STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY,
HISTORY, ARTS AND CULTURE,
CHOICE OF DESIRABLE
NEIGHBORHOODS,
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN,
COMMUNITY UNITY AND PRIDE
Makes Us Unique!*

GOAL 1

SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

GOAL 2

BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY

GOAL 3

DEVELOP OUR COMMUNITY

GOAL 4

ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY

GOAL 5

ENJOY OUR COMMUNITY

Commercial Property Annexation Hailed as a Win!

The City successfully executed the annexation of several large commercial parcels located on West Orange Avenue. This strategic move is a significant step in our ongoing quest to redefine and square off our boundaries. The ultimate goal is to secure and capture the bustling commercial corridor of King's Highway. This area is a major hub of commerce and its annexation will greatly enhance our commercial influence and presence.

With this annexation, we are not only expanding our boundaries but also setting a new standard for urban development. By focusing on King's Highway, we aim to transform it into a thriving, vibrant, and sustainable commercial corridor. We understand the potential this area holds, and we are committed to nurturing its growth.

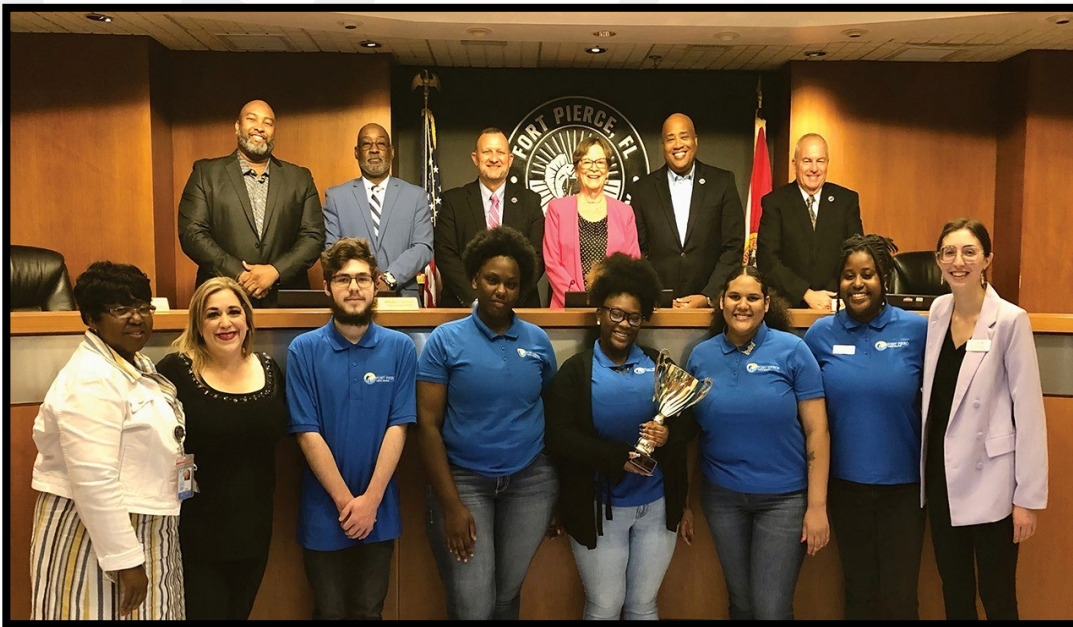
We believe that this strategic annexation will lead to a significant increase in our commercial activity, thereby contributing positively to our local economy. In addition, we anticipate that the development of the commercial corridor will attract new businesses, foster job creation, and stimulate economic growth.

This is just the beginning of our ambitious plan to reshape our boundaries, and we look forward to sharing more updates as we progress on this exciting journey.



City's Investment in Youth Benefits Community

YOCO Wins State Competition



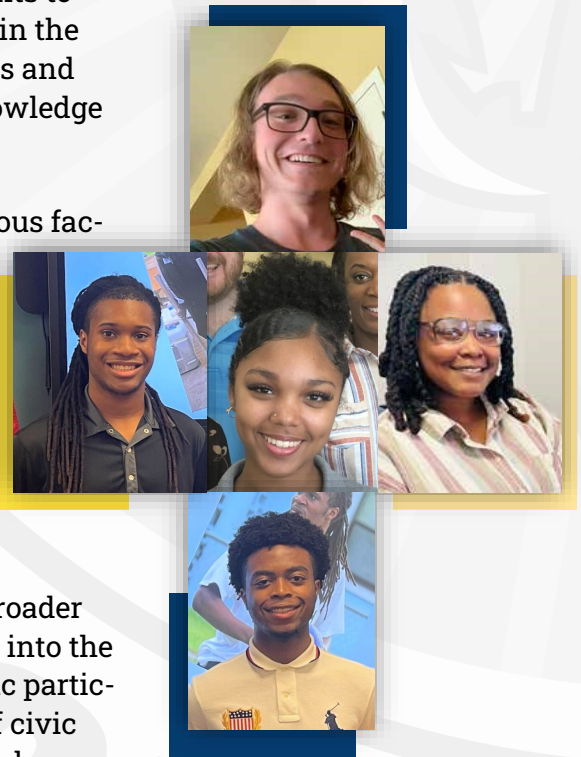
The Youth Council successfully empowered and educated **100** local youth on financial literacy, mental health, career development, and future planning, earning recognition from the Florida League of Cities. The experience also enhanced the council's skills in project planning, presentation, and youth issue advocacy.

City Launched First Summer Internship Program

The initiative introduced five high school and college students to our organization, providing them with practical experience in the operations of the City of Fort Pierce and its various programs and services. This 12-week program aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills at different levels of leadership.

Throughout the program, the students were exposed to various facets of local governance. They had the chance to participate in strategic planning sessions, join meetings with key city officials, and contribute to community outreach projects. The objective was not only to provide them with a deep understanding of how a city operates but also to inspire them to consider careers in public service. The initiative, therefore, served both as an educational platform and a recruitment tool for future civic leaders.

As a result of their involvement, the students developed a broader perspective of public service. They gained valuable insights into the complexities of local governance and the importance of civic participation. The initiative was successful in fostering a sense of civic responsibility among the students and inspiring them to explore opportunities in public service.





Helping our Neighbors

In October 2023, volunteers in Fort Pierce, alongside over **500** community partners, packed **15,000** holiday meal boxes for the Treasure Coast Food Bank's annual Pack the House event. These boxes, filled onto **7.5** pallets, were distributed to families in need throughout the Treasure Coast during the holiday season, including **500** families who participated in the annual Thanksgiving Meal Distribution.



SERVE

OUR COMMUNITY



Administrative Services

The Administrative Services was created in 2023 and has since become an essential component aiding in the efficient operation of the City. This department oversees the following divisions:

- Communications
- Enterprise Resource Planning
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Human Resources (HR)
- Information Technology (IT)

IT Successfully Completes City-Wide Upgrades

The IT department accomplished many things in 2023. This included upgrading the infrastructure and security systems, implementing a security awareness training, improving bandwidth, integrating all employee data, and modernizing Human Resource and payroll processes. In addition, IT has managed the implementation of crucial infrastructure to ensure efficiency, security, and maximum availability.

Communications Divisions Aims for Higher Goals



The Communications Division achieved significant milestones. They completed the new FPTV studio, increased their social media followers to over **100,000** and became a division within the IT Department. As a newly established division within the IT Department, Communications better

positioned to leverage technology to enhance their communication efforts. This includes the use of the FPTV studio to produce high-quality content for both internal and external audiences, and utilizing their expanded social media presence to engage with a wider audience and promote the organization's initiatives.



100,000+
Social Media Followers

400,000+



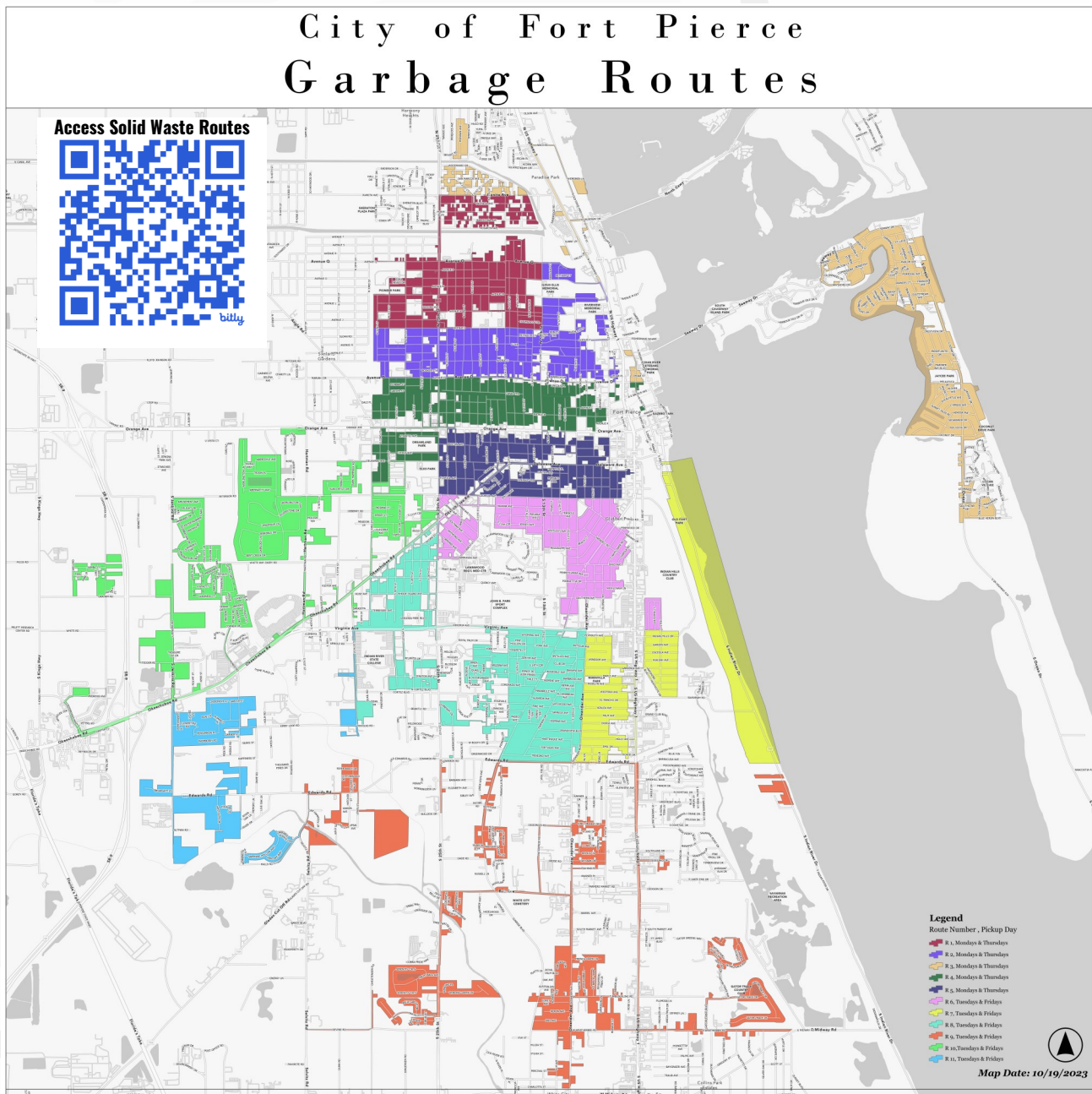


GIS Updates to Solid Waste Routes Helps Improve Efficiency

GIS generated new data for solid waste garbage, recycle, black can, and grapple routes. Using property appraiser parcel data, all residential properties were queried to provide can count analytics for each route. Management used these analytics to plan resources more effectively

by combining or restructuring the driving routes and essentially cutting down on driving time. Assisting Solid Waste in revising their routes resulted in GIS remapping some of the routes and creating a public solid waste route app. Customers can access the online

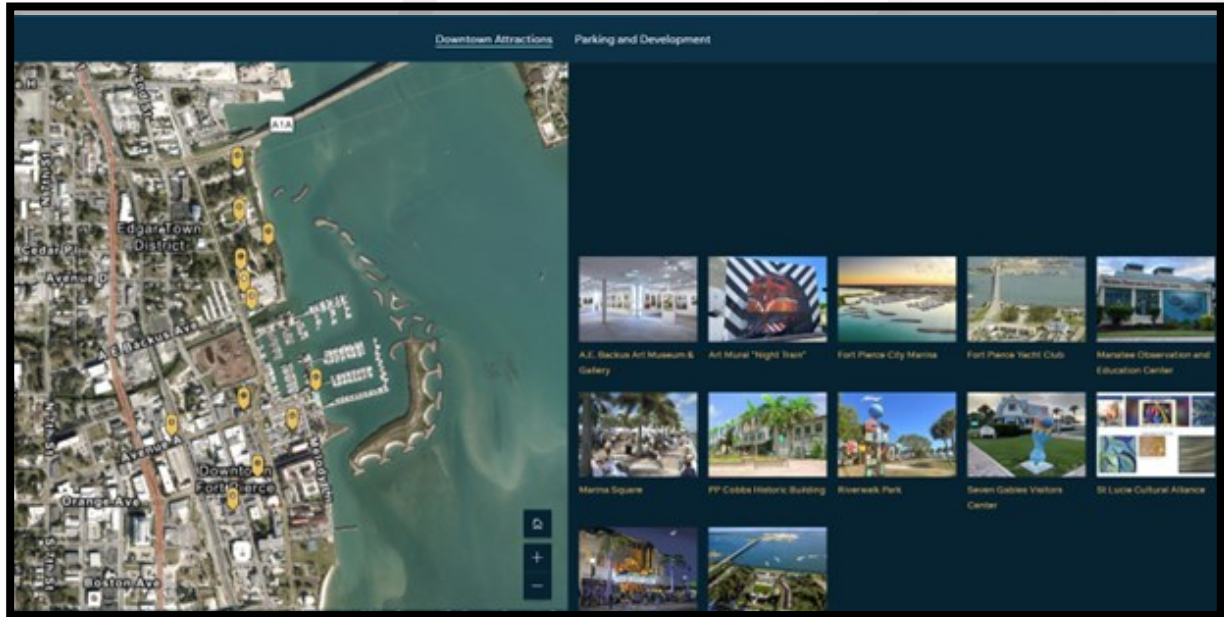
interactive map and enter their address to find out their route and pickup days. Large-size static wall maps for each route were printed to display on solid waste office walls. Finally, field map booklets were created for drivers to carry on their routes.





Downtown Web App Helps Visitors Find Attractions, Amenities, and More

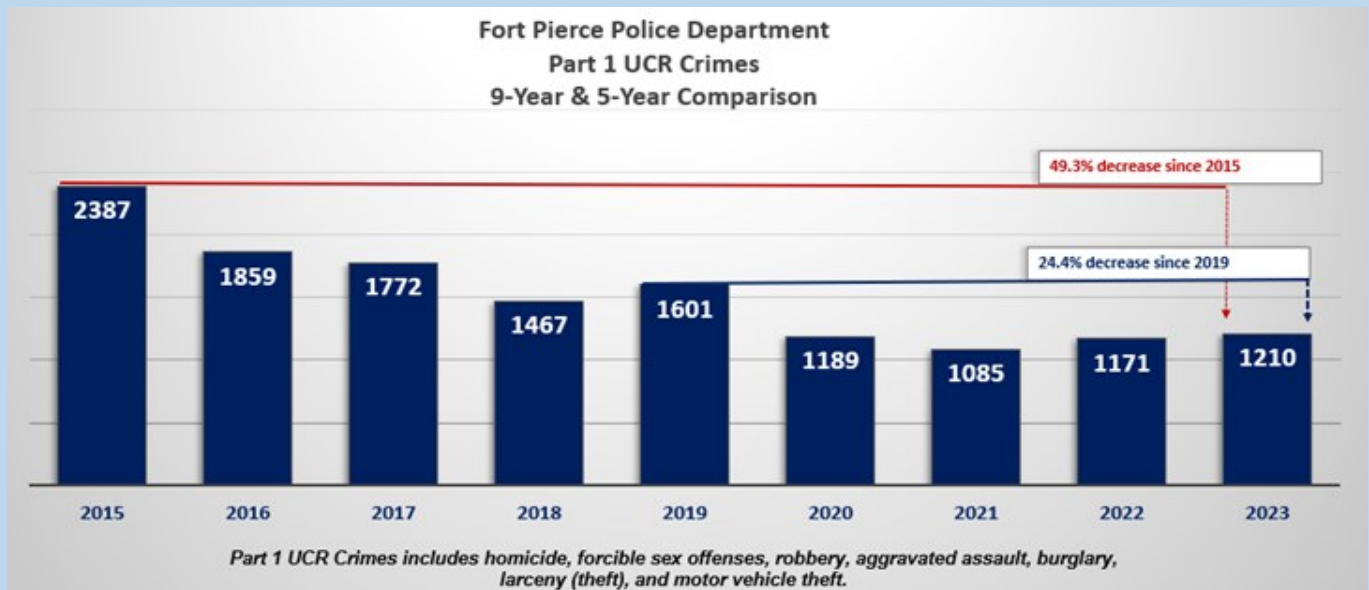
GIS created a Downtown Story Map focusing on all the downtown area has to offer, like city attractions and amenities; but also parking, capital improvement projects, and future developments. There is also a City Mural Web Map which showcases all the beautiful art murals in the downtown area. This map evolved into an Art in Public Places App to include all the outdoor art structures and statues throughout the city. The Downtown Story Map will be a great resource for visitors and locals alike.





WE DID IT AGAIN! ²⁰²³

Due to policing initiatives, strategies, and community engagement, the City of Fort Pierce has seen a consistent reduction in crime since 2015. Despite a minor increase in 2023 compared to 2022, the long-term trend showcases a significant decline in crime rates. Over the past five years, there has been a **24.4%** decrease in part 1 crimes, and over the last nine years, there has been a **49.3%** reduction.



**2023 crime stats are estimates pending finalization by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement*

Adding the Rank of Major crucial step in the department's hierarchical evolution

The introduction of the rank of Major into the agency's command staff enhanced the organizational structure and leadership, streamlined operations, and improved decision-making. Major Michael Santiago and Major Eric Chan's expertise fosters accountability and professionalism. Their experience allows them to mentor junior officers and collaborate with other agencies and stakeholders. This move strengthens internal capabilities, enhances community relations, and promotes safer neighborhoods.



Major Michael Santiago, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a former member of the Lauderhill Police Department, currently oversees the Support Services Bureau at the Fort Pierce Police Department. With a background in various investigative and operational roles, he has also led the Special Operations Division, overseeing several units. Santiago holds a bachelor's degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management and has completed executive leadership courses and a command officer's development course.



Major Eric Chan, who currently oversees the Investigative Services Bureau, has a distinguished career in law enforcement. He served as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the Homeland Security Investigations offices in Florida, overseeing a wide range of federal law enforcement areas. His career began in 1995 with the U.S. Customs Service, and he later attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government for executive leadership. He holds a bachelor's degree in public administration/criminal justice from Kean University.

Community Comes Together to Celebrate Police Department 100th Year Anniversary

The ceremony held in March at the main police stations was attended by about 100 people, which included retirees, current and former employees, elected officials and civic and business leaders.



R.I.C.H (Resources In Community Hope) House



Building on the success of the **RICH House**, the Fort Pierce Police Department has received two substantial grants, allowing for an expansion of services:

A **\$50,000** grant from the St. Lucie County Education Foundation, as part of the Resiliency Through the Community program. A **\$17,000** grant from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing, via the Community Policing Development Grant.

With these grants, the RICH House now offers youth mentoring and tutoring services from Monday to Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., and on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Professional tutors partnered with our officers and



staff conduct these sessions, providing reading support, homework help, media literacy, and technology education. Additionally, tutoring classes focusing on digital media and technology are held every Friday for seniors. These programs have helped to build relationships with our youth and seniors in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Courageous Kids

The **Courageous Kids** program by the Fort Pierce Police Department fosters positive relationships between youth, the community, and law enforcement. This program is devoted to helping children and young adults build self-confidence and make courageous decisions. By exposing them to various sports, offering positive educational experiences, and providing numerous mentoring opportunities, we encourage them to feel at ease while communicating and interacting with the police.



Our officers, civilian personnel, and volunteers devote time to remind our Courageous Kids of their worth, appreciation, and crucial role in our future. This weekly mentorship takes place every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at First Step Park, located at Avenue G and North 31st Street in Fort Pierce.



The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing recognized the program's success and awarded it a Community Policing Development Grant of **\$29,989.00**.





Grants Division Plays Crucial Role in Keeping Families in Home and Businesses Running

The Grants Administration, a division of the Finance Department, provided assistance to the community through various programs.

Down payment assistance was awarded to **23** families, totaling **\$1,020,000**. This assistance made a significant impact on the city by generating additional revenue and helping more residents become homeowners.

Fifteen (**15**) families received funds for housing rehabilitation. Approximately **\$419,000** was expended through the SHIP program. These funds were used to assist with rehabilitating their homes. This included addressing code violations and making physical improvements to the dwellings.

Eighty-three (**83**) families were approved for Rapid Rehousing. Approximately **\$311,000** was used to assist these families in securing and

maintaining adequate living facilities.

Various seminars were conducted to provide comprehensive information on purchasing and maintaining a home. These sessions were attended by individuals, including current renters and homeowners. Many of these attendees have since become residents of the city and contribute to the city's tax base.

Two of the city's public service agencies, Future Generation of SLC and Village Coalition of Youth Activities, by awarding each a **\$5,000** grant. This funding supports their summer programs for Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) youths.

Five (**5**) small businesses received grants to purchase equipment, install signage, or complete other improvements. These enhancements aim to support their capacity and sustainability.



Changing OUR World by Serving Others

The Fort Pierce World Changers Mission Project brought together **85** volunteers from various churches and denominations. From June 26 to July 1, 2023, they worked in the city, painting homes, cleaning yards, and serving local organizations. The City of Fort Pierce supplied painting materials and provided accommodation at the Recreation Center. The City was among several organizations that sponsored dinner for the group.



BEAUTIFY
OUR COMMUNITY

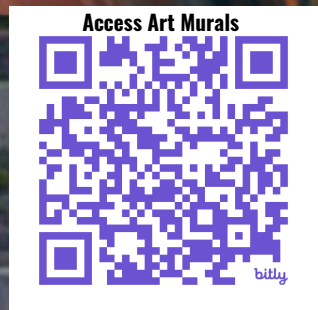


Stunning Murals Inspire Revival of the PAD

The Peacock Arts District mural program, a collaborative effort between the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and local property owners, is an initiative aimed at revitalizing vacant or transitioning buildings into stunning works of art. These murals, born from the talent of local creatives: Zoey Alyssa, Samara Ash, and Nico breathe vibrancy into the cityscape, adding bursts of color and diverse narratives to otherwise empty spaces. This program allows artists from a variety of art forms to participate in public art.

The Mural Program Inauguration and Artwalk, held on September 23, 2023, was a significant success, attracting motorists and pedestrians visiting the area. Attendees toured the four (4) locations: 500 Orange Avenue, 605 Orange Avenue, 616 Atlantic Avenue and 710 Orange Avenue.

Samara Ash, Artist
616 Atlantic Avenue





Affordable Housing Attainable in Fort Pierce

Approximately **50** people attended the groundbreaking of Oaks at Moore's Creek Phase II, a new attainable workforce housing development nestled along Means Court between Moore's Creek and Avenue B. The unveiling the single-family development, comprised of **15** homes, marked the completion of the infrastructure funded by the City and paved the way for the developers to begin construction.



DEVELOP
OUR COMMUNITY



Demand for Residential Property Rises

The City of Fort Pierce saw a **35%** increase in the value of residential construction, while commercial construction experienced a decrease of about 27%. Residential constructions includes single, duplexes, and townhomes.



20,500
Inspections
Performed

5,009
Permits
Issued



New Residential Construction

Oleander Oaks, a 50 single-family homes and an amenity center for the residents.



Hillpointe, 252-unit multifamily development with 5 garages, a clubhouse with a pool and a gym on 17 Acres.



New Commercial Construction

Mayfair at Lawnwood Apartments located on Nebraska are currently under construction.



Extra Space Storage is now open! Six (6) storage buildings located on Jenkins Road.





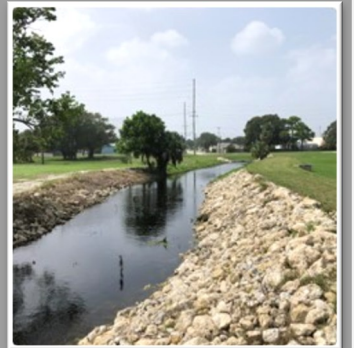
The completion of the Georgia Avenue Basin improvements, Avenue B reconstruction, and Beach Court paving and drainage improvements project the City's commitment to improving the quality and safety of our city's infrastructure.

The reconstruction of Avenue B marked a significant milestone in the City's ongoing infrastructure development projects. This extensive overhaul not only enhanced the aesthetic appeal of our city but also serves to improve the functionality and safety of this crucial pathway.

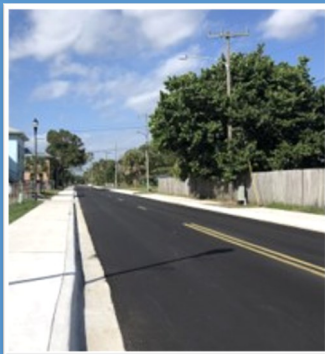
The Georgia Avenue Basin improvements involved a series of enhancements aimed at increasing the efficiency of the basin and reducing the risk of flooding, thereby providing a more reliable and resilient water management system for the area.

The Beach Court project was designed to address and rectify longstanding issues with road quality and drainage, thereby improving the residents' experiences and increasing the longevity of the road infrastructure.

Georgia Avenue Basin Improvements



Avenue B Reconstruction



Beach Court Paving and Drainage Improvements



FPUA Awarded **\$15 million** Grant to Relocate Sewer Plant

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) received a **\$15 million** grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Resilient Florida program for the relocation of their sewer treatment plant. The funds will be used for the construction of the new Mainland Water Reclamation Facility and the restoration of 2.23 acres of seagrass in the Indian River Lagoon.

Governor Ron DeSantis announced funding for projects like the relocation of FPUA's wastewater treatment plant, which aims to protect Florida's natural resources and infrastructure from storm surge, hurricanes, and flooding. The new treatment plant will be located five miles west in an industrial area, replacing aging infrastructure with new technology and increasing resilience. It will be more energy-efficient, cost less to operate, and reduce draw from Florida's aquifers by using reuse water for power plant cooling towers.

Additionally, the upgraded plant will not only be more energy-efficient and cost-effective, but it also adds a unique sustainability element as it will be located next to the Florida Municipal Power Agency's natural gas power plant. This project will reduce an average of two million gallons of water drawn from Florida's aquifers daily by reusing water from the sewer plant for the power plant's cooling towers. This significant upgrade is a testament to FPUA's commitment to providing high-quality services to the community, while also prioritizing environmental concerns and sustainability.





Youth Sports Producing Champions

The Fort Pierce Firehawks Football and Cheer Program 10U-Red team won the Conference Championship and advanced to the SE Region Semifinals. The Cheer Program also showcased their spirit and energy, contributing to the team's success. Additionally, the Martial Arts Program students excelled in two tournaments, with several participants placing first in their age groups and advancing to the next belt level. More than **320** youth athletes participated in the programs.



ENGAGE
OUR COMMUNITY



Our Volunteers are Priceless



In 2023, South Beach & Parks Volunteers collectively worked **2,302.5** hours, marking the second-highest number of hours since records began in 2015. Despite pandemic challenges, they demonstrated their commitment to maintaining the beauty of the parks, beach accesses, and over four miles of beaches in South Beach.





Together Forever



The Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center, along with several other local animal organizations, hosted a successful Mega Pet Adoption Event, resulting in **28** animals finding new homes. Though most adoption were waived, the event raised nearly **\$1,200** in donations to care for animals still awaiting adoption.



BEFORE

Jaycee Park Floating Docks

Creates More Opportunities for Family Fun

The floating docks at Jaycee Park have been completed. This marked a significant milestone in the park's improvements and will provide enhanced access for boating. These docks open up new possibilities for residents and visitors to indulge in various water activities. Constructed using high-quality materials to ensure long-lasting durability and safety for park visitors.



AFTER



100 years of memories at the Sunrise Theatre

The Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce marked its 100th anniversary with a Prohibition-era speakeasy event. This event showcased vintage vehicles, jazz music, Charleston dance performances, and a mock casino. The theatre, reopened in 2006 following a 23-year hiatus, utilized the event as a fundraiser for its future operations. The centennial celebration emphasized the theatre's sustained presence and dedication to the city's cultural community.



ENJOY
OUR COMMUNITY

100 Years of Memories



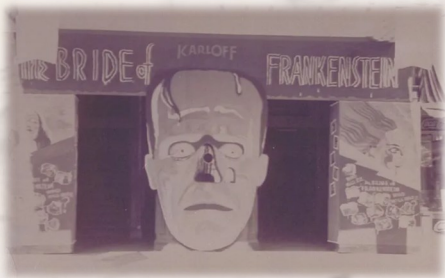
1923

The theater unveiled its curtains on August 1, presenting a double feature: "The Famous Mrs. Fair" and "The Vagabond" featuring Charlie Chaplin. This opening event was graced by a parade and performances from the Fort Pierce Band and J.W. Coolidge, a soprano vocalist and organist, who happens to be a relative of then-Vice President Calvin Coolidge.



1927

The theater showcased "The Jazz Singer," the first movie with sound, following a period of hosting vaudeville performers such as silent-film cowboy star Tom Mix and burlesque fan dancer Sally Rand.



1930

During the 1920s, Fort Pierce artist A.E. "Bean" Backus was hired as a full-time staff artist, ticket-taker, and usher at a theater. He created large sets to attract movie-goers, including a monster head for "The Bride of Frankenstein," from his second-floor studio.

1983

The theater in downtown Fort Pierce closed on September 8 due to the advent of television, the construction of Interstate 95 and Florida's Turnpike, and the deterioration of the downtown area.



1997

Main Street Fort Pierce and the St. Lucie Preservation Association purchased and renovated a theater, raising \$13 million for the project.



2006

The theater reopened on January 14 with a performance by pop music legend Dionne Warwick.



Sunrise Theatre Achieves Top-Ranking Success

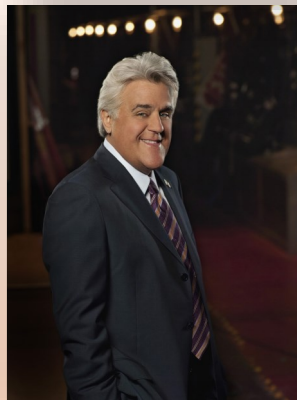
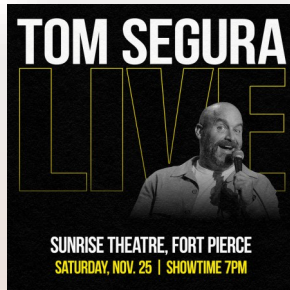
The Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce not only celebrated its 100-year anniversary but also witnessed a multitude of positive transformations:

- Performances by notable artists led to a surge in ticket sales.
- The revival of summer camp, school time performances, and free summertime movies for kids heightened community awareness and engagement.
- The theatre also observed an increase in patron support and membership.

The theatre went a step further to enrich the local cultural scene by introducing diverse genres of performances, thereby attracting a wider audience. Several outreach programs were initiated, extending the enchantment of live performances to those who were unable to visit the theatre. This significantly strengthened the theatre's bond with the community.

The Sunrise Theatre's steadfast commitment to enhancing the artistic experience has truly marked its centennial year as a significant milestone.

MORE MARQUEE NAMES AND HIGH-PROFILE ARTISTS



PACKED HOUSE



SUMMER CAMP, SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, AND FREE SUMMER MOVIES





Boards and Committees

ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The board advises the City Commission on matters pertaining to Arts and Culture and Art in Public Places (AIPP) projects and promotes outreach and involvement of the community. Members must be city residents.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The board reviews and votes on variance and special exception applications along with appeals. Members must be a St. Lucie County resident and financial disclosure to the State of Florida is required.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CONTRACTORS

meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The board provides practical and adequate control of all contractors in the construction trades in the city. Members must be a St. Lucie County resident for at least two years representing specific fields.

CIVIL SERVICE APPEALS BOARD

meets as needed to hear employee appeals, conduct investigations and enforce a code of rules. Members must be St. Lucie County residents and not an employee of the city.

COMMUNITYWIDE COUNCIL

meets as needed at 6:00 p.m. (Two or three times per year). The Council reviews the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Annual Action Plan, economic development business loan applications, nonprofit organizations' request for funding applications, and proposed projects for recommendations to staff and City Commission. Members must represent specific targeted areas and be a city resident and financial disclosure to the State of Florida is required.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Its function is to study, review and provide recommendations, guidance and advice as to matters relevant to the purposes and goals of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency. Members must be a resident within the district boundaries, own a business or be a financial executive of a business within the CRA boundaries.

FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY

meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. In 1972, the citizens of Fort Pierce voted by referendum to create the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority which oversees utility services provide to city

residents. Members must be a qualified elector of the City and have no business relationship with FPUA; financial disclosure to the State of Florida is required.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This board handles many tasks including maintaining historic district boundaries and monitoring the upkeep of the local register of historic sites and districts. Members must be city residents or operate a business in the City and financial disclosure to the State of Florida is required.

INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. This committee reviews projects funded by the Infrastructure Surtax and issuance of reports to the City Commission to insure transparency and to provide the citizens of the City with the assurance that funds are being spent in the manner approved by the voters and in accordance with state law. All members must be a resident of the City of Fort Pierce.

KEEP FORT PIERCE BEAUTIFUL ADVISORY BOARD

meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 along with

the Tree Board. The board engages, educates and empowers community members to take greater responsibility for creating a clean and beautiful city through litter abatement, waste reduction, recycling and community beautification in order to improve health and prosperity of our community. Members must be city residents or own a business in the city. There is one seat dedicated for a St. Lucie County resident.

PARKING COMMITTEE

meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The committee will evaluate the effectiveness of parking resources and make recommendations to the Commission on policy, procedures or improvements to enhance parking. Members shall be residents, property owners or business owners in the City of Fort Pierce.

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. This group provides input to the City Commission on park related activities and policy; they review naming requests and conduct research on issues as requested by the City Commission. Members must be residents of the city.

PLANNING BOARD

meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This board is essential in reviewing and influencing the management of growth in Fort Pierce.

Members must be a city resident for at least two years and financial disclosure to the State of Florida is required.

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Its main purpose is to facilitate interaction, build trust and mutual respect and improve understanding between Citizens and their Police Department. Eligible individuals will be residents of the City of Fort Pierce.

POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

meet quarterly. The Board is responsible for administering the trust fund and members must be a city resident and financial disclosure to the State of Florida is required.

SUNRISE THEATRE ADVISORY BOARD

meets on the 2nd Tuesday of even months at 12:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Theatre. This Board serves as a liaison between the community and the Theater. Members must be city residents however there are seats dedicated for St. Lucie County and neighboring county representation.

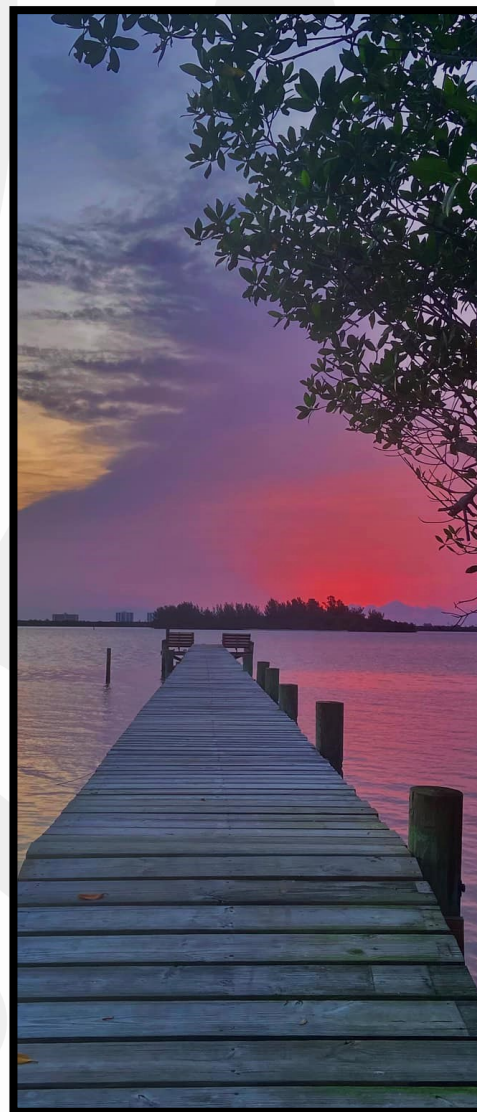
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. This group of high school students are dedicated to assisting the Mayor and City Council in

solving problems and accomplishing goals on behalf of youth in the community. Members must be residents of the City, or attend a school within the city, or attend Westwood High School.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Citizen participation is important in developing the City of Fort Pierce's programs/policies and in providing quality services to the community. For more detailed information or to join one of the committees, visit our website: www.cityoffortpierce.com or





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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.”

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