

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



JULY 2024

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Stars Over St. Lucie 2023
by MaryAnn Ketcham



Fort Pierce's Community Garden: Grow, Share, and Beautify Together



Summer Clean Up Party - June 2024

The Community Garden for the City of Fort Pierce is a green space located at 424 N. 9th Street. This community garden offers a secure and enjoyable space where residents, kids, and local organizations can gather to share gardening knowledge, enhance the community's quality of life, and beautify the neighborhood. Here, you'll have the chance to grow your own fresh fruits and vegetables while connecting with your community.

The garden is more than just a place to plant seeds; it's a hub of activity and learning. Clean-up parties are regularly organized, providing opportunities for community members to come together

to plant, weed, clean, and enhance the garden. These events are not only beneficial for the garden but also serve as a great way to bond with neighbors and contribute to the community's well-being.

Interested in joining the Community Garden? Plot applications are available on the Fort Pierce Community Garden webpage. Both individual and organizational plots are offered on a first come, first served basis, making it easy to get started. The city's Community Garden program is designed to support you throughout the gardening season, ensuring you have a successful harvest. Best of all, you get to keep everything you grow!

For more information, you can reach out to Kimberlee Henton, Community Resources Specialist, at 772.742.9833 or khenton@cityoffortpierce.com.

Whether an experienced gardener or a beginner, all are welcomed to join the Community Garden at Fort Pierce. It's a wonderful way to spend time outdoors, learn new skills, and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Don't miss the chance to be part of this thriving community initiative.

For more details, visit the Fort Pierce Community Garden webpage and start your gardening journey today!



Indian Hills Golf Course

Summer has been a game-changer for our golf course, thanks to Mother Nature's generous rain showers every afternoon coupled with higher temperatures in June. These natural elements have been instrumental in our weekly course maintenance. The fairways and tees have received much-needed hydration, creating an ideal environment for growth and repair.

In early May, we aerated all the greens and spiked the fairways and tees for the first time this summer. The results have been outstanding, with the greens responding exceptionally well. We plan to aerate them again in early September to maintain their health and playability. Additionally, the organic liquid fertilizers applied to the fairways have significantly boosted their condition and will be crucial for our long-term success.

To ensure a smoother ride for golfers, we've been top dressing several uneven areas on the front nine. This process not only improves the playing surface but also enhances the overall aesthetic of the course. Despite the considerable progress, we recognize that there is still a lot of work to be done. However, the strides we've made in the past year are promising.

Financially, this year has been remarkable for us. As the golf course conditions continue to improve, so do our rounds and revenue. We are approximately 5,000 rounds ahead compared to the same nine-month

period last year. With only three months left in this fiscal year, we are on track to achieve our best year in a long time.

Word of mouth remains our most effective form of advertising. If you've played here and enjoyed the improvements, please share your experience with friends and family. Conversely, if there's something we can improve upon, we encourage you to tell us directly. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to enhance our golf course continually.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members and guests for their ongoing support. To keep up with our latest updates and maintenance projects, please "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook and Instagram. We post almost daily updates to keep our community informed and engaged.

	APRIL 2024	MAY 2024
Golf Rounds	4,583	2,776
Golf Fees	\$134,432.05	\$68,266.08
Range Tokens	\$3,323.28	\$2,562.11
Membership Fees	\$2,162.14	\$908.12
Food & Beverages	\$12,030.61	\$7,867.46
Merchandise	\$6,148.32	\$4,554.38
TOTAL	\$158,096.40	\$84,158.15



Ohio Avenue (US Highway 1 to 11th Street)

Phase 1 (Sunrise to 11th Street) remaining work includes the last lift of asphalt, final striping, and installation of the ADA detectable warnings at the 11th Street crosswalk.

Phase 2 (US 1 to Sunrise) potable water, sanitary sewer, and drainage construction have been completed. Contractor is currently installing the Type "F" curb and gutter along with constructing the 6' wide concrete sidewalks. 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. Construction completion September 2024.



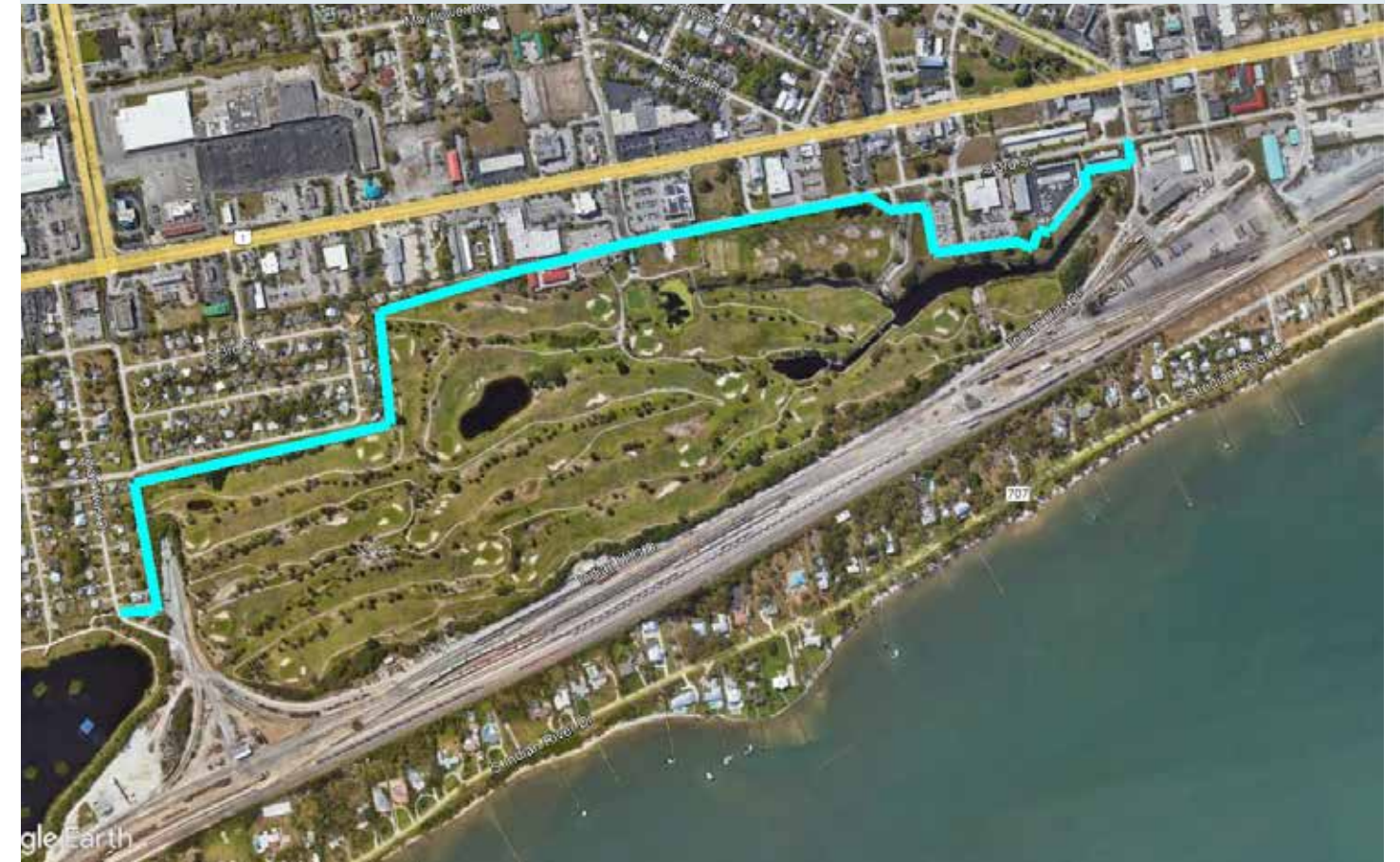
Phase 2 Sidewalk



Phase 2 Curb & Gutter

SUN Trail Highwayman Trail Gap (Indian Hills Drive to Georgia Avenue)

The City has received bids for construction and has provided a recommendation to FDOT. The lowest responsive and responsible bid amount was \$2,061,228.40. The current construction agreement provides \$1,200,000. Staff has requested \$800,000 in additional funding from FDOT but have not received confirmation on those funds. Staff is still coordinating with FEC for an amendment to our existing lease agreement for access to property near Indian Hills Drive. A Revised Easement is under review for a parcel at the northern end of the project at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and South 3rd Street.



Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

The City has received \$240,000 in federal funding from the Safe Streets and Roads For All Program (SS4A) to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. This plan will identify and prioritize low-cost safety improvements throughout the City. Involvement from various stakeholders is anticipated as the Action Plan is developed. A Notice to Proceed was issued to the Consultant on June 18, 2024, with the project to officially kick off in July 2024.

**Frances Avenue
Roadway Improvements**

A recommendation to award to PRP Construction Group, LLC will be on the July 1st City Commission meeting consent agenda. The work associated with this roadway improvement project includes drainage improvements, water main installation, utility adjustments and roadway restoration.



**Former JC Penney
Parking Lot**

Staff is preparing construction documents to advertise for bids. The City anticipates advertising the project in July 2024.

**Avenue D and Means Court
Public Parking Lot**

Awaiting receipt of executed contract with the low bidder, Close Construction Services, so a Notice to Proceed may be issued. Construction commencement is anticipated in September 2024.

**Nebraska Avenue Sidewalk
(Lawnwood Circle) Phase 1**

The City is coordinating with FDOT on the submittals and requirements of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant and Local Agency Program (LAP) Certifications for the City to administer the project. The City has received FDOT comments on the Preliminary Submittal. Staff is awaiting a Purchase Order to provide a Notice to Proceed to the consultant.

**Avenue D
(29th Street to US 1)**

The City is preparing final documents for FDOT approval of a Notice to Proceed. Once received, the City will advertise the project for construction. The City anticipates advertising the project for bids in July 2024.

**Avenue D
(US 1 to Indian River Drive)**

The City is coordinating with the design of Indian River Drive. The typical section is under review for final decision. The City anticipates final design in September.

**11th Street
(Boston Avenue to Orange Avenue)**

This project includes improvements to Boston Avenue from 13th Street to 10th Street and Preston Court from Boston Avenue to Delaware Avenue. Comments for the 60% design plans have been provided to the consultant. 100% plans are due in September.

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

The project was "on hold" until utility companies removed existing utility poles in the sidewalk area. The poles were removed in May 2024. Change Order Number 2 is on the Commission Agenda for Monday July 1 to authorize the contractor to complete the sidewalk work on this project. This work is expected to begin in July.

**13th Street Phase 2
(Georgia Avenue to Orange Avenue)**

The City Commission approved the Specific Authorization for the consultant to update the plans for construction. The Preliminary Construction Documents are due September 13, 2024. The City has been notified that the \$2 Million Grant from the State was not approved.



A Day of Fun and Learning at the Coast Guard Station

On June 8, 2024, the Fort Pierce Police Department's Community Outreach Unit and Explorer Post 477 participated in the United States Coast Guard Station's 2024 Open House. The event showcased the Coast Guard's equipment and operations, offering the community a glimpse into the vital work that protects our waterways and sea borders. The beautiful weather added to the enjoyment as families and individuals explored the station.

The Coast Guard Station's Open House was an excellent example of how community events can be both educational and enjoyable, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended. Such initiatives not only showcase the dedication of our local heroes but also build stronger, safer communities.



MAIN STREET FORT PIERCE PRESENTS

4th of July FIREWORKS

Stars Over St. Lucie

From 6 PM - 9:30 PM

Fireworks @ 9 PM

Marina Square - Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Live Entertainment

Adorable Pooches



Steal the Show

Annual FurBaby Fashion Event

On June 20, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Madison Home Décor and Boutique hosted their 2nd Annual Summer FurBaby Fashion Show Fundraiser to support the Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center. The event, spearheaded by Candice Rampulla, Manager/Buyer of Madison Home Décor and Boutique, featured a blend of community involvement and charitable spirit. Candice secured donations from local businesses, organized a raffle, and offered a special donation discount to maximize fundraising efforts.

The Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center staff dressed the adoptable dogs in charming summer attire, with female dogs in cute dresses and male dogs in dapper tuxedo ties. Before the fashion show commenced, the dogs mingled with guests at the boutique and enjoyed a leisurely stroll on 2nd Street, engaging with locals and soaking in the downtown atmosphere.

The fashion show was the event's highlight, featuring an introduction and runway moment for each dog. Among the standout participants were Kennel Tech Evan and puppy Fern, a black mouth cur lab mix, who captivated the audience and secured the first-place position.

The event was a success, demonstrating the community's love and support for the dogs. Funds were raised for the Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center, and the dogs relished a delicious pup cup from Old Florida Coffee Company. Donations were generously provided by US1 Golf, Madison Décor & Boutique, Pickled, Artist Edda Davilla, The Cake Lady, Notions & Potions, Artist Lisa Jill Allison, Tropical K9 Consultants, and Sailfish Brewing Company.

110 S OCEAN DR

Island Beach Bar & Restaurant has recently relocated from Ocean Village to 110 S Ocean Drive, adjacent to the City's Jetty Park. Prior to approval of the Business Tax Receipt, new businesses are inspected by the Building Department to ensure compliance with life-safety requirements.



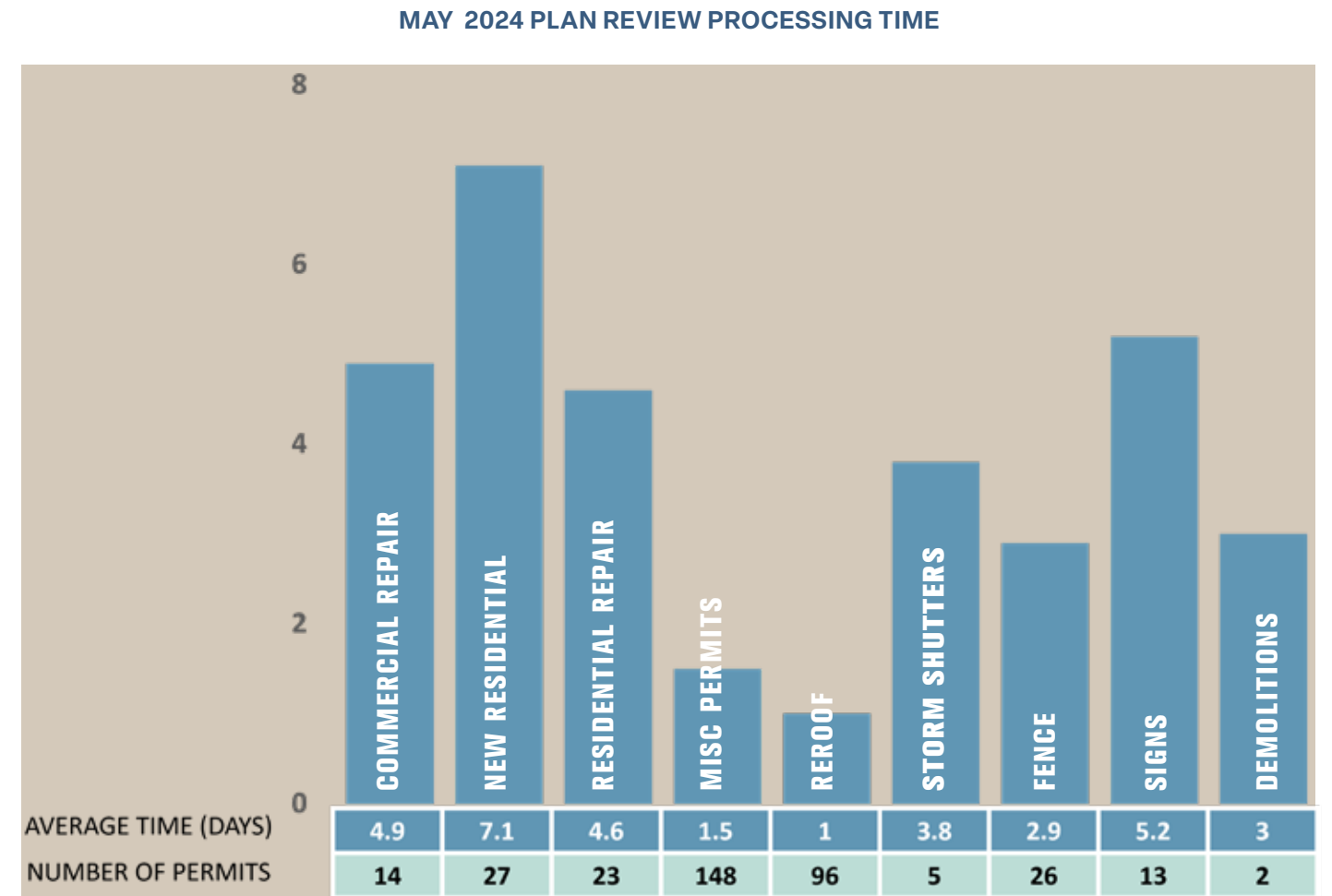
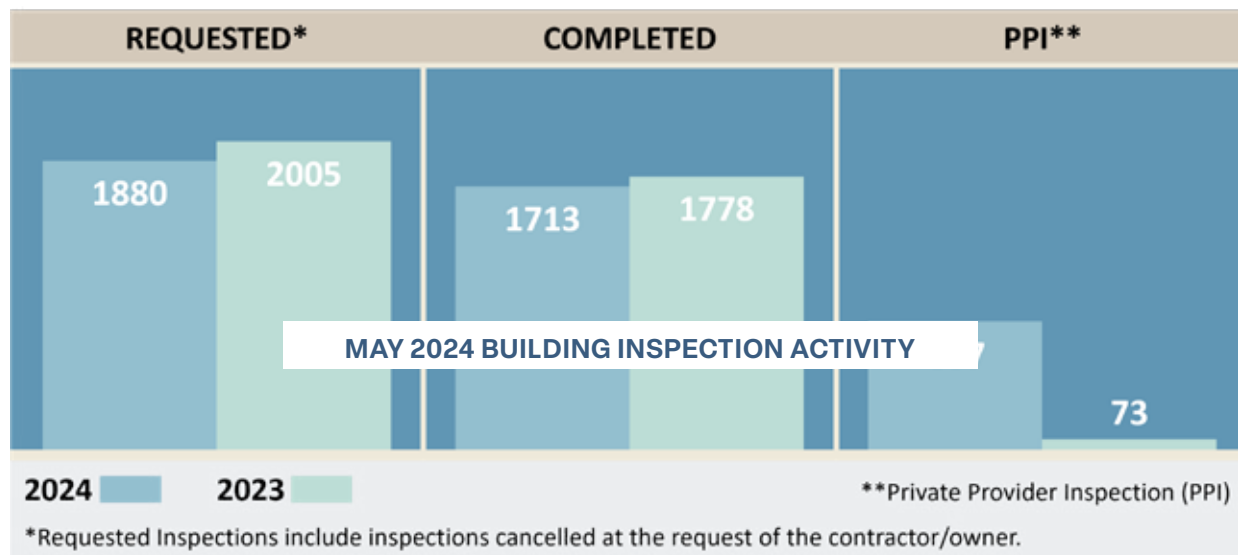
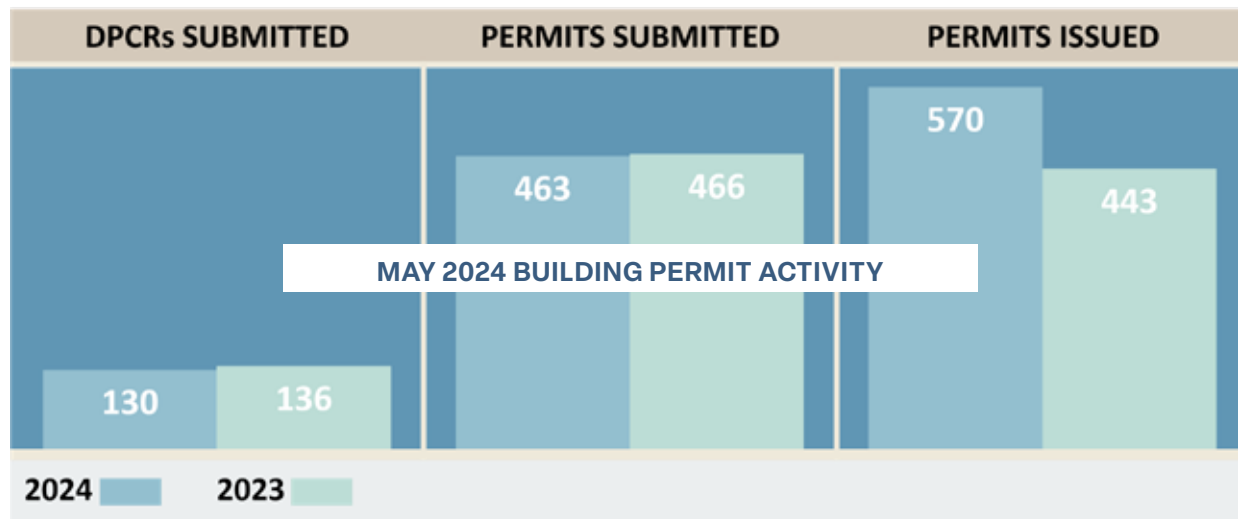
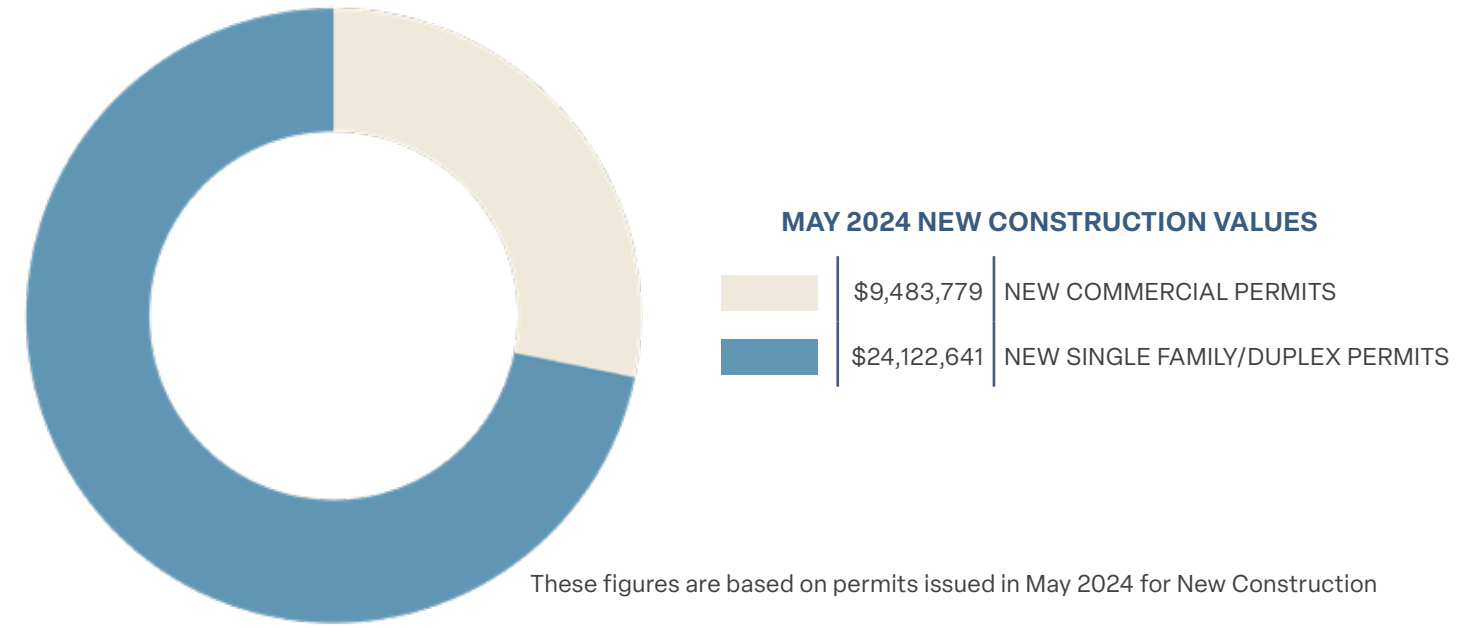
1809 S US HWY 1

Construction has begun for TD Bank just north of Virginia Avenue on US Highway 1. Fill cells of the block exterior walls were recently inspected along with the tie beam. The tie beam is a non-load bearing beam that connects columns at the top of the building.



2604 S US HWY 1

For its first location on the Treasure Coast, RNR Tire Express is coming soon to Fort Pierce just south of Virginia Avenue. An interior and exterior renovation is currently taking place. These pictures were taken while exterior stucco was being finished and interior electrical wiring was being replaced above the ceiling.





CITY MARINA REVENUE REPORT

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Dockage Reservations	222	242	240
Monthly Dockage	\$192,247.41	\$156,308.13	\$210,842.33
Transient Dockage	\$134,389.51	\$135,869.49	\$110,990.22
Electricity	\$10,393.91	\$10,618.44	\$8,769.51
Retail	\$31,961.22	\$26,805.54	\$28,161.50
Gas Sales	\$96,199.63	\$127,226.44	\$111,820.53
Diesel Sales	\$101,100.95	\$127,226.44	\$146,066.01
TOTALS	\$566,292.63	\$577,576.63	\$616,650.10



Over the past three weeks, Sunrise Theatre has resonated with joyous melodies, enthusiastic laughter, and the rhythmic beats of young summer campers. In collaboration with Stagefright Academy, Sunrise Theatre hosted one of its two three-week summer camps. These camps are designed not just to entertain but to empower children as they collaborate to produce spectacular performances. Culminating on June 21st with the enchanting theme “Where the Wild Things Are,” the final play showcased the culmination of their hard work and creativity. With one more camp session starting on July 8th, there’s still ample opportunity to enroll your child.

Sunrise Theatre’s summer camp is more than just a series of activities; it’s a creative haven where children can explore their artistic passions. Beyond traditional summer pastimes, this camp nurtures self-expression and theatrical skills, providing a platform for kids to showcase their talents live on stage. Whether your child is a budding actor, singer,

or dancer, this camp promises an enriching experience in the performing arts. Envision a summer camp where imagination takes center stage. Each day is a new opportunity for campers to learn, grow, and develop confidence in their abilities. The supportive environment fosters friendships and teamwork, essential skills that extend beyond the stage.

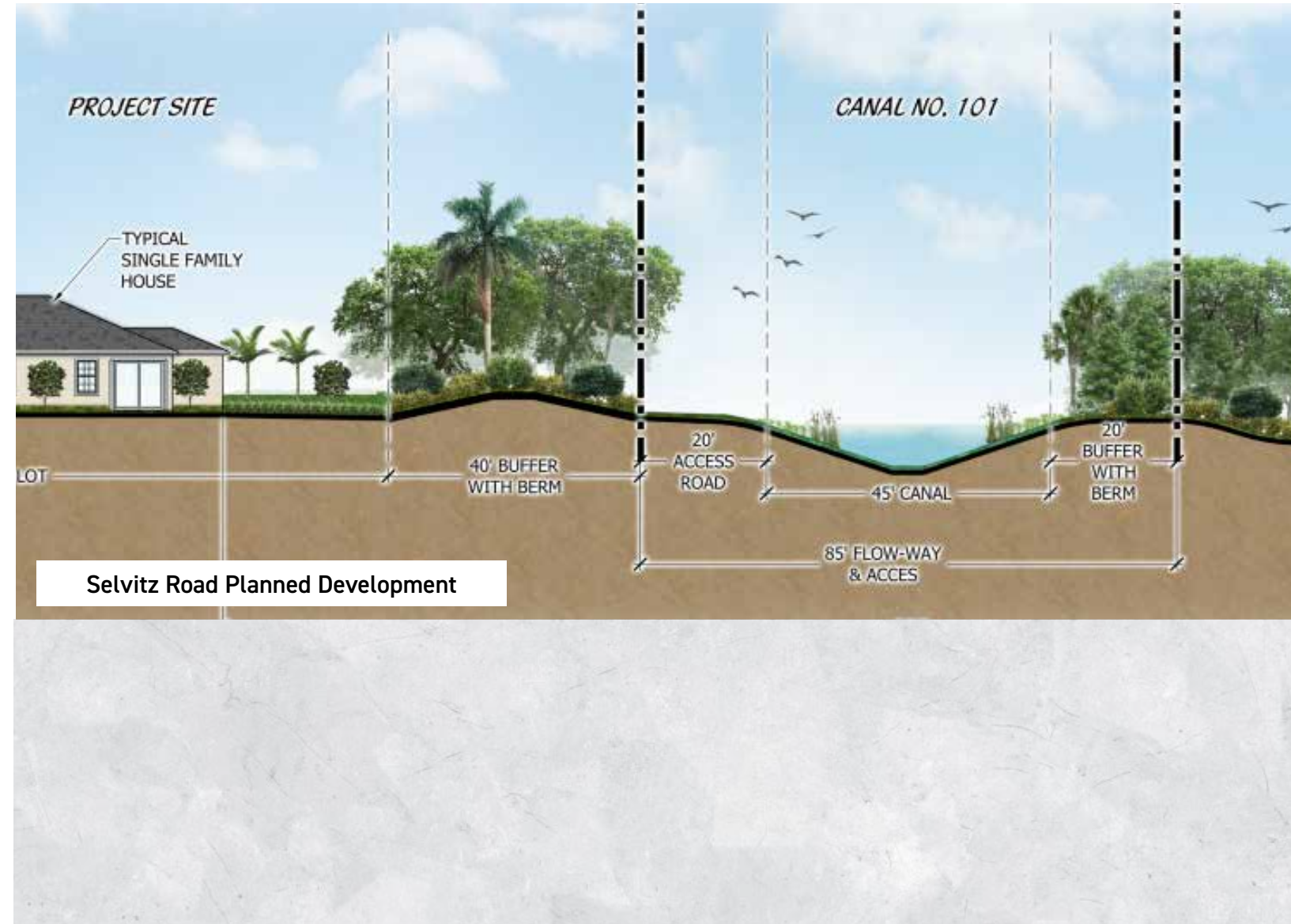
As excitement builds for the upcoming camp themed “We Are All Heroes,” Sunrise Theatre eagerly anticipates another round of inspiring performances and creative endeavors. This theme encourages children to explore the hero within themselves, celebrating bravery, kindness, and the power of storytelling. Sunrise Theatre’s summer camps offer more than just entertainment; they provide a transformative experience where children discover their passions and build lifelong skills. Whether your child dreams of gracing the stage or simply wants to explore their creative side, this camp promises a summer filled with laughter, learning, and lasting memories.

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

- ▶ The City Commission approved a Planned Development (PD) covering three (3) parcels of approximately 122.8 acres and being generally located at or near the northeast corner of Selvitz Road and Devine Road in Fort Pierce. The project is proposed to be a mixed-use development and incorporate Single Family Homes, Townhomes, Multi-Family Apartments, Light Industrial and RV & Boat Self-Storage uses



Selvitz Road Planned Development



Selvitz Road Planned Development



▶ A request for a Site Plan and a rezoning of a small commercial infill site at 301 Florida Ave of 0.38 acres to Planned Development (PD) from General Commercial (C-3). The PD permits a 7,000 square-foot building providing four (4) commercial (office/warehouse) units within the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Area (FPRA). The site layout and building have been specifically designed to create a more urban feel, in-keeping with the downtown setting, by locating the facade to the front and having parking and loading located to the rear.

May 2024 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Rental Housing Complaint	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Abandoned Vehicle	2	0	13.2	0.0	-	-	-	-
General	1	0	0.3	0.0	3	2	0.4	0.0
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	6	5	2.0	0.7	2	1	0.6	0.5
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	1	0	13.1	0.0	-	-	-	-
Drainage Issues	1	0	2.1	0.0	-	-	-	-
Traffic Signal	-	-	-	-	3	0	1.0	0.0
Pothole	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Street Light	1	0	0.0	0.0	3	0	1.0	0.0
Street Sign	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.2	3.1
Trash and Recycling	2	1	1.0	0.5	-	-	-	-
Trees	2	1	0.2	1.0	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	18	7	3.9	0.7	12	4	0.7	0.9

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



Sailing into Adventure

In June, youth from the Fort Pierce Police Department's Courageous Kids and R.I.C.H. House programs embarked on a journey into the world of sailing thanks to the Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation. The young participants learned how to navigate the waters and may have gained sailing as a newfound passion.

This sailing experience would not have been possible without the support of the

Fort Pierce Yacht Club Foundation, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Ocean Village, and the City of Fort Pierce. Additionally, many generous anonymous donors contributed to making this adventure a reality. Their contributions underscore the power of community in fostering opportunities for youth development.



Welcome New Businesses



PREMIUM GIFT BASKET DESIGNS LLC

HPA TILE LLC

DIAZ, NESTOR

COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE

MAKE UP ART BY MARIOLA , LLC

ZS BOAT WORKS LLC

2319 S INDIAN RIVER DR. LLC

BACK TO YOU PHYSICAL THERAPY LLC

PETRONE,MEAGAN

PETRONE, ADAM JOSEPH

PUTNUM,JOHN MICHAEL

THE LYF STYLIST, LLC

TOP NOTCH LIMPIEZA LLC

CRUZITO CONSTRUCTION LLC

NIKOLOV,BORIS

AZUL AZUL SALON, LLC

THREE FATHOMS INC

CASAGO TREASURE COAST

DYNAMIC POOLS, WATERFALLS, & IRRIGATION

77SEVENTEEN LLC

FJ PRESSURE CLEANING AND SERVICES, LLC

VALOR HEALTHCARE INC.

TREASURE COAST MEDORTHO LLC

DOVE DENTAL PRODUCTS

GUERRERO, YURIDIA

JOSEPH, STANLEY

COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE

KRAUSS, JENNY HONEY

TREASURE COAST HOSPITALITY SERVICES LLC

TAPP THAT GRASS AND MORE LLC

PROXYMUS LLC

GANNETT FLEMING INC

RTS BOOKKEEPING INC

LORTOUCHE & CO.

COLDWELL BANKER PARADISE

FLORIDA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC

BLACKOUT COFFEE CO.

MAITI,BISWAJIT



River Walk Center Sales Report - May 2024

			
classes	parks permits	special events	facilities
\$1,846.03	\$3,000	\$981.32	\$13,276.41

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

EVERY WEDS	Green Market Marina Square	12:00 PM-6:30 PM
EVERY SAT	Downtown Farmers Market Marina Square	8:00 AM-12:00 PM
EVERY SAT	Jazz Market Marina Square	8:00 AM-1:00 PM
[THURS] 4	Stars Over St. Lucie Marina Square	6:00 PM-9:30 PM
[FRI] 17	Jazz on Moore's Creek Ave D & N 8th Street	5:30 PM-9:30 PM





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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."