

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



NOVEMBER 2024

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Public Works Update

The Public Works Department has been busy this October, participating in the local Treasure Coast (TC) Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and introducing our newly named Street Sweeper, Sweeping Beauty!

On October 16, 2024, our team took part in the Equipment Rodeo organized by APWA-TC, showcasing various equipment and engaging in exciting competitions. This event provided an excellent learning and networking opportunity with representatives from neighboring agencies, including the City of Stuart, the City of Port St. Lucie, and St. Lucie County.

But that's not all! The City and the Public Works Department are collaborating closely with APWA-TC to gather donations for those impacted by Hurricane Milton. Employees and community members have contributed essential items such as water, food, hygiene products, and clothing. This initiative reflects our commitment to supporting those in need throughout the region.

Lastly, the Public Works Department proudly unveiled our newly named and designed Street Sweeper, Sweeping Beauty. In September, we engaged the community online to help us brainstorm fun names for this latest addition to our fleet. With over 50 name submissions, Sweeping Beauty emerged as the favorite, and special recognition was given to James Lotz, a local resident of Fort Pierce, for his creative contribution.



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The entire canopy and facade is undergoing a major transformation at Gateway Plaza in preparation of the new tenants currently undergoing permitting. Starbucks, T-Mobile, Bravo Supermarket, Burlington, America's Best, Wingstop, Petsense by Tractor Supply, and Ross Dress for Less are all anticipated to join new tenants Planet Fitness and Youthserv and existing tenants Family Dollar and Little Caesars. Individual build outs are all in different phases of construction with the Starbucks and T-Mobile nearly complete.



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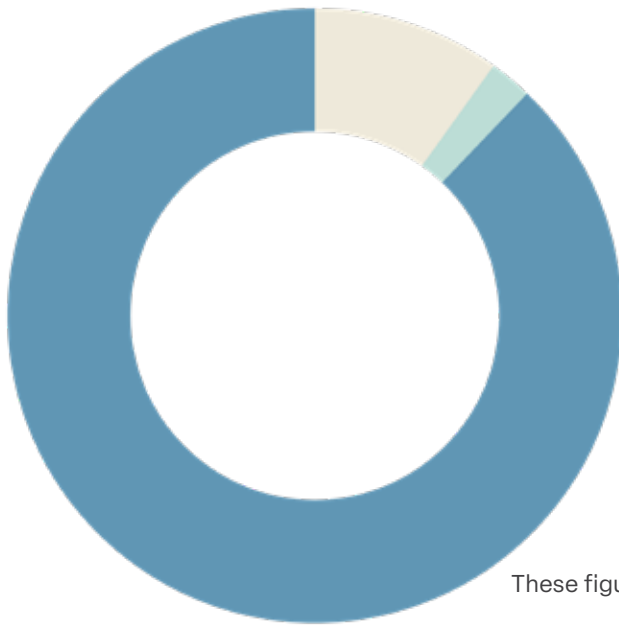
Coming soon! The Bravo Supermarket near Okeechobee Rd and I-95 is nearing completion. Shelving fixtures have been installed and final inspections will be scheduled shortly.



421 N US HWY 1

Steady progress is being made at Phatz Chicken. These pictures were taken shortly after the framing for the soffit was installed. Fixed glass storefront windows have also been recently installed and inspected.

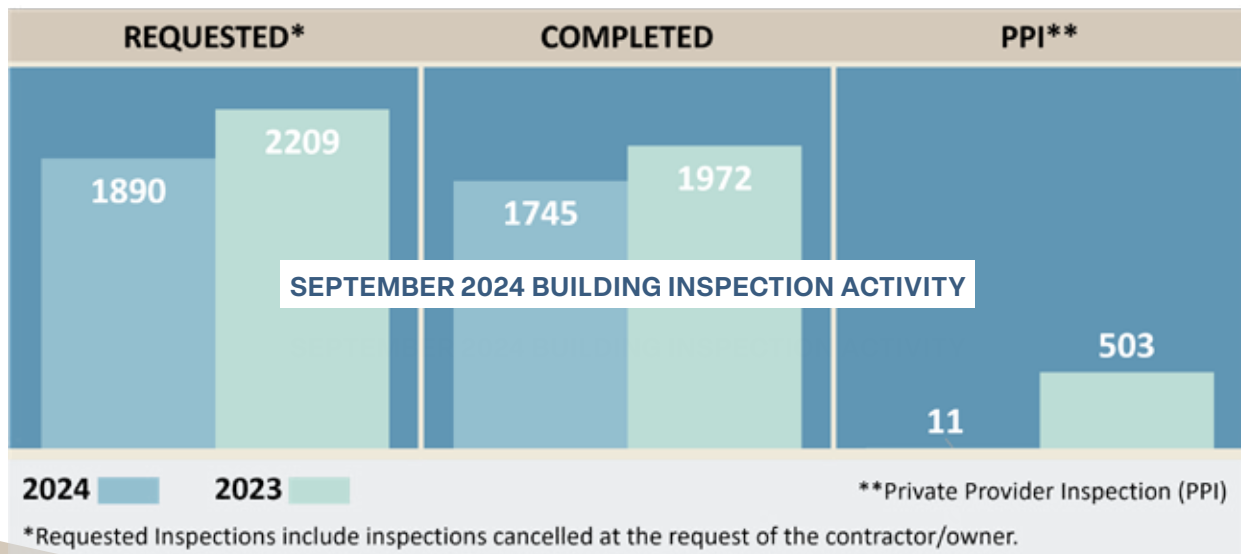
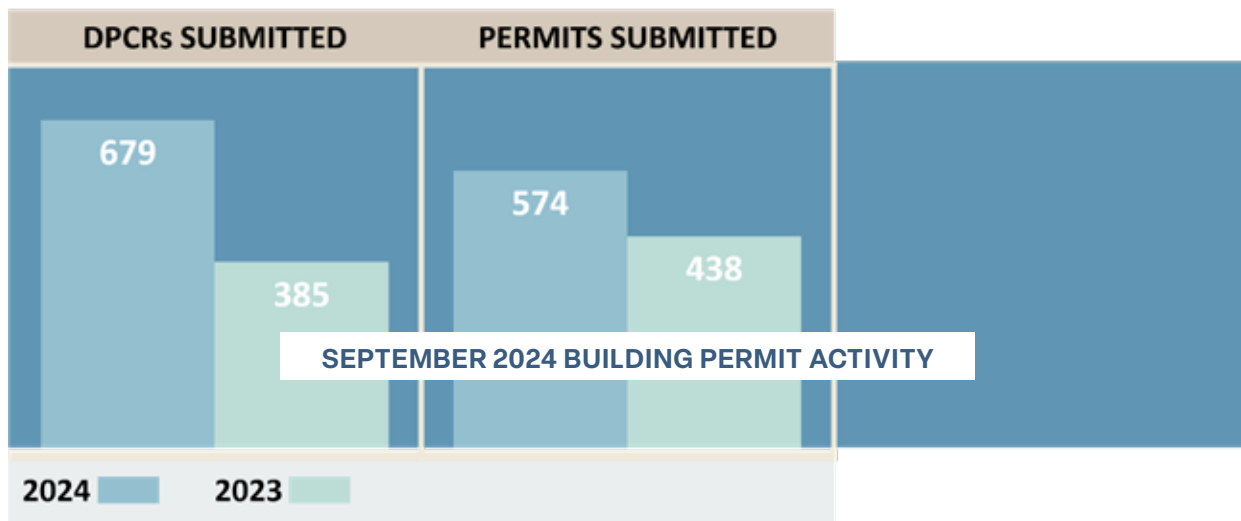




SEPTEMBER 2024 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES

\$1,400,000	NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS
\$320,000	NEW SITEWORK PERMITS
\$12,444,439	NEW SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX PERMITS

These figures are based on permits issued in September 2024 for New Construction





Sunrise Theatre's New Enhancements

The Sunrise Theatre is beyond thrilled to officially announce the installation of additional handrails in the main lobby and the new digital projector for the main stage, both provided by the Sunrise Theatre Foundation. This is a huge milestone as both were a dire need for the patrons and the theatre in general.

The Board of Directors of the Sunrise Theatre Foundation is a group of volunteers who share the vision of promoting live theater for the Treasure Coast youth and the Sunrise Theatre. "Our goal is to bring the theatre experience of the performing arts to children of the Treasure Coast and to support improvements which will enhance the Theatre to fulfill its purpose in the Treasure Coast."

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN PROJECT

What started as an idea from the volunteer usher corps at the Sunrise Theatre has become a reality, thanks to the Sunrise Theatre Foundation and its many friends and donors. The lobby staircase now has additional handrails to assist patrons' entrance into the main theatre.

Long-time usher and unofficial Sunrise Theatre historian, Tony Lalli, noticed that the wide staircases leading into the Theatre's main stage presented challenges to ticket holders entering the facility. He presented his idea of adding additional handrails to both the Sunrise Theatre Advisory Board and the Sunrise Theatre Foundation as a safety measure that was needed. The Foundation listened and responded to the call, deciding to take this on as their first project to enhance the Theatre's infrastructure.

The Foundation wished to honor past Executive Director of the Theatre, John Wilkes. Code named "Stairway to Heaven", fundraising activities commenced quickly with many long-term theatre supporters contributing to the cause. With the support of Mr. Wilkes' family and Theatre supporters like Donna and Tom Regan, the project really took off. In the Fall of 2023, the Foundation had reached its financial goal to complete the project. With the help of Lost Fabrication and under the direction of the Theatre's Technical Director, Holland Ryan, the project was completed in

September 2024, in time for the 2024/25 Theatre season.

Acting Director of the Theatre, Marisa Quijano said: "The handrails came out great. They look like they've been there all along."

THE DIGITAL PROJECTOR

The evolution of technology has profoundly transformed the performing arts landscape, making it crucial for venues like the Sunrise Theatre to stay ahead of the curve. Today's performances are not just about the music or the acting; they are immersive experiences that incorporate stunning visuals, graphics, and videos that elevate the audience's engagement. As artists seek to deliver unforgettable performances, they demand high-definition video projectors to enhance their shows. Unfortunately, the Sunrise Theatre has been relying on outdated projection technology, which falls short of these expectations. This gap forces the Theatre to incur substantial costs by renting high-definition equipment at \$7,000 per show, a financial burden that impacts our ability to provide quality cultural events. By investing in state-of-the-art video projectors, we can attract top-tier talent, enrich the performing arts experience for our community, and ensure that every show is a memorable event.

The collaborative efforts between the Theatre management and the Foundation have culminated in an exciting advancement for our community, as discussions regarding an upgraded video system have spanned several years. Thanks to the incredible support from our community, highlighted by several successful fundraising events and a generous seed donation from the Michael Brown Family, the Foundation is thrilled to

announce the acquisition of a state-of-the-art Vivitek Laser Projector for the Theatre's use. This significant upgrade promises to enhance the performing arts experience for the Theatre's patrons, bringing a new level of vibrancy and clarity to our productions. It represents not only a commitment to improving our facilities but also aligns perfectly with the Foundation's mission to foster accessibility and arts education within the Treasure Coast community. We invite families and community members to join us on this transformative journey, as together we strengthen our community's voice and commitment to the arts.

Our innovative collaboration with Technical Director Holland Ryan, has led to the successful acquisition of a cutting-edge digital projector from Illuminate Production Services, a local gem here in Fort Pierce, Florida. This high-tech marvel, first showcased during the unforgettable performance by the legendary Beach Boys, promises to elevate the quality of our productions and enrich the cultural experiences. Just imagine the excitement of having more top-flight acts gracing the Sunrise Theatre stage, all while saving tens of thousands of dollars in rental fees each year! These savings will not only help us reach the Theatre's financial goals but also pave the way for our next ambitious project: replacing the outside marquee with stunning high-definition digital screens that will keep our community informed about upcoming events. We invite you to join us in supporting the Foundation's ongoing initiatives, fostering a vibrant sense of community and commitment to the arts among families, donors, and volunteers in Fort Pierce. Together, let's ensure that the performing arts continue to thrive in our beloved Treasure Coast!



Indian Hills Golf Course

Things are definitely looking up for The Hills! We're on pace to record our best revenue for October ever! With the new golf carts, much-improved playing conditions, an enhanced fertilization and insecticide program, and fantastic weather, we're in the best shape we've been in years!

As we head toward the end of October, the weather has been fantastic, and we hope this trend continues into late November. To grow Bermuda Grass, daily temperatures need to total 140 degrees, combining the daytime highs and evening lows. For example, if the high is 75°F and the low is 55°F, while it may be a beautiful day, it doesn't support grass growth. Several days or weeks of such weather, combined with golf cart traffic, can stress the turfgrass. Fairways and rough areas get compacted and hard, which may make the ball roll farther off the tee but also results in tighter lies that make it challenging to get the ball airborne. This is why we eagerly anticipate

even a few extra weeks of daytime highs in the low to mid-80s. The longer the weather remains conducive to growing grass in the fall, the better our course will be come spring!

The sign-up sheet is now available in the Golf Shop for our annual "Turkey Shootout," held on Thanksgiving morning. This event is always a lot of fun and very well attended! You may register as a single, twosome, or foursome, but be sure to sign up soon as spots fill up fast! The cost is \$35 per player and includes continental breakfast, range balls, golf fees, prizes, and a \$2 donation per player to the Treasure Coast Food Bank.

Thank you to all our members and guests for your continued support. Please "Like" and "Follow Us" on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to get nearly daily updates on the golf course and our ongoing maintenance projects.



MONTHLY SALES REPORT		AUGUST 2024	SEPTEMBER 2024
	Golf Rounds	2776	2502
	Golf Fees	\$69,083.13	\$56,063.79
	Range Tokens	\$1,876.42	\$946.12
	Membership Fees	\$490.00	\$798.69
	Food & Beverages	\$7,859.60	\$8,296.40
	Merchandise	\$3,216.45	\$3,829.48
	TOTAL	\$82,525.60	\$69,934.48



Recreation Programs Update

The Fort Pierce FireHawks Football and Cheer Program is flourishing, featuring an impressive lineup of 9 football teams including:

- 1 team for ages 6 and under
- 2 teams for ages 8 and under
- 2 teams for ages 10 and under
- 1 team for ages 11 and under
- 1 team for ages 12 and under
- 2 teams for ages 14 and under

Additionally, we have 5 cheer teams supporting age groups 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U, bringing together over 300 enthusiastic participants between the ages of 4 and 14. We are also thrilled to share that all our football teams are advancing to the conference playoffs, kicking off on November 2nd.

During our recent homecoming weekend,



our football and cheer teams proudly showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness. Some teams wore pink uniforms, while others chose pink socks, making a powerful statement in recognition of this important cause.

Our cheerleaders recently showcased their skills at the Pop Warner Cheer Competition held at Hidden Oaks Middle School on October 6th. They have two more competitions lined up this season: November 16th at Sportsman's Park and December 7th at Merritt Island High School.

On behalf of the Leisure Services Division, we extend our sincere appreciation to all our volunteers, including coaches, team moms, and support staff, for their unwavering dedication and hard work. Your

contributions make a lasting impact and are truly valued!

Leisure Services also offers a Martial Arts program for children aged 4 to 17, with 26 participants currently enrolled. Classes take place every Monday and Thursday from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Looking ahead, registration for the upcoming basketball season will begin in January 2025, with the season set to commence in March 2025 and run for 8 weeks. For further information about the City of Fort Pierce FireHawks Youth Football and Cheer Program or other youth initiatives, please visit our website at www.cityoffortpierce.com or contact Leisure Services at 772-882-9402. Together, we are building a strong community through sports and teamwork!



Ohio Avenue (US Hwy 1 to 11th Street)

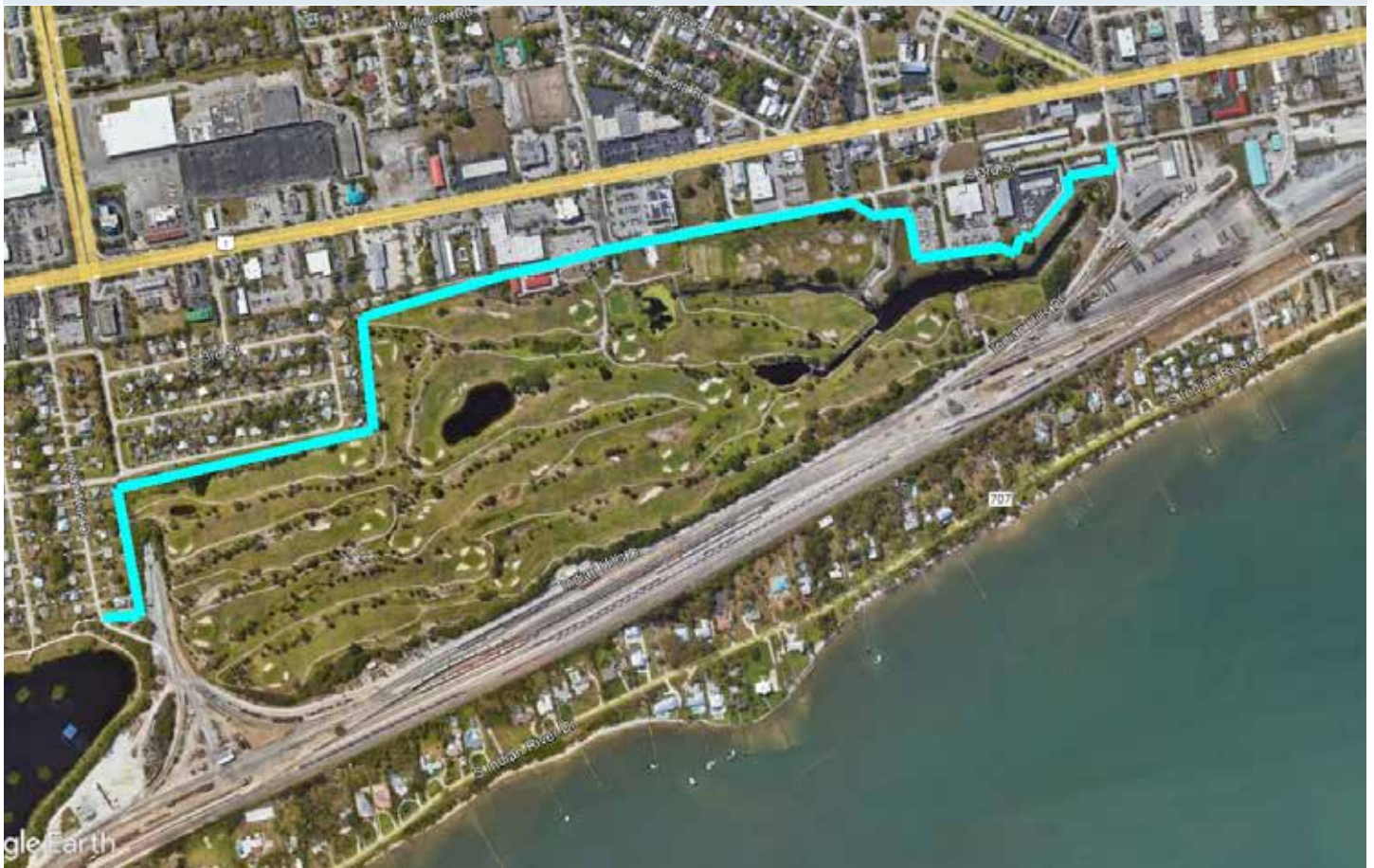
Phase 1 (Sunrise to 11th Street) remaining work includes the last lift of asphalt and final striping.

Phase 2 (US Hwy 1 to Sunrise) - remaining work includes final lift of asphalt, striping/ signing, landscaping and irrigation. Final construction completion mid-November 2024.



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

The City is currently negotiating with the contractor for the contract. A Recommendation to Award is in progress. The current construction agreement provides \$1,200,000. Staff has requested \$862,000 in additional funding from FDOT, this funding is shown in the FY 2025 needs. An agreement will be provided by March. Staff is coordinating with the property owner at 810 S 3rd Street to amend the existing easement to accommodate the trail. After extensive coordination with FEC, the City is considering holding off about 700-800 ft of the original trail and connect with Hills Court near Virginia Avenue. The intent is to further investigate coordination with the FEC, but still allow the contractor to complete the majority of the trail.



SUN Trail Historic Downtown Retrofit (Georgia Avenue to North A1A)

In 2021, the City was awarded FDOT funding for the design of the Historic Downtown Retrofit Trail (SUN Trail). Design began and was put on hold in April of 2022 due to potential conflicts along the alignment and Right-of-Way needs in the area. In April of 2024 the City developed a revised alignment and has requested the consultant revive their design. While the construction is not yet funded, the City is proceeding with the design anticipating construction funding in the future.

Historic Downtown Retrofit

SUN Trail



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. Engineering received comments on the LAP Certification submittal and is coordinating with the City Attorney and Risk Management to have ADA language added to the City's website. The City provided the draft NEPA Categorical Exclusion document to FDOT on August 29, 2024 and the Initial Plan submittal on October 7, 2024. We are awaiting FDOT comments.

Frances Avenue Roadway Improvements

PRP Construction Group, LLC construction contract was approved at the October 7th City Commission meeting. A pre-construction meeting was held on Tuesday, October 29th. The work associated with this roadway improvement project includes drainage improvements, water main installation, utility adjustments and roadway restoration.

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. A project website has been made public and allows citizens to view the current state of the Plan and to provide survey information. The first public meeting was held October 16, 2024 at the Riverwalk Center. A Stakeholder meeting was planned for October 30, 2024. Additional public meetings are planned for December.

Avenue D (US Hwy 1 to Indian River Drive)

On October 15, staff provided information on the expired Supplemental Agreements to the consultant. The consultant is preparing a new proposal to complete the design.

Former JC Penney Parking Lot

The contractor has begun with DPCR permit applications and a Purchase Order has been issued.

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 for December 2024.

**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. The 100% design plans have been received and are under review.

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

The City has been notified that the \$2 Million Grant from the State was not approved, funding for the construction of this segment has yet to be identified. The 100% plans were received from the consultant on October 4 and are currently in review.

2024 Street Resurfacing Program

The City has identified 2.1 miles of resurfacing for FY 2024. The table below indicates the streets included. Work on the ADA Ramps within the limits of these streets is underway and milling work has begun. Currently, the schedule is for the milling and resurfacing is to be complete by November 4, 2024.

STREET	FROM	TO
32nd Street	Delaware Avenue	Moore's Creek
31st Street	Okeechobee Road	Nebraska Avenue
Avenue E	29th Street	25th Street
Avenue F	29th Street	25th Street
Avenue G	29th Street	25th Street
Citrus Avenue	33rd Street	29th Street
Florida Avenue	17th Street	13th Street
Pennsylvania Avenue	11th Street	Sunrise Boulevard
Quincy Avenue	25th Street	23rd Street
Parkway Drive	3rd Street	US 1
Wisteria Avenue	Hills Court	East End



CITY MARINA REVENUE REPORT

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Dockage Reservations	92	59	40
Monthly Dockage	\$178,680.83	\$165,048.48	\$157,324.62
Transient Dockage	\$59,081.34	\$47,439.64	\$48,669.08
Electricity	\$4,398.82	\$3,759.70	\$4,200.97
Retail	\$18,554.44	\$12,086.51	\$9,891.08
Gas Sales	\$92,279.76	\$45,723.49	\$30,674.16
Diesel Sales	\$51,146.62	\$29,556.57	\$12,599.60
TOTALS	\$429,292.90	\$303,614.39	\$263,359.51



Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center Makes a M.A.R.C.C.

The Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center (FPAAC) staff made a memorable visit to the MARCC Academy, Inc. for their “Making a M.A.R.C.C. Monday.” Led by Operations Manager Summer Rulapaugh including Kennel Manager Denver Schoeder, Animal Care Techs Kayla Phillips, and Amber Barnett, FPAAC had the honor of being the very first “Spotlight Organization!”

A “Spotlight Organization” is selected from the community to give teens a glimpse into the incredible services they offer, introduce them to a service recipient, and provide a hands-on volunteer opportunity. FPAAC’s adorable “recipients of service” were pups Elsa, Otter, Leo, and Raven, who brought lots of smiles and wagging tails to the academy!

Summer shared inspiring stories about what it’s like to work in an open-admission shelter, discussing the incredible volunteer opportunities available to make a difference. Her passionate account of the daily challenges and triumphs in animal welfare deeply resonated with the members. The MARCC Academy was moved, saying, “It was beautiful to hear about the empathy, support, and education they provide.”

Summer summed it up best when she explained why education and compassion are key to FPAAC’s mission: “People don’t do better simply because they don’t know better. It’s our job to teach them and help them learn.”

The FPAAC team also introduced the students to various career paths in animal care, providing actionable steps and offering their personal support to the next generation of animal advocates. All of this, paired with the joy of puppy love, made for an unforgettable evening!

Planning Determinations

Municipal Limits Extended

The City Commission approved the following annexations, which extended the city's municipal limits:

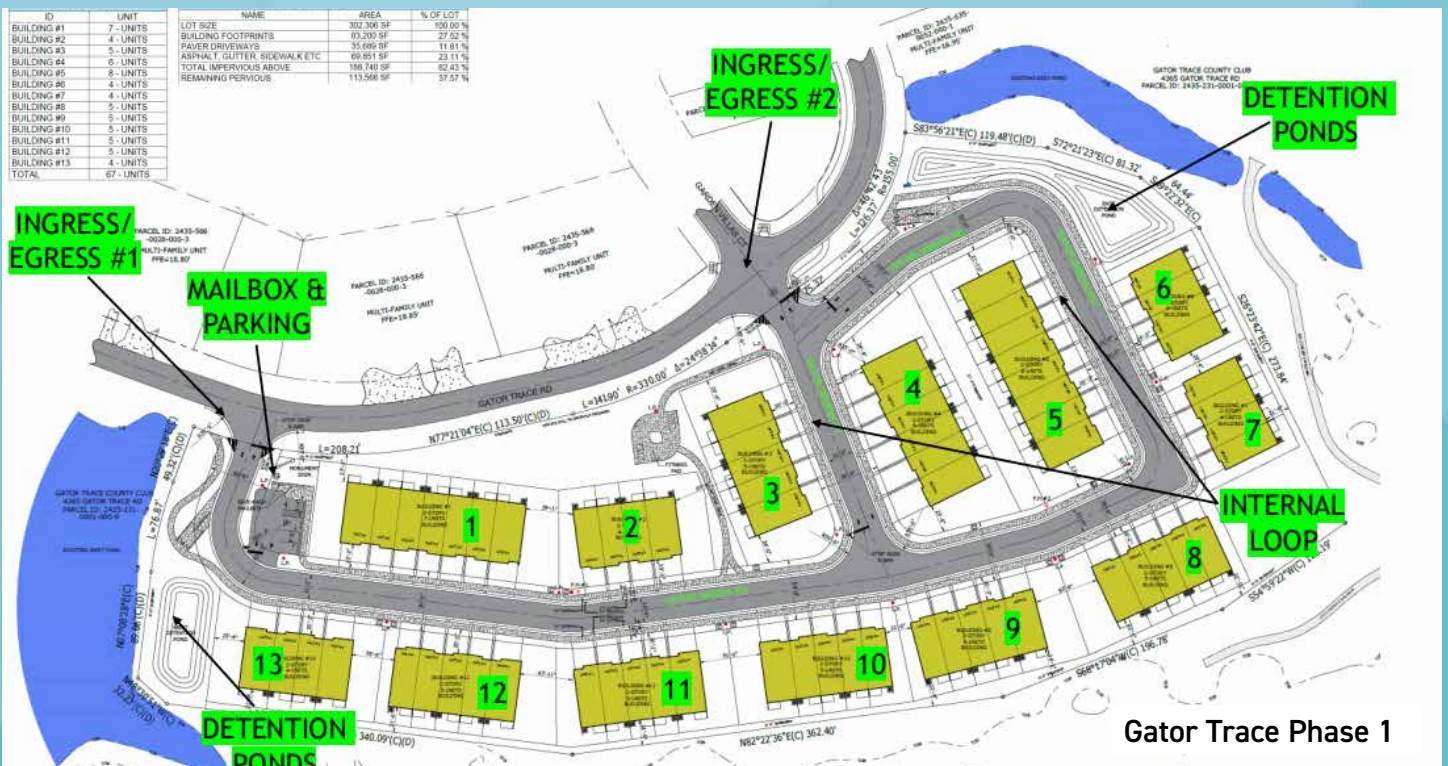
A voluntary application for annexation was approved on behalf of Savannah Landing Partners LLC. The two parcels (total 7.5 Acres), located at or near the intersection of S. US Highway 1 and Dickson Drive had a County Future Land Use designation of Residential High (RH) and a County Zoning classification of Residential, Multi-family (RM-11). The properties were annexed into the City with Future Land Use designation of Residential High (RH) and Zoning classification of High Residential Density (R-5).

A voluntary application was approved on behalf of the owner Jason Merritt. The two parcels (total 2.15 Acres), located at 1835 Sandridge Rd. and 1839 Sandridge Rd. The subject properties had a County Future Land Use designation of Commercial (COM) and a County Zoning designation of Commercial General (CG). The properties were annexed into the City with a proposed City Future Land Use designation of General Commercial (GC) and Zoning designation of General Commercial (C-3).

A Final Plat for Phase 1 of the Gator Trace PD - The Gator Trace on The Greens project, to subdivide approximately 6.94 acres into sixty-seven (67) platted townhome lots, two (2) Road Tracts, two (2) Stormwater Tracts, one (1) Open Space Tract, one (1) Recreation Tract, and associated easements and buffer, was approved by City Commission.



Gator Trace Phase 1



Gator Trace Phase 1

September 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	-	-	-	-
Unpermitted Construction Activity	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	0.0
Unsafe Structure	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	8.1
Abandoned Vehicle	1	0	7.8	0.0	4	1	14.0	0.2
Animal Control	1	0	0.6	0.0	-	-	-	-
General	2	0	16.9	0.0	6	1	2.4	0.0
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	1	1	19.2	19.2	1	0	1.5	0.0
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	5	1	12.6	13.2	4	0	11.3	0.0
Erosion and Sediment Control Issues	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Roadway Construction	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Traffic Signal	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Parks and Playgrounds	-	-	-	-	4	1	0.5	2.0
Pothole	2	0	0.2	0.0	2	1	1.4	0.3
Streetlight	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	0.0
Street Sign	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.6	0.0
Trash and Recycling	7	7	1.0	1.6	-	-	-	-
Trees	1	1	0.2	2.4	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	21	13	4.5	6.6	31	10	4.7	1.4

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

7 BREW'S COFFEE WITH A COP EVENT

On Thursday, October 3, 2024, the Fort Pierce Police Department's Community Engagement Unit teamed up with the fantastic "7 Brew Crew" for their "Coffee with a Cop" event. Their team's energy and speed were incredible! Our officers assisted in taking orders and serving thirsty customers, taking a few moments to interact and engage with drivers as they passed through the drive-thru lines.

The Fort Pierce Police Department extends their heartfelt thanks to 7 Brew Coffee for the invitation to this event—it was truly a fun experience!



River Walk Center Sales Report - September 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS *November*

EVERY WED | **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

[FRI] **1** | **Friday Fest**
Marina Square | 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

[SAT] **2** | **Jaycee Park**
Playground Dedication | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

[SUN] **3** | **Lee's Luck Duck Race**
Marina Square | 1:00 PM-5:00 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."