

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



DECEMBER 2024



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The Art of Community: A Journey Through Fort Pierce's Mural

In the heart of Fort Pierce, a 680-foot mural tells the rich story of the Treasure Coast, capturing the community's past, present, and future. The mural, "Moving Through Time," is located on the wall east of the St. Lucie County Courthouse, along Indian Rive Drive. The artist, Sean Coffey of Memphis, TN, deeply immersed himself in Fort Pierce's history, connecting with the community and listening to personal stories to create a visual journey that unfolds chronologically.

The mural's creation was a collaborative effort, with the artist's vision shaped by conversations with the City of Fort Pierce's Arts and Culture Board, ensuring the piece was not only aesthetically pleasing but deeply meaningful to the community. The mural's completion timeline extended significantly, stretching from an initial two-week estimate to a final duration of seven weeks. Despite challenges such as severe weather, the artist's bond to the project only deepened.

"Those conversations were essential,"

Coffey reflected. "They shared their personal connections to the area, the histories and experiences that they each carried with them."

A notable section of the mural pays homage to the Highwaymen, a group of African American artists known for their vibrant Florida landscapes. This public art piece stands as a testament to the transformative power of art, serving as a catalyst for community pride and a bridge between diverse experiences.

"It's a reminder of the struggles we all face in finding our voice, our space, and our identity in a world that can often feel overwhelming," Coffey said.

The mural will continue to be a constant reminder of Fort Pierce's rich history and vibrant community spirit, inviting viewers to reflect on the stories that have shaped this unique corner of Florida's Treasure Coast.

"It's more than decoration," Coffey said. "It's a catalyst for community pride and a bridge between diverse experiences."



Mayor Hudson & Sean Coffey



A Vibrant Start to the Season

The excitement in downtown Fort Pierce is palpable as Sunrise Theatre welcomed crowds eager to enjoy live entertainment this fall. With two sold-out performances, October closed and November opened with a bang, signaling a promising season ahead.

Actor and comedian Rob Schneider set the stage on October 25th, delivering a lively performance as the season's opener. Nurse John, a TikTok sensation, followed with a packed show on November 1st. Originally, the Eli Young Band was scheduled to launch the season, but Hurricane Milton caused a delay, making these events even more anticipated.

October wasn't just about performances. Sunrise Theatre embraced the festive spirit by participating in the Annual Trick-or-Treat and Ghost Tour events. Whether it was handing out candy or welcoming visitors for ghostly adventures, the theatre played an integral role in the community's celebrations.

Under the guidance of Marisa Quijano,

the Acting Executive Director, Sunrise Theatre is evolving. Aiming to strengthen ties with local businesses, the theatre has introduced several new initiatives:

- Monthly Newsletters: Keeping patrons informed about day-to-day operations and upcoming shows.
- Enhanced Staffing: A new bar management team and box office staff have joined the fold, ensuring a smoother visitor experience.
- Facility Upgrades: With CINTAS, custodial services have been updated to provide a more comfortable environment.

The theatre is gearing up for an even busier season with five new shows already announced and more on the way. Special attention is being given to R&B and Latin performances to reflect and celebrate Fort Pierce's diverse culture.

For tickets and event details, visit www.sunrisetheatre.com or contact the Box Office at 772.461.4775.



A NIGHT AT THE SUNRISE

R&B, SOUL, LATIN & MORE!



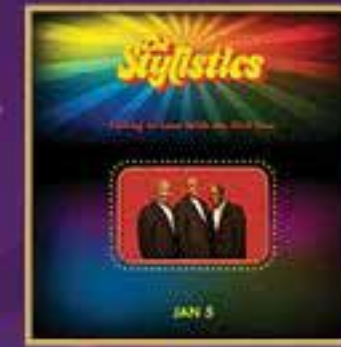
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JAN 3



THE STYLISTICS

JAN 7



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JAN 11



THE SOUL CRUISERS

MAR 2



MIAMI SOUND REVUE

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ANJELAH JOHNSON-REYES

APR 12



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APR 17



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HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE

BOX OFFICE: 772.461.4775
MON-FRI: 10AM - 2PM



5553 S US HWY 1

Construction is nearing completion at Wallace Hyundai. Lifts have been installed in the service bays, fixtures are being installed in the showroom, landscaping is being installed, and the dealership is now proudly flying the American flag. All aspects of construction are inspected by the Building Department for compliance with the Florida Building Code. This includes the flagpole which is reviewed and inspected for wind load compliance and for fall radius to ensure in the event the flagpole was damaged that it would not fall on any nearby structures.



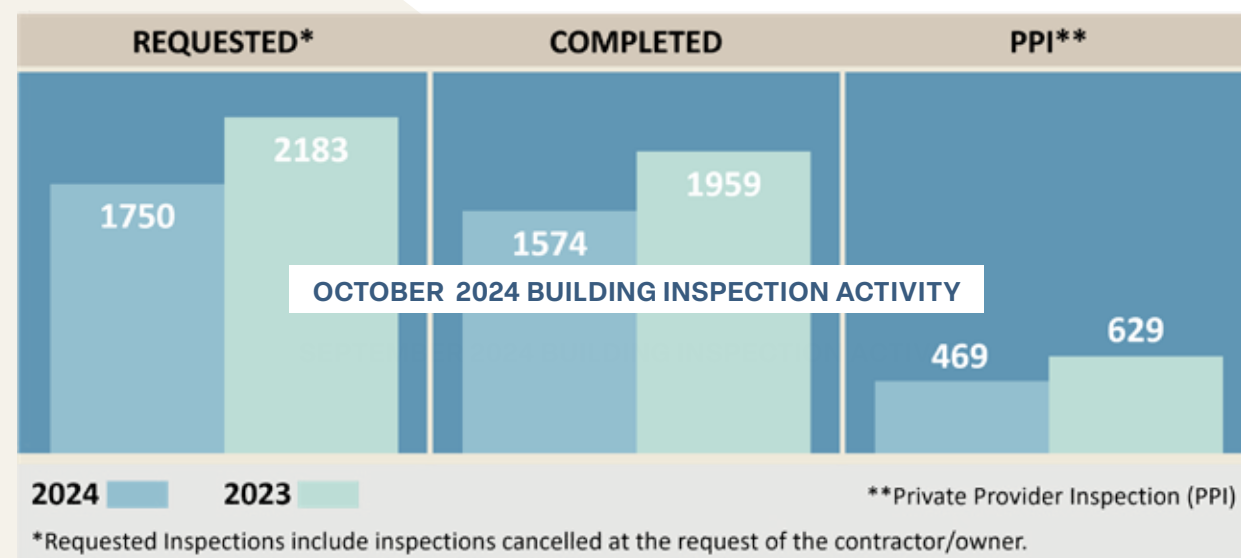
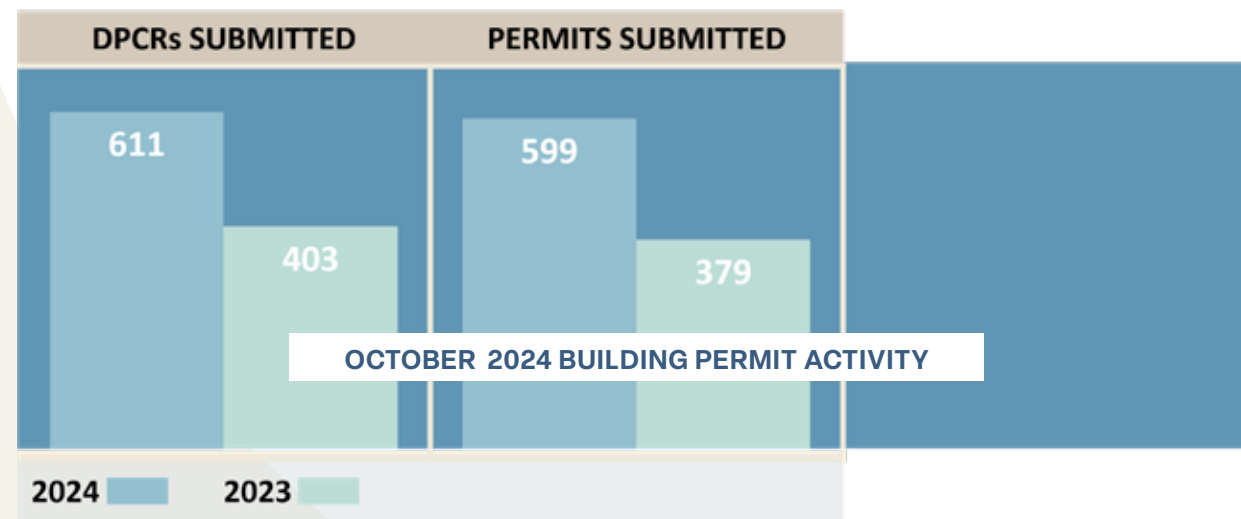
300 BLOCK MEANS CT

Three homes are currently being built at The Oaks at Moore's Creek, with additional homes scheduled to be built in the immediate future. One home has recently had the footing steel and underground plumbing inspected so that the slab can be poured. The second home is having the plywood sheathing installed on the roof in preparation of inspection. The third home is nearing completion and will be ready to occupy in the near future.



5340 S US HWY 1

Construction is ongoing at Twin's Car Wash. These pictures were taken when the window frames were being installed in the main building and the footing steel was being inspected prior to the concrete being poured for the dumpster enclosure, vacuum area and pay station island.



Trunk or Treat

The Fort Pierce Police Department's Annual Trunk or Treat event was a huge success! This year the Department decided to switch things up a bit from the drive up events we have held since 2000. While there has always been a great turnout, we just felt something was missing. That something was the true interaction with the participants. We missed connecting with all of the young super heroes, the Elsa's, and ninja turtles. This decision could not have been a better one. Everyone, from eventgoers to the Staff, had such a blast! Participants were able to browse the vehicles decorated by the officers before moving on to receive a special treat. There were special guest appearances and opportunities to take photos with Darth Vader and Obi One from Star Wars. Even Winifred from Hocus Pocus decided to stop by. This was such an amazing event and we are already planning for and eagerly awaiting next year's event.





Mayor Hudson & Highwaymen Foundation Board



Mayor Hudson & Pete Tesch



Mayor Hudson & Lions Club



Left to right:
Ms. Rose Marie, Mayor Hudson, and Betty Bradwell

#LoveTheFort Selfie Day

Florida City Government Week, held October 21-27, 2024, highlighted the vital role of municipal governments and encouraged civic engagement. Fort Pierce embraced the celebration with events like #LoveTheFort Selfie Day on October 22. Residents and visitors shared their love for the city by snapping selfies at iconic landmarks and posting them on social media. The event fostered community pride and spotlighted the city's beauty, all while engaging citizens in a fun and interactive way.

Adding a personal touch, Mayor Linda Hudson welcomed visitors to City Hall between 1 PM and 3 PM for selfies, creating a memorable connection with the community. Alongside this, the city organized other activities to educate and inspire civic involvement, demonstrating the importance of collaboration in shaping a vibrant Fort Pierce.



Mayor Hudson & St. Andrews students



Firehawks 2024 Season

Wrap Up

As we wrap up the 2024 football and cheer season, we reflect on both the challenges and victories we've experienced.

While our football teams fell short of reaching the Super Bowl, they gained invaluable experience and growth throughout the season. Notably, three of our teams made it to the semi-finals, showcasing their hard work and determination.

Our cheer program recently excelled at the PSLAA cheer competition, with our 10-12 age group proudly taking home 1st place! The other age groups also performed

exceptionally well, representing the Firehawks organization with great pride and spirit.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our coaches for their unwavering dedication and commitment to nurturing our young athletes.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that registration for the upcoming basketball season will begin in January 2025. The season will kick off in March 2025 and run for eight weeks. We can't wait to see everyone on the court!



Indian Hills Golf Course

Mother Nature has already been a huge help this Fall, with several days of unexpected rain. It would be extremely beneficial for us to receive continued rain one or two nights per month as we get into the cooler winter season. Coming off one of our best revenue Octobers ever, November has been equally strong! With the much-improved course conditions we are excited heading into the winter months with our best product in years.

Our annual "Turkey Shootout" held on Thanksgiving morning each year was SOLD OUT again! With 120 players in attendance, everyone had a great time and collectively we raised a few hundred pounds of food and just over \$350 in cash for the Treasure Coast Food Bank!!

We are also a drop site for the "Toys for Tots" program so if you're looking to donate any toys for children this holiday season, please drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the Golf Shop. With so many people struggling this time of year, any donation you can provide

goes a long way to helping those in need in our community!

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.

	SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024
Golf Rounds	2502	2958
Golf Fees	\$56,063.79	\$76,756.58
Range Tokens	\$946.12	\$1,838.00
Membership Fees	\$798.69	\$4,147.38
Food & Beverages	\$8,296.40	\$8,102.22
Merchandise	\$3,829.48	\$2,934.51
TOTAL	\$69,934.48	\$93,778.69

Transforming Orange Avenue

The vibrant Peacock Arts District continues to grow its cultural footprint with stunning new murals that bring life and character to Orange Avenue. Following the completion of the dynamic mural at 717 Orange Avenue by Jacksonville-based artist Jason Tetlak, plans are underway for a fresh masterpiece at 607 Orange Avenue.

Sitki Dogan, a celebrated muralist known for his bold and captivating designs, has been selected to create "Flora Symphony". This upcoming mural will incorporate vivid botanical themes and a harmonious color

palette, promising to elevate the area's aesthetic and infuse it with creativity.

As the Peacock Arts District continues to thrive, the addition of "Flora Symphony" will be a testament to the power of public art to enrich urban spaces. With Jason Tetlak's vibrant mural already setting a high standard, the anticipation for Dogan's contribution is palpable. Stay tuned for updates on this transformative project, as Orange Avenue becomes a true showcase of artistic expression.



607 Orange Avenue
Mural 

Ohio Avenue Phase 2 (US Hwy 1 to 11th Street)

A final inspection was conducted and the contractor is addressing punch list items. Final construction expected in December 2024.



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

This project is currently on hold until a new agreement with FDOT can be executed that provides the additional funding for construction. The previous bids expired and the project will need to be bid again following the new agreement which is anticipated in March.



2024 Street Resurfacing Program

The City has identified 2.1 miles of resurfacing for FY 2024. Work on the ADA Ramps within the limits of these streets is underway and milling work has begun. Currently, inspections and punch list items are being completed. A final inspection will be completed.

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

Contractor is addressing punch list items.

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

This project is currently on hold as the original design support agreement with FDOT expired in March of 2024. The consultant has been notified and the design cannot continue until a new agreement is executed.



Indian Hills Golf Course Site Expansion Phase 1

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

A pre-construction meeting was held on September 25, 2024 and it is anticipated construction commencement December 2024 with construction completion estimated to be in May 2025

Frances Avenue Roadway Improvements

PRP Construction Group, LLC construction contract was approved at October 7th City Commission meeting. A pre-construction meeting was held on Tuesday, October 29th. Project is scheduled to begin in January 2024. 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. Neighborhood meetings are scheduled for December 5, 10, and 11. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for December 17.

Avenue D (US Hwy 1 to Indian River Drive)

The consultant has provided information to address the design changes and prepare the documents for final design and advertisement.

Avenue D (29th Street to US Hwy 1)

The City provided the revised plans to FDOT on September 23, 2024 for approval to advertise for construction. Once approval is received, the project is ready to advertise for construction.

Avenue D and Means Court Public Parking Lot

A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for December 4, 2025. Construction commencement is anticipated for February 2025.



Officer Damian Spotts Honored as 2024 Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year

Every community thrives on the hard work and dedication of its leaders, especially those committed to safety and well-being. Officer Damian Spotts of the Fort Pierce Police Department has been a shining example of such leadership. Recently, he was honored with the 2024 Florida Crime Prevention Association’s Practitioner of the Year Award, recognizing his invaluable contributions to crime prevention and community development.

If you know Officer Spotts, this recognition comes as no surprise. Over the past five years, he has served as the Region 7 Director of the Florida Crime Prevention Association, setting a standard for proactive leadership. His efforts extend beyond his title, as he is deeply involved in community initiatives that have made Fort Pierce a safer and more connected place to live. Officer Spotts’ role goes beyond enforcement.

Here are just a few highlights of his impactful work:

- Citizens Observation Patrol:

Overseeing a vigilant team that enhances neighborhood safety.

- Community Engagement: Leading community watch meetings to foster trust and collaboration.
- Educational Programs: Promoting railroad safety through “Operation Life Saver.”
- Child Safety Advocacy: Collaborating with Safe Kids St. Lucie County to protect young lives.
- Fundraising Leadership: Organizing “Tip A Cop” and “Cops on a Rooftop” events, raising funds for the Florida Special Olympics

Officer Damian Spotts’ unwavering commitment to public safety and community engagement has earned him the 2024 Practitioner of the Year Award. This achievement reflects his passion, leadership, and dedication to making Fort Pierce a better place for all. Thank you, Officer Spotts, for your exceptional service!



CITY MARINA REVENUE REPORT

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Dockage Reservations	59	40	74
Monthly Dockage	\$165,048.48	\$157,324.62	\$161,957.90
Transient Dockage	\$47,439.64	\$48,669.08	\$78,366.37
Electricity	\$3,759.70	\$4,200.97	\$5,606.58
Retail	\$12,086.51	\$9,891.08	\$9,261.80
Gas Sales	\$45,723.49	\$30,674.16	\$21,685.55
Diesel Sales	\$29,556.57	\$12,599.60	\$31,431.11
TOTALS	\$303,614.39	\$263,359.51	\$308,309.31



QUARTERLY COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7, 2024**

STEPS

1. REGISTER YOURSELF OR GROUP AT WWW.CITYOFFORTPIERCE.COM/COMMUNITYCLEANUP
2. PICK UP SUPPLIES (SUPPLIES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST)
3. CLEAN UP DESIRED AREA
4. SUBMIT LITTER CLEANUP REPORT FORM (LOCATED ON THE REGISTRATION WEBPAGE)

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Left to right:
Marsha Commond, PW Special Projects Coordinator and Jack Andrews, Deputy City Manager Public Services

Hurricane Milton Donation

The American Public Works Association (APWA) Treasure Coast (TC) Chapter extends heartfelt gratitude to the City of Fort Pierce for its participation in a regional donation drive aimed at assisting those affected by Hurricane Milton. The City of Fort Pierce, along with several neighboring municipalities, contributed a truckload of items that included water, dry goods, hygiene products, clothing, and baby supplies.

Representatives from APWA-TC collected the donations from City Hall, where the donation drive box was located. APWA-TC is currently sorting through all the received items and will collaborate with the state-level branch to ensure the donations reach those in need. The Public Works Department remains dedicated to supporting the community during challenging times and will work closely with partner agencies and Fort Pierce residents.

October 2024 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Unpermitted Construction Activity	-	-	-	-	2	1	3.7	0.2
Abandoned Vehicle	1	1	0.9	2.1	1	0	0.0	0.0
General	-	-	-	-	3	2	1.2	12.1
Illegal Dumping	1	1	0.0	3.8	-	-	-	-
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	-	-	-	-	2	1	0.0	23.3
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	1	1	0.0	3.8	4	4	1.1	3.4
Drainage Issues	1	0	0.0	0.0	4	0	0.0	0.0
Traffic Signal	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Parks and Playgrounds	-	-	-	-	2	1	0.3	5.8
Pothole	-	-	-	-	3	0	1.3	0.0
Streetlight	1	0	1.1	0.0	2	0	0.0	0.0
Street Sign	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	1.2
Trash and Recycling	3	1	0.0	0.1	2	0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	8	4	0.4	2.4	27	10	1.0	6.8

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
- COMMUNITY RESPONSE
- ENGINEERING
- PUBLIC WORKS



River Walk Center Sales Report - October 2024





Welcome New Businesses

Nara ABA LLC

7-ELEVEN, INC.

The Pink Moon Beauty Lounge

Above & Beyond Christian Counseling

Tiwana D Holmes P.A.

M & H Petroleum Inc

St. Lucie Retail 46 LLC

Joyride Fort Pierce Boat Rentals

MO Behavior Therapy LLC

Aldi (Florida) LLC

Lozano Barbershop LLC

Rediscover Food Inc

Superior Truck Tires & Service LLC

Ricard Family Dentistry, Inc

UPCOMING EVENTS *December*

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

EVERY DAY | **TC Hospice Tree of Life** Gazebo

[FRI] **6** | **Friday Fest** Marina Square | 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

[SUN] **8** | **Sights & Sound Parade** Downtown Fort Pierce | 1:00 PM-7:00 PM

[SUN] **8** | **Treasure Coast Triathlon** Jetty Park | 7:00 AM-11:00 AM

[SAT] **14** | **Christmas Boat Parade** Intracoastal Waterway | 6:00 PM

[SAT] **14** | **Legit's Toy Drive** Second Street | 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

[TUES] **24** | **Christmas Eve Service** Marina Square | 4:00 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."