

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

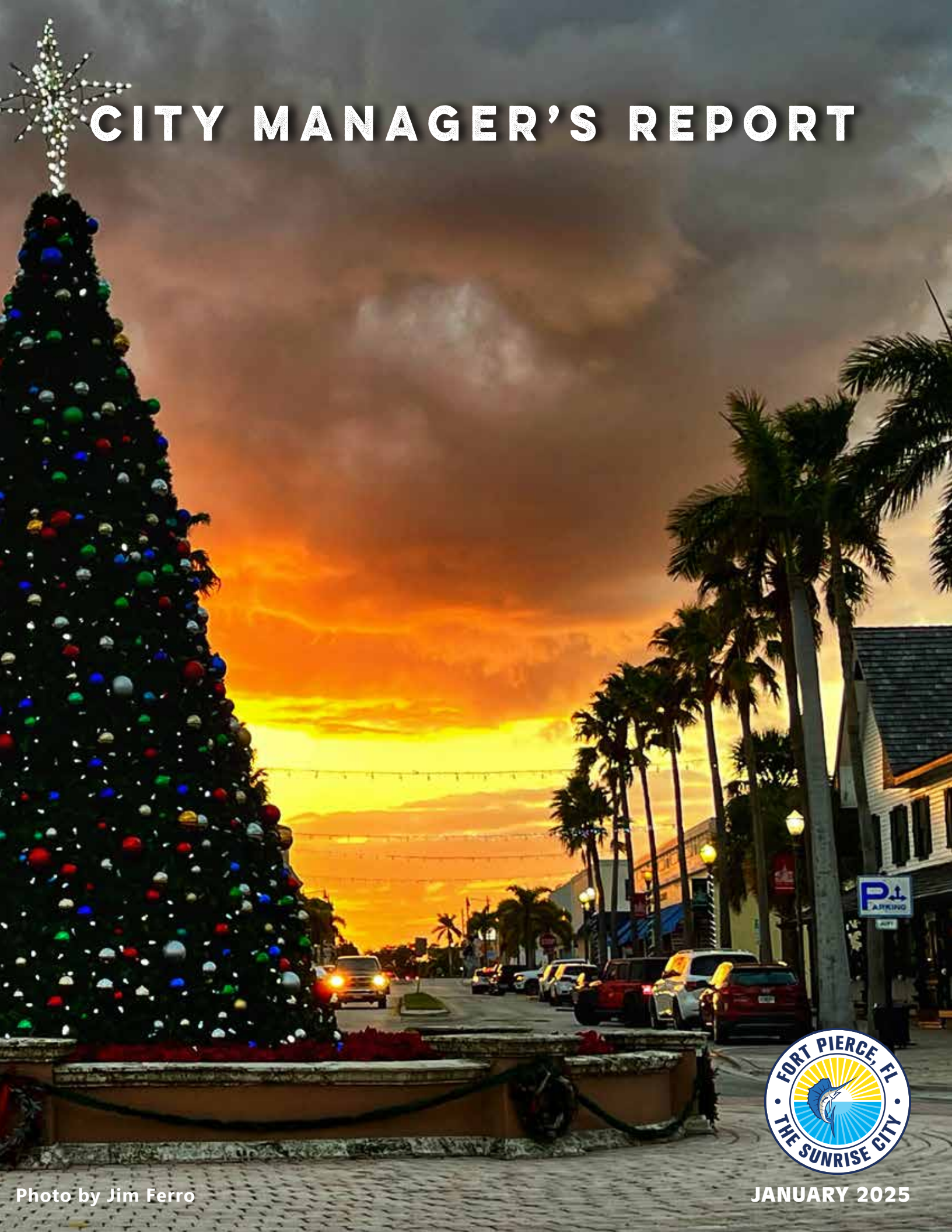


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A Season of Giving & Festivities

The holiday season in Fort Pierce was filled with joy, generosity, and community spirit as several events brought smiles to residents young and old. From building bikes for children to parades and festive trains, the city embraced the true meaning of the season.

Bicycle Build: December 6, 2024

Kicking off the holiday celebrations, Fort Pierce Police Department (FPPD) officers, city staff, and volunteers from Project LIFT came together to assemble 200 bicycles generously donated by The Eberst Law Firm, P.A. The event was a part of the Santa Cop program, which ensures that each bike finds a home with a child in need this Christmas. The teamwork and dedication demonstrated during this Bicycle Build exemplified the giving spirit of the season.



Shop with a Cop: December 6, 2024

On the same day, FPPD hosted its annual Shop with a Cop event, spreading holiday cheer to over 40 local children. Each child, personally selected by a Fort Pierce Police Officer, was given a Walmart gift card to shop for holiday gifts. The event was made possible by the generous support of Walmart Fort Pierce, PepsiCo, the FPPD Explorers, victim advocates, and dedicated volunteers. The smiles on the children's faces and the officers' joy underscored the special bond between the community and its protectors.



Florida East Coast Railway's Santa Train: December 7, 2024

The holiday excitement continued the next morning with the arrival of the Florida East Coast Railway's Santa Train. This annual tradition, which began in 2010, brought festive joy to Fort Pierce as Santa Claus stepped off the train to greet local families, distribute toys, and pose for photos.

This year, the train not only delivered gifts to eagerly awaiting children but also supported the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation by collecting toys for families in need. The Santa Train has become a cherished tradition in the Fort Pierce community, spreading holiday magic year after year.



St. Lucie County Toy Run: December 8, 2024

This was the largest motorcycle toy run on the Treasure Coast, with over 600 riders this year. The 18th annual event, collected toys for children in need in our community. The Fort Pierce Police Department will be using the toys donated to go toward the Santa Cop Program coming up on December 20th.



Sights and Sounds Parade: December 8, 2024

The festivities culminated with the 36th Annual Sights and Sounds Parade on 2nd Street. Organized by Main Street Fort Pierce and the Sunrise Kiwanis Club, the parade officially marked the start of the Christmas season.

The Fort Pierce Police Department played a prominent role, with the Honor Guard leading the way and Santa and Mrs. Claus making their grand entrance. The parade brought together families, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the season with music, floats, and holiday cheer.

A Community United in Holiday Spirit

From giving back to the community through the Santa Cop program to welcoming Santa himself on a train and at a parade, Fort Pierce demonstrated the power

of togetherness and generosity this holiday season. These events remind us all of the joy that comes from sharing and celebrating as a community.

Here's to another season of holiday magic in Fort Pierce!



November 2024 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Unpermitted Construction Activity	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.5	0.0
Abandoned Vehicle	-	-	-	-	2	0	0.0	0.0
General	-	-	-	-	3	2	0.0	0.0
Illegal Dumping	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	2	0	0.7	0.0	1	1	1.4	3.3
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	-	-	-	-	4	4	0.0	0.0
Roadway Construction	-	-	-	-	2	0	0.0	0.0
Traffic Signal	2	0	0.0	0.0	1	0	0.1	0.0
Parks and Playgrounds	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.1	0.0
Pothole	3	0	1.3	0.0	-	-	-	-
Streetlight	3	0	0.1	0.0	-	-	-	-
Street Sign	1	0	0.2	0.0	1	1	2.0	11.9
Trash and Recycling	3	2	1.0	1.1	1	1	0.0	0.3
Trees	1	0	0.0	0.0	2	1	1.0	2.0
TOTALS	16	2	0.7	1.1	19	10	0.8	1.8

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



Public Works Update

Public Works Welcomes the American Public Works Association for Holiday Cheer!

The Public Works Department is wrapping up the year on a high note by hosting the Annual American Public Works Association (APWA) Treasure Coast Chapter Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Public Works agencies from various localities in the Treasure Coast region, including the City of Port St. Lucie and the City of Stuart, were in attendance.

Our Public Works leadership team enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and networking with peers from other agencies. The food was delightful, and the event showcased the stunning views of the Indian River Lagoon, as it took place at the River Walk Center.

We eagerly anticipate organizing ongoing sessions, events, and training opportunities

in Fort Pierce alongside our APWA-TC partners. This collaborative effort will enhance professional development and facilitate information sharing, benefiting the City of Fort Pierce now and in the years to come.





River Walk Center Sales Report - November 2024



classes

\$863



parks
permits

\$1,350



special
events

\$905



facilities

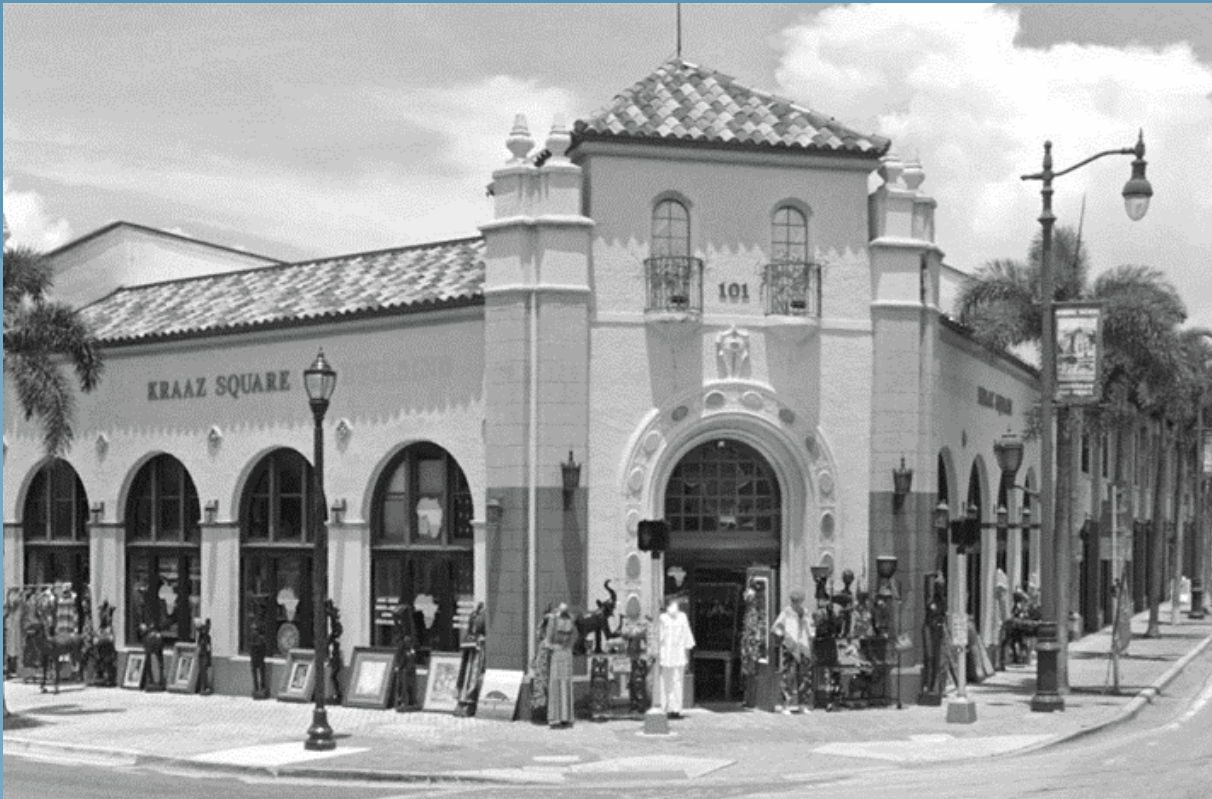
\$9,279

Planning Determinations

CODE AMENDMENTS

The City Commission adopted changes to the code of ordinances to adopt the Architectural Design Standards for the City of Fort Pierce. The quality and compatibility of proposed development in the city is of critical public concern for all building and/or site improvements. The proposed amendment to replace the design guidelines with Architectural Standards provides a basic template for building design and siting within the City of Fort Pierce. Desired architectural styles are purposefully broad in their categorizations in order to provide a wide range of detailing options and flexibility. It should be noted that the styles will have stricter application within the City's Central Business District, Fort Pierce Redevelopment Area, the City's Historical Districts, for innovative community development, and for conditional uses. Definitions are incorporated into the proposed Architectural Design to facilitate consistency within the review process by denoting clear architectural expectations for both the reviewer and the designer.





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 Guillermo Claure. The request was to annex two parcels totaling 0.38 Acres, located near the intersection of S. Ocean Drive and Blue Heron. The subject properties have a County Future Land Use designation of Residential Suburban (RS) and a St. Lucie County Zoning classification of Hutchinson Island Residential District (HIRD). The proposed City Future Land Use designation is Residential Low Density (RL) and Zoning classification of Single-family Low Density (R-1).



Leisure Services Programs

On December 7th, our 8U and 12U Firehawks Teams went head-to-head with the Treasure Coast Spartans. Although the outcomes weren't what we hoped for, both games highlighted the incredible talent and unwavering spirit of our athletes, earning positive recognition for our organization and the City of Fort Pierce.

In the spirit of the season, our cheerleaders celebrated with a delightful pajama Christmas party, complete with a cozy movie night and the joy of exchanging thoughtful gifts. This festive gathering was a fantastic way to celebrate the holidays and strengthen our team bonds!

Additionally, our cheerleaders proudly participated in the annual Downtown Christmas parade, further showcasing their enthusiasm and community spirit.





Indian Hills Golf Course

Now that 2024 is behind us, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for a healthy and happy 2025. We would like to thank our staff, members, and guests for helping those in need in our community! Through our annual Thanksgiving Golf Outing and food drive, we raised \$500 in cash and collected nearly 400 pounds of food for the Treasure Coast Food Bank this year. We also gathered over 300 toys for the Toys for Tots program!

Mother Nature has certainly been kind to us this fall, with warmer temperatures and a significant amount of rain. With any luck, these favorable conditions will continue, helping us improve the course conditions daily as we focus on maintaining healthy turf on the fairways.

Our greens are in the best condition they've been in a long time! From a maintenance standpoint, we've been actively spraying weeds and have revamped our fertilization program. We've started using the previously unused Fertigation System in combination with a monthly organic granular application. The liquid fertilizer provides instant nutrients to the plants, while the organic granular fertilizer enriches the sub-layer, which is

primarily sand. As the turf grass continues to thrive, the refurbished fertigation system allows us to "spoon-feed" the golf course with liquid fertilizer every evening when the irrigation runs.

Word of mouth is our greatest form of advertising, so if you've played here and enjoyed the improvements we're making, please tell a friend—or two! If there's something we can do better, please tell us so we can continue to improve. We deeply appreciate the support of our members and guests, and we encourage you to "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook or Instagram to stay updated on the golf course and our ongoing maintenance projects.

	OCTOBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024
Golf Rounds	2958	3458
Golf Fees	\$76,756.58	\$98,547.86
Range Tokens	\$1,838.00	\$2,923.64
Membership Fees	\$4,147.38	\$8,335.50
Food & Beverages	\$8,102.22	\$10,639.85
Merchandise	\$2,934.51	\$7,055.04
TOTAL	\$93,778.69	\$127,501.89

809 DELAWARE AVE

Formerly a business office, major renovations and a change of use and occupancy were performed for the Bluebird Bistro, coming soon. Final inspections were recently approved as the owner is making final preparations for opening.





1930 HARBORTOWN

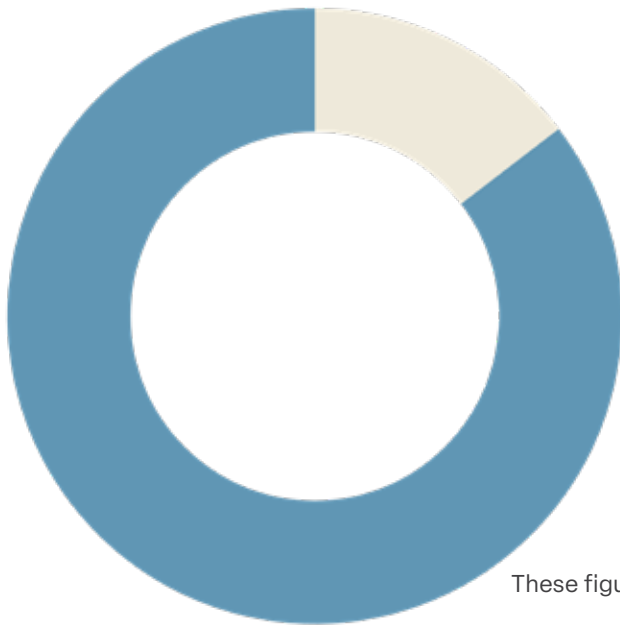
A new tiki hut is being erected at Skipper's Cove Bar and Grill, replacing the deteriorating canvas awnings and providing additional shade coverage. Inspections are performed for the structural connectors before the thatch work is completed.



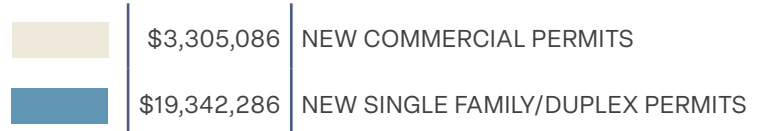
2005 S JENKINS RD

Sitework and installation of underground utilities is ongoing for the new apartment complex located at the intersection of Jenkins Road and Graham Road. Fill dirt is being compacted in preparation of the compaction testing prior to the concrete building pads and sidewalks being poured and the asphalt parking lot areas being paved.

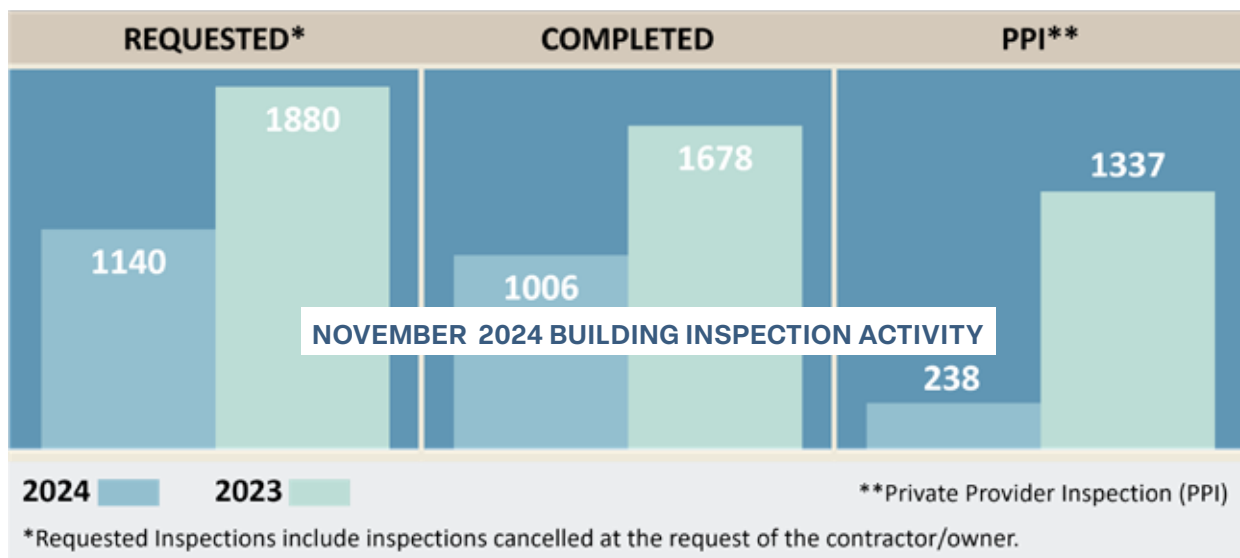
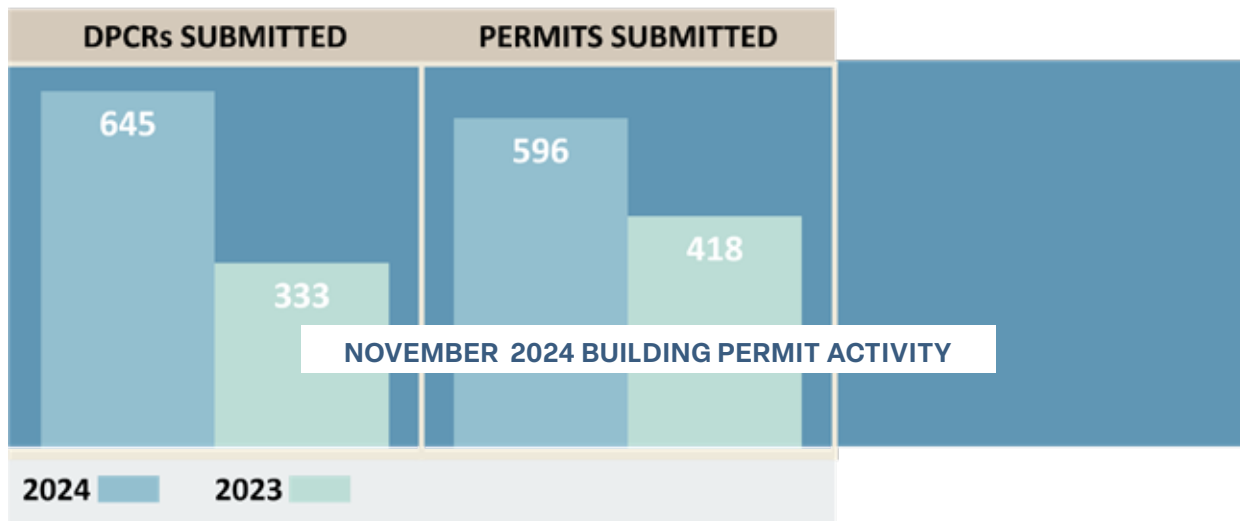




NOVEMBER 2024 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES



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



SUN Trail Port Overpass

The City has been selected to serve as the Project Manager for the design and construction of this segment of SUN Trail. Staff will begin putting together the RFP documentation in coordination with the County, TPO, and FDOT. Click on map below to view enlarged copy.

FLORIDA SHARED USE NETWORK (SUN) TRAIL

Preferred Alternate 2F: Avenue O Extension

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Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)

The City has held three neighborhood meetings on December 5, 10, and 12. The meetings were moderately attended but good input was received. A Strategic Stakeholder meeting was held on December 17 and additional goals and objectives were formulated with input from FDOT and the TPO. A draft CSAP is underway and will be presented to stakeholders for review. An additional public meeting will be held in March to present the draft CSAP to the public for comment. The current schedule is final CSAP to be presented to the Commission in June or July of 2025.

Frances Avenue Roadway Improvements

PRP Construction Group, LLC construction contract was approved at October 7th City Commission meeting. Project is scheduled to begin on January 21, 2025. The work associated with this roadway improvement project includes drainage improvements, water main installation, utility adjustments and roadway restoration.

JC Penney Parking Lot

The DPCR permit has been approved. A pre-construction and coordination meeting will be scheduled.

Avenue D (29th Street to US 1)

The City provided the revised plans to FDOT again on November 26, 2024, for approval to advertise for construction. Once approval is received, the project is ready to advertise for construction.

Avenue D (US 1 to Indian River Drive)

A change order for the consultant's additional final design work is in progress.

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.

Nebraska Avenue Sidewalk (Lawnwood Circle) Phase 1

The City continues to coordinate internally to meet FDOT 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 Constructability Submittal is due in January 2025 and our consultant is addressing comments.

2025 Street Resurfacing Program

The City has identified over 20 segments of roadway to be resurfaced in the future. The list has been provided to FPUA for coordination and prioritization. Work on the ADA Ramps within the limits of these streets is included. A full list for 2025 and resurfacing through 2028 is being developed.

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10th Annual CITY OF FORT PIERCE

JOB FAIR



Wed., January 29

Havert L. Fenn Center
2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce

10:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

🇺🇸 30-minute early entry for Veterans 🇺🇸

Register your business today to get in front
of hundreds of job seekers!



SUNRISE THEATRE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



The Sunrise Theatre hosted its annual volunteer Christmas party on December 9th, and it was a fun evening! Under the leadership of Marisa Quijano, the acting Executive Director who has brought fresh energy and innovative ideas to the theatre's management, her team organized an enjoyable volunteer Christmas party for the theatre's 200+ volunteer staff.

The evening featured great food, good drinks, and plenty of happy faces. The dance floor stayed busy, and many attendees embraced the festive spirit by wearing holiday-themed attire, adding to the cheerful atmosphere. This event was

the theatre's way of expressing gratitude for the volunteers' year-round dedication while offering everyone a chance to relax and celebrate the holiday season.

The theatre operates with a core staff of just five individuals, relying heavily on its volunteers to keep things running smoothly. These committed volunteers handle everything from bar operations and preparing food for the private lounge to checking tickets and guiding patrons to their seats. Their invaluable contributions ensure the theatre thrives, particularly on show nights.



CITY MARINA REVENUE REPORT

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Dockage Reservations	40	74	215
Monthly Dockage	\$157,324.62	\$161,957.90	\$170,134.93
Transient Dockage	\$48,669.08	\$78,366.37	\$140,324.10
Electricity	\$4,200.97	\$5,606.58	\$10,795.91
Retail	\$9,891.08	\$9,261.80	\$14,274.44
Gas Sales	\$30,674.16	\$21,685.55	\$44,151.27
Diesel Sales	\$12,599.60	\$31,431.11	\$98,597.30
TOTALS	\$263,359.51	\$308,309.31	\$478,277.95



K-9 Officer Pulliam is seated second from the left

K-9 Officer James Pulliam Honored as Officer of the Year

K-9 Officer James Pulliam of the Fort Pierce Police Department was honored as the Officer of the Year by the St. Lucie County Hundred Club at their First Responder of the Year Awards ceremony on December 10, 2024. Officer Pulliam, along with his K-9 partner Wyatt, has been recognized for his exceptional service and dedication to the community



Welcome New Businesses

Holy Family Veterinary Hospital

Nalu 'Aio

Ft Pierce Opco LLC

AV Medical Center

Ekonomy Travel Services Inc.

Shining Stars Preschool, Inc.

Halbo North Too Incorporated

Taco Teriyaki LLC

Pacific Food and Grocery LLC

JSF Okeechobee, LLC

UPCOMING EVENTS *January*

EVERY WED | **Green Market** | 12:00 PM-6:30 PM
Marina Square

EVERY SAT | **Downtown Farmers Market** | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Marina Square

EVERY SAT | **Jazz Market** | 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Marina Square

[FRI] **3** | **Friday Fest** | 5:00 PM-9:00 PM
Marina Square

[SAT] **4** | **Annual Bridge-Buster 5K** | 7:30 AM-9:00 AM
River Walk Center

[MON] **20** | **Martin Luther King Parade** | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
North 25th Street



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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."