

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



APRIL 2025

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GREAT AMERICAN
CLEANUP

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL



Great American Cleanup

DIVIDE AND CLEAN

On the morning of March 8, 2025, under beautiful blue skies, residents of the City of Fort Pierce divided into groups and headed out to various locations around the city to clean up as part of the Great American Cleanup Day.

The groups, that consisted of over 400 registered volunteers, were able to select from several pre-selected cleanup locations around the city or alternatively, select an area of their choice to conduct a cleanup. Regardless of location, initiatives such as this help to beautify our city.

There was also a tree dedication at Glidden Park as part of the Arbor Day celebration.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping Fort Pierce beautiful.







Little League Opening Day

NORTH SIDE BAT AND BALL SERIES KICKS OFF

There's nothing more entertaining than watching little kids play T-ball. Some ran the wrong way, others piled on top of the ball, and a few just stood there, unsure of what to do. But no one really cared—because everyone was having fun.

On Saturday, March 9, 2025, Horatio Grisby Park was filled with excited players, proud parents, and enthusiastic coaches as the North Side Bat and Ball Little League started its season. City officials, including the Chief of Police, Commissioner Arnold Gaines, and Commissioner Curtis Johnson Jr., also came out to support the teams and enjoy the day.

The best part? The weather was perfect—warm, sunny, and just right for baseball. If the first day is any sign of what's to come, this season is going to be a great one!





Keeping Our Community Safe

The dedication and hard work of Fort Pierce Police Department officers continues to have a meaningful impact on our community. The commitment to keeping our city safe and unwavering efforts to protect and serve with honor are evident in their work every day.

On Monday, February 17 at approximately 5:30 p.m., FPPD officers responded to a suspected burglary of a residence in the 700 block of South Indian River Drive. When officers arrived on scene, a perimeter was

established, and signs of a burglary were observed. The K-9 unit was deployed and tracked the area in search of a possible suspect. After a brief foot pursuit, FPPD officers arrested Lorenzo Alberto Oliva, who was armed with a handgun. Oliva was charged with armed burglary, aggravated assault and resisting an officer without violence.

Thank you to the FPPD officers and K-9 who were able to make a swift and safe arrest.



On March 15, 2025, the Fort Pierce Police Department hosted their first Tip A Cop for 2025. This is the 6th year this event has been hosted by our hometown eatery 2nd Street Bistro. Officers from the Fort Pierce Police Department and Deputies from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office worked alongside the restaurant staff to earn "tips", which will be donated to Special Olympics Florida.

Tip A Cop is the single largest fundraiser for Special Olympics and raises money to allow people with intellectual disabilities to participate in sports training and competition at zero cost to them or their families. And tonight, just over \$2200 was raised at the event.

The Fort Pierce Police Department sincerely thanks Second Street Bistro for their continued support of Special Olympics Florida.



FPAAC Highlights



Efforts to improve animal welfare continue through participation in Best Friends Animal Society's transport program. On February 24th, over 60 cats were transferred to partner organizations, including Atlanta Animal Society and Broadway, New York Animal Society. This relocation helps reduce overcrowding at the adoption center while increasing opportunities for animals to find permanent homes. Another transport is planned for March 31st, continuing efforts to relocate animals to places where more adoption opportunities exist.

Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center remains dedicated to providing excellent care and securing loving homes for animals in need. Continued partnerships and initiatives will ensure a brighter future for both animals and the surrounding community.

A donation of \$1,500 from Fort Pierce Paws for Progress Inc. will help improve the lives of many animals. This organization works to enhance animal welfare across Treasure Coast by funding necessary veterinary care, social enrichment programs, and essential support services. These efforts prepare animals for adoption and increase the chances of finding loving homes. Gratitude goes to Fort Pierce Paws for Progress Inc. for ongoing generosity and support.

A new partnership with Best Friends Animal Society brings many opportunities for Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center. This collaboration provides access to valuable resources, including grants, digital tools, a dedicated regional support team, national fundraising events, and transport coordination with other partner organizations. After meeting all necessary requirements, Fort Pierce Animal Adoption Center also received a HERO ID#, strengthening the ability to offer high-quality care and adoption services.



Planning Determinations

CITY COMMISSION HEARINGS

PORT OF FORT PIERCE: A zoning change was presented to the City Commission to create a zoning overlay district to cover the area designated as the Port of Fort Pierce. The Port of Fort Pierce is one of Florida's 15 deepwater Seaports and has huge economic value to the City and to the Region. In 2020, St. Lucie County, together with partners and substantial public outreach through the Port of Fort Pierce Master Plan Advisory Committee, updated the Port of Fort Pierce Master Plan, culminating in the Final Draft. Since that time staff and property owners have worked together to bring forward a rezoning in order to promote the Port's redevelopment. The hearing discussed the merits of the proposal and also highlighted community concerns regarding impact upon the environment. A further hearing regarding the zoning code overlay is set to be brought back to the City Commission in May 2025.





Public Works Update

SOLID WASTE & STREET SWEEPING SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

In an effort to enhance the appearance and cleanliness of Fort Pierce, service cycles and staffing adjustments have been made to better serve the city. The staffing adjustments involved transferring personnel performing Solid Waste services from the Parks and Grounds Division to the Solid Waste Division. This shift provided supervision and support from experienced Solid Waste employees with the necessary resources to address everyday challenges.

The schedule for some of the Solid Waste collection routes operates seven days a week and is carried out by two separate teams. Previously, their schedules ran from Sunday to Wednesday and Wednesday to Sunday. The teams now operate on a revised schedule: Wednesday to Saturday and Saturday to Tuesday. This new schedule creates an overlap on our busiest day of the week, ensuring that two teams are available instead of one. Areas that generate the

highest volume of solid waste are now serviced two to three times per day.

The areas serviced by the teams include:

- Downtown
- Beaches
- Orange Avenue

Previously, Downtown was serviced by a street sweeper once per week. It is now serviced twice per week, with an additional employee using a battery-powered hand blower to clear litter from the curb, allowing the street sweeper to collect it more efficiently. This operation maximizes efficiency and is performed during the early morning hours.

Additionally, the Parks and Grounds staff inspects for hanging palm fronds and decorative light issues daily on weekdays. The inspector frequently monitors the area's appearance and notifies management if service levels need to be increased.



Leisure Services Update

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Leisure Services is thrilled to share the latest updates on our programs and events, highlighting our ongoing commitment to fostering community spirit and providing enriching activities for local youth.

On March 1, 2025, the Fort Pierce Firehawks opened registration for the upcoming season with a spectacular kickoff event! Families and community members gathered to enjoy a fun-filled day featuring live music, refreshing Italian ice treats, delicious food and drinks, and a bounce house for the kids. The event was a fantastic success, bringing the community together and encouraging new participants to join the Firehawks for an exciting season ahead.



We are pleased to announce that our martial arts classes have resumed and are growing in popularity! Each week, we see increased participation as more community members take advantage of this engaging and disciplined sport. Our dedicated instructors continue to provide quality training in a supportive and motivating environment.

During the recent spring break, Leisure Services hosted a three-day camp for children aged 7-13. Designed to be both educational and entertaining, the camp featured a variety of activities, including team-building games that encouraged collaboration and fun, as well as a professionally-led art class on the final day where kids explored their creativity for 2.5 hours. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many children expressing their excitement and enjoyment. We look forward to continuing to provide such rewarding experiences for our young participants!



Leisure Services is dedicated to enhancing our programs and strengthening our community bonds. Here's what's next: continued promotion of registration and upcoming community events, monitoring and encouraging participation in our growing martial arts program, and planning future camps and activities based on valuable participant feedback. We appreciate the ongoing support from our families and community members. Here's to an exciting and successful 2025 season ahead!

5340 S US HWY 1

Coming soon! Twins Car Wash is nearing completion on US Hwy 1 just south of Midway Road. Signage has recently been installed and inspected. The final inspection from the Fire District has recently been approved and the final inspections from the Building Department will be performed shortly.



1975 S US HWY 1



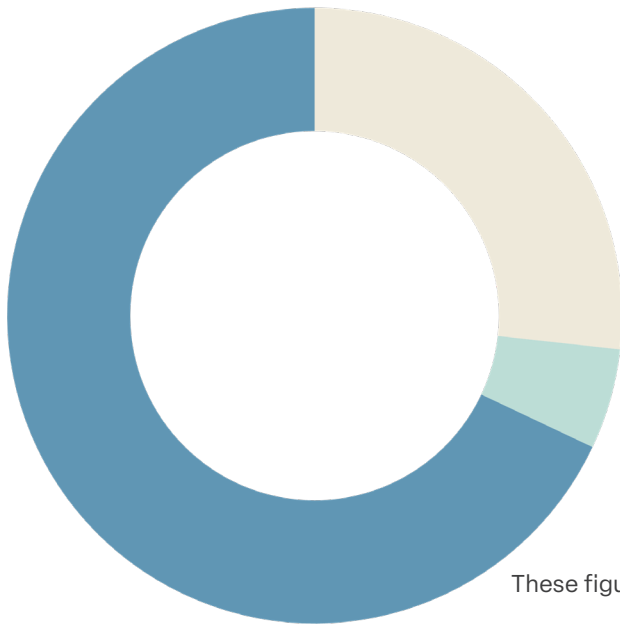
A temporary certificate of occupancy has been issued for Petsense. Petsense has scheduled a soft opening for Monday, March 31st for their first location on the Treasure Coast. Petsense, founded in 2005, is a pet specialty retailer operated by Tractor Supply. Petsense is one of the many new tenants in the revitalized Gateway Plaza at US Highway 1 and Virginia Avenue.



7300 OKEECHOBEE ROAD

The Pilot truck stop and travel center is undergoing a major remodel of their existing facility to include a 529 square foot addition to accommodate a new receiving room and stock room. It will also include a renovation and relocation of the game room, a new checkout counter & equipment, a new drink bar, deli cabinetry and equipment, a renovation and relocation of the deli prep area, new beverage coolers and shelving, a new employee breakroom area, a renovated public laundry area, renovated restrooms and showers, and a modern exterior facade. These pictures were taken during the plumbing inspection of the renovation and the mechanical duct inspection of the addition.

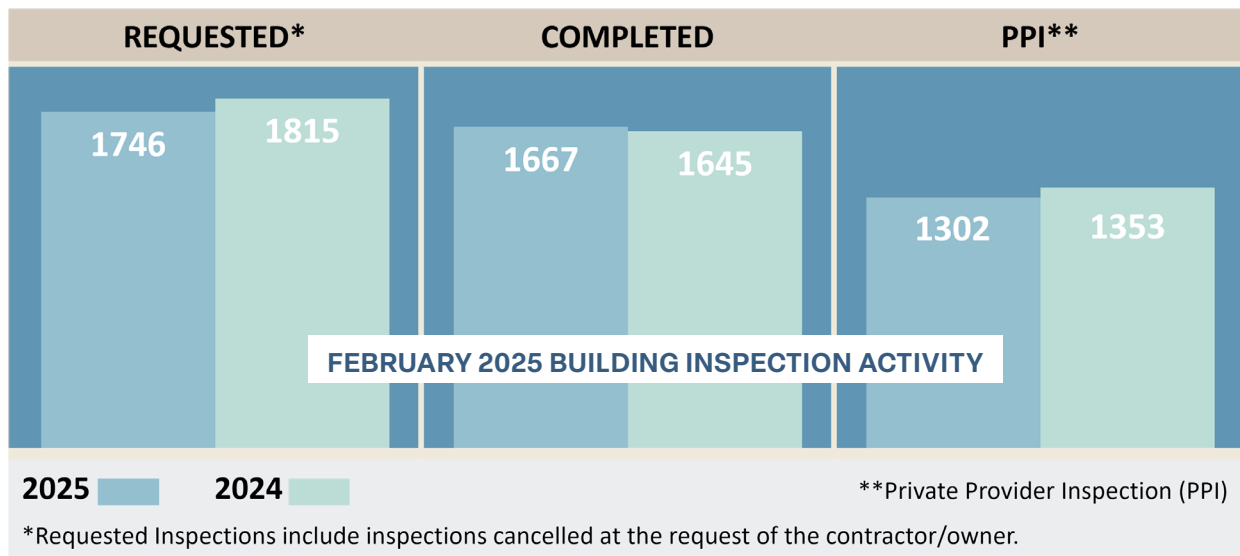
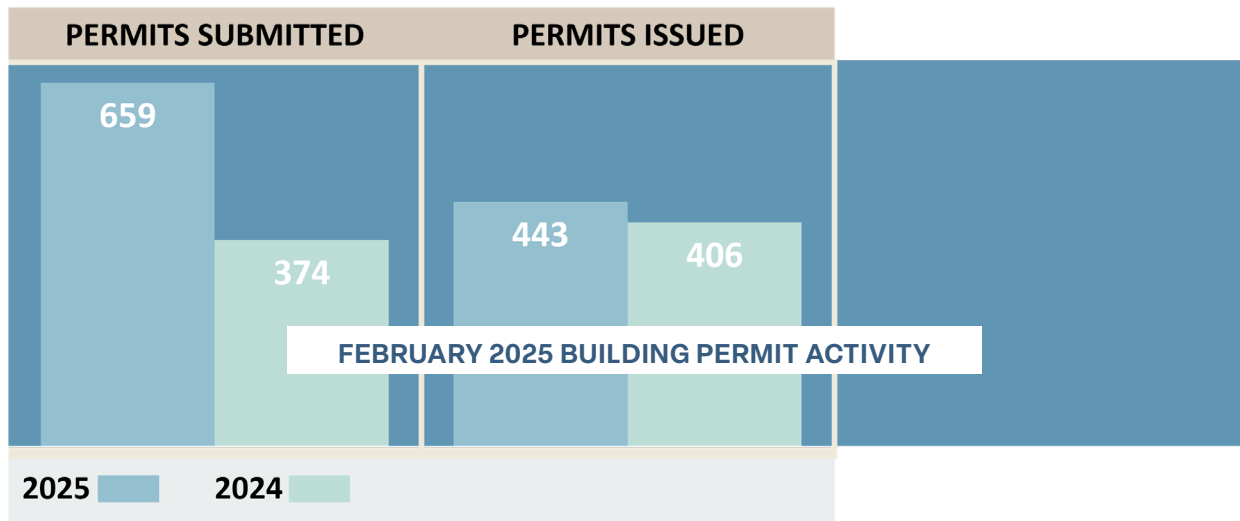




FEBRUARY 2025 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES

\$2,946,541	NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS
\$580,624	NEW SITEWORK PERMITS
\$7,488,663	NEW SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX PERMITS

These figures are based on permits issued in February 2025 for New Construction



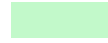
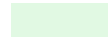


February 2025 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Unpermitted Construction Activity	3	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Unsafe Structure	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Abandoned Vehicle	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
General	1	1	0.7	0.8	2	1	0.6	8.1
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	0.0
Traffic Signal	2	0	0.0	0.0	2	0	0.0	0.0
Parks and Playgrounds	-	-	-	-	2	1	0.0	1.6
Street Sign	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Trash and Recycling	3	2	3.7	3.9	1	0	0.0	0.0
Trees	1	1	0.1	0.7	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	12	4	2.1	2.3	10	5	3	3.2

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



Indian Hills Golf Course

Indian Hills Golf Course continues to make significant improvements to course conditions, with progress evident on a weekly basis. This winter, chevron-shaped ropes were installed in the landing areas to protect the turf from excessive cart traffic during the cooler months. As temperatures rise, Bermuda grass growth is expected to resume. This type of grass requires a total temperature of 140 degrees, combining daytime highs and evening lows. While pleasant weather with 55-degree nights and 75-degree days is enjoyable, these conditions can hinder grass growth. To enhance turf health and suppress weeds, organic fertilizers and aggressive spraying programs have been implemented. With a mild spring, consistent rainfall, and warmer temperatures, the course is expected to see steady activity through April.

IHGC is excited to host the Fort Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis Golf Outing on Saturday, April 26th. The Sunrise Kiwanis organization has been a strong supporter of both Indian Hills and the local community.

Exceptional customer service remains a top priority, fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all golfers. The course provides an enjoyable and relaxed environment for players of all ages and skill levels. A commitment to maintaining an excellent pace of play ensures that rounds are completed in four hours or less, even on the busiest days.

Word of mouth is the most effective way to spread awareness of the positive changes at Indian Hills Golf Course. Those who have enjoyed recent improvements are encouraged to share the experience with others. Suggestions for enhancements are always welcome to further elevate the golfing experience. Appreciation is extended to all members and guests for their ongoing support. Follow Indian Hills Golf Course on Facebook and Instagram for frequent updates on course conditions and maintenance projects.

SALES REPORT	JANUARY 2025		FEBRUARY 2025	
	Golf Rounds	4707	5174	
	Golf Fees	\$150,755.29	\$169,806.64	
	Range Tokens	\$4,437.23	\$4,728.69	
	Membership Fees	\$12,862.97	\$5,832.79	
	Food & Beverages	\$11,577.81	\$11,676.60	
	Merchandise	\$4,873.17	\$5,203.43	
	TOTAL	\$184,506.47	\$197,248.15	



River Walk Center Sales Report - February 2025



classes

\$1,045



parks
permits

\$1,854



special
events

\$730



facilities

\$2,950

THE SUNRISE THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS

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JUNE 2-6

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

JUNE 16-20

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NO MATTER HOW SMALL**

JULY 14-25

CAMP HOURS:

M-F: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

E: BOXOFFICE@SUNRISETHEATRE.COM

P: 772.461.4775



Frances Avenue Roadway Improvements

The work associated with this roadway improvement project includes drainage improvements, water main installation, utility adjustments and roadway restoration. PRP Construction Group, LLC construction mobilization the week of March 10th. Drainage installations are currently in progress.



Indian River Drive Corridor Improvements Project (Seaway Drive to Avenue A)

Full roadway and bridge reconstruction of Indian River Drive between Seaway Drive and Avenue A. The corridor improvements include the addition of on-street parking, curb and gutter roadway section complete with sidewalks, decorative streetlights, water/sewer/electric upgrades, bridge reconstruction over Moore's Creek, upgraded stormwater collection system, landscaping, and ADA upgrades complete with brick paver crosswalks.

Bid opening was held on March 26, 2025. Bids are currently under review by Engineering staff.

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)

A draft CSAP is underway and will be presented to stakeholders for review. A meeting is planned for stakeholders the week of April 14. A public open house meeting will be held the week of April 21 to present the draft CSAP to the public for comment. The current schedule is final CSAP to be presented to the Commission in June of 2025.

Avenue D (29th Street to US 1)

The project was forwarded to purchasing on February 10 for advertising.

Avenue D (US 1 to Indian River Drive)

A change order for the consultant's additional final design work is scheduled for City Commission approval on April 7 and FPRA approval on April 8.

Avenue D and Means Court Public Parking Lot

Construction of this new parking lot is slated to begin the first week of April 2025.

JC Penney Parking Lot

The contractor has completed the resurfacing of the parking lot. A paver walkway and dumpster enclosures are being scheduled for delivery and completion.

Surfside Neighborhood Roadway Improvements Phase 2

A pre-bid conference was held on January 31st and bid opening on February 18th. There are two bid submittals currently under review. The roadway improvement project will include drainage improvements in the Surfside Park neighborhood. The streets identified for drainage improvements under this project are Melaleuca, Plover, Pelican, Walnut, Eucalyptus, Cypress, Sunset Isles, Mimosa and Jacaranda. Improvements will include valley gutters constructed on both sides of the roadway, elimination of the remaining roadside swale by regrading, driveway replacement, milling and resurfacing. Additionally, FPUA will upgrade water mains and sanitary sewers on three roadways.

Indian Hills Golf Course Site Expansion Phase 1

Phase I construction 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 future Phase II clubhouse and golf cart barn is underway.

Construction completion is scheduled for May 2025.



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

The City continues to work with the contractor to resolve punch list items.

2025 Street Resurfacing Program

The City has identified nine segments of roadway to be resurfaced in the FY 2025 program. The list has been approved by FPUA for coordination and prioritization. Work on the ADA Ramps within the limits of these streets is included. The CIP budget for 2025 Resurfacing is \$950,000.

STREET	FROM	TO	LINEAR FEET
11th Street (curb)	Southern Avenue	Mississippi Avenue	1,960.00
12th Street (curb)	Avenue O	Avenue Q	620.00
15th Street (curb)	Kentucky Avenue	Jersey Avenue	351.00
30th Street	Stanton Avenue	Virginia Avenue	1,840.00
31st Street	south end	Okeechobee Road	2,200.00
Edgewood Terrace	16th Street	14th Street	660.00
Means Court	Avenue H	Nobles Terrace	280.00
Tennessee Avenue	west end	25th Street	490.00
Rhode Island Avenue	33rd Street	25th Street	2,645.00

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. Comments from the Constructability submittal responses are due March 28. The City is working with the consultant to address the comments. The city is planning an additional public information meeting, targeting the HOA's in the area to coordinate the impact of the engineering design.

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 but no funding has been identified.

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

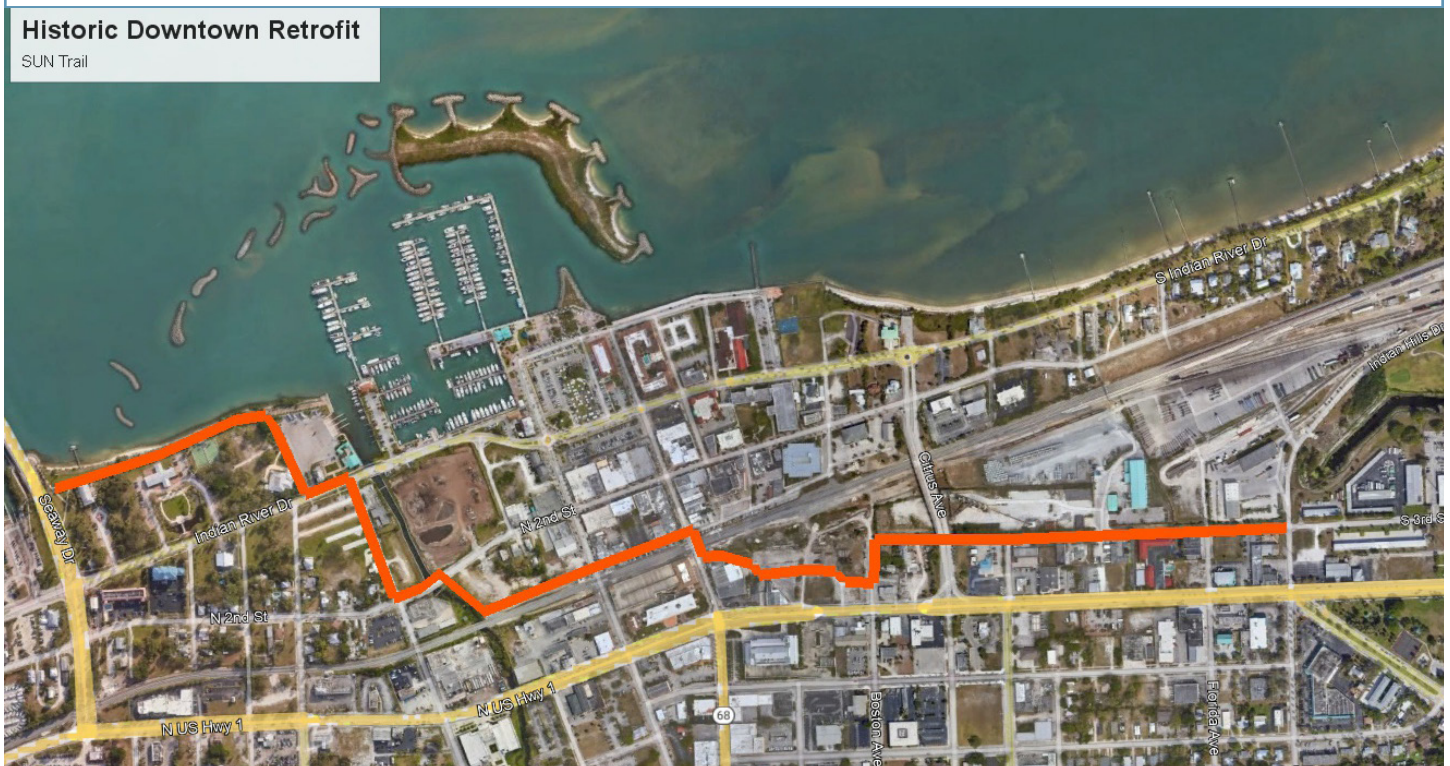
The City has been notified that the \$2 Million Grant from the State was not approved. Funding for the construction of this segment has yet to be identified. The 100% plans were received from the consultant but no funding has been identified.

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. The new agreement is in development.

Historic Downtown Retrofit

SUN Trail



SUN Trail Highwaymen 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 new agreement is in development.

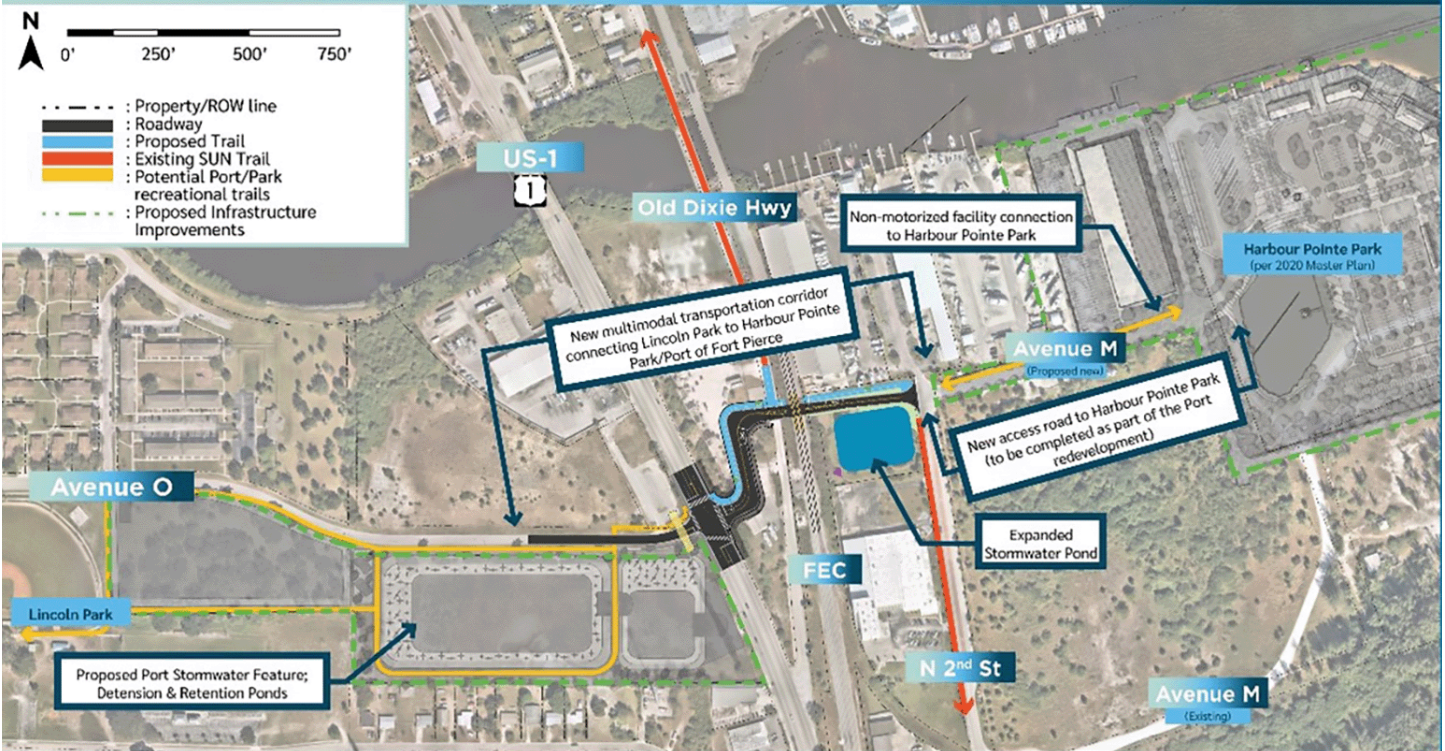
SUN Trail Port Overpass

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 enlarge.

FLORIDA SHARED USE NETWORK (SUN) TRAIL

DRAFT

Preferred Alternate 2F: Avenue O Extension



ST. LUCIE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
stlucietpo.com/projects

Note: These images and diagrams represent a planning concept, based on cursory planning efforts. If concept advances, significant additional design would be required.

St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization

Summer Camp at the Theatre



Calling all aspiring performers, dancers, and singers! This summer, the Sunrise Theatre is rolling out the red carpet for a camp like no other – where you can shine in the spotlight and create memories that will last a lifetime! Whether your child is a Broadway-bound superstar or just loves to sing and dance for fun, our Summer Theatre Camp has something for everyone. The camp provides an inclusive, safe space for children to learn about the performing arts and build their confidence.

Our amazing counselors are local theatre professionals that will guide your children to learn all aspects of theatre: singing, dancing, and acting! Campers will even help design the script and set. At the end of each session, campers will perform in front of family and friends, showcasing

everything they've learned in an unforgettable show!

We will have three sessions available to register for. To register for camp, there will be a one-time \$25 fee. The three sessions, the dates, and their prices are:

1. Dream Big! | June 2, 2025-June 6, 2025 | \$125
2. We're All in This Together | June 16, 2025-June 20, 2025 | \$125
3. A Person's A Person, No Matter How Small | July 14, 2025-July 25, 2025 | \$250

The Sunrise Theatre Summer Camp accepts children ages 6-15. Spots are limited, so register today using [THIS FORM](#) and return it to the Sunrise Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@sunrisetheatre.com. Or call the Box Office at (772) 461-4775.



CITY MARINA REVENUE REPORT

	DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY
Dockage Reservations	153		175		164
Monthly Dockage	\$191,763.06		\$203,294.86		\$198,049.39
Transient Dockage	\$143,407.50		\$138,297.55		\$134,205.52
Electricity	\$11,210.85		\$12,230.50		\$11,404.89
Retail	\$17,287.71		\$19,356.14		\$24,721.61
Gas Sales	\$30,381.50		\$26,025.66		\$62,720.93
Diesel Sales	\$67,993.59		\$73,297.64		\$82,243.76
TOTALS	\$462,044.21		\$472,502.35		\$513,346.10



Welcome New Businesses

- In-N-Out Tires & Brakes
- Gonano Law PLLC
- Gamers Hut LLC
- Daniel M Deiulio CPA
- Miles of Smiles Learning Center
- Latin Beauty Institute
- Oeuvre Beauty
- Illusions IV Hydration and Medspa
- Clymer Floors & More LLC
- Gilliam's Towing and Transport
- Maid in Paradise
- M.R. Galarza Inc
- Jose Garcia Lawn Service
- Hayek Construction Corp
- Delight Floor Coatings LLC
- Prezidential's Roofing LLC
- Julian Gonzalez
- Barrios Paint Specialist Services
- J&G Cleaning
- EightTwentyTwo92
- Bluebird Bistro, LLC
- Law Office of David Miklas, PA
- EKG Ventures Inc
- Wheelz4all LLC
- Starbucks Corporation
- Law Offices of Fisher & Associates
- Juslee College
- Fort Pierce Surf & Skate
- ADT Pizza LLC
- A Reyes Lawn & Landscaping
- Silvia Montanari
- Rodriguez Lawn Service
- B & C Boatworks LLC
- Macy Insurance Solutions LLC
- Pedro Benitez Lawn & Tree Trimming
- Culinary Genie LLC
- God is Good for me
- Telco Investments LLC
- Dana's Commodities
- Leon Produce Inc

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

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] 4	Friday Fest Marina Square	5:30 PM-8:30 PM
[SAT] 5	Zora Neale Experience Fest 809 N 9th Street	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
[FRI] 18	Coffee with the Mayor Fort Pierce Yacht Club	8:00 AM-9:00 AM
[SUN] 20	Easter Service Marina Square	7:00 AM-8:00 AM
[SUN] 20	Easter Bash Pioneer Park	2:00 PM-6:00 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."