

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



MAY 2025

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Florida Tour de Force

On April 11, 2025, the 29th Annual Florida Tour de Force charity bicycle ride passed through Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce as part of its five-day, 270-mile journey across the state. Beginning in North Miami Beach on Monday, the ride spanned eight counties and culminated in Daytona Beach.

Local law enforcement agencies — including the Fort Pierce Police Department, Port St. Lucie Police Department, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, and Florida Highway Patrol — teamed up to escort the cyclists and ensured a safe and smooth passage through the communities.

The Florida Tour de Force was more than just a ride — it was a tribute. Proceeds from the event benefited the families of Florida's Fallen Heroes, honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Thank you to everyone who came out in support and to the law enforcement partners who kept the riders safe!



SUNRISE THEATRE: CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) is excited to announce a new Call for Artists for a mural on the exterior back wall of the iconic Sunrise Theatre. Submissions are now being accepted through the CAFÉ (Call for Entry) platform, with a deadline of Friday, May 16, 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity for artists to leave a lasting legacy on one of the city's most beloved buildings. We strongly encourage all local artists to submit their

designs and be a part of this exciting project. We can't wait to see the ideas and talent!

For details of the mural and to apply, please visit: <https://www.choosefortpierce.com/1056/FPRA-Mural-Program>.



FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER WORKSHOP

Date of Event: April 17, 2025

Location: River Walk Center

Hosted by: City of Fort Pierce Grants Division

Number of Attendees: 40

Our recent First-Time Home Buyer Workshop was a great success, uniting aspiring homeowners for an informative and empowering experience. The event provided practical knowledge, expert insights, and the confidence participants required to take the next steps toward owning their first home.

Workshop Highlights:

- Expert Insights: Mortgage Loan Officer Sean Depasquale led engaging sessions on key topics like affordability, credit, loan types, pre-approval, and the full home loan process—equipping attendees with the knowledge and confidence to take their next steps.
- Interactive Q&A: Participants had the chance to ask personalized questions and get tailored advice, making the sessions highly relevant and engaging.
- Positive Feedback: Attendees praised the clear, approachable format. Thanks to the strong response, we're excited to offer more community workshops this May, June, and July!



FORT PIERCE DOWNTOWN CONCEPTUAL DESIGN - REIMAGINING MARINA SQUARE

As part of Phase 1 of the Downtown Master Plan, the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency is partnering with Inspire Placemaking Collective to develop a Downtown Conceptual Design Plan, with a special focus on transforming Marina Square into Marina Park—a vibrant, inclusive public space designed for community connection and activity.

Adopted in November 2022, the Downtown Master Plan is a long-term vision to enhance Fort Pierce's downtown by building on its strengths and honoring its unique character. Marina Park will be one of the first major steps in bringing this vision to life, with plans for a flexible, dynamic space that can host concerts, farmers markets, family activities, and more.

To help shape this exciting project, a public survey is now open to both residents and visitors. Your input will help guide the design and ensure the space reflects the needs and aspirations of the community. Take the survey: Fort Pierce Downtown Park Conceptual Design | Inspire Engagement or scan the QR code.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN MARINA SQUARE

The City of Fort Pierce is reenvisioning Marina Square, designed with the community in mind. This space will be shaped by your input to reflect local needs and priorities—help us make it a place for everyone!

CHECK OUT THE PROJECT WEBSITE TO TAKE A QUICK SURVEY!



www.inspire-engagement.com/fort-pierce-downtown-park-conceptual-design

FORT PIERCE DOWNTOWN PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

LEISURE SERVICES PROGRAMS UPDATE

The Fort Pierce Firehawks' registration for the 2025 season was ongoing throughout April. In addition, they kicked off their spring football conditioning, providing athletes with the opportunity to enhance their skills and prepare for the upcoming season.

The cheer coaches hosted a free cheer camp on April 26, 2025, for children aged 5–14. This was a fantastic opportunity for young cheerleaders to learn new skills and make new friends!

Furthermore, the Martial Arts program continues to flourish and is attracting an increasing number of participants. In April, several talented students showcased their skills at a competition, proudly bringing home multiple medals. Leisure Services is incredibly proud of their achievements and looks forward to their continued success.



FPRA LAUNCHES NEW COMMERCIAL GRANT PROGRAMS

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) has launched two new grant programs aimed at revitalizing commercial properties within the FPRA District:

1. Commercial Façade Grant Program

This program offers financial assistance in the form of a reimbursable grant, matching 50% of project costs up to \$25,000. The grant is available to business and property owners seeking to make impactful exterior improvements that enhance curb appeal and contribute to the character of the district. Eligible improvements include façade restoration, installation of awnings, ADA accessibility upgrades, and other high-visibility enhancements.

2. Commercial Sign Grant Program

This program provides a reimbursable grant of up to \$5,000 per property to support the installation of new signage or replacement of outdated signs with more modern, attractive alternatives that meet current code requirements.

These programs are part of the FPRA's ongoing commitment to stimulate private investment, enhance the built environment, and promote economic growth in targeted redevelopment areas.

Full program details and application information are available at:

<https://cityoffortpiece.com/969/FPRA-Grants>

LET'S BRIGHTEN UP THE BLOCK — ONE FACADE AT A TIME!

COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT

REIMBURSABLE GRANT MATCHING 50% UP TO \$25,000

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

- ✓ Siding/Stucco
- ✓ Windows/Doors
- ✓ Pedestrian/Bicycle Amenities
- ✓ Patios/Decks
- ✓ Exterior Lighting
- ✓ ADA Improvements
- ✓ Awnings/Canopies
- ✓ Parking Lot Improvements
- ✓ and more

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Cops on the Rooftop

On the morning of April 4, 2025, the Fort Pierce Police Department and the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Dunkin', raised over \$800 in support of Special Olympics Florida athletes. The agencies express sincere appreciation to all members of the community who participated and contributed to the event.



ST. LUCIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICER OF THE MONTH

On April 8, 2025, Officer Matthew Memon was recognized as the Officer of the Month for April by the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Jean Citto and the Fort Pierce Elks Lodge 1520 were honored as Support Services Personnel of the Month. Jean Citto and the Elks Lodge successfully secured a \$3,000 grant for the Fort Pierce Police Department's Courageous Kids and RICH House programs. They have also demonstrated continued support for the department's annual Christmas programs.

115 - 215 KINGS LN

Sitework has begun at the highly anticipated Kings Landing Townhomes. With the first two townhome permits ready to be issued, vertical construction should begin shortly once the sitework consisting of road preparation, underground utilities and stormwater drainage is complete.



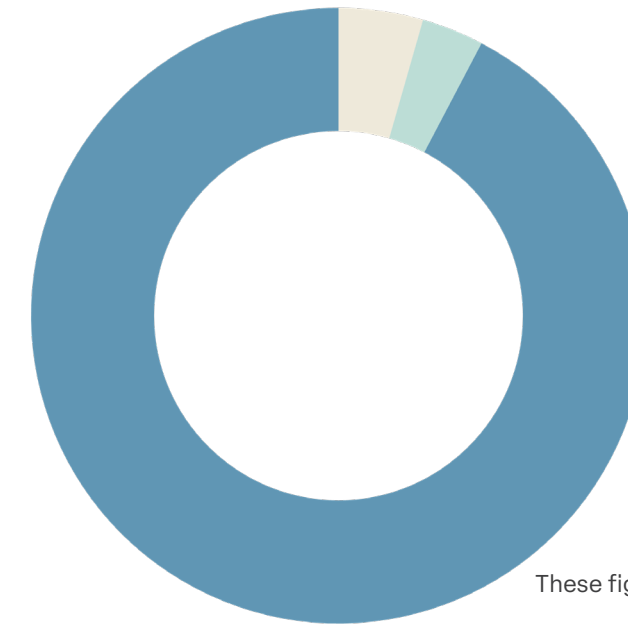
421 N US HWY1

Phatz Sports Bar & Grille is officially open! With their grand opening scheduled for May 5th, the Building Department provided them with a temporary certificate of occupancy allowing them to open while they satisfy a few remaining issues with the Planning and Engineering Departments.



514 N US HWY 1

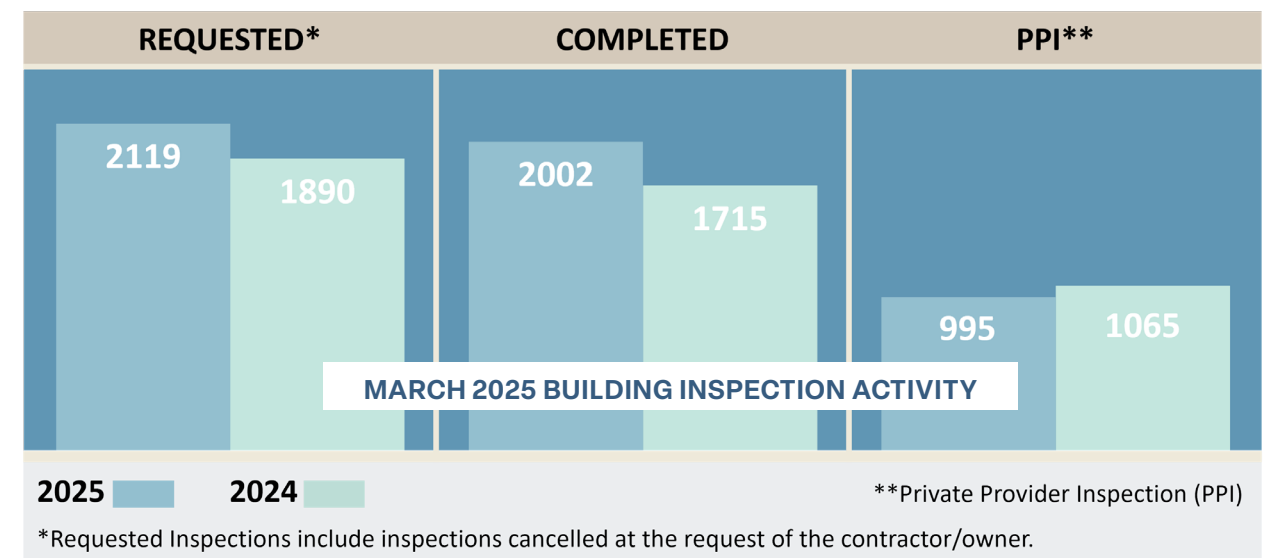
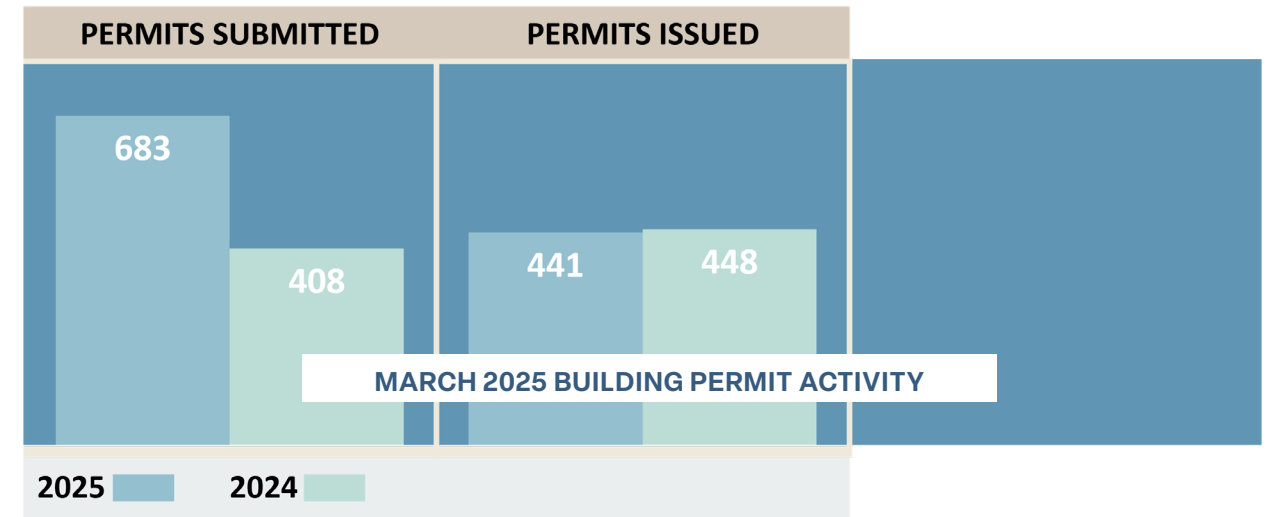
A fill cell inspection has been approved for the stem wall at Holy Family Veterinary Hospital. A stem wall is a type of foundation consisting of a concrete slab supported by continuous walls, or "stems", that extend from the footing to the concrete slab. While there are many benefits to a stem wall foundation, they are safer in flood zones, suitable for sloped terrain, aesthetically pleasing and help prevent cracking in the foundation.



MARCH 2025 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES

\$549,000	NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS
\$404,181	NEW SITEWORK PERMITS
\$11,416,752	NEW SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX PERMITS

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



*Requested Inspections include inspections cancelled at the request of the contractor/owner.
 **Private Provider Inspection (PPI)

March 2025 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Living In a Structure Without Utilities	1	1	5.4	8.7	3	3	7.9	11.2
Unpermitted Construction Activity	2	0	10.0	0.0	3	1	0.0	7.0
Animal Control	-	-	-	-	2	1	0.3	1.1
General	-	-	-	-	5	1	14.2	0.0
Graffiti	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	0.0
Illegal Dumping	1	0	11.7	0.0	-	-	-	-
Outside Storage/Junk/Trash	-	-	-	-	1	1	0.0	3.2
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Roadway Construction	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Parks and Playgrounds	-	-	-	-	3	2	0.7	1.0
Pothole	2	0	0.6	0.0	3	0	0.6	0.0
Streetlight	-	-	-	-	2	1	0.0	3.1
Trash and Recycling	1	1	1.0	1.9	2	2	1.1	1.4
TOTALS	8	2	5.6	5.3	26	13	3.9	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 extends sincere thanks to all members and guests for their continued support. The year 2024 was a tremendous success, with revenues increasing by nearly \$400,000 compared to the previous year.

As warmer weather arrives along with the typical summer rains, the benefits of IHGC's fertilization program are becoming more evident across the course. The maintenance staff has done an outstanding job in reducing the weed population—long a persistent issue—and in maintaining the health of the Bermuda grass.

Beginning in mid-May, IHGC will launch its aggressive course maintenance program. The first green aeration is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6th and 7th. Please note that the course will be completely closed on both days to allow for aeration of the greens, as well as several fairways and tees.

With the hotter days of summer approaching, golfers are reminded to

stay hydrated. It is essential to drink fluids throughout the round. Many players bring only a single small bottle of water, when two—or even three—might be more appropriate for just nine holes. Consider stocking your golf cart with sports drinks to replenish electrolytes and salty snacks such as nuts or protein bars. While IHGC encourages everyone to enjoy summer golf, player safety remains the top priority.

Word of mouth continues to be IHGC's most valuable form of advertising. If guests or members have enjoyed their experience or appreciated the ongoing improvements, they are encouraged to tell a friend—or two! Conversely, if there are areas for improvement, the club welcomes feedback to ensure continuous progress.

Finally, IHGC thanks everyone once again for their support and invites all members and guests to "Like" and "Follow" the club on Facebook or Instagram for frequent updates on course conditions and maintenance projects.

SALES REPORT	FEBRUARY 2025		MARCH 2025	
	Golf Rounds	5174	5718	
Golf Fees	\$169,806.64	\$187,362.24		
Range Tokens	\$4,728.69	\$5,545.41		
Membership Pass	\$5,832.79	\$2,692.42		
Food & Beverages	\$11,676.60	\$14,240.98		
Merchandise	\$5,203.43	\$8,123.61		
TOTAL	\$197,248.15	\$217,964.66		



River Walk Center Sales Report - March 2025



classes

\$1,025



parks permits

\$3,811



special events

\$2,815



facilities

\$2,800



Community Day

FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rotary Park - 1901 S. 23rd Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Join us for a fun-filled day for all ages:

- Food
- Pet-A-Pup
- Truck Demos
- Tree Giveaway
- Kids Face Painting
- Fun items to take home



Presented by the Public Works Department in collaboration with the Police Department, Code Compliance, and the Animal Adoption Center.

City Sponsored Event

The Zora Experience Festival 2025

April 5, 2025



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, and parking lot lighting is substantially completed.

Final construction completion is scheduled for May 2025.



Pervious Paver Golf Cart Staging Area



Parking Lot



Pickleball Courts

Avenue D and Means Court Public Parking Lot

Construction of the new public parking lot has commenced. This parking lot will provide seventeen (17) public parking spaces and will consist of a pervious paver system complete with site lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. The parking lot is situated on the southeast corner of Avenue D and Means Court and will support the Highwaymen Museum currently under construction.

Construction completion is scheduled for June 2025.



Parking Lot Subgrade



Lighting Conduit Installation



Parking Lot Subgrade

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

The project has been advertised. A Pre-Bid conference is scheduled for May 1, 2025. Bids are due May 20, 2025.

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

The change order for the consultant’s design has been approved. Awaiting a new/amended Purchase Order requested from Purchasing on April 14, 2025.

**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 a funding source for the construction phase of the project has not yet 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. The project includes roadway reconstruction, including drainage, sidewalks, curb and gutter, limited landscaping, lighting, and the use of underground utilities is preferred. The 100% plans were received from the consultant, but a funding source for the construction phase of the project has not yet been identified.

**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. The City is working with the consultant to address the comments and complete the Production submittal. The city is planning an additional public information meeting, targeting the HOAs in the area to coordinate the impact of the engineering design.

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. Because of the upcoming FPUA work on Rhode Island Avenue, the City will not begin this work until late summer.

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

**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 was submitted for legal review on April 17, 2025. FDOT needs the executed agreement in early June 2025.

**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 was submitted for legal review on April 18, 2025. FDOT needs the executed agreement in early June 2025.

Fairway Drive Drainage Repairs

Repairs to the existing drainage system within the area of Fairway Drive from Grandview Boulevard to Trinidad Avenue. A total of 0.22 miles (1,131.10 Linear Feet) of main trunk line pipe replacement to include both 36-inch and 42-inch reinforced concrete pipes (RCP). Also, a storm manhole replacement, rehabilitation of nine structures (two manholes and seven catch basins). Roadway and right of way restorations to include curb, sod, roadway mill and overlay and final restorations.



Existing Drainage



Manhole Replacement



Manhole Replacement



Manhole Replacement

Paint Our Town

An initiative by The City of Fort Pierce, Area Businesses and Local Non-Profits



• Exterior Home Painting



• Minor Exterior Home Repairs



• Community Engagement



• Volunteer Opportunities



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Sunrise Theatre

April kicked off with some great headliners, lots of laughs and some moody blues. Air Supply toured their 50th anniversary at the Sunrise, packing the house, meeting guests and putting on a show. Air Supply was followed up by Anjelah Johnson Reyes, the long-time hilarious comedian known for M Linh/Tammy and a rude fast food employee turned music star named, Bon Qui Qui. She too had a sell out crowd, as it was her first time in Fort Pierce and loved it here. A few days later, the Sunrise hosted longtime blues artist, Justin Hayward.

Coming up is the longstanding One Night of Queen, May 10th, who always brings a packed house and an electrifying performance. And June brings - something for the ladies The Chippendales will heat up the stage on June 14th - Tickets for both

shows are on sale at www.sunrisetheatre.com

Experience the magic of musical theatre all year long. It's almost time for membership renewals and purchases. As a member of Sunrise Theatre, you'll get early access to the biggest shows, exclusive perks, and the satisfaction of supporting live performance in your community. Whether you're renewing or joining for the first time—now's the moment to take your seat in the spotlight. Be on the lookout for new membership opportunities this May. To learn more, visit: www.sunrisetheatre.com or call 772.461.4775.



CITY MARINA REVENUE REPORT

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Dockage Reservations	175	164	211
Monthly Dockage	\$203,294.86	\$198,049.39	\$186,639.17
Transient Dockage	\$138,297.55	\$134,205.52	\$148,820.72
Electricity	\$12,230.50	\$11,404.89	\$12,096.48
Retail	\$19,356.14	\$24,721.61	\$32,988.98
Gas Sales	\$26,025.66	\$62,720.93	\$56,199.96
Diesel Sales	\$73,297.64	\$82,243.76	\$124,760.23
TOTALS	\$472,502.35	\$513,346.10	\$561,505.54



Welcome Aboard Thank You for Growing with Us

- Guyana Products
- Nez Stylez Hair & Beauty
- Ricky's Auto Repair & Sales
- Heathcote Botanical Gardens Inc
- Tropical Medical Group LLC
- The Joint Chiropractic Fort Pierce
- Firehorn, Inc.
- Psychic Boutique
- Gold Coast Automotive, Inc.
- Envy Motorcars LLC
- United Insurance Agency
- Workout Anytime Fort Pierce
- Super Taquerias Inc.
- Elisa Excellent Cleaning
- TLC Lawn Maintenance
- CGM IT Management LLC
- Surface Splashed Spotless
- Hook Me Up LLC
- In and Out Equipment Inc.
- 4U Medical Delivery LLC
- Winking Starfish, LLC
- Gold Real Estate of Florida LLC
- Main Street East Barber Shop
- Sweeties Diner LLC
- Bay Equity LLC
- Bower Urology LLC
- Lamas Kitchen and More
- Apex Restoration & Property Service
- Amoco
- Mariajose Photography
- Vtax Centro Latino & Univista Ins.
- A-Class Motors
- Scott Finney Photography LLC
- Roll Off Chick
- LPS Fort Pierce Inc.
- Cali Burrito Fort Pierce LLC
- First Light Tackle Inc
- Marysol Brokers LLC
- Brothers Pavers & Handscapes
- Banner King USA LLC

UPCOMING EVENTS *May*

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]	2 Friday Fest Marina Square	5:30 PM-8:30 PM
[SAT]	3 Jazz on Moore's Creek Ave D & N 8th St	9:00 AM-1:30 PM
[FRI]	16 Coffee with the Mayor Fort Pierce Yacht Club	8:00 AM-9:00 AM
[SAT]	17 Family Funday Extravaganza Dreamland Park	11:00 AM-4:00 PM
[SAT]	17 Community Day Rotary Park	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
[SAT]	17 Restoring the Village 25th St & Ave Q	8:00 AM-1:00 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."