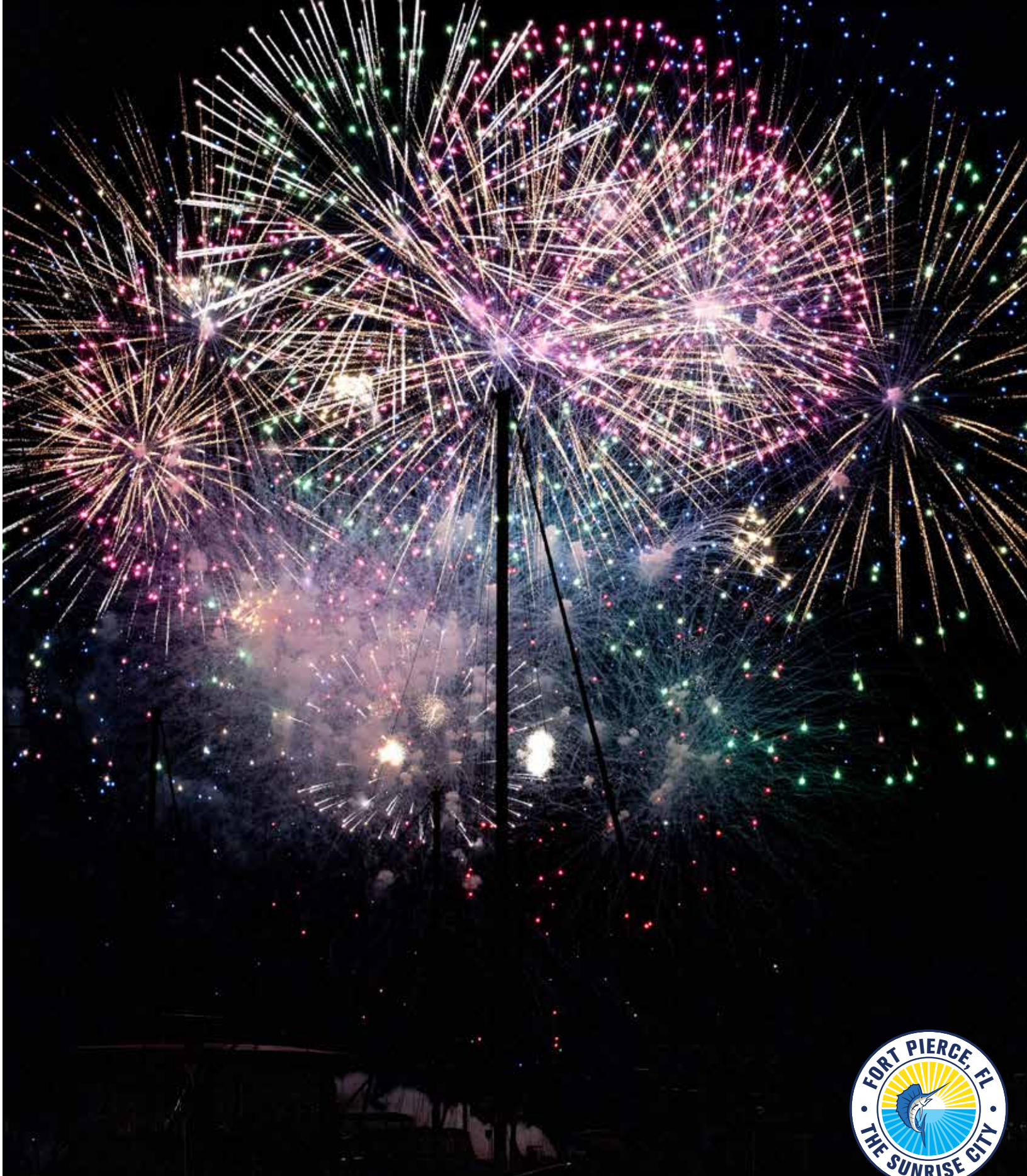


CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



JULY 2025

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Youth Award Recognition
First row in the middle left to right: Jose Hernandez, Outstanding Student Athlete; Hollice Fortune, Outstanding Humanitarian; Milan Taylor, Outstanding Visionary

On June 16, 2025, the City of Fort Pierce Mayor and City Commissioners recognized outstanding youth through the City of Fort Pierce Youth Award Recognition Program, emphasizing that the City's youth are its most valuable resources and crucial for the community's future. Proclamations were issued for three exceptional young individuals:

- Hollice Fortune (Sixth grader, Chester A. Moore K-8): Recipient of the Humanitarian Award. This award recognizes youth who contribute to making their community better or are active in local/state government.

- Jose Hernandez (Tenth grader, Fort Pierce Central High School): Recipient of the Student Athlete Award. This award recognizes youth who demonstrate excellence in the classroom through behavior and maintaining grades while also being an athlete.
- Milan Taylor (Ninth grader, The Lindsay School of the Arts): Recipient of the Visionary Award. This award recognizes youth who have transformed creativity and knowledge into an entrepreneurial or economic venture.

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS



WOODSPRING HOTEL

The City Commission approved an application for the development of a four-story, 122-unit Woodspring Suites extended stay hotel at 2480 South Jenkins Road in Fort Pierce. The hotel will focus on offering affordable, comfortable, practical accommodation for guests staying for longer periods (weeks, months, or longer). The hotel caters to a variety of guests, including business travelers, families, students, and those relocating. All rooms will include a well-designed kitchen with full-size refrigerator with freezer, two-burner stove-top and microwave, comfortable seating, flat-panel TVs, desk and workspace. The hotel also features 24/7 access to guest laundry room, vending machines, and staff support.

A-OK SITE PLAN

An application for an innovative site plan to allow a single-story duplex development at 209 N. 18th Street was approved by City Commission. The plan proposes several upgraded amenities and a residential common area and demonstrates compliance with the City's Architectural Design Standards.

ATLANTIC COAST RECYCLING

A conditional use application was granted by City Commission to allow the existing Atlantic Coast Recycling operation, located at 3301 Avenue D, to continue to operate as an enhanced transfer station where the public can bring their recyclable metal materials. Atlantic Coast bales up the loose metals and then transports the bales to a reprocessing center in Central Florida. Additional landscaping will be installed around the property.





Summer Camp Magic

Summer at The Sunrise Theatre has been nothing short of magic! So far, the Sunrise Theatre has hosted two out of three dynamic summer camps, and the energy, talent, and creativity these young campers have brought to the stage has been truly inspiring.

Throughout each session, campers have immersed themselves in the world of performing arts—learning the fundamentals of song and dance, exploring acting techniques, and even discovering the behind-the-scenes magic of theatre production. One of the highlights has been watching the kids bring their imagination to life through hands-on set design, where they've crafted vibrant backdrops and props to support their performances.

The joy on their faces as they rehearse, perform, and collaborate with new friends is a reminder of why the arts matter. These camps are more than just a summer activity—they are a chance for kids to build confidence, express themselves creatively, and experience the joy of teamwork in a supportive and fun environment.

With one more session still to come, we are excited to welcome even more young stars to our stage. If the first two camps are any indication, we are in for another unforgettable week of music, movement, and memories!

Members Get More!

Membership Renewal is just around the corner with Sunrise hosting its annual membership party on July 18th at 5:30 PM. (Call Box Office for more details 772.461.4775)

As a member of the Sunrise Theatre, you will enjoy early access to the biggest shows, exclusive perks, and a deeper connection to the performances you love. But more than that, your membership helps keep the arts alive—supporting local talent, youth programs, and the vibrant cultural heartbeat of our community. Whether you are renewing or joining for the first time, now is the moment to take your seat in the spotlight as the 2025/26 Season is just around the corner with some big name shows already on sale now!

SNEAK PEEK FOR 2025/26 SEASON!

			
EVERCLEAR	ABDUCTED BY THE 80'S	VAMPIRE CIRCUS	THE WALLFLOWERS
OCT 11	OCT 18	OCT 19	NOV 6

		
ELI YOUNG BAND	HOTEL CALIFORNIA	BLANK SPACE
NOV 7	NOV 8	NOV 9

MORE TO COME!!



2025 Leonard Bryant Photography

CITY MARINA REVENUE REPORT

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Dockage Reservations	211	240	188
Monthly Dockage	\$186,639.17	\$184,543.68	\$180,363.46
Transient Dockage	\$148,820.72	\$158,305.83	\$102,220.90
Electricity	\$12,096.48	\$12,453.78	\$7,583.08
Retail	\$32,988.98	\$29,217.67	\$21,869.40
Gas Sales	\$56,199.96	\$107,854.86	\$82,968.45
Diesel Sales	\$124,760.23	\$128,428.44	\$130,652.97
TOTALS	\$561,505.54	\$620,804.26	\$525,658.26



Police K9 Competition

Officer Pulliam & K9 Wyatt

On June 13, 2025, K9 handlers and their dogs from across the region came together for the first-ever Treasure Coast Police K9 Competition, hosted by the K9 1 Rescued to Rescue Foundation. This exciting event showcased the skills, strength, and teamwork of law enforcement K9 units.

Representing Fort Pierce with pride, K9 Officer James Pulliam and his K9 partner Wyatt, along with K9 Officer Sean Patriani and K9 Maxx, joined the ranks of competing teams. These dedicated officers and their K9s demonstrated their training and capabilities through a series of rigorous challenges.

The event not only highlighted the vital role police dogs play in public safety but also celebrated the strong bond between K9 officers and their canine partners. Congratulations to all who participated in this memorable competition!



Officer Patriani & K9 Maxx

3350 S US HWY 1

Renovations are nearly complete at Bev Smith Toyota. The Building Official has granted a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy while minor issues are being rectified. The renovations included an addition to their service department and a freshly renovated showroom and facade.



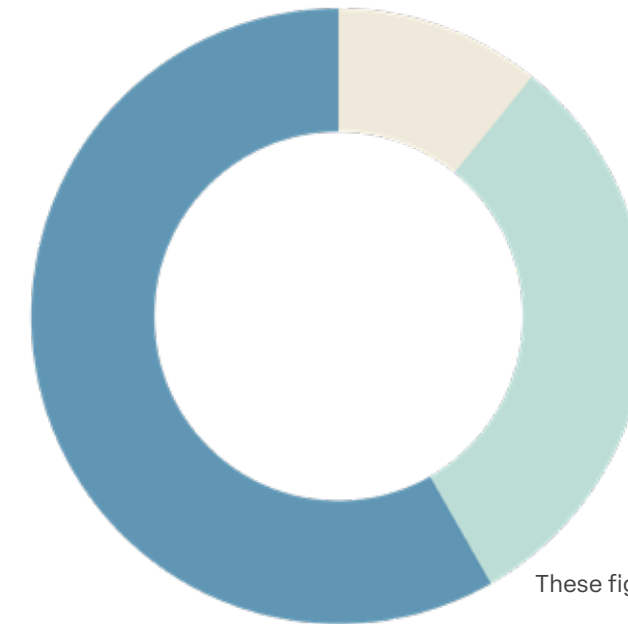
3239 S US HWY 1

Midway Specialty Care Center has recently purchased the property formerly operating as US 1 Bar & Grill. The building has been partially demolished to allow for a complete renovation and change of use to medical business offices. The work includes a new roof truss system and roof covering, modified wall, window and door openings and a brand new interior space. These pictures were taken during the tie-beam and fill cell inspections.



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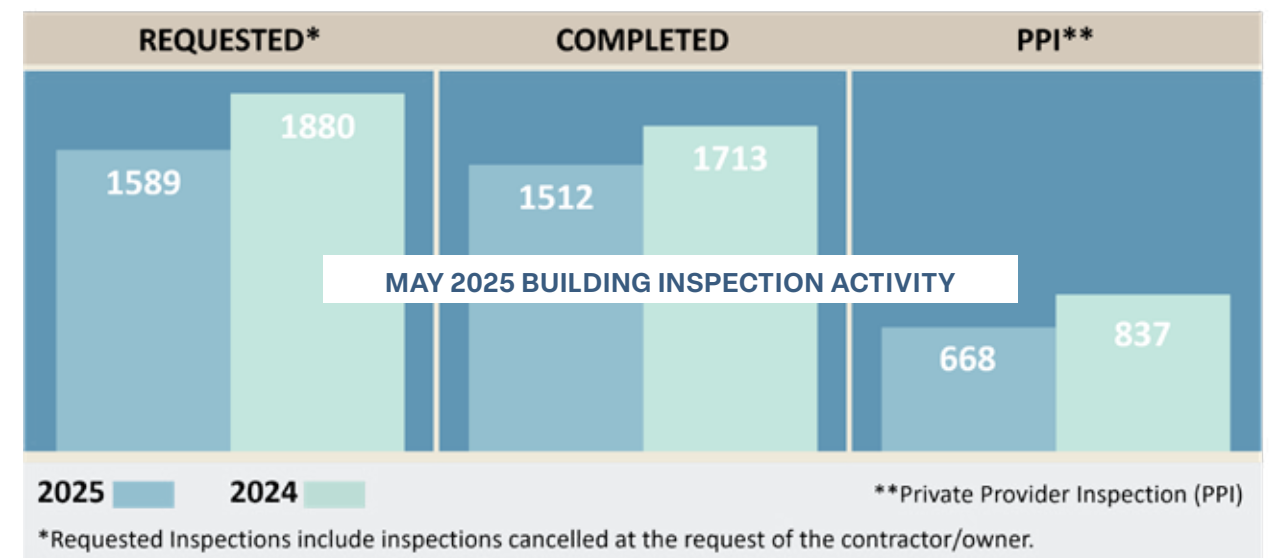
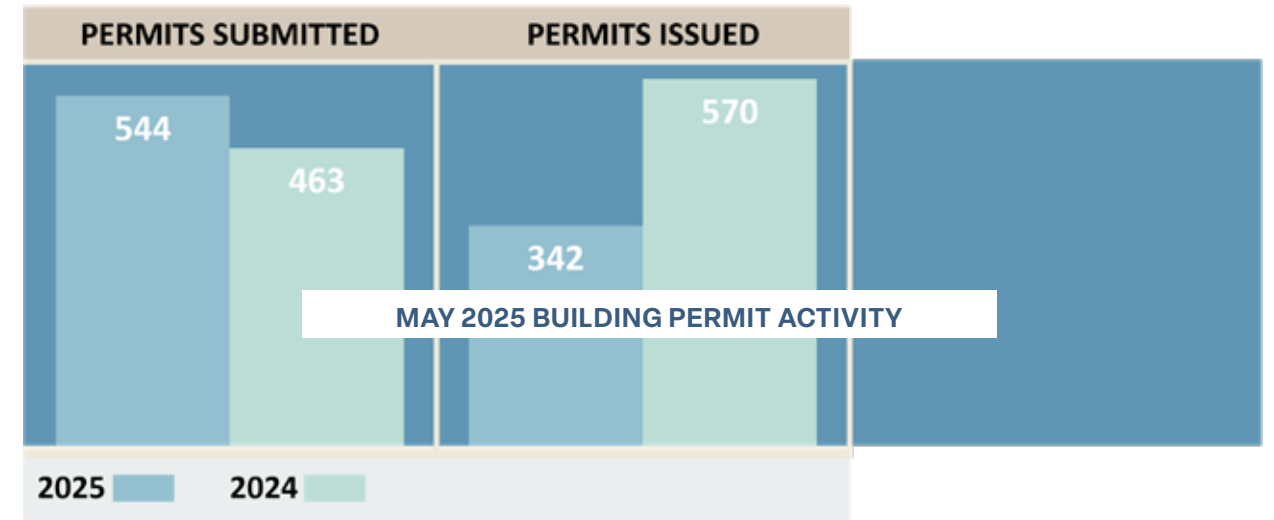
Thermo King is nearing completion. Located just west of Kings Highway, Thermo King was just issued a stocking permit to allow racking and inventory to be brought into the warehouse while construction is being completed. The rain did not slow these workers down as they are rapidly working to obtain their Certificate of Occupancy.



MAY 2025 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES

\$350,000	NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS
\$1,000,000	NEW SITEWORK PERMITS
\$1,883,690	NEW SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX PERMITS

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



May 2025 SeeClickFix Summary

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Unpermitted Construction Activity	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Unsafe Structure	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
General	4	0	0.0	0.0	3	0	2.2	0.0
Illegal Dumping	1	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Outside Storage/Junk /Trash	2	1	0.0	0.0	2	0	2.7	0.0
Tall Grass/Overgrown Landscaping	-	-	-	-	1	0	2.0	0.0
Erosion and Sediment Control Issues	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Traffic Signal	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	0.0
Parks and Playgrounds	1	1	0.0	0.0	1	1	0.8	1.6
Pothole	2	1	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Trash and Recycling	5	3	0.0	0.5	4	0	0.4	0.0
TOTALS	17	5	1.7	0.4	13	1	1.3	1.6

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



Happy 100th Birthday

On June 26, 2025, the Fort Pierce Police Department helped celebrate Ruth Jean Hawkins' 100th birthday with a drive-thru parade. This tradition started during the COVID-19 pandemic when in-person parties were not possible. Residents asked the Police Department and Fire District to help celebrate safely with birthday parades.

Even after the pandemic, the tradition continues. Police officers drove by Ruth Jean's home, while neighbors cheered. What began as a safe way to celebrate has become a special way for Fort Pierce to honor its residents and bring the community together.



Indian Hills Golf Course



8 Tee Before



8 Tee After



11 Tee Before



11 Tee After



12 Tee Before



12 Tee After

The summer season is off to a strong start. We closed out May with approximately 300 more rounds than last May, and we are currently averaging about 10 more players per day than we did in June of last year. With a little help from a consistent afternoon or evening rain pattern, we are hopeful this momentum will continue.

We recently completed a tee expansion project to accommodate increased play. When the course was originally designed, several tee complexes were undersized for the volume we are now experiencing. As course conditions have improved, so has the number of rounds played. To stay ahead of the wear and tear, we have been expanding smaller tee boxes to allow turf recovery. Last year, hole #17 was nearly doubled in size. This year, we added tee space to holes #8, #11, and #12—all completed in-house at minimal cost.

In early May, we spiked the fairways, aerated all greens, and applied organic liquid fertilizers to the fairways. The response has been excellent, and we plan to repeat the aeration in early September.

Additionally, we have begun topdressing several uneven areas on the front nine to improve ride quality. While there is still much to do, the progress over the past year has been substantial.

As course conditions continue to improve, so do rounds and revenue. Year-to-date, we are approximately \$70,000 ahead of last year for the same nine-month period. With just three months left in the fiscal year, we are on track for our best year in quite some time.

Word of mouth remains our most effective form of advertising. If you have played recently and enjoyed the improvements, please share your experience with friends. And if there is something we can do better, let us know—we are always looking to improve.

Thank you to all our members and guests for your continued support. Be sure to “Like” and “Follow” us on Facebook or Instagram for near-daily updates on course conditions and maintenance projects.

SALES REPORT	APRIL 2025		MAY 2025	
	Golf Rounds	4,441	2,877	
	Golf Fees	\$137,553.49	\$70,927.04	
	Range Tokens	\$3,898.82	\$2,555.43	
	Membership Pass	\$2,069.36	\$1,490.45	
	Food & Beverages	\$11,193.26	\$7,791.72	
	Merchandise	\$4,739.68	\$4,931.31	
	TOTAL	\$159,454.61	\$87,695.95	



River Walk Center Sales Report - May 2025



classes

\$1,337



park permits

\$3,678



special events

\$970



facilities

\$13,573



Jetty Park Signs

The Public Works Department has installed two new signs at Jetty Park to make residents and visitors aware that installations of any kind on Jetty Park property are prohibited. Three additional signs will be installed to the west of Jetty Park and spaced out evenly along the inlet walking path. The three additional signs will be smaller, similar to the “No Fishing” signs and will only focus on the prohibition of plaque installations on the rocks. The Public Works team will be removing all the existing plaques by August 2025.



Leisure Services Programs Update

June marked the launch of Summer Jam 2.0, a dynamic program designed to eliminate summer learning loss. Each child participates in 45 minutes of classroom instruction followed by 15 minutes of reading time. To support both physical and mental well-being, two hot meals are served daily.

Campers have already enjoyed two exciting field trips this summer—a lively day of bowling and an adventurous visit to Urban Air. A partnership with I THINK Bank has introduced essential financial literacy concepts through interactive reading sessions. Creativity has flourished during Arts & Crafts sessions led by Ana's Art, offering campers an opportunity for artistic expression.

The Firehawks football and cheer program is currently in off-season conditioning, preparing for an exciting season set to begin on July 1.

The Martial Arts program continues to thrive, with classes held every Tuesday and Thursday, promoting discipline and physical fitness among all participants.



Avenue D and Means Court Public Parking Lot

Construction of the new public parking lot has been substantially completed, and the contractor is currently addressing punch-list items while awaiting delivery of the custom bike rack.



Frances Avenue Roadway Improvements

The work associated with this roadway improvement project includes drainage improvements, water main installation, utility adjustments and roadway restoration. Drainage installations and utility adjustments are currently in progress.



Water main deflection to avoid drainage conflict

JC Penney Parking Lot

The contractor has completed the resurfacing of the parking lot and the paver walkway. Sod is being placed the week of June 23. The contractor will begin work on the dumpster enclosures but will not perform work during the July 4th holiday. Work will resume on July 7.

Avenue D
(29th Street to US 1)

Awaiting FDOT concurrence of the award of the bid. Planning City Commission award for July 21 agenda.

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.

Nebraska Avenue Sidewalk
(Lawnwood Circle) Phase 1

The City continues to coordinate internally to obtain Local Agency Program (LAP) Certifications. Staff is awaiting FDOT response to City Attorney's questions on project agreement.

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.

Staff met with the low bidder to negotiate implementation of cost-saving options to bring the project into budget. It is anticipated that the revised bid will be presented to the Commission for authorization to award the contract during the July 21, 2025 meeting.

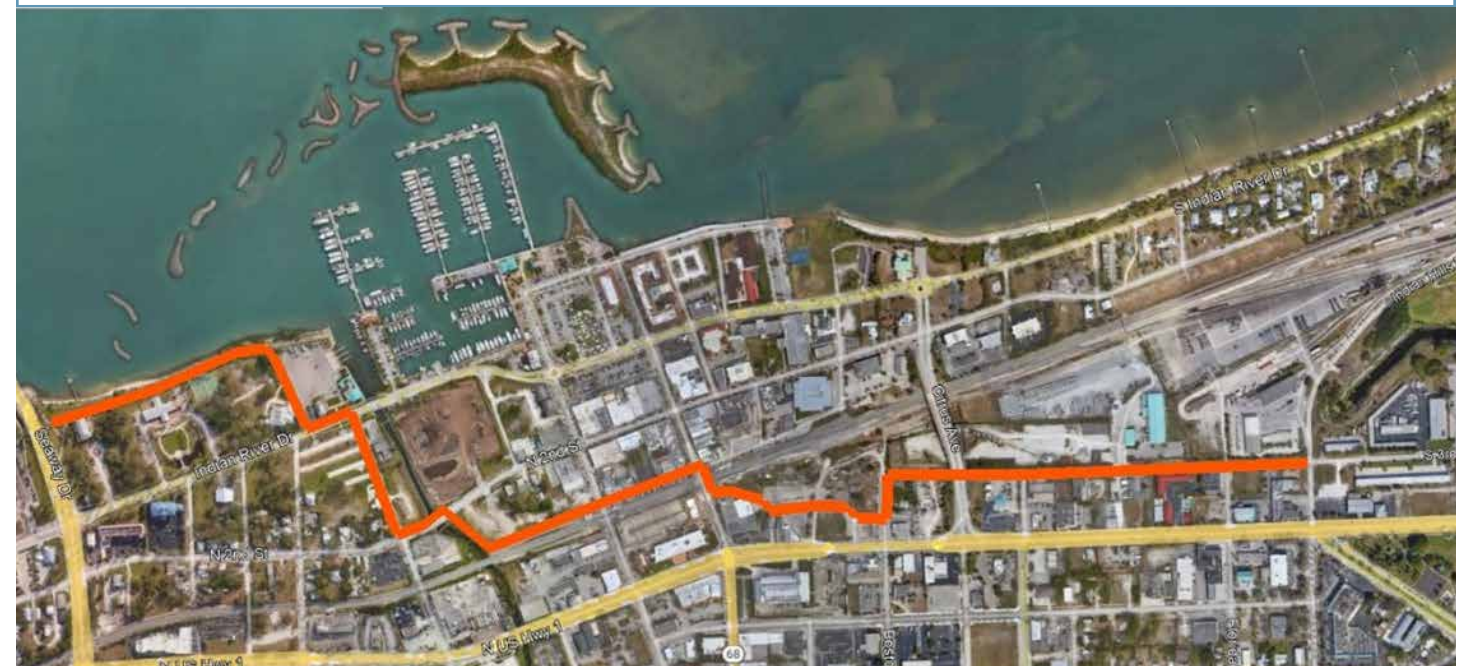
2025 Street Resurfacing Program

The City has identified nine segments of roadway to be resurfaced in the FY 2025 program. Because of the upcoming FPUA work on Rhode Island Avenue, the City will not begin this work until after August 1, 2025. City Commission's authorization to award for contractor targeted for July 21 agenda.

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)

The City has received fully executed Agreement for this project. Coordination with the consultant will begin.



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

The City has received the fully executed Agreements for this work. Final coordination is being completed before this project can be advertised for construction. Staff is targeting September for advertisement.



Surfside Neighborhood Roadway Improvements Phase II

The contract was awarded to Pav-Co Contracting, Inc., the lowest bidder. 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.

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, and rehabilitation of nine structures (two manholes and seven catch basins). Roadway and right-of-way restorations to include curb, sod, roadway milling and overlay and final restorations.





Welcome Aboard Thank You for Growing with Us

- 1 Call
- Dollar Discount
- Big Dogg Insulation LLC
- Happy Heart Pet Services
- AAJ&Q Investments
- Tia Tonitas LLC
- ENR Concrete
- Nashville Tax Solutions
- East Coast Migrant Head Start Proj
- Happy Beaver Bakery
- F&J Engineering Group, Inc.
- El Guadalajara Inc
- Good Eats Food Service, LLC
- Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research
- Clear Headlight Restorations
- Treasure Coast F.O.E.#3582
- ENT and Allergy Associates of FL
- SHREE KANA LLC 2
- Florida Art Auction
- Bright Resolutions, LLC
- HRO Truck Parking
- Pools Patio and Property Unlimited
- South Florida Electric LLC
- Super Fried Rice
- JMZ Carpentry Inc
- Distinctive Cabinet Design, Inc.
- Illuminate Production Services East
- Paradise Trading Company of Florida
- The House of Orchids and More
- Linda's 4 Paw's
- Owen Insurance Group
- Dayli Garcia
- KRN Services LLC
- 2CLEEN4U LLC
- Marcie Variety Shop LLC

UPCOMING EVENTS *July*

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	Stars Over St. Lucie Marina Square	6:00 PM-9:30 PM
[FRI] 25	State of the Arts Block Party Avenue A & 7th Street	5:00 PM-8:00 PM





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