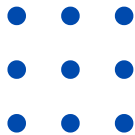




JANUARY 2025

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WESTERN PENINSULA CHARRETTE



Charrette Update [◆]

On Wednesday, October 30, 2024, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) presented the work-in-progress presentation for the Western Peninsula Charrette and Master Plan. The presentation chronicled the charrette workshop held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 including the citizens' drawings and recommendations. That Saturday nearly 80 members of the public participated and provided numerous insights and suggestions that the team developed during the course of the charrette week. Key recommendations included:

This month, the focus has been on advancing key components of the project, including the detailed design of the hotel, the development of a 3D model for the overall layout, and the preparation of the project report. The draft of the plan will be presented to staff in February and the final report will be presented to the FPRA board in March or April.



OLD ST. ANASTASIA



Exterior Restoration Update ✦

The exterior restoration of Old St. Anastasia, a historic building built in 1914, has made significant progress since work began in June 2024. Innovative Masonry Restoration (IMR) has completed a substantial portion of the project, and the remaining work is now moving forward.

Windowpane Update: The glazing company has successfully installed the new glass windows. However, one pane of glass was broken during the process, and its installation has been rescheduled for January 10. Innovative Masonry Restoration (IMR) plans to present to the FPRA Board on the completion of the exterior restoration of Old St. Anastasia at the January 14, 2025 meeting.

Additionally, the outstanding team at Public Works has re-poured the concrete sidewalk at Old St. Anastasia, making it more accessible.

The project is on track, and once these final steps are completed. The exterior of Old St. Anastasia will be restored to its full historical beauty and integrity.

OLD ST. ANASTASIA



OAKS AT MOORE'S CREEK



Construction Update ✨

As part of the Oaks at Moore's Creek Phase II project, 15 new single-family homes will be located on Means Court, between Avenue B and Moore's Creek. Phase II will offer potential first-time home buyers four different residential models. The models are all 3 bedroom, 2 baths ranging from 1200 square feet to 1700 square feet. The homes will sell between \$289k-\$349k and will be sold to first-time homebuyers who are income eligible.

The first housing unit at 317 Means Ct. (Lot #6) closed successfully on December 23, 2024, thanks to the swift efforts of the City's Building Department in issuing the Certificate of Occupancy. Although the closing was delayed slightly due to lender issues, the sale marks a significant milestone. Before closing, the developer's listing agent hosted a Facebook live showing, drawing over 500 views. Construction on the next two units (314 & 319 Means Ct.) is on schedule for completion in early 2025, and plans for 318 Means Ct. are being finalized for Building Permit submission.

314 Means Court



319 Means Court



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SERVICE HOURS

Mon-Wed: 8am-6pm

Thursday: 8am-8pm

Friday: 8am-10pm

Saturday: 10am-10pm

Sunday: 10am-8pm

FREEBEE Update ✨

Staff has been actively working to inform local businesses about the Freebee service, distributing marketing materials that they can share with their clientele. This outreach is aimed at increasing awareness and encouraging more people to utilize the service. The Freebee app includes advertisements for Downtown events on the Carousel, giving added visibility to local happenings and boosting engagement with the app.

WAIT TIME UPDATE:

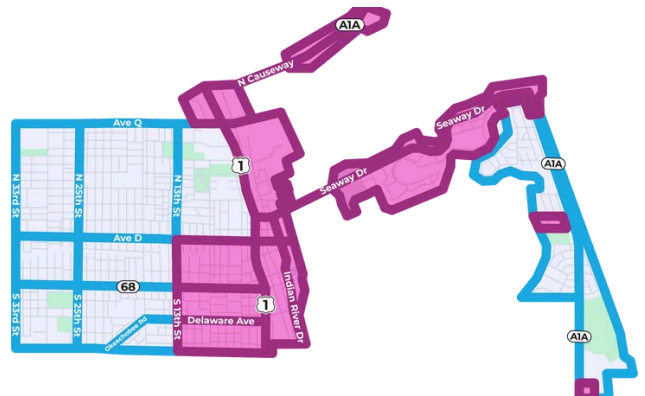
At the December FPRA meeting, the Board approved the addition of a new vehicle to the Freebee fleet for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends on September 30, 2025. This expansion is designed to meet growing demand and enhance service efficiency, ultimately reducing wait times for riders. Since the new vehicle was introduced on December 11, 2024, wait times for the month have decreased by 5%.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

Coverage Areas: Inner Zone encompasses the commercial zone where Freebee rides can either start and/or end. Outer Zone refers to the area surrounding the inner zone where Freebee rides can travel through, rides must start or finish within the inner zone.

Accessibility Features: Freebee accommodates individuals with disabilities, ensuring comfortable and safe transportation. To request the ADA vehicle, call 855-918-3733 or request via the Freebee app.

Age Restriction: Freebee's services are exclusively available to individuals ages 18 and older.



FREEBEE RIDERSHIP REPORTS



DECEMBER 2024



NOVEMBER 2024



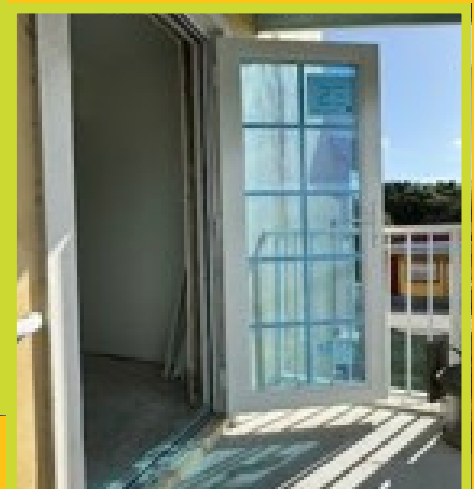
HIGHWAYMEN MUSEUM



Renovation Update ✦

The City of Fort Pierce was awarded an African American Cultural and Historical Grant from the Department of State in the amount of \$483,662 for the renovation of the Jackie L. Caynon Building to create the City of Fort Pierce Florida Highwaymen Museum. The museum, honoring historic African American Highwaymen artists, will showcase works of art that originated in Fort Pierce.

Contractors continue to make headway on the Highwaymen Museum renovations. The stairway forming has been successfully removed, and all necessary fire and alarm wiring, as well as security and camera wiring, have been installed. Additionally, the electric wiring throughout the museum has been completed. Fire sprinklers have been installed to enhance safety measures. Finally, five doors, including the main double door, have been installed. These advancements mark important steps toward completing the renovations and ensuring the museum is prepared for its grand opening.



HIGHWAYMEN MUSEUM



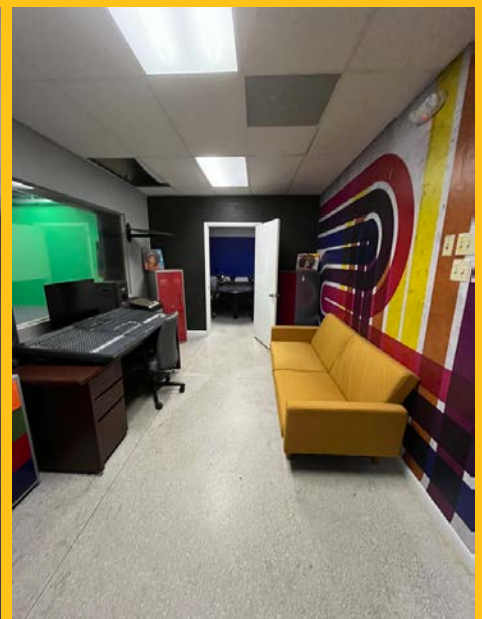
INCUBATE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER



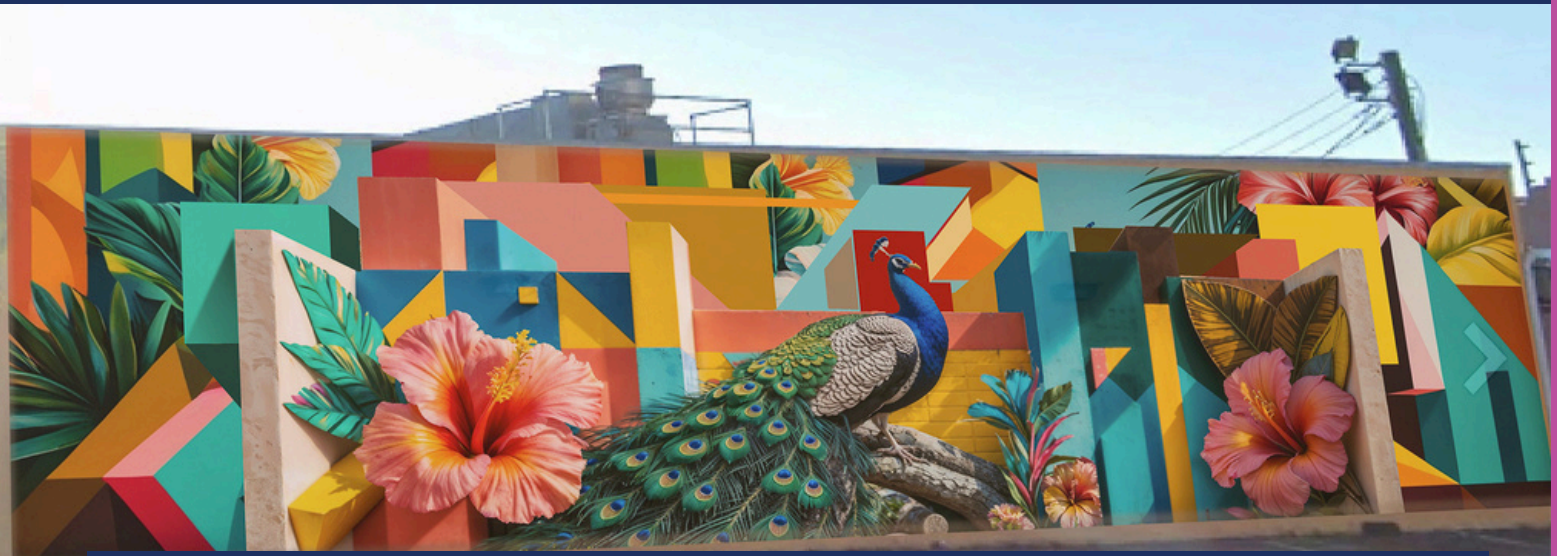
Lease Terms Updated ✨

At the December 10th meeting, the FPRA Board approved moving forward with amending the Lease agreement with Incubate Neighborhood Center (INC). This amendment is intended to clarify and define additional responsibilities between INC and the FPRA, ensuring both parties have a clear understanding of their roles and obligations, especially regarding new improvements and ongoing maintenance. Staff is currently working with the contractor to obtain quotes.

INC has received an approved inspection which has extended their permit until April 2025.



MURAL PROGRAM



607 Orange Ave ✦

The mural titled Flora Symphony, created by the talented artist Sitki Dogan, will be completed on January 8, 2025. It has been a lengthy process to finish, with Sitki dedicating countless hours to bringing this stunning work of art to life. The 3D effects are breathtaking, and the colors are incredibly vibrant. Sitki has expertly combined spray paint with latex paint to perfect the lines, resulting in a truly magical piece.



WAYFINDING



Gateway & Wayfinding Signs

In November 2023, design modifications were finalized.



Locations

In February, Locations for the Gateway signs were chosen. Staff went to take photos and took measurements.

In July, Don Bell and staff took photos and marked the locations for the wayfinding signs. The signs are currently in production.



Submittals

In March, staff submitted a conceptual submittal to FDOT for their approval to proceed with the CAF Agreement.



Wayfinding Sign Production Update

The signs are in production, and we anticipate that they will be ready for installation in approximately 15 weeks.

In the meantime, staff is actively working on finalizing the locations for the District and Parking signs to ensure everything is aligned with the overall plan. We are committed to ensuring the signs are positioned in the most effective locations for ease of use and accessibility.

COMMERCIAL SIGN PROGRAM



Cobb's Landing[★]

As part of the commitment to increase local business awareness, economic productivity, and the overall visual appeal of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment District, the FPRA has launched the Commercial Sign Grant Program. This program encourages property owners to upgrade their signage, replacing old and outdated ones with modern and visually appealing signs. Upgrading signage is not only more aesthetically attractive for the residents and visitors in our community but also increases the brand exposure of businesses to improve the chances of new customer acquisition and repeat business.

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency shall support small businesses, start-up businesses and support entrepreneurial activity within the Redevelopment Area. As of today, the Commercial Sign Program continues to accept applications for participation, demonstrating ongoing interest and engagement from property owners within the FPRA District. Since its inception, the program has approved a total of thirteen applications for reimbursement, amounting to \$53,820.80 in financial assistance allocated to businesses for sign upgrades and replacements.

\$53,820.80

Allocated to businesses
for sign upgrades

13

Businesses have been approved for
reimbursement

Applications Open • Apply today!

Great News! The Commercial Sign Program is still open and accepting applications, providing property owners with opportunities to participate in and benefit from this revitalization initiative. For eligibility requirements and to apply, please visit: [FPRA Grants | Fort Pierce, FL - Official Website \(cityoffortpierce.com\)](https://www.cityoffortpierce.com/fpra-grants).

PAINT PROGRAM



The FPRA Paint Program was established to encourage commercial and residential property owners to improve the exterior of their structures. The purpose of this program is to brighten and transform both residential and commercial properties situated within the FPRA District. The program offers financial support in the form of a reimbursable grant, providing up to \$1,000 per home or business to cover the expenses related to exterior paint and paint supplies. The FPRA Paint Program is successfully achieving the goals by helping property owners to revitalize and renovate their commercial and residential properties within our district. This program sets in motion the catalytic effect of making neighborhoods more welcoming and enticing to visitors, residents, and potential homebuyers.

Of the approved properties, twenty-two are commercial establishments, highlighting the program's impact on enhancing the attractiveness of local businesses. Additionally, twenty-five residential properties have been approved, demonstrating the program's success in fostering pride and investment among homeowners.

\$37,832.15

Disbursed to date

47

properties have been approved
for reimbursement

Applications Open • Apply today!

The application period will remain open until all allocated funds are depleted. For eligibility requirements and to apply, please visit: [FPRA Grants | Fort Pierce, FL - Official Website \(cityoffortpierce.com\)](https://www.cityoffortpierce.com/fpra-grants).

PARKING INFRASTRUCTURE



Parking Infrastructure Update [★]

1200 Avenue D & Means Ct.



Currently waiting for the approval and issuance of building permits.

JC Penney Parking Lot



Department approvals have been issued.

SUNRISE THEATRE



St. Lucie Ballet Performance ✦

“...With their eyes all aglow.”

12 different schools and roughly 1150 students from the tri-country area came to watch the St. Lucie Ballet perform The Nutcracker on Friday, December 6th. Thanks to the partnership with the Sunrise Theatre Foundation who helps makes this possible every year so that youth are introduced to the performing arts in our historic theatre in beautiful downtown Fort Pierce.

In other works, the main theatre stage was recently redone with a fresh new look just before a very busy season which picks up right after the holidays. It was time to fortify and freshen the theatre's stage as there were some issues with the old flooring underneath right at the main entrance near the bay doors. The Tech team spent a week ripping up and applying new wood, caulk and primer, redoing the whole top instead of repairing the small portion. “We want to give not only our patrons, but our guests the best experience, always from the moment they walk in to the moment they leave and it's the little things that experienced guests notice like a main stage feel.” Holland Ryan, Facilities and Tech Director.

SUNRISE THEATRE



St. Lucie Ballet Performance ✨



COMMERCIAL FACADE GRANT PROGRAM



The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) is excited to announce that the Commercial Façade Grant Program will soon reopen for applications!

This program aims to revitalize commercial corridors within the FPRA district by encouraging private investments that enhance the appearance of buildings and properties. The grant supports projects that address blight, improve non-conforming design standards, and elevate the overall aesthetic appeal of our community.

Participating in the program empowers property owners and businesses to make impactful improvements, resulting in increased property values, higher tenant occupancy rates, and strengthened economic development across the district.

Stay tuned for updates and prepare to take advantage of this opportunity to transform your property and contribute to the vibrant growth of Fort Pierce!

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

WATERWAYS PROJECT



The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) and St. Lucie County have recently signed an Interlocal Agreement to advance inlet and waterway projects within the redevelopment area. This collaboration will bring mutual benefits to both parties, yielding significant economic advantages. The projects are designed to support tourism, promote recreational and commercial fishing, enhance local ecosystems, and protect vital shorelines for both residents and visitors. Potential initiatives include beach and dune restoration, the development of the Harbour Pointe Regional Boat Ramp, and various regional stormwater improvements. For each project, the parties will enter into separate agreements that outline specific project details, including scope, funding, and responsibilities.

SURPLUS PROPERTY



The FPRA has identified five properties for disposition as part of our ongoing commitment to revitalizing our neighborhoods and promoting community development. Appraisals have been completed and the appraised values are listed below. Prior to soliciting competitive bids for these properties, we are taking the time to conduct a comprehensive review of our purchasing procedures to ensure a more streamlined and effective surplus property bid process in the near future.

1

2403-711-0001-000-3
Dundas Ct - Appraised Value \$22,000

2

2404-710-0017-000-8
N. 22nd Street - Appraised Value \$22,000

3

2404-808-0021-000-9
1306 N. 16th Street - Appraised Value \$22,000

4

2404-812-0009-000-2
2 Avenue I - Appraised Value \$20,000

5

2404-506-0038-000-9
427 N. 16th Street - Appraised Value \$22,000

AVENUE D MODEL PROJECT



In April 2023, the City of Fort Pierce, Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA), and St. Lucie County entered into an interlocal agreement to collaboratively develop the Avenue D Model Block. This agreement defines the responsibilities and processes involved in the redevelopment of the property located at Avenue D and 7th Street, which includes parcels owned by the City of Fort Pierce, FPRA, and St. Lucie County. The project's vision is detailed in the 2020 FPRA Redevelopment Plan, which identifies this site as a model block, proposing a mixed-use redevelopment that includes apartment housing and commercial spaces.

St. Lucie County led the solicitation process, beginning with a Request for Letters of Interest, which was followed by a formal Request for Proposals. Two firms submitted proposals: Pinnacle Communities and HORUS Academy. An evaluation committee, comprised of staff members from both City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County, conducting a review of the proposals including presentations.

Staff will present their recommendation to enter negotiations with the highest ranked respondent, Pinnacle Communities at the FPRA Board Meeting on January 14, 2024. This will also need to go before the City Commission and St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners for approval as well.

Pinnacle Communities has extensive experience in affordable housing. Their proposal outlines a total of 157 residential units to be developed in two phases, offering 85 units of affordable rental housing for families and 72 units of affordable rental housing for seniors. Additionally, the proposal includes four live-work units facing 7th Street.

COMMUNITY POLICING



North 25th Street ✦

During the month of November 2024, there were a total of 18 FPRA details worked for the North 25th area from Avenue O to Avenue M. There were 66 calls for service during the detail times. Disturbances accounted for more than half of the total calls the area.

During this time 2 case reports were completed.

- 2 Vehicle Accidents

Table - Calls for service in North 25th Street area

Nature	Calls
DISTURBANCE	25
CLOSE PATROL	19
VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC STOP	10
FOOT PATROL OR PARK AND WALK	3
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2
CONDUCT INVESTIGATION	2
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	2
DOMESTIC TROUBLE	1
HANG UP OR NO VOICE CALL	1
OBSTRUCTION IN ROAD	1
Total	66

HOURS OF PATROL Wednesdays

11:00PM - 2:00AM

Fridays

9:00PM - 2:00AM

Saturdays

10:00PM - 2:00AM

Sundays

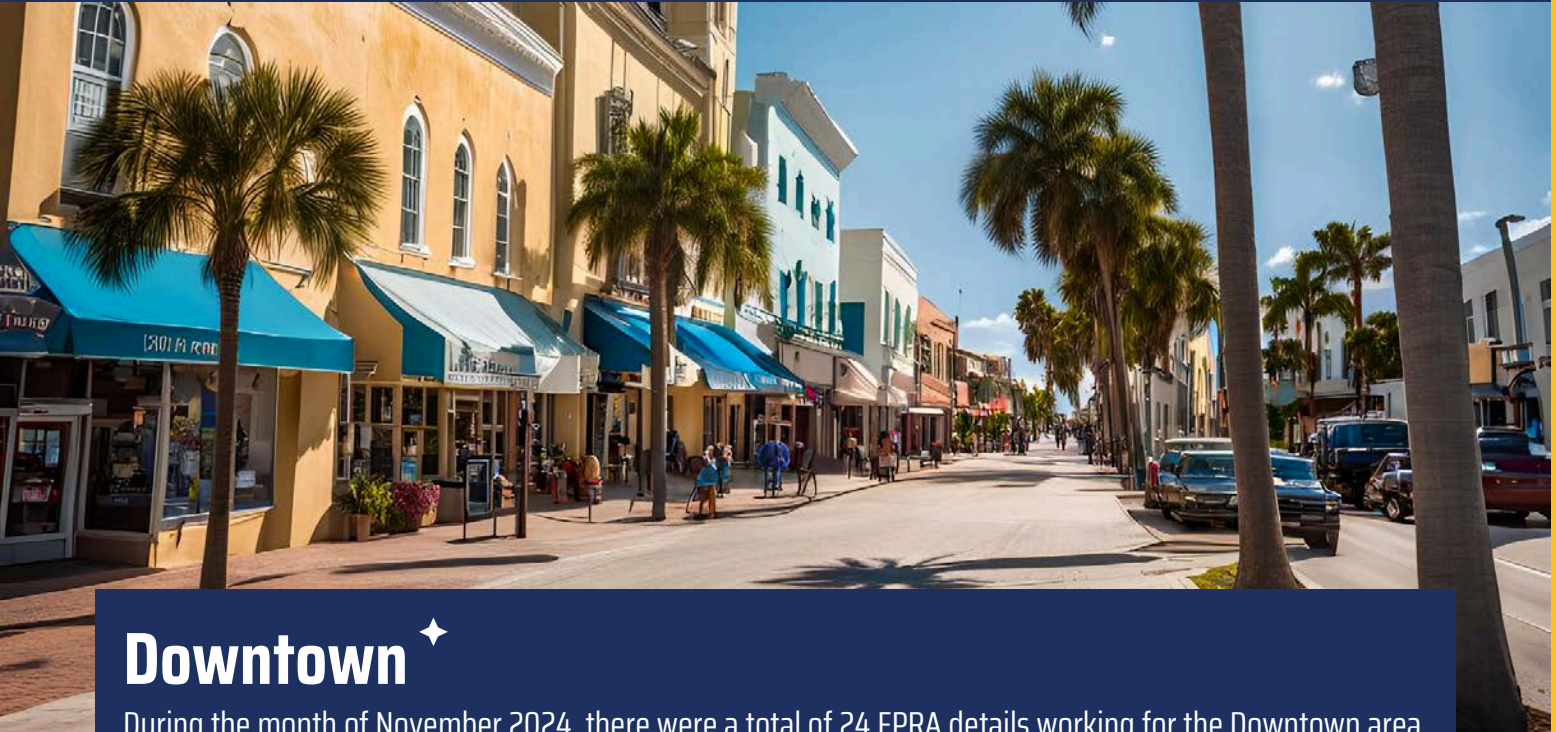
6:00PM - 11:00PM

PATROL AREA

Detail Officers assigned to patrol North 25th Street from Avenue O to Avenue M are responsible for ensuring the safety and security of residents and businesses and primarily to address and mitigate the disturbances caused by excessive noise in the area.

*Note the updates provided in this section are one month behind to allow ample time for data collection and reporting.

COMMUNITY POLICING



Downtown ✦

During the month of November 2024, there were a total of 24 FPRA details working for the Downtown area. There were 122 calls for service during the detail times. The top activities logged were patrols and traffic stops.

During this time 4 case reports were completed.

- Warrant Arrest
- Unwelcome Person
- 2 Vehicle Accidents

PATROL AREA

The Downtown area is east of US1, between Seaway Drive and Citrus Avenue with extra patrol of the Galleria (Orange / Avenue 2nd Street) and the alleyways between 113 and 121 N 2nd (Kraaz and Kraaz Building and FRLS building).

Map - Calls for service in Downtown area

Nature	Calls
CLOSE PATROL	42
VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC STOP	19
FOOT PATROL OR PARK AND WALK	12
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	8
UNWELCOME PERSON	6
DISTURBANCE	5
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	5
TRAFFIC RELATED	3
PREMISE ALARM	2
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	2
TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	2
ANIMAL RELATED	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1
BAKER ACT	1
CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION	1
CONDUCT INVESTIGATION	1
DOMESTIC TROUBLE	1
FLAGDOWN	1
RADAR DETAIL	1
RECKLESS DRIVER	1
RECOVERED PROPERTY	1
SHOOTING/SHOOTING ACTIVITY	1
SICK/INJURED PERSON	1
TRANSPORT OR ESCORT	1
VANDALISM	1
WARRANT	1
total	122

HOURS OF PATROL

Fridays

6:30PM - 2:30AM

Saturdays

8:00AM - 2:00PM

3:00PM - 9:00PM

9:00PM - 3:00AM

Sundays

8:00AM - 12:00PM

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COMMUNITY POLICING



Jetty Park ✨

During the month of November 2024, there were a total of 14 FPRA details working for the Jetty Park area. There were 23 calls for service during the detail times.

During this time 4 case reports were completed.

- Flag Down
- Fight
- Recovered Property
- Traffic Stop

Table - Calls for service in Jetty Park area

Nature	Calls
CLOSE PATROL	9
VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC STOP	3
DISTURBANCE	2
DRUNK PEDESTRIAN	2
FIGHT	2
FLAGDOWN	2
CONDUCT INVESTIGATION	1
RECOVERED PROPERTY	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1
Total	23

HOURS OF PATROL

Fridays

7:00PM - 1:00AM

Saturdays

7:00PM - 2:00AM

Sundays

8:00PM - 12:00AM

PATROL AREA

Off-duty officers assigned to patrol Jetty Park and its surrounding areas are responsible for ensuring the safety and security of park visitors, the parking lots, Jetty boardwalk, beach area, and adjacent businesses.

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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



SRO Markeis Washington ✦ **Dan McCarty Middle School**

SRO Markeis Washington continues to build relationships with students at Dan McCarty by attending Honor Roll events and participating in spirit week with the students. In addition, SRO Markeis Washington participated in the schools Fun Fall Festival. SRO Markeis Washington also conducted her threat assessment investigations and completed the monthly fire drill.

SRO Jorge Goz C.A. Moore ✦

SRO Jorge Goz completed the selection for safety patrol officer for the 2024-2025 School year and will be hosting the Safety Patrol ceremony in December. In the month of November SRO Jorge Goz continues to partnership with the school as a sitting member of the Attendance committee and contacts families to provided services to have student attend school. SRO Jorge Goz also attended the school Honor Roll ceremony and assisted with school security and positive reinforcement for students receiving awards. SRO Jorge Goz had no school threat assessments in the month of November but dud complete the monthly fire drill. SRO Jorge Goz continues to mentor his fifth-grade student. In addition, SRO Jorge Goz continues to provide students in need with meals for the weekend and was able to partner with Elks Club to provide 15 families with Turkeys and fixings for Thanksgiving Day.

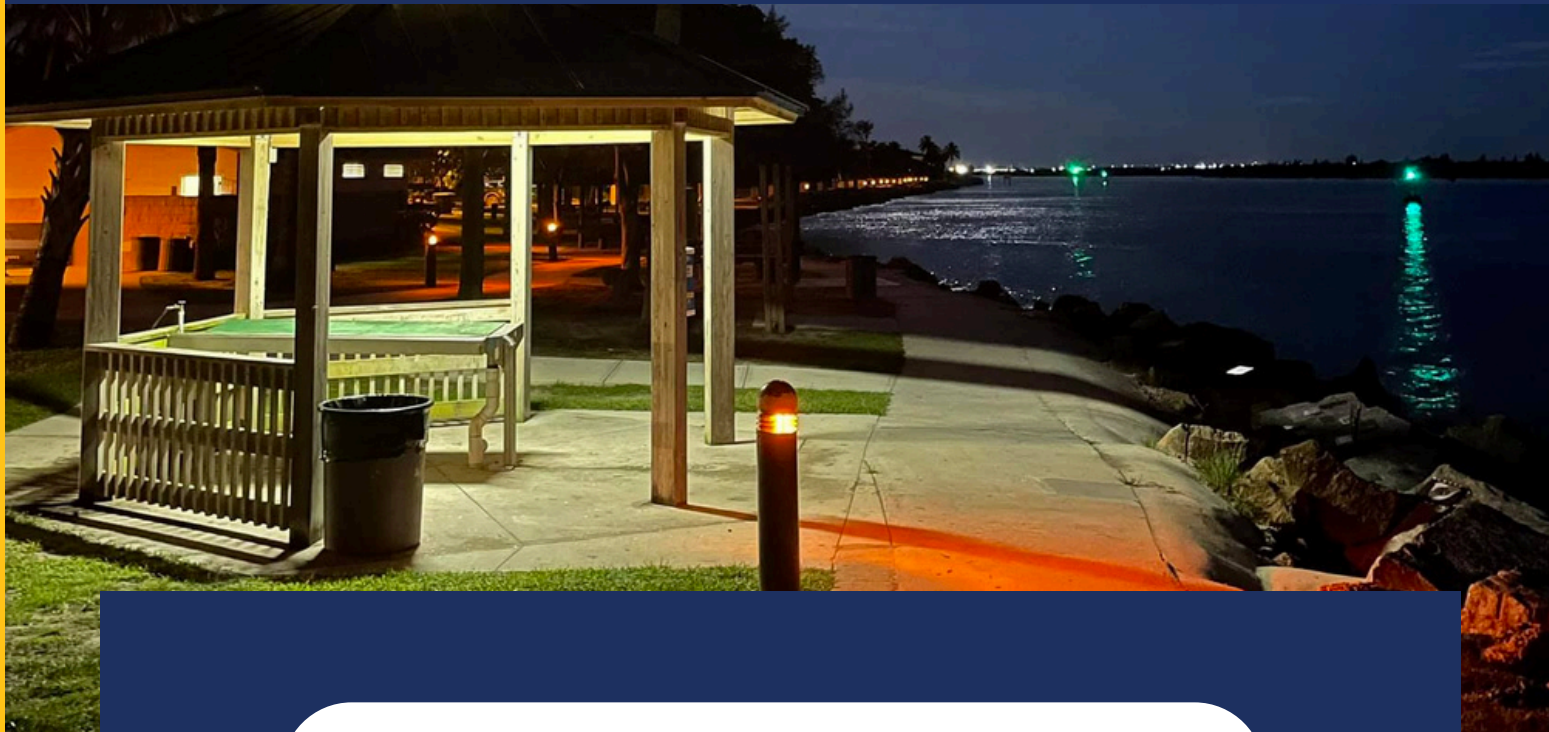
Due to multiple holidays and teacher work days both SROs had less school days in the month of November.

When SRO Markeis Washington and SRO Jorge Goz were not at the school they were both assisting Road Patrol/ Community Engagement Unit and the Training Department as both SROs are Agency CPR Instructors.


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