

FEBRUARY 2025
FPRA PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES SUMMARY REPORT





Table of **CONTENTS**

Western Peninsula Charrette	03	Paint Program	17
Waterways Project	04	Wayfinding	18
Delaware & 33rd	04	Parking Infrastructure	19
Marina Park	05	Surplus Property	20
Old St. Anastasia	06	Sunrise Theatre	21-22
Mural Program	07	Community Policing	23-25
Freebee	08-09	School Resource Officers	26
Oaks at Moore's Creek	10	Contact Us	27
Highwaymen Museum	11		
Incubate Neighborhood Center	12		
Avenue D Model Project	13		
Lincoln Park Master Plan	14		
Commercial Facade Grant Program	15		
Commerical Sign Program	16		



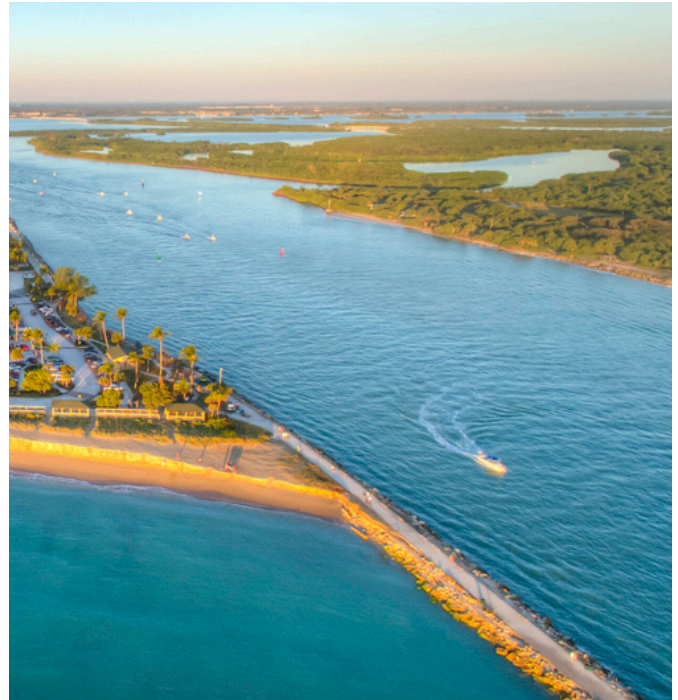
WESTERN PENINSULA CHARRETTE

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.

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council plans to submit the initial draft of the Western Peninsula Charrette and Master Plan in February. Staff will review the report and provide input. The final plan is on track to be presented to the FPRA Board in March or April 2025. This is in alignment with the anticipated project schedule in the ILA.

WATERWAYS PROJECT

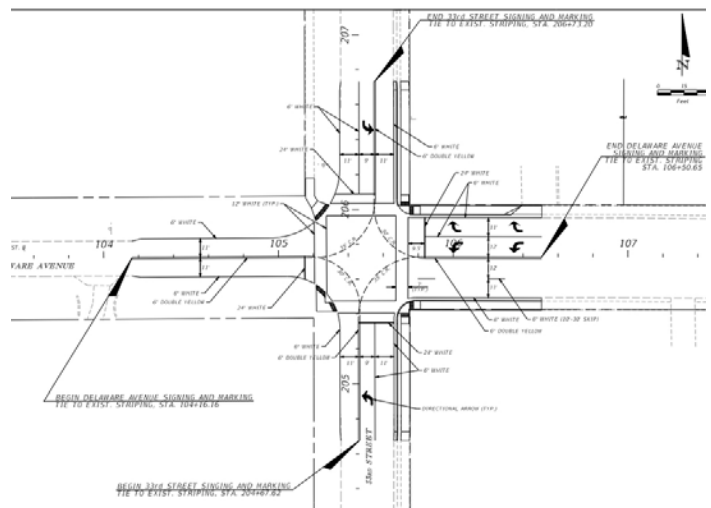
The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) and St. Lucie County have recently signed an Interlocal Agreement to advance inlet and waterway projects within the redevelopment area. This collaboration will bring mutual benefits to both parties, yielding significant economic advantages. The projects are 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.



DELAWARE & 33RD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

We are pleased to announce upcoming enhancements coming to the intersection of Delaware Street and 33rd Avenue. In response to community feedback and ongoing efforts to enhance traffic flow and safety, the improvements will provide a smoother, more efficient experience for both drivers and pedestrians.

The 30% design plans include the design of preliminary roadway cross sections, paving, grading and drainage plans, and signage and pavement marking plans to remove the existing bump in Delaware Avenue. The project will also include new sidewalk, ramps, crosswalks and pedestrian signals at the intersection meeting current County, City of Fort Pierce and FDOT design standards.



MARINA PARK



The Future of Marina Square

As part of Phase 1 of the Downtown Master Plan, Marina Square stands as a pivotal focus area slated for transformative enhancements within Fort Pierce.

Under the Continuing Services Contract, staff has collaborated with Inspire Placemaking Collective to begin a visionary conceptual design for Marina Park. This design will be a culmination of community feedback gathered during extensive public engagement sessions.

The conceptual design will prioritize several key elements, including innovative parking solutions, potential programming opportunities, enhancements to waterfront access, and the expansion of green spaces. These improvements are geared towards creating a dynamic public space that caters to people of all ages and abilities, promoting inclusivity and community engagement.

Marina Square's transformation into Marina Park will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of our downtown area but also serve as a vibrant hub for recreational activities, cultural events, and social gatherings. This initiative reflects our commitment to fostering a thriving community that embraces both its natural beauty and its residents.

At the upcoming February FPRA meeting, staff will seek approval to advance with Inspire Placemaking Collective, marking a pivotal milestone towards the revitalization of Marina Park and the broader goals of Fort Pierce's downtown area.

OLD ST. ANASTASIA

Exterior Restoration

The exterior renovation of Old St. Anastasia is now complete, unveiling its stunning transformation.

All glass has been installed, with just one window needing reframing due to prior damage. On January 30, the glazing company installed grids on the recently placed glass, marking the final stages of the project. Jim Dolby from Innovative Masonry Restoration (IMR) will update the project's completion at the February 11 FPRA meeting.



Old St. Anastasia Master Plan

As stated in the 2020 FPRA Plan, the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency is committed to enhancing and developing the Peacock Arts District. Staff is seeking a consultant under a continuing services contract to develop a master plan for the Old St. Anastasia site. We envision that this comprehensive plan will involve community engagement, a feasibility study, historic preservation efforts, and concept development for the three parcels.





607 Orange Ave

A MURAL BY SITKI DOGAN

"FLORA SYMPHONY"

FPRA MURAL PROGRAM

We are thrilled to announce the completion of the "Flora Symphony" mural at 607 Orange Ave. The vibrant colors and stunning 3D effects have sparked an incredible response from the community.

On Facebook alone, we have received **176** comments, and the mural has been shared **270** times. This overwhelming support underscores the positive impact public art can have on our neighborhoods.

We're excited about the community's enthusiastic engagement and look forward to involving them in future projects.

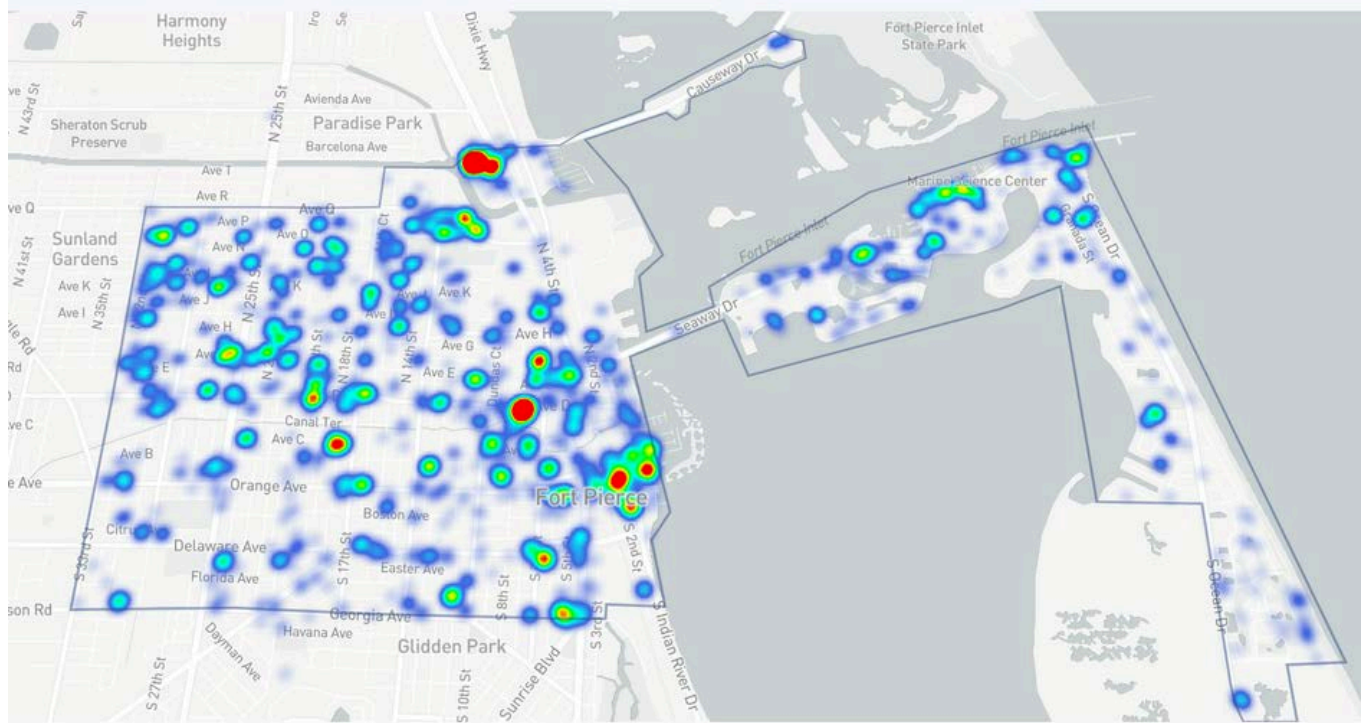


FREEBEE



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.

In January, ridership exceeded that of December, reaching a total of 6,210 passengers. The heat map highlights red areas indicating the busiest drop-off locations.



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.

SERVICE HOURS

Mon-Wed: 8am-6pm
Thursday: 8am-8pm
Friday: 8am-10pm
Saturday: 10am-10pm
Sunday: 10am-8pm

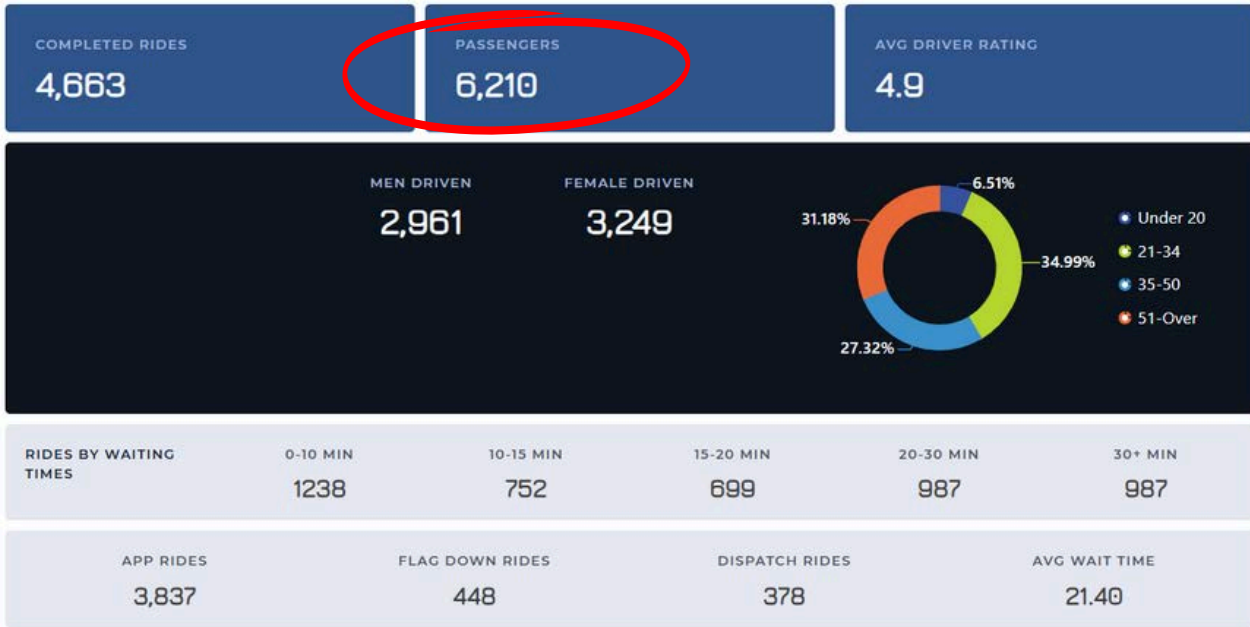
855.918.3733

Contact Us

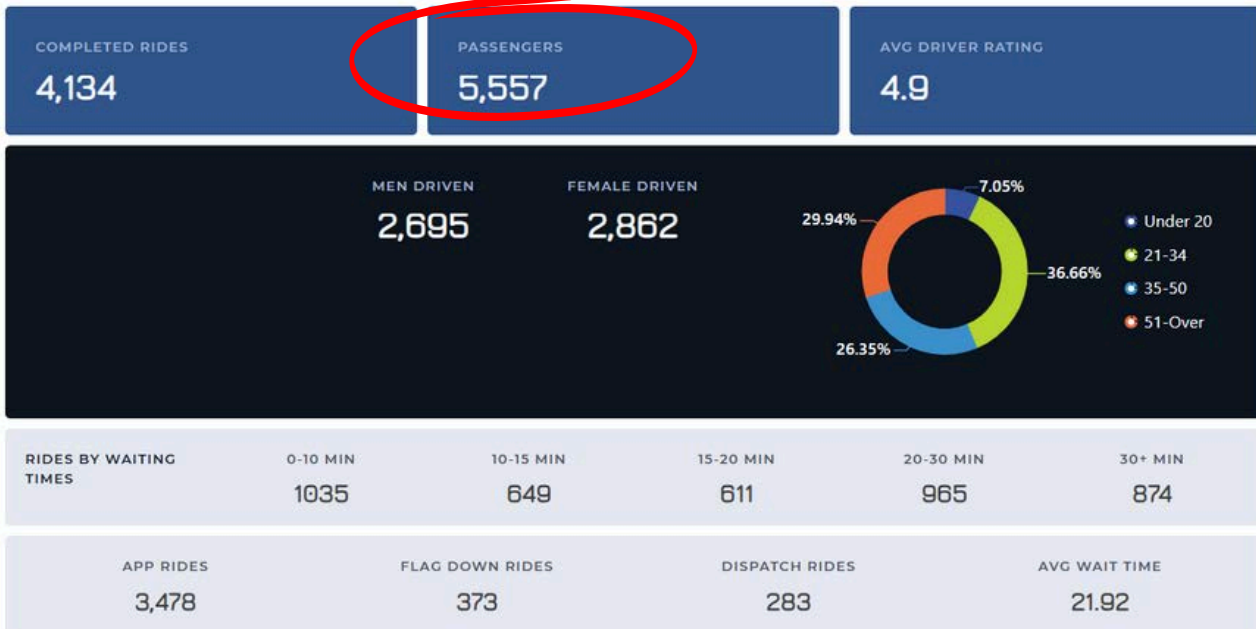
FREEBEE

Ridership Reports

JANUARY 2025



DECEMBER 2024

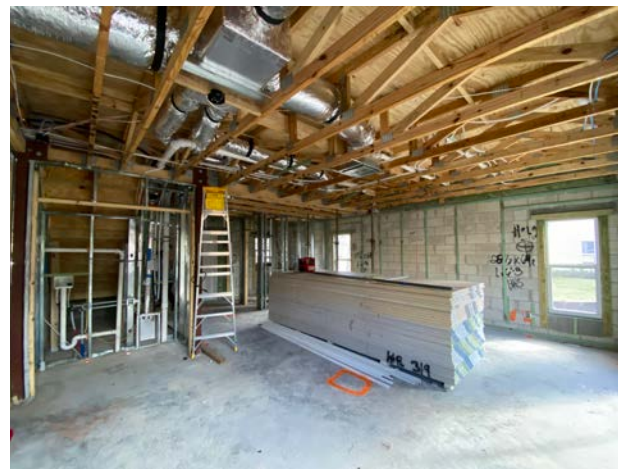


OAKS AT MOORE'S CREEK

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.

As of January 30, 2025 construction of housing units at 319 and 314 Means Ct. remains on schedule, with projected completion dates in mid-March and early May, respectively. The Development team is also finalizing plans and related documents for 318 Means Court in preparation for Building Permit review and approval. The permit application is expected to be submitted within the next 10 days.



HIGHWAYMEN MUSEUM

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.



RENOVATION

The Highwaymen Museum project is steadily progressing, with major milestones achieved in recent weeks. The fire and alarm wiring, security and camera wiring, and electrical rough wiring have all reached rough completion, ensuring the infrastructure is in place. Fire sprinklers have been installed, and the kitchen cabinets have been delivered and installed. Flooring and tile materials have also been delivered, with bathroom measurements taken for installation. Several crucial inspections have been successfully approved, including fire and alarm inspection, electrical rough inspection, fire sprinkler inspection by the Fire Marshal and the City, HVAC duct inspection, building framing, and screw inspection. The project is on track, bringing us closer to celebrating the legacy and vibrant history of the Florida Highwaymen.

INCUBATE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT UPDATE

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.

As of January 30, a funding agreement has been drafted by the City Attorney's office. Staff awaits the submission of contractor quotes from INC, which will facilitate finalization of the agreement. This crucial document is slated for review and approval at the upcoming FPRA Board meeting in March.



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, conducted 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 February 11, 2024. As this is a three-party agreement, this will also 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.

LINCOLN PARK MASTER PLAN

We are excited to announce the initiation of the Lincoln Park Master Plan project, a key component of our ongoing efforts to revitalize one of Fort Pierce’s most historic neighborhoods. With roots dating back to the 1920s and 30s, Lincoln Park has historically been a vibrant commercial hub, featuring family-owned businesses, churches and community gathering spaces.

As part of the FPRA’s commitment to enhancing the district’s vibrancy, we aim to create a comprehensive vision that fosters economic growth and cultural enrichment. We will engage with community members throughout the planning process to gather insights and perspectives and look forward to fostering community input and collaboration.

The next step is to work with a consultant to develop a detailed scope of work for the master plan. This plan will not only outline our vision for Lincoln Park but also provide a strategic implementation framework to align stakeholders and direct future initiatives.



PROJECT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- ✓ The primary goal is to develop a vibrant urban atmosphere with diverse businesses in retail, food, and entertainment sectors and residential housing while preserving the historic charm and structures of the Lincoln Park district.
- ✓ Revitalize the Avenue D corridor
- ✓ Enhance/beautify the district including vacant lots and storefronts



STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

COMMERCIAL FACADE GRANT PROGRAM

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.

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) is pleased to announce that the Commercial Facade Program will be reopening for applications soon!

COMMERICAL SIGN PROGRAM

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 14 applications for reimbursement, amounting to \$59,944.30 in financial assistance allocated to businesses for sign upgrades and replacements.

\$59,944.30
Allocated to businesses
for sign upgrades

14
Businesses have been approved for
reimbursement



102 S. 2nd Street - The Galleria at Downtown

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) is pleased to announce that the Commercial Sign Program will be reopening for applications soon!

PAINT PROGRAM



\$37,832.15
Disbursed to date

47
Properties that have been approved for reimbursement

The FPRA Paint Program was created to inspire both commercial and residential property owners to enhance the exteriors of their buildings. This initiative aims to brighten and revitalize properties within the FPRA District, contributing to a more vibrant and inviting community.

Through the program, property owners have been able to transform their spaces, fostering a sense of renewal across the district. By encouraging revitalization, the program helps create more appealing neighborhoods that attract visitors, residents, and potential homebuyers.

To date, the FPRA Paint Program has approved reimbursements for 47 properties, distributing a total of \$37,832.15. With \$12,167.85 still available in the program's budget, there's plenty of opportunity for property owners to enhance their exteriors and contribute to the district's transformation.

Of the approved properties, 22 are commercial establishments, showcasing the program's role in boosting the appeal of local businesses. Meanwhile, 25 residential properties have benefited, highlighting their success in encouraging homeowner pride and investment.

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) is pleased to announce that the Paint Program will be reopening for applications soon!

PARKING INFRASTRUCTURE



1200 Avenue D & Means Ct.

A contract has been approved and executed on the parking lot project at 1200 Ave D & Means Ct. in Lincoln Park. As of January 28, the contractor has submitted permit applications with the Building Department, marking a crucial step forward.

JC PENNY PARKING LOT

The resurfacing of the old JCPenney parking lot is progressing smoothly. All permits have been approved by the building department. A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled by the project manager for February 6, where they will meet with the contractor to finalize details and set a commencement start date.

We are excited about the prospect of bringing a new public parking lot to Lincoln Park, along with the much-anticipated resurfacing of the old JCPenney parking lot. This initiative promises to enhance accessibility and convenience for the community.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

The restoration of Fort Pierce’s neighborhoods is a key strategy to revitalizing the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Area (FPRA). An effective strategy to accomplish this goal is by selling surplus property owned by the FPRA. When the FPRA Board formally designates a property as surplus, it will be put up for sale to the public through a Request for Bids.



The surplus properties located at 424 & 426 Douglas Court were conveyed by the FPRA to Eastern Capital Investments in 2024. The company worked diligently through the pre-construction phase, obtaining permits on December 10, 2024, and beginning construction within 30 days.

As of January 30, 2025, they have laid the concrete block walls, installed trusses and framing, and completed the roof sheathing. The developer has indicated an estimated completion date of March 2025. The completion of these homes will help the FPRA diversify the area’s housing stock and improve substandard homes.

SUNRISE THEATRE



Request For Proposals

The City of Fort Pierce issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, to identify and establish a partnership with a qualified concessionaire to staff, operate, and program the historic Sunrise Theatre. Proposals will be accepted through the City's RFP process until March 5, 2025.

Interested applicants are encouraged to review the Request for Proposals and submit their proposals by March 5, 2025. More details and the RFP are available on the City's website at <https://cityoffortpierce.com/Bids.aspx?CatID=17>

This initiative reflects the City's dedication to enhancing the operations and offerings of the Sunrise Theatre while ensuring its long-term financial sustainability. By exploring the option of contracting with an external management entity, the City seeks to bring in fresh ideas, innovative programming, and expanded resources that will elevate the theatre's profile as a vibrant cultural hub.

The City envisions this collaboration introducing dynamic and diverse programming, improving the experience for patrons, and fostering stronger community engagement. The selected partner will align with the values and vision of the Sunrise Theatre, preserving its historical significance while advancing its role as a cornerstone of arts and culture in Fort Pierce.

SUNRISE THEATRE



Theatrical Sound & Lighting System Upgrade

We're thrilled to announce a major upgrade to our sound and lighting systems, designed to enhance your experience and elevate every performance.

Our new, state-of-the-art sound system from D&B Audiotechnik ensures crystal-clear audio, even for the biggest touring acts, while our upgraded lighting—featuring advanced LED wash and moving light fixtures—offers stunning visuals and creative staging possibilities.

These improvements reflect our commitment to providing an exceptional atmosphere for both our audiences and artists. We can't wait for you to experience the difference at our upcoming shows. Thank you for your continued support in making this possible. We look forward to welcoming you back soon!

COMMUNITY POLICING

North 25th Street



During the month of December 2024, there were a total of 14FPRA details worked for the North 25th area from Avenue O to Avenue M. There were 43 calls for service during the detail times. Disturbances were the top reasons for the calls.

During this time 0 case reports were completed.

Table - Calls for service in North 25th Street area

Nature	Calls
DISTURBANCE	23
VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC STOP	8
CLOSE PATROL	7
FOOT PATROL	2
FLAGDOWN	1
SICK/INJURED PERSON	1
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1
Total	43

HOURS OF PATROL

Wednesdays

11:00PM - 2:00AM

Saturdays

10:00PM - 2:00AM

Fridays

9:00PM - 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 December 2024, there were a total of 21 FPRA details working for the Downtown area. There were 97 calls for service during the detail times. The top activities logged were patrols and traffic stops.

During this time 5 case reports were completed.

- Fight
- Suspicious Person
- Sickness/Injury
- Traffic Stop
- Vehicle Accident

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	44
VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC STOP	15
FOOT PATROL OR PARK AND WALK	12
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	5
TRAFFIC RELATED	4
DISTURBANCE	2
RADAR DETAIL	2
UNKNOWN	2
ANIMAL RELATED	1
ASSIST TO MOTORIST	1
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	1
DOMESTIC TROUBLE	1
FIGHT	1
FLAGDOWN	1
LARCENY	1
SICK/INJURED PERSON	1
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	1
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1
TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	1
total	97

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

*Note: Two (2) officers on each shift.

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

COMMUNITY POLICING

JETTY PARK



During the month of December 2024, there were a total of 13 FPRA details working for the Jetty Park area. There were 14 calls for service during the detail times.

During this time 1 case report was completed.

- Traffic Stop

Table - Calls for service in Jetty Park area

Nature	Calls
CLOSE PATROL	7
VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC STOP	5
FOOT PATROL OR PARK AND WALK	1
UNWELCOME PERSON	1
Total	14

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.

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

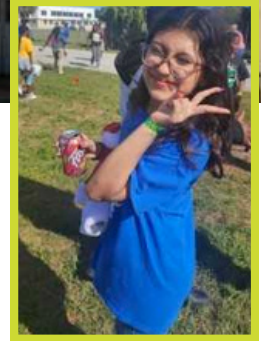


SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

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.

SRO Markeis Washington Dan McCarty Middle School




SRO Markeis Washington conducted a lock down drill at Dan McCarty for the month of December. In addition, SRO Washington participated and encouraged students to participate during Christmas Spirit week. SRO Washington also supported the students by attending the 6th grade Eagle buck winner ceremony. Also, for the month of December SRO Washington completed two threat assessment investigation. SRO Washington efforts continue to make students and staff safe while in school. She also makes sure to use her time to continue building relationship with students on campus and parents.

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.



CONTACT US

 772-465-4170

 fpri@cityoffortpierce.com

 100 North US Hwy. 1
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

 www.choosefortpierce.com