

CITY OF FORT PIERCE

CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

City Commission Meeting - Monday, March 9, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

City Hall - Commission Chambers, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of the minutes from the February 9, 2026, Day Meeting.

5. **Proclamations**

- A. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish American Heritage Month
- B. The City of Fort Pierce, Flood Awareness Week

6. **Additions or deletions to agenda and approval of the agenda.**

7. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less, as directed by the Mayor, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The City Commission will not be able to take any official actions under Comments from the Public. Speakers will address the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Public with respect. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

8. **Miscellaneous Reports and Presentations**

- A. Ryan Matthews, of GrayRobinson, will provide the City Commission with an update on current state legislative activity impacting the City of Fort Pierce, including appropriations progress and pending legislation related to municipal utilities.
- B. Update on Sunrise Theatre Management Negotiations with VenuWorks

- C. Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. First Quarter Program Update covering FY2026 (October 1, 2025 to December 30, 2025).

9. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc.'s First Quarter Disbursement in the amount of \$12,500 subject to acceptance of the First Quarter Report.

10. **City Commission - Resolutions**

- A. Resolution 26-R10 supporting the ongoing efforts of St. Lucie County to place a referendum on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot for voter approval of the continuation and reauthorization of the one-half cent sales tax levy for ten (10) years to fund infrastructure projects.

11. **New Business - City Commission Discussion Items**

12. **City Commission Boards and Committees Updates**

13. **Adjournment**

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (772) 467-3065 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

4. A.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re:

SUBJECT:

Approval of the minutes from the February 9, 2026, Day Meeting.

SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDATION:

ALTERNATIVES:

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

COORDINATED WITH:

Attachments

Minutes

MINUTES OF A DAY MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 9 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Hudson called the February 09, 2026, Day Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Michael Broderick; Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky;
Commissioner Arnold Gaines; Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr.; Mayor Linda Hudson

Staff Present: City Manager Richard Chess
City Attorney Sara Hedges
City Clerk Linda Cox

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of the minutes from the January 12, 2026, Day Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold Gaines, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026, Day Meeting.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky,
Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

5. **Proclamations**

A. 211 on the Treasure Coast, 211 Awareness Month

6. **Additions or deletions to agenda and approval of the agenda.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to add item 8A for the Beach Erosion Status and to approve the agenda as amended.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky,
Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

7. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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Steve Tarr
Charlie Hayek
Priscilla Speicher

8. **Miscellaneous Reports and Presentations**

A. **ADDED ITEM: Beach Erosion Status**

City Manager, Richard Chess, presented the updates on the Beach Erosion project and thanked the County for their involvement in this project. Special Projects Coordinator, Marsha Commond, let the Commission know the Public Works Department has been working around the clock on this project. City and County staff have been working together to restore the barriers. Commissioner Broderick was informed of the situation early last week and has been working in coordination with City staff, County staff, members of the public, and Congressmen Brian Mast. Commissioner Broderick thanked County Commissioner James Clasby for his efforts. He informed the Commission on the events that have taken place on the beach for the past week and their efforts that have worked as well as failed. They were able to get in total 20 loads of sand from Stuart Materials, 10 loads of that being donated directly from Stuart Materials. Phil Thompson provided the parking and staging area for this project. The Commission asked when to get the state involved. Commissioner Clasby mentioned the state takes a reimbursement approach to these situations. The City and County will need to take the initiative and then the state will decide if they will reimburse the project or not. The Mayor will declare a state of emergency along with St. Lucie County to help keep a clean record of the dire situation of this project. The Federal project will be starting in March. The Commission again thanked everyone for their participation and efforts in this project.

B. **Kings Highway Jobs Corridor Initiative Phase I Final Report - Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County**

Pete Tesch, Leslie Olson, and Wes McCurry gave the phase 1 report for the Kings Highway Jobs Corridor Initiative. The Commission thanked them for putting this presentation together. They discussed the proposed bills being discussed this legislative session that could hinder this project. Also discussed was how this project will positively impact the City with new jobs.

C. **Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. First Quarter Program Update covering FY2026 (October 1, 2025 to December 30, 2025).**

Michelle Cavalcanti provided the Main Street Fort Pierce 1st quarter program update. The Commission thanked Fort Pierce Main Street for everything they do to bring people together within the City. Commissioner Gaines asked why Lincoln Park Main Street did not present an update and Special Projects Coordinator, Audria Moore, let them know that the agreement with Lincoln Park Main Street has not been finalized.

D. **First Quarter Financial Report**

Finance Director, Johnna Morris, presented the First Quarter Financial Report. The Commission discussed the Animal Shelter, and City Manager, Richard Chess, let them know that the City and the County are in discussion to see if we can partner together with their animal shelters. Commissioner Johnson commented that the Golf Course is missing out on revenue for event rentals as it does not have the facilities to host events like weddings, conferences or other large gatherings. Commissioner Broderick asked about the plans that were approved 2 years ago for a new facility at the golf course. They discussed the proposed bill that would remove ad valorem taxes/ property taxes. They want the public well-informed on how this proposed bill could affect our City.

9. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Main Street Fort Pierce Inc.'s First Quarter Disbursement in the amount of \$12,500 subject to acceptance of the Third Quarter Report.
- B. Approval to piggyback the Play Power, Inc. Agreement for the CDBG Coach Fenn Park Improvement Project to Install Playground Shade Structures for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$91,763.78.

Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. pulled Item 9B.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve item 9A.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky,
Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

As to item 9B, Commissioner Johnson requested more information about this expense as it is a large amount. He mentioned the investments the City is putting into this park and the need to keep it protected from vandalism and ensure proper safety measures. Special Projects Coordinator, Marsha Commond, let the Commission know another part of this project will be coming to the Commission at their next meeting for a splash pad, new restrooms, new parking lot, two shade structures, and a pavilion. They have reached out to the community partners to ensure they will assist in keeping the park safe and clean.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Arnold Gaines to approve item 9B.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky,
Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

10. **City Commission - Resolutions**

- A. Resolution 26-R07 Expressing Support for Mohnark Pharmaceuticals as a Qualified Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Applicant

City Clerk, Linda Cox introduced the Resolution, read by title only, into the record.

RESOLUTION 26-R07.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MOHNARK PHAMACEUTICALS, INC. AS A QUALIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION APPLICANT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 196.1995, FLORIDA STATUTES; ALLOWING IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY ADDITIONS TO BE MADE BY MOHNARK PHARMACEUTICALS SUBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF AN EXEMPTION ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Director of Business and Development with the Economic Development Council, Kadian Knight, presented the Mohnark Pharmaceuticals Project and request for an ad valorem tax exemption.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michael Broderick, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr. to approve Resolution 26-R07.

AYE: Commissioner Michael Broderick, Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky,
Commissioner Arnold Gaines, Commissioner Curtis Johnson, Jr., Mayor Linda Hudson

Passed

11. New Business - City Commission Discussion Items

- A. Review and discussion regarding Mayor and City Commission assignments to various Boards and Committees

Commissioner Dzadoovsky assigned boards are St. Lucie County Tourism Development Council, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and The Roundtable. He is the alternate for the TPO and the St. Lucie County Land Acquisition Board.

12. City Commission Boards and Committees Updates

Commissioner Gaines mentioned he is one session away from completing the pension program for the Retirement Board.
The Mayor, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Broderick, and Commissioner Dzadoovsky did not have any updates to comment on.

13. Adjournment

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Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 12:37 P.M.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR COMMISSIONER

City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

5. A.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re:

SUBJECT:

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish American Heritage Month

SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDATION:

ALTERNATIVES:

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

COORDINATED WITH:

Attachments

Irish American Heritage Month



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, By 1779 nearly 300,000 Irish nationals had emigrated to the American Colonies and played a crucial role in America's War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, Five signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish descent, and three signers were Irish born; and

WHEREAS, Irish Americans helped to fashion a system of government for our young nation; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-two Presidents have proudly proclaimed their Irish American heritage; and

WHEREAS, In 1792 Irish born James Hoban provided the architectural plans for the White House and served as one of the supervising architects for the construction of the capitol; and

WHEREAS, Irish born Commodore John Barry was recognized by the United States Congress in September of 2002 as the "First Flag Officer of the United States Navy"; and

WHEREAS, Commodore John Barry fought the last sea battle of the American Revolution off the coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, In 1813, Captain Oliver Perry, an Irish American, achieved a major naval victory in the Battle of Lake Erie; and

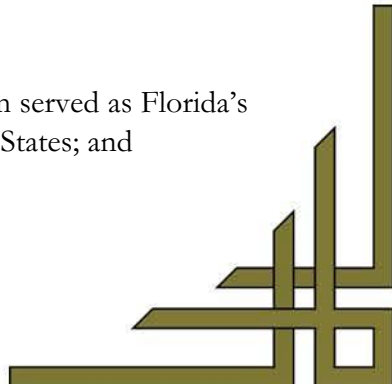
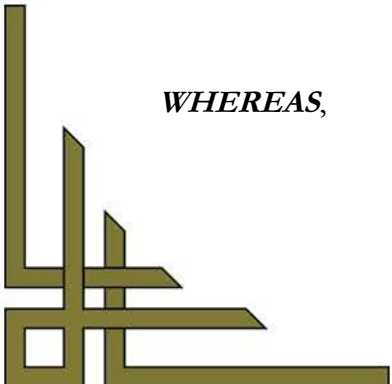
WHEREAS, In 1942, the 5 Sullivan brothers made the ultimate sacrifice for democracy and freedom during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal and later had the Destroyer USS Sullivan commissioned in their memory; and

WHEREAS, The Irish came to Spanish "La Florida" in the 1500s- first as missionaries and mercenary soldiers and then as planters, traders, businessmen, doctors and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Three of the Spanish Governors of "La Florida" were actually Irish military officers; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Richard Arthur, an Irish-born priest from Limerick who was appointed parish priest for St. Augustine in 1597 and ecclesiastical judge of "La Florida," established the first public school in America and opened it to boys and girls of all races; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Jackson, whose family came from County Antrim served as Florida's military Governor following its acquisition by the United States; and





CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Irish Americans, since America's inception, have provided and continue to provide leadership and service to this nation's political, business and religious establishment; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and many valuable contributions of Irish Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March as:

Irish American Heritage Month

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage our citizens to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Irish Americans to our communities with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of March 2026.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER



City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

5. B.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re:

SUBJECT:

The City of Fort Pierce, Flood Awareness Week

SUMMARY:

RECOMMENDATION:

ALTERNATIVES:

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

COORDINATED WITH:

Attachments

Flood Awareness Week



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Pierce has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall or tropical system events resulting in flooding in both coastal and riverine areas and this flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and buildings in all areas whether they are high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

WHEREAS, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents, the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA), have declared the week of March 9th-15th, 2026 as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 9-15, 2026 as:

Flood Awareness Week

in the City of Fort Pierce and further encourage the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from flooding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of March 2026.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER



City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

8. A.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re: 2026 Legislative Update

Submitted For: Richard Chess, City Manager, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Ryan Matthews, of GrayRobinson, will provide the City Commission with an update on current state legislative activity impacting the City of Fort Pierce, including appropriations progress and pending legislation related to municipal utilities.

City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

8. B.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re: Sunrise Theatre Management Agreement Update

Submitted For: Shyanne Harnage, Director, Community and Economic Dev

SUBJECT:

Update on Sunrise Theatre Management Negotiations with VenuWorks

SUMMARY:

City staff are currently negotiating a management agreement with VenuWorks for the operation and programming of the Sunrise Theatre. Negotiations are progressing, and a strong working draft of the agreement has been developed.

This discussion item is intended to provide the Commission with an overview of the proposed contract structure and key business terms under discussion.

Representatives from VenuWorks will be present to introduce their company, outline their experience managing similar venues, and present their proposed management and programming concept for the Sunrise Theatre.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required. This item is presented for discussion and Commission feedback.

ALTERNATIVES:

Provide alternative direction to staff regarding contract structure, negotiation priorities, or desired operational framework for continued negotiations.

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Richard D. Chess, City Manager

Sara Hedges, City Attorney

Johnna Morris, Director of Finance

Shyanne Harnage, Director of Community and Economic Development

Marisa Quijano, Interim Executive Director of the Sunrise Theatre

COORDINATED WITH:

VenuWorks

Fiscal Impact

OTHER INFORMATION:

This item is for discussion purposes only; there is no fiscal impact at this time.

City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

8. C.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re: Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. Quarterly Program Update

Submitted For: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. First Quarter Program Update covering FY2026 (October 1, 2025 to December 30, 2025).

Attachments

Presentation



Annual Presentation

November 2025

Introduction - LPMS Overview

Lincoln Park Main Street Program

A community-driven initiative focused on revitalizing the Lincoln Park District.

Main Street Four Point Approach

- **Economic Vitality:** Strengthening the district's economic base
- **Design:** Enhancing physical appearance and historic preservation
- **Promotion:** Marketing the district's unique characteristics
- **Organization:** Building partnerships and fostering collaboration

Economic Vitality - Business Development

Key Deliverables

Form a Lincoln Park Business/Merchant Association

Establish a Business/Merchant Association of a minimum of 10 business owners.

New Business Attraction

Contact at least one new business and report progress quarterly

Job Creation & Retention

Track and report on jobs created and/or retained within the Lincoln Park District

Business Workshops

Coordinate and host two "Doing Business with the City" workshops

Business Directory

Compile and publish a comprehensive business directory for the Lincoln Park District

Economic Vitality - Business Development

Key Deliverables	Status
Form a Lincoln Park Business/Merchant Association	<i>First Meeting is planned for March 2026</i>
New Business Attraction	
Job Creation & Retention	<i>The creation of three full-time and four part-time jobs with the official opening of The Bleu Clarinet Restaurant and Jazz Lounge with a soft opening October 2025 and an official opening December 2025 with live entertainment. Positions of a Chef, Cook, Waitresses, and a Hostess have been added.</i>
Business Workshops	<i>Plans for May and August 2026 for workshops are being proposed.</i>
Business Directory	<i>The comprehensive business directory includes detailed information on 26 businesses within the Lincoln Park District. LPMS is monitoring the businesses regularly to update its information and record changes.</i>

Lincoln Park Businesses & Owners
Lincoln Park Main Street District

Business Name	Address	Zip Code	Phone	Point of Contact	Owner Contact	Owner Address
PHATZ Chick N' Shack	421 N. US Highway 1,	34950	772-882-4838	Tesa Adams	Robert & Tesa Adams	
Carwash Kartoon DBA Baker's Properties	430 North US 1,	34950	772-429-8700	Ken Dixon	Ken Dixon	430 North US 1, Fort Pierce, Florida
Chinese To-Go	431 North 25th Street,	34950	772-460-8823	Sombat Ratuppanant	Sombat Ratuppanant & Tassanaporn Ratuppanant	1056 SW Placetas Ave, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953-3478
Commercial Building	441 Means Court,	34950			Bertha M. McDonald	P.O. Box 4189, Fort Pierce, FL 34948-4189
VACANT LOT	480 N. 7th Street,	34950		St. Lucie County	St. Lucie County	C/O Management & Budget Fort Pierce, 34982-5632
Lucky 7 Food Mart	510 North 13th Street,	34950	772-242-8977			
Serenity Hair Salon	605 N Orange Avenue,	34950	772-828-7342	Candance	605 Ministries LLC	117 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950-4346
International Longshoremen	705 Cedar PL,	34950			Longshoremen St. Lucie County	503 N. 7th St, Fort Pierce, FL 34950-8229
Vacant Building	720 Avenue D,	34950		David Hall	David Hall	P.O. Box 9342, Port St. Lucie, FL 34985-9342
United Insurance Agency	720 Delaware Ave, Suite G	34950	772-468-8427	Calvin Richardson	Calvin Richardson	720 Delaware Avenue, Suite G Ft. Pierce, FL
SLC Robert E. Lewis Fire Station #15	721 Avenue D,	34950		SLC Fort Pierce Fire District	SLC Ft. Pierce Fire District	5160 NW Milner Dr, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983-3392
Intermodal Transit Facility	725 Avenue D,	34950		Area Regional Transit	St.Lucie County	2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34982-5632
Sarah's Memorial Chapel	728 Avenue D,	34950	772-464-2525	Peggy Harris	Sarah's Legacy	P.O. Box 3588 Fort Pierce, FL 34954
Bleu Clarinet Restaurant & Jazz Lounge	901 Avenue D,	34950	772-461-9533	Marck Benjamin	1901 Avenue D LLC	10225 SW Green Ridge Ln, Palm City FL 34990-5025
Business	908 Avenue D,	34950			Khenobi Real Estate Investment LLC	USS George Washington #73, FPO AP 96650-2801
Business	911 Avenue D,	34950		Hugo Soto & Patricia Soto	Hugo Soto & Patricia Soto	5313 Echo Pines Cir, Fort Pierce, FL 34951-3321
Building - Vacant	914 Avenue D,	34950	561-301-0600	Estate of H. Alan Welles	Nine fourteen Avenue D LLC	10225 SW Green Ridge Ln, Palm City FL 34990-5025
VACANT BUILDING	921 Avenue D,	34950		Cherisol Bernard Berthelemy Nativida	Cherisol Bernard Berthelemy Nativida	16152 Orange Blvd, Loxahatchee, FL 33470-3470
Barbarshop	1004 Avenue D,	34950		Fenee' Russ	Fenee' Russ	1805 N. 16th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950-2173
Church	1007 Avenue D,	34950		First Born Church Living God	First Born Church Living God	931 SE Walters Ter, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983-3931
First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church	1018 Avenue D,	34950		Eldrew Baldwin	First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church	506 N. 11th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950-8820
Signature Salon	108 S 17th St,	34950	772-468-2524	Tesa Adams	Robert & Tesa Adams	1523 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, Florida
Wilson's Game Room	1101 Avenue D,	34950		Darrell Wilson	Darrell Wilson	600 N. 15th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950-2816
Multi-Family Housing	1102 Avenue D,	34950	561-301-0600	Estate of H. Alan Welles	1102 Avenue D LLC	10225 SW Green Ridge Ln, Palm City FL 34990-5025
Lincoln Theater	1132 Avenue D,	34950	772-971-1582	Diane Williams Johnson	MLK Commemorative Committee	P.O. Box 3671 Fort Pierce, Florida
JC Mission of Hope Inc	1135 Avenue D,	34950		Shirley & Diane Gibson	Shirley & Diane Gibson	P.O. Box 3272, fort Pierce, FL 34948-3272
Vacant Building	1140 Avenue D,	34950	561-301-0600	Estate of H. Alan Welles	1140 Avenue D LLC	1860 SW Fountainview Blvd, Unit 100, Port St. Lucie, FL 3498
VACANT	1143 Avenue D,	34950	561-301-0600	Estate of H. Alan Welles	1143 Avenue D LLC	10225 SW Green Ridge Ln, Palm City FL 34990-5025
Business	1201 Avenue D,	34950			Singh Chaterpaul	1510 Tropical Dr, Lake Worth, FL 33460-5348



Economic Vitality - Property Development

Key Deliverables

Technical Assistance

Provide technical assistance to at least one property owner, developer, or business on renovation/repurpose of commercial space

Property Listing

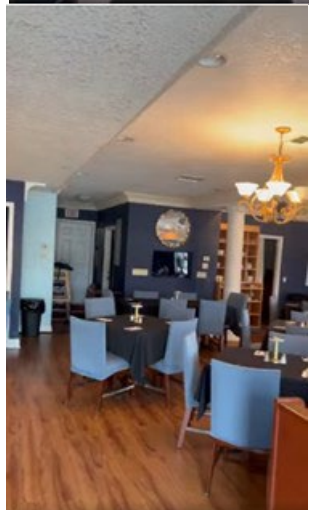
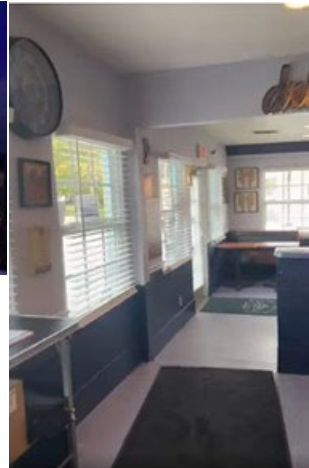
Create, maintain, and publish a listing of vacant and occupied commercial properties with detailed building characteristics.

Prospect Database

Create, maintain, and publish a database of individuals interested in properties to facilitate efficient connections with available properties

Economic Vitality - Property Development

Key Deliverables	Status
Technical Assistance	<p><i>The Bleu Clarinet has updated the interior of the building at 901 Avenue D, formerly Granny’s Kitchen and Banquet Hall. LPMS is working with the operators to complete applications for signage and façade improvements. LPMS is providing technical assistance in marketing, advertising, and promotions.</i></p>
Property Listing	<p><i>LPMS Staff will monitor the District and record any change in the status of properties i.e., vacant lot, construction, empty building, occupied, abandoned, or renovation is or has occurred.</i></p>
Prospect Database	<p><i>LPMS will update the existing listing, as necessary.</i></p>



ParcelID	LandUse Code	Land Use Code Description	Neighborhood	Neighborhood Description	Improved Status	Total Area	District Group	Appraisal Area	Subdivision	Subdivision Description	Zoning	Building Count	Year Built
2403-705-0125-000-9	1000	Vac Comm	YF03	US1-CentCom3	Yard Items	8,300.00	Fort Pierce	COM2	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3		
2403-705-0127-000-3	2700	AUTO SALS	YF03	US1-CentCom3	Improved	18,500.00	Fort Pierce	COM3	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	2	1951
2403-705-0131-000-4	1000	Vac Comm	YF03	US1-CentCom3	Vacant	5,000.00	Fort Pierce	COM2	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	
2403-705-0132-000-1	1000	Vac Comm	YF03	US1-CentCom3	Vacant	5,000.00	Fort Pierce	COM2	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	
2403-705-0133-000-8	1000	Vac Comm	YK02	ODOK Comm2	Vacant	10,000.00	Fort Pierce	COM2	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	
2403-705-0141-000-7	1000	Vac Comm	YK02	ODOK Comm2	Vacant	5,000.00	Fort Pierce	COM2	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	
2403-705-0142-000-4	800	M-F < 10U	RFM1	Res FP-MF-1	Improved	3,250.00	Fort Pierce	RES4	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	1949
2403-705-0143-000-1	1000	Vac Comm	YK02	ODOK Comm2	Vacant	8,600.00	Fort Pierce	COM2	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	
2403-705-0144-000-8	1700	OFCE BLDG	YK02	ODOK Comm2	Improved	3,500.00	Fort Pierce	COM3	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	1964
2403-705-0145-000-5	1000	Vac Comm	YF03	US1-CentCom3	Vacant	18,500.00	Fort Pierce	COM2	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3		
2403-705-0147-000-9	1700	OFCE BLDG	YF03	US1-CentCom3	Improved	8,500.00	Fort Pierce	COM3	2403705	ASSESSOR'S MAP OF NORTH PART OF FORT PIERCE	C-3	1	1954
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Design - Physical Improvements, Historic Preservation & Architectural Standards

Key Deliverables

Façade Grant Program

Promote the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency Commercial Façade Grant Program and assist businesses with applications

Impact Fee Moratorium

Provide and distribute information on the City's Impact Fee Moratorium extension to builders, developers, and investors

Historic Designation

Research and prepare applications for historic designation of at least one church in the Lincoln Park District

Master Plan Input

Coordinate with Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency staff to provide input on future development and neighborhood identities

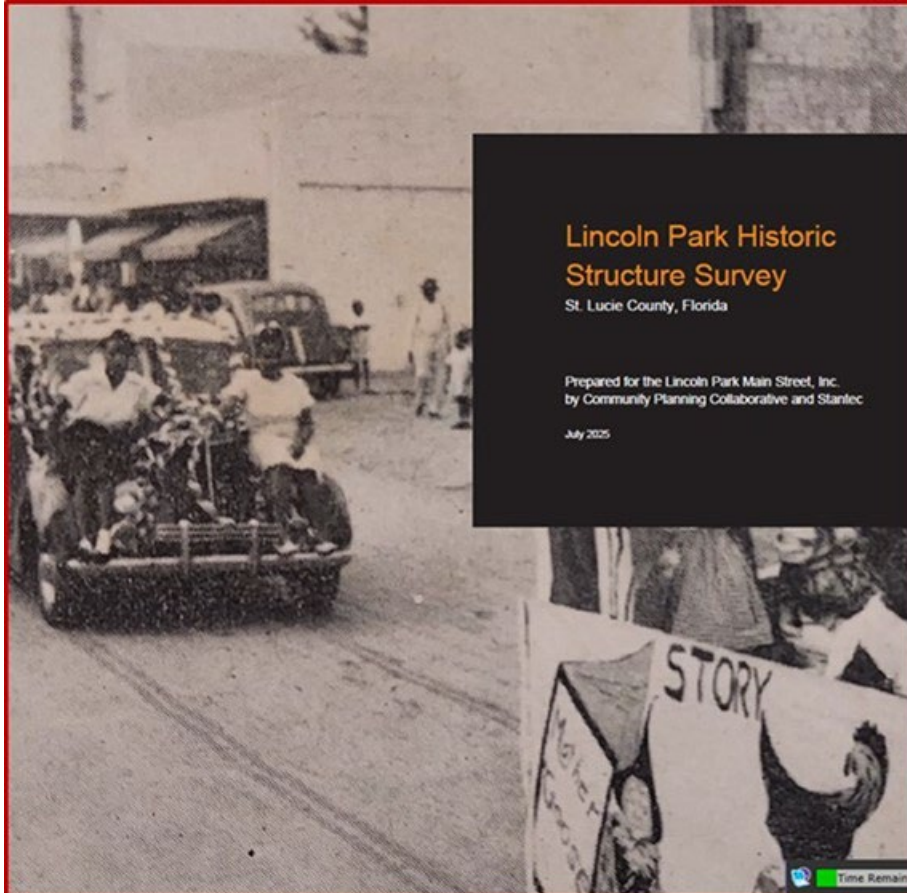
City Design Standards

Maintain a copy of the adopted City of Fort Pierce design standards on file to be shared with: builders, developers, real estate investors, and community members.

Design - Physical Improvements, Historic Preservation & Architectural Standards

Key Deliverables	Status
Façade Grant Program	<i>LPMS will work with the two businesses to reapply for grants by the City, Bleu Clarinet and Cynthia's Alterations and More who previously applied for both the Signage grant and Façade Improvement Grant.</i>
Impact Fee Moratorium	<i>Informed developers of the City's Impact Fee Moratorium has been extended through November 3, 2026. The notification will be published in the monthly LPMS Showcase newsletter through November 2026.</i>
Historic Designation	<i>LPMS staff is working on data compilation of the results of the Lincoln Park Historic Survey that was concluded in September 2025. LPMS staff is preparing for Phase II of the Historic Survey that will begin July 1, 2026.</i>
Master Plan Input	<i>LPMS is working with the consultant on the Lincoln Park Master Plan.</i>
City Design Standards	

Insert photos that supports deliverable (1 page):



**FORT PIERCE
LINCOLN PARK**

**COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC WORKSHOP**
FEBRUARY 25, 2026
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Refreshments will be Provided

Please provide your input to ensure this effort will be a success for the entire Lincoln Park community!

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) are developing a Master Plan for Lincoln Park to examine:

- Infill and affordable housing opportunities
- Streetscape and tree canopy assessments
- Improvements to parks and public facilities
- Strategies and designs for new investment on Avenue D
- Other needs and opportunities identified by the community

Painting by: George Buckner

LOCATION Lincoln Park Community Center
1306 Avenue M
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950
P: 772.462.1788

For more information, please contact us:
Jessica Williams, FPRA,
jwilliams@cityoffortpierce.com
or
Dana P. Little, Urban Design Director, TCRPC,
772.221.4060, dlittle@trpc.org

FPRA FORT PIERCE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Promotion - Marketing and Events

Key Events

Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up (2x/year)

Business/Merchant Networking Event (2x/year)

Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive

Christmas on Moore's Creek Toy Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Festival

Community Engagement (Education/Workshops, Meetings)

Business Assistance/education workshops with SBDC

Doing Business with the City Workshops

Marketing Goals

LPMS will plan, coordinate, promote, and host no fewer than 12 promotional and/or educational events annually with an average attendance of 50 participants each.

Reach 1,000 social media impressions via various platforms and LPMS-powered website

Promotion – Events & Marketing

Key Deliverables	Status
Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up (2x/year)	<i>Lincoln Park Main Street hosted Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Popup November 29, 2025</i>
Business/Merchant Networking Event (2x/year)	
Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive	<i>The Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club of Fort Pierce Toy Drive hosted 25 clubs from around the state of Florida and out of state with an estimated 410 attendees and community members on December 6, 2025</i>
Christmas on Moore's Creek Toy Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Festival	<i>The Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk hosted 55 runners/walkers and 18 volunteers; and Christmas on Moore's Creek 10th Annual Toy Give-a-way and Health and Wellness Fair hosted 312 attendees: 179 kids, 70 parents/guardians, 63 volunteers, and 15 healthcare and information vendors.</i>
Offer business assistance/education workshops with SBDC and other community partners (2x/year)	

Promotion – Events & Marketing

Key Deliverables	Status
Doing Business with the City Workshops (2x/year).	
Reach 1,000 social media impressions via various platforms and LPMS-powered website	<p><i>The performance of Shop Small Business Saturday, The Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive, Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk, and Christmas on Moore’s Creek Toy Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Fair social media posts and reels had a reach 20,339 views; 1,805 3-second views; 389 1-minute views; 374 interactions; New Page followers indicated a reach of 1,075 over a 90-day period in the first quarter.</i></p>

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LPMS
SMALL BUSINESS Saturday SIDEWALK POP UP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
AVENUE D CORRIDOR BUSINESS DISTRICT

FREE VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR POPUP SIDEWALK RETAIL VENDORS

SHOP

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

- Curry's BBQ
- Frizzly Beary Station
- MG Hair & Nails
- The Hair, Clashes, & Scafood
- Br's Crech Spot
- Cynthia's Alterations & More
- Colleges Outside
- Legonou BarberShop
- New Clinical Barbershop
- Rogger's Wholesale Kitchen

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SECURE A VENDOR SPOT, EMAIL: LINCOLNPARKMAINSTREET@LPMS.ORG OR CALL: (407) 257-1678

FLAMING KNIGHTS M/C OF FT. PIERCE

TOY DRIVE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2025
BRUNCH PARTY/FISH FRY
8PM-UNTIL
11201 W. MIDWAY RD.
FT. PIERCE, FL 34945

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2025
TOY DRIVE
1PM-UNTIL
104 N. 9TH ST.
FT. PIERCE, FL 34950

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
7151 OKEECHOBEE RD. FT. PIERCE, FL 34945
WWW.HIEXPRESS.COM/FTPIERCE

PHONE: 772-483-5000
BOOKING CODE: 3250

KING ROOM: \$103 PER NIGHT
DOUBLE ROOM: \$26 PER NIGHT

PLEASE BRING UNWRAPPED TOYS

Christmas at Moore's Creek

Frank L. Watkins
5k Run/ Walk
(Moore's Creek Linear Park)

December 13, 2025
7:30am - 9:30am

LPMS
434 N. 7th Street
(Moore's Creek Linear Park)
Registration - 7:30am
Run/Walk - 8:15am

RUN/WALK
Registration

Sponsors

PRO Christmas at Moore's Creek

10th Annual Toy Give-A-Way & Wellness Fair
(Moore's Creek Linear Park)

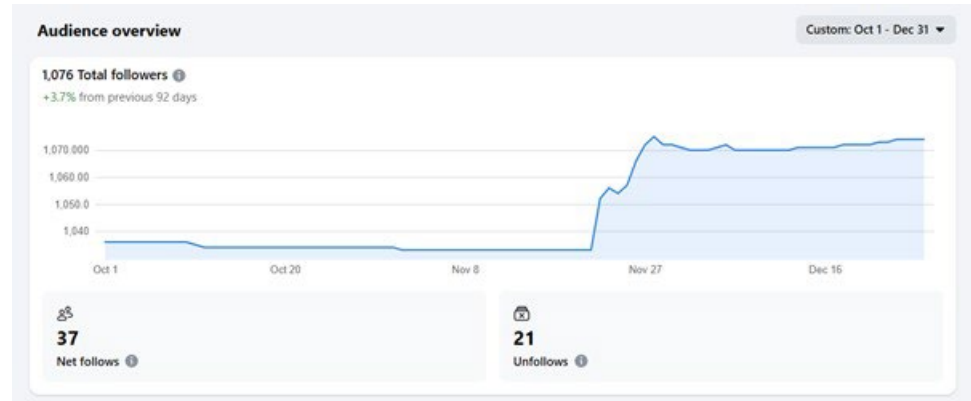
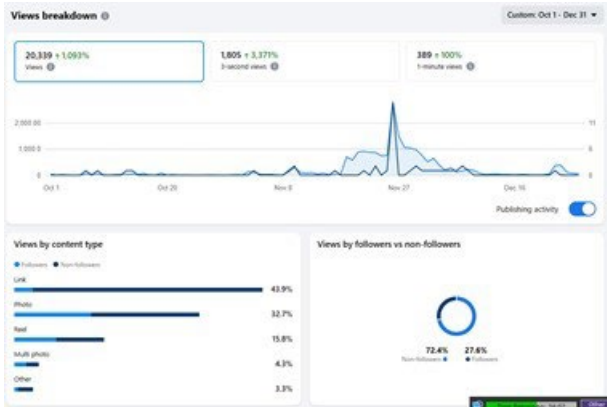
December 13th, 2025
10:00am - 3:00pm

LPMS
434 N. 8th Street
Fort Pierce, FL, 34950

Highly Made DJ & Host

KIDS ZONE

Sponsors



Promotion - Branding & Positive Image

Key Deliverables

Brand Recognition Surveys

Conduct quarterly surveys with minimum 25 respondents (100 annually)

Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter

Publish digital newsletter monthly beginning October 1

Website & Social Media

Complete website updates by March 2025 and increase traffic by 10% annually

Community Testimonials

Collect testimonials from 12+ visitors and 6+ residents

Promotion - Branding & Positive Image

Key Deliverables	Status
Brand Recognition Surveys	<i>LPMS conducted surveys at the Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up November 29, 2025; the Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive December 6, 2025; and Christmas on Moore's Creek December 13, 2025. A total of 31 surveys were collected.</i>
Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter	<i>LPMS published October, November, and December 2025 issues of the Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter.</i>
Website & Social Media	<i>Lincoln Park Main Street website crashed in the first quarter. Our staff is retrieving content and uploading to the site. The site will be active by the end of January 2026.</i>
Community Testimonials	<i>There were eight testimonials collected this quarter, both from residents during the Shop Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up, Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive and Christmas on Moore's Creek.</i>

Organization – Partnerships, Volunteer Engagement & Resource Mgmt.

Key Deliverables

Collaboration

Complete two joint projects with partner organizations

Volunteer Recruitment

Recruit/retain 25 volunteers annually

Attain 500 volunteer hours annually

Executive Director maintain active participation on 2 committees

Resources

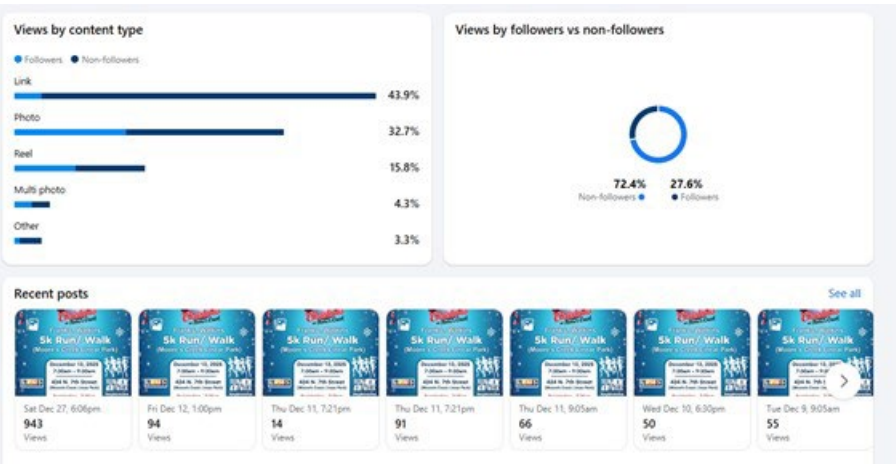
No more than 40% of funds received from the City under this Agreement on salaries
explore sustainable funding sources beyond the program period and report on explored and received funding sources

Explore sustainable funding sources beyond the program period, excluding City of Fort Pierce funds, to support long-term organizational viability

Organization – Partnerships, Volunteer Engagement & Resource Mgmt.

Key Deliverables	Status
Brand Recognition Surveys	<i>LPMS conducted surveys at the Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up November 29, 2025; the Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive December 6, 2025; and Christmas on Moore’s Creek December 13, 2025. A total of 31 surveys were collected.</i>
Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter	<i>LPMS published October, November, and December 2025 issues of the Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter.</i>
Website & Social Media	<i>Lincoln Park Main Street website crashed in the first quarter. There is no data.</i>
Community Testimonials	<i>There were eight testimonials collected this quarter, both from residents during the Shop Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up, Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive and Christmas on Moore’s Creek.</i>

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Lincoln Park Main Street Q1 Testimonials

- "This organization truly brings our community together. Through their programs and events, I've seen neighbors become friends and real change take place."

Paula S.
- "The work this organization does makes a lasting difference. They don't just talk about community—they build it every day."

Heian N.
- "Before getting involved with Lincoln Park Main Street, I felt disconnected from my neighborhood. This organization gave me a sense of belonging and purpose I didn't even realize I was missing."

Harold K.
- "Lincoln Park Main Street has been working to revive our community."

Pete S.
- "Main Street work to keep our history alive."

Charles J.
- "Because of this organization in the community, I gained confidence, support, and lifelong connections. I'm so grateful for all they work to do."

Sue I.
- "From workshops to outreach, every initiative is run with professionalism, compassion, and heart."

Bernard B.
- "An organization that truly cares."

Bonnie L., Atlanta, Ga

Lincoln Park Main Street Survey

- What is your zip code?
___ 34946 ___ 34947 ___ 34950 ___ Other
- What is your age?
___ Under 20 ___ 21-24 ___ 25-34 ___ 35-44 ___ 45-54
___ 55-64 ___ 65-74 ___ 75 and over
- What is your gender?
___ Female ___ Male ___ Other ___ Prefer not to say
- Do you live in Lincoln Park?
___ Yes ___ No (If no, answer #1)
- Do you consider yourself a part of the Lincoln Park Community?
___ Not at all ___ Somewhat ___ Very Much
- What do you know about Lincoln Park Main Street?
___ I know a lot ___ I know very little ___ I don't know much about Lincoln Park Main Street
- How often do you participate or visit just on Moore's Creek, workshop, other events?
___ All of the time ___ Most of the time ___ Sometime ___ Never
- Do you know what historic preservation is?
___ Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure
- How familiar are you with historic preservation?
___ Very familiar ___ Somewhat familiar ___ Not familiar at all
- Is there anything you want to add?

Revenue:

Revenue Source	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Grants	\$2,250.00				
Donations					
Fundraising Events					
Membership Fees					
Program Service Revenue					
Total Revenue	\$2,250.00				

Expense:

Revenue Source	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Salaries and Wages	\$1,230.77				
Rent/Utilities	\$52.00				
Office Supplies	\$403.00				
Program Expenses	\$6,159.44				
Marketing/Outreach	\$175.00				
Training					
Travel					
Professional Services	\$500.00				
Other Expenses	\$3,437.53				
Total Expenses	\$11,957.74				

Budget

Summary:

Expense Category	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Total Revenue	\$2,250.00				
Total Expenses	\$11,957.74				
Net Surplus/Deficit	(\$10,543.53)				



City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

9. A.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re: Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. First Quarter Report for FY2026

Submitted For: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval of Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc.'s First Quarter Disbursement in the amount of \$12,500 subject to acceptance of the First Quarter Report.

SUMMARY:

During its meeting on March 2, 2026, the Commission approved an agreement with Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. to provide services and deliverables in support of the City's revitalization and economic development objectives. The agreement covers the period from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000. In accordance with the agreement, funding is to be disbursed quarterly in \$12,500 increments, contingent upon receiving Commission approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will proceed as directed by the City Commission.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission can deny the quarterly disbursement, defer the decision, suspend or terminate the agreement.

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Audria V. Moore, Special Projects Coordinator

COORDINATED WITH:

Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc.

Fiscal Impact

Budgeted Y/N: Y
Fiscal Year: 2026
Account: 16000-582310
Amount: \$50,000

OTHER INFORMATION:

The funds will be distributed quarterly in increments of \$12,500 from General Fund, account 0016000-582310 AID TO PRIVATE ORG/LP MAIN ST.

Attachments

FY2026 Q1 Report
FY2026 Executed Agreement
Required Insurance Coverage



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Fort Pierce, Florida 34948
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Email: lincolnparkmainstreet@live.com
Website: www.historiclpms.org

January 14, 2026

Ms. Audria Moore
Special Projects Coordinator
City of Fort Pierce
100 North US 1
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Dear Ms. Moore,

Lincoln Park Main Street (LPMS) is excited to present to you the first (1st) quarter report for fiscal year 2025-2026 of program activities and accomplishments per the impact reporting guidelines, scope and targets.

If you have any questions, please call or email me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P. E. Carithers'.

Pamela E. Carithers
Executive Director



Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. Program Reporting Form

To be completed by LPMS for each Report Period: Fiscal Year Ending, September 30, 2026

Quarterly Reporting Period	Quarterly Report Due	City Commission Presentations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Q1 – Reporting Period: Oct. 1-Dec. 31	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Q1 – Report due Jan. 15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Q1 – Feb. 2026 Quarterly Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Q2 – Reporting Period: Jan. 1-Mar. 31	<input type="checkbox"/> Q2 – Report due April 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Q2 – May 2026 Quarterly Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Q3 – Reporting Period: April 1-June 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Q3 – Report due July 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Q3 – Aug. 2026 Quarterly Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Q4 — Reporting Period: July 31-Sept. 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Q4 – Report due Oct. 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Q4 – Oct. 2026 Quarterly Report

Deliverables

1. Economic Vitality: This point aims to strengthen the district’s economic base by supporting existing businesses, attracting new businesses, and ensuring a diverse and thriving economic mix.

A. Business Development

1. Form a Lincoln Park Business/Merchant Association – LPMS will establish a Business/Merchant Association of a minimum of 10 business owners. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

2. Attract new businesses to the Lincoln Park District – LPMS will make contact with at least one new business and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

3. Job creation/retention – LPMS will report on jobs created and/or retained within the Lincoln Park District quarterly. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

The creation of three full-time and four part-time jobs with the official opening of The Bleu Clarinet Restaurant and Jazz Lounge with a soft opening October 2025 and an official opening December 2025 with live entertainment. Positions of a Chef, Cook, Waitresses, and a Hostess have been added.

4. LPMS will coordinate and host two Doing Business with the City Workshops. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

5. LPMS will compile and publish a comprehensive business directory that provides detailed information about businesses within the Lincoln Park District. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

The comprehensive business directory includes detailed information on 26 businesses within the Lincoln Park District. LPMS is monitoring the businesses regularly to update its information and record changes.

B. Property Development

1. LPMS will provide technical assistance to one property owner, developer, or business on the renovation and/or repurpose of its commercial space. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

The Bleu Clarinet updated the interior of the building at 901 Avenue D to accommodate a take-out/delivery space, a beverage station, and redesign the layout of the banquet hall. Interior painting and chair cushions of formerly Granny's Kitchen and Banquet Hall. LPMS is working with the operators to complete applications for signage and façade improvements. LPMS is providing technical assistance in marketing, advertising, and promotions.

2. LPMS will create, maintain, and publish a listing of vacant and occupied commercial properties within the Lincoln Park District with the interior and exterior building characteristics including square footage, building use, zoning, address, property type, current use, etc. to assist potential tenants or buyers in finding suitable options. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

LPMS Staff will monitor the District and record any change in the status of properties i.e., vacant lot, construction, empty building, occupied, abandoned, or renovation is or has occurred.

3. LPMS will create, maintain, and publish a thorough database to capture and store detailed information about individuals interested in properties enabling efficient connections with available vacant properties as they arise. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

<p>Status: LPMS will update the existing listing as necessary.</p>
<p>2. Design: This focuses on improving the physical appearance of the district by preserving historic architecture, enhancing public spaces, and partnering with the City to ensure a visually appealing environment.</p>
<p>A. Physical Improvements</p>
<p>1. LPMS will promote the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency Commercial Façade Grant Program to the Lincoln Park business community and, during application cycles, assist businesses with completing the application process. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>
<p>Status: LPMS will continue to promote the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency Commercial Façade Grant Program in the monthly newsletter and distributing the flyer to businesses in the district. LPMS will work with the two businesses to reapply for grants by the City, Bleu Clarinet and Cynthia's Alterations and More who previously applied.</p>
<p>2. LPMS will provide and distribute information on the City's Impact Fee Moratorium extension to builders/developers/real estate investors and the community on the process and timelines involved. LPMS will include its efforts in quarterly reports.</p>
<p>Status: Informed developers of the City's Impact Fee Moratorium is extended through November 3, 2026 via verbal communication, directing to the City's website, provide a copy of the press release and publish in the monthly LPMS Showcase newsletter through November 2026.</p>
<p>B. Historic Preservation</p>
<p>3. LPMS will facilitate the research and prepare applications to submit to the State for the historic designation of at least one church and/or building structure in the Lincon Park District. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>
<p>Status: LPMS staff is working on data compilation of the results of the Lincoln Park Historic Survey that was concluded in September 2025. LPMS staff is preparing for Phase II of the Historic Survey that will begin July 1, 2026.</p>
<p>4. LPMS will coordinate with Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency staff to provide input on future development and the formation of neighborhood identities for the Lincoln Park Master Plan. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>
<p>Status: LPMS is working with the consultant on the Lincoln Park Master Plan.</p>
<p>C. Architectural Standards</p>

1. LPMS will maintain a copy of the City of Fort Pierce design standards on file to be shared with builders, developers, real estate investors, and the community LPMS will coordinate and align its own design-related work with the City's standards when working on projects in the Lincoln Park District. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

Promotion: This involves marketing the district's unique characteristics to shoppers, investors, and visitors through events, advertising, and branding to enhance its image and attract business.

A. Marketing and Events

1. LPMS will plan, coordinate, promote, and host no fewer than 12 promotional and/or educational events with an average attendance of 50 participants each, to include:

- **Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up (2x/year)**
- **Business/Merchant Networking Event (2x/year)**
- Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive (annual)
- Christmas on Moore's Creek Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Festival (annual)
- Community Engagement events to be defined (community education/ workshops (2x/year) community meetings, collaborative engagement).
- Offer business assistance/education workshops with SBDC and other community partners (2x/year).
- Doing Business with the City Workshops (2x/year).

LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports

Status:

LPMS hosted the first Shop Small Business Saturday Sidewalk PopUp November 29, 2025. The Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club of Fort Pierce Toy Drive hosted 25 motorcycle clubs from around the state of Florida and out of state. The attendances was an estimated number of 410 bike clubs members, attendees and community members. The Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk hosted 55 runners/walkers and 18 volunteers; and Christmas on Moore's Creek 10th Annual Toy Give-a-way and Health and Wellness Fair hosted 312 attendees: 179 kids, 70 parents/guardians, 63 volunteers, and 15 healthcare and information vendors. Community Partners included the St. Lucie Fire District Fire House #15 and Treasure Coast Food Bank. Information and Healthcare vendors onsite which included Treasure Coast Food Bank, My Way Out Wellness, Black Therapist of the Treasure Coast, Florida Community Health, Endocrinology and Associates, Whole Family Health Center. Entertainment for the event was provided by Treasure Coast High School Marching Band (TCHSMB), Flava Inc. Line Dancing Group, and Fort Pierce Central High School Fashion Club.

1. LPMS will reach 1,000 social media impressions of marketing campaigns via various social media and LPMS - powered website. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

<p>Status: Based on the data from Facebook Meta analytics, the performance of Shop Small Business Saturday, The Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive, Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk, and Christmas on Moore’s Creek Toy Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Fair social media posts and reels had a reach 20,339 views; 1,805 3-second views; 389 1-minute views; 374 interactions; New Page followers indicated a reach of 1,075 over a 90-day period in the first quarter. LPMS website crashed in September/October 2025, the site had to be rebuilt. There is no data.</p>
<p>B. Branding</p>
<p>1. LPMS will conduct quarterly surveys with a minimum of 25 respondents (totaling 100 respondents annually), to assess brand recognition via in-person and online methods. LPMS will publish the results of its surveys. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>
<p>Status: LPMS conducted surveys at the Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up November 29, 2025; the Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive December 6, 2025; and Christmas on Moore’s Creek December 13, 2025. A total of 31 surveys were collected.</p>
<p>2. LPMS will publish the Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter digitally on a monthly beginning October 1 of the current fiscal year. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>
<p>Status: LPMS published October, November, and December 2025 issues of the Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter.</p>
<p>3. LPMS will complete updates to LPMS website and publish online by December 30, 2025. LPMS will increase website and social media traffic related to District information by 10%, annually. Use baseline data from first year of agreement from fiscal year 2024-2025 for website and social media traffic related to District information by 10% annually. Tracking Method: LPMS will provide the baseline metrics of the FY 2024–2025 using analytics tools such as Google Analytics, Meta Insights (Facebook/Instagram), and other platform-specific dashboards. Metrics should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website page views and unique visitors b. Social media reach, engagement, and follower growth c. Annual reports should compare year-over-year performance against these baseline figures. <p>LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports including metrics related to website visits and social media activity. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>
<p>Status:</p>

Lincoln Park Main Street website crashed in the first quarter. Our staff is retrieving content and uploading to the site. The site was reactivated at the end of January 2026.

C. Positive Image

1. LPMS will collect testimonials from 12 or more visitors and 6 or more residents. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

There were eight testimonials collected this quarter, both from residents during the Shop Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up, Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive and Christmas on Moore’s Creek.

4. Organization: This point emphasizes building a strong foundation for a sustainable revitalization effort, including engaging stakeholders, forming partnerships, and fostering a collaborative environment.

A. Partnerships

1. Collaborate with partner organizations – LPMS will complete two joint projects with partner organizations. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

LPMS collaborated with three organizations in the first quarter, The Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club of Fort Pierce for the annual Toy Drive, and the Greek organizations Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The partnerships have affected the goals of the district through building community unity and pride with a day of giving back by providing free toys, bicycles, food, beverage, books, and health screenings and information. The incorporation of a 5K Run/Walk really engaged the health-conscious members of the community. This builds on the strategic principle of the City building community unity and pride.

B. Volunteer Engagement

1. LPMS will recruit and/or retain 25 volunteers annually. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

Between the two events, volunteers for the toy drive were 15, the local club members organized and presented the event; and the Toy Give-a-way and Health & Wellness Fair were 20 Zeta Phi Beta members, 13 Phi Beta Sigma members, and 4 LPMS board members.

2. LPMS will attain 500 volunteer hours annually. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

Shop Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up: 6 hrs*2 volunteers = 12 Hours

Toy Drive: 10 hrs*8 volunteers = 80 hours

Toy Give-a-way and Health & Wellness Fair: 6 hrs*29 volunteers = 174 hours

Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk: 4 hrs* 10 volunteers = 40 hours

LPMS Board Members: 2 hrs * 8 members * 3 = 48 hours

Total Volunteer Hours: 354 hours

3. The LPMS Executive Director will maintain active participation on two volunteer committees. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

1. The Florida Hall of Fame Highwaymen Organization Museum Board
2. Fort Pierce Westwood High School Booster Club

C. Resource Management

1. LPMS will spend no more than 40% of funds received from the City under this Agreement on salaries. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.** (see 5. Budget and Budget Report Form).

Status:

No funds received for the 1st Quarter to date. See Attached Budget and Budget Report Form.

2. LPMS will explore sustainable funding sources beyond the program period and report on explored funding sources outside of the City of Fort Pierce designated funds to ensure the organization's sustainability. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports. (see 5. Budget and Budget Report Form). **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

Lincoln Park Main Street has been preparing a federal grant to provide sustainable housing within Lincoln Park. This program will springboard the organization into a Community Housing Organization that will leverage housing units with federal dollars and LPMS will serve as the manager and/or operator. LPMS is collaborating with a finance group to work with businesses and property owners in the District to provide a pathway for funding businesses in the revitalization efforts.

5. Budget: LPMS will include the following information in its quarterly financial reports and quarterly presentations to the City Commission. **Also complete attached Exhibit C Revenue and Expense Reporting Form and submit.**

1. Budget Summary: LPMS will provide an overview of the total program funds received including a breakdown of the budget into major categories (e.g., personnel, supplies, equipment).

See Attached Budget Summary

2. Income Sources: LPMS will specify other sources of income (if any) contributing to the program and highlight any matching funds or in-kind contributions.

Other sources of funds received through sponsorships for Christmas on Moore's Creek. In-kind contributions received from Treasure Coast Food Bank, Natalie's Orange Juice, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart Foundation. Other in-kind contributions received include My Way Out Wellness, Jalil Temple, Treasure Coast High School Marching Band, Flava Inc., and Fort Pierce Central High School Fashion Club.

3. Detailed Expenses with Budget Justification: LPMS will itemize expenses with specific amounts for each category. Include both direct costs (directly related to the program) and indirect costs (overhead). LPMS will explain the rationale behind each expense.

See Attached Budget Summary

4. Conclusion: LPMS will summarize financial performance. Mention any adjustments made during implementation.

The first quarter performance experience an impact by an immediate relocation of the office, which required resources in revenue and time. The organization maintained its programming but at the cost of pursuits both financial and resources. The adjustments made were to house the office contents temporarily as a new location within the District is sought.

Lincoln Park Main Street Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

<u>Income</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Grants & Donations	\$ 62,000.00	\$100,000.00
Jazz on Moore`s Creek	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Memberships	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas on Moore`s Creek	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 3,500.00
Sponsorships	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Total Income	\$ 94,250.00	\$125,000.00
 Expenses		
Business Licenses and Permits	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00
Computer Maintenance and Software	\$ 0.00	\$ 750.00
Continuing Education	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment Rentals	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Insurance: General Liability	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 199.00
Insurance: Professional Liability	\$ 700.00	\$ 532.00
Jazz on Moore`s Creek Expense	\$13,600.00	\$ 12,000.00
Marketing: Banners, Brochures, T-Shirts	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Purchase, Tables, Chairs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Payroll Expense	\$32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Postage and PO Box Rental	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Professional Fees: Accounting	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Rent Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10.00
Offsite Storage	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Moving Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,950.00
Lincoln Park Main Street Board Retreat	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Christmas on Moore`s Creek	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Other Consulting Fees:	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Historical Resources Lincoln Park Survey	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00
Art and Culture: General Program	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Building Repairs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 93,851.00	\$124,911.00

- *Rent expense is a tentative line item because a location has not yet been finalized. Our group is seeking a partnership with a building owner.*
- *Moving expense was realized in the first quarter that was not a part of the budget for either fiscal year.*

EXHIBIT C**Main Street Quarterly Revenue and Expense Reporting Form**Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026

Organization Name: Lincoln Park Main Street

Quarter ended: December 31, 2025**Revenue Section**

Revenue Source	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Grants					
Donations	\$2,250.00				
Fundraising Events					
Membership Fees					
Program Service Revenue					
Other Income (specify)					
Total Revenue	\$2,250.00				

Expense Section

Expense Category	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Salaries and Wages	\$1,230.77				
Rent/Utilities	\$52.00				
Office Supplies	\$403.00				
Program Expenses	\$6,159.44				
Marketing/Outreach	\$175.00				
Training					
Travel					
Professional Services	\$500.00				

Other Expenses (specify)	\$3,437.53				
Total Expenses	\$11,957.74				

Summary

Expense Category	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Total Revenue	\$2,250.00				
Total Expenses	\$11,957.74				
Net Surplus/Deficit	(\$10,543.53)				

Lincoln Park Main Street

Budget Justification Q1

Revenue Source

Donations – Children’s Services Council sponsorship for Christmas on Moore’s Creek in the amount of \$2,000. Sponsorship for Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk for \$250 from Endocrinology Associates.

Salaries and Wages

Salaries and Wages – compensation to one contractual paid staff person to manage the day-to-day operations, plan, coordinate and execute program activities of the organization.

Rent/Utilities – utility fees in the amount of \$52.00 for electrical panel at 426 N. 8th Street (\$43.88 and \$8.96).

Office Supplies – purchase of marketing display boards, print cartridges, and paper for the office in the amounts of \$123.57, \$143.52, and \$135.91 respectively.

Program Expenses – the production of the annual Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Annual Toy Drive. The set-up of tents, tables and chairs (\$562.00), porta potty (\$422.49), permit (\$315.00) and Off Duty Detail (\$650.00) totals \$1,949.99. The club delivers the toys to Lincoln Park Main Street for Christmas on Moore’s Creek Toy Give-a-way, Health & Wellness Festival. Tents, tables, and chairs (\$1,007.00), Toys and bicycles (\$1,126.44), stage (\$950.00), DJ (\$400.00), permit (\$390.00), off duty detail (\$1,150.00), and U-haul truck (\$142.00), 5K Run/Walk Banner (\$280.00) totaling \$3,919.44. Totals for Christmas on Moore’s Creek \$6,159.44.

Marketing/Outreach – for graphic design for Christmas on Moore’s Creek, printing and layout for flyer promoting the 5K Run/Walk is \$175.00; \$350.00; Run/Walk for Christmas on Moore’s Creek is \$178.00; and graphic design services for Jazz on Moore’s Creek event in the amount of \$150.00.

Professional Services – website retrieval, layout and redesign (\$325.00) and annual domain and hosting renewal subscription (\$175.00).

Other Expenses – include liability insurance (\$756.18); accounting services for the annual Form 990 (\$534.00); off-site storage \$759.00 (\$253.00, \$253.00, \$253.00); American Express (\$175.35 and \$205.00); moving expenses: packing supplies (\$456.00), an additional storage unit \$216.00, manpower \$1,300.00, Trucks \$630.00.

Lincoln Park Main Street Q1

Testimonials

1. "This organization truly brings our community together. Through their programs and events, I've seen neighbors become friends and real change take place."

Paula S.

2. "The work this organization does makes a lasting difference. They don't just talk about community—they build it every day."

Helen N.

3. "Before getting involved with Lincoln Park Main Street, I felt disconnected from my neighborhood. This organization gave me a sense of belonging and purpose I didn't even realize I was missing."

Harold K.

4. "Lincoln Park Main Street has been working to revive our community."

Pete S.

5. "Main Street work to keep our history alive."

Charles J.

6. "Because of this organization in the community, I gained confidence, support, and lifelong connections. I'm so grateful for all they work to do."

Sue I.

7. "From workshops to outreach, every initiative is run with professionalism, compassion, and heart."

Bernard B.

8. "An organization that truly cares."

Bonnie L., Atlanta, Ga



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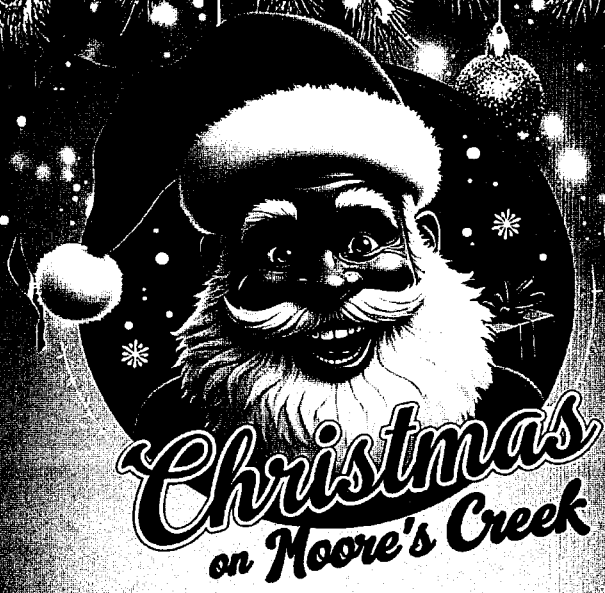
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Frank L. Watkins
5k Run/ Walk
(Moore's Creek Linear Park)

December 13, 2025
7:30am - 9:30am

434 N. 7th Street
(Moore's Creek Linear Park)

Registration - 7:30am
Run/Walk - 8:15am



Registration

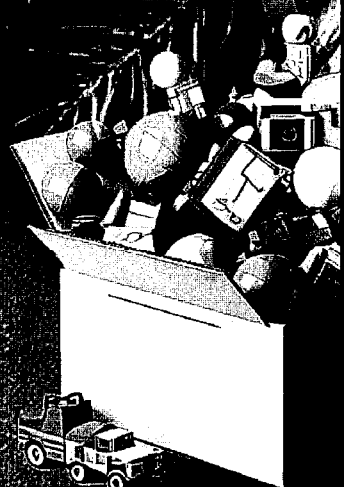


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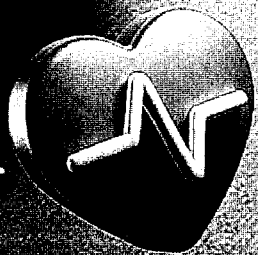
10th Annual Toy Give-A-Way & Wellness Fair
(Moore's Creek Linear Park)

December 13th, 2025
10:00am - 3:00pm

(8th Street & Avenue D)
434 N. 8th Street
Fort Pierce, FL, 34950



Mighty Mike
DJ & Host



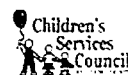
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Celebrating Thanksgiving



Deep Fried Turkey. The origin of deep-fried turkey is traced to Louisiana's Cajun culture, where the practice became popular in the 1970s with the introduction of portable propane cookers. The trend grew from earlier frying of smaller birds like chickens, and by the 1990s, it had become a nationwide phenomenon.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, marked by a large family feast with traditional foods like turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. It is a time for expressing gratitude, with many families gathering together, and it also involves traditions such as watching parades and football, and volunteering. The holiday has origins in a 1621 harvest feast between Pilgrims and Native Americans, but its history is also complex and controversial, particularly for many Native Americans who mark it as a "National Day of Mourning".



The truth behind Thanksgiving is that while the 1621 harvest feast is part of its origin, the modern holiday has a more complex history. The event was a real harvest celebration between the Wampanoag people and English colonists, but it was later re-imagined and promoted as a national holiday, notably by Sarah Josepha Hale. The "First Thanksgiving" narrative also obscures a much darker history, as many later days of "thanksgiving" were proclaimed by colonial leaders to celebrate military victories and massacres of Native Americans.

Holiday customs and traditions

Family gatherings: The holiday is a premier family celebration, though it is also a major travel day as many people go to visit relatives.

Traditional meal: A traditional feast often includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and pumpkin or pecan pie.

Parades and sports: Many Americans watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade or football games.

"Turkey Trots": Charity races called "Turkey Trots" are a popular event.

Presidential pardon: The president pardons a turkey each year, and that turkey lives out its days at a special farm.

"Friendsgiving": Some people celebrate a similar meal with friends, especially if they cannot be with family.

Historical context and meaning

First Thanksgiving: The holiday has roots in a 1621 harvest feast between the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag people.

National holiday: It was first declared a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Controversy and "National Day of Mourning": For many Native Americans, the holiday is not a cause for celebration. They view it as a commemoration of the loss of their land and the beginning of a history of oppression, and some observe an alternative "National Day of Mourning".



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Examples of Thanksgiving-like Traditions Around the World:

Thanksgiving-like traditions exist globally, celebrating harvest and gratitude, but vary in customs, dates, and foods, from Japan's Labor Thanksgiving Day to Korea's Chuseok and Ghana's Homowo festival. While the U.S. Thanksgiving is a harvest festival, some countries' equivalents are religious, others focus on honoring workers, and many center on ancestral worship, family, and seasonal foods like rice cakes, yams, or mooncakes.

Japan (Labor Thanksgiving Day - Kinro Kansha no Hi):

Date: November 23

Focus: Honoring workers and celebrating the contributions of labor.

Traditions: Children create thank-you notes and crafts for community workers; it is a day for community service projects.

South Korea (Chuseok Harvest Festival):

Date: 15th day of the 8th lunar month

Focus: Honoring ancestors and family.

Traditions: Families travel to their ancestral hometowns, hold memorial ceremonies at gravesites, and eat traditional foods like songpyeon rice cakes and toran-t'ang taro soup.

China (Mid-Autumn Festival / Moon Festival):

Date: 15th day of the 8th lunar month

Focus: Celebrating the harvest, the full moon, and family unity.

Traditions: Families gather to eat mooncakes (round cakes), admire the moon, and give flowers to each other.

Liberia:

Date: First Thursday in November

Focus: Giving thanks for the past year, with origins from formerly enslaved people from the U.S..

Traditions: Feasting on traditional dishes like spicy roast chicken, mashed cassava, and jolof rice, and enjoying live music and dancing.

Ghana (Homowo Festival):

Date: Varies, often in August or September

Focus: Honoring ancestors and celebrating the yam harvest.

Traditions: Families eat a traditional dish called Kpokpoi and celebrate with noise-making, drumming, and dancing after the yam harvest is complete.

Canada:

Date: Second Monday in October

Focus: Celebrating the harvest.

Traditions: Similar to the U.S., it includes a family feast to give thanks for the past year's blessings.

The Wyoming Black Fourteen (1969)

The Wyoming Black Fourteen were African American members of the 1969 University of Wyoming (UW) football team who protested playing a game with Brigham Young University (BYU) because of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints's ban on black males holding the priesthood in the church and other racial restrictions. The priesthood ban applied exclusively to men of African descent.

The 14 players, Jerry Berry, Tony Gibson, John Griffin, Lionel Grimes, Mel Hamilton, Ron Hill, Willie Hysaw, Jim Isaac, Earl Lee, Don Meadows, Tony McGee, Ivie Moore, Joe Williams, and Ted Williams, were part of a successful Wyoming football team. Under Head Coach Lloyd Eaton, the Wyoming Cowboys had won three consecutive Western Athletic Conference (WAC) championships and in 1969 it was considered the best football team to ever play for the University.

The protest began on October 15, 1969 when Willie Black, a 32-year-old math graduate student and head of Wyoming's Black Student Alliance, upon learning of the LDS ban on black male priests, brought a letter titled "We Must Protest," to University administrators. The letter described the race issues of the Mormon church, including the priesthood restriction and other prohibitions such as barring all women and men of African ancestry from participation in temple rituals. Black's letter called for all Wyoming football players and students to protest LDS church policies during the scheduled game with BYU, three days later on October 18.

Two days before the game, the fourteen black players walked to the athletic complex to discuss options for how they might protest. They eventually decided to wear black armbands but nonetheless compete in the game. On October 17, the day before the game, Coach Eaton ordered the players to the bleachers where he reprimanded them and then released them from the team, revoking their athletic scholarships. The university announced that the Board of Trustees supported Coach Eaton's decision and said "the players will not play in today's game or any [other] during the balance of the season." Having dismissed all the black players, the Cowboys became an all-white team. They went on to beat BYU, 40-7; they won two more games but lost four of the remaining games in the season.



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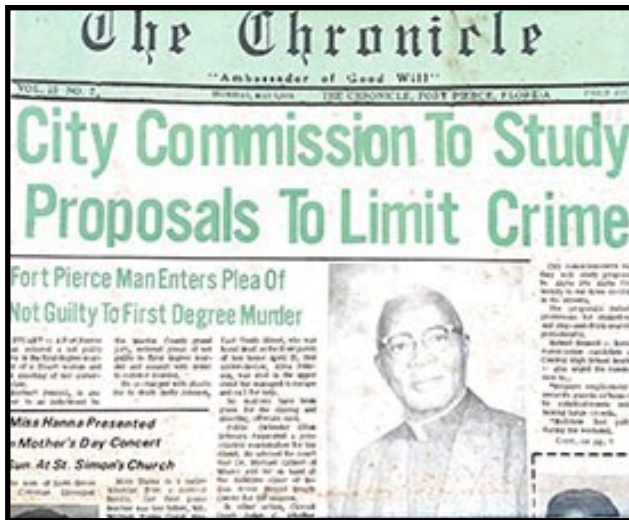


The Fort Pierce Chronicle Archives” Indian River State College Library System

By: Lincoln Park Main Street

The Chronicle Building, located at 1529 Avenue D formerly housed the headquarters of The Chronicle newspaper. This weekly publication was created in 1957 by C.E. Bolen, a respected figure in the Fort Pierce black community, and aimed to serve the Black population of the area. The building was used to assemble and print the newspaper until its cessation in 1992.

The Chronicle gained historical significance for having the renowned author Zora Neale Hurston as one of its regular journalists, who contributed to the publication starting at age 65. C.E. Bolen, a native Floridian and Florida A&M University graduate, who had a lifelong passion for journalism, recruited Hurston and persuaded her to relocate to Fort Pierce.



At a time in Florida's history when there were few publications for blacks, and newspapers had little interest in covering black community news, publisher C.E. Bolen introduced The Chronicle a newspaper originally billed as the "Ambassador of Good Will," and in later years, "Bringing You the Very Best in Black news coverage."

" The Chronicle appeared every Thursday until it ceased publication in 1992.

Preservation efforts for the Chronicle Newspapers are currently being scanned and cataloged at Indian River State College Library. Anyone or any organization that have hard copies and wish to preserve them are encouraged to contact **Nina Moore via email: ninamoore67@gmail.com**

The link below is for digital versions of the Fort Pierce Chronicle Newspaper.

<https://irsc.digital.flvc.org/islandora/search/fort%20pierce%20chronicle?type=edismax&search=fort%2Bpierce%2Bchronicle>



Ja'Min Devon, Founder & Publisher

What's happening: Buc-ee's is moving forward with its Fort Pierce location after resolving permitting issues with the Florida Department of Transportation. The company resubmitted its minor site plan last week and could receive approval by the end of 2025.

The timeline:
Site plan approval: Expected by end of 2025

Construction duration: 18-24 months once dirt turning begins

Estimated opening: Late 2027 or early 2028

What Took so Long: FDOT had to sign off on how Buc-ee's would handle traffic diverted from I-95, including updates to on and off ramps, signal timing, and road widening. Planning and Development Services Director Ben Balzer said Buc-ee's is now "fully compliant with FDOT and ready to move forward."

The project:
76,000 square foot building

- 120 gas pumps
- Buc-ee's has closed on the property and owns the site
- Building permit already submitted
- Off-site improvements include extending Cobel Guard south with a four-lane road and roundabout

Why People Keep Asking: Commissioner James Clasyby said he gets constant questions about why the county is "holding up" Buc-ee's. The reality is multiple state and federal agencies are involved beyond just St. Lucie County, including FDOT for interstate access, DEP for environmental permits, South Florida Water Management for stormwater, and the state for underground storage tanks.

Economic Impact: Balzer said the project will generate "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in gas tax revenue for road improvements. The station is also expected to create jobs, with positions ranging from restroom attendants to management roles.

Next Steps: The county is fast-tracking the project by allowing Buc-ee's to process its building permit and site plan concurrently. Once the site plan is approved, the building permit can be approved immediately.

Background: Buc-ee's received preliminary approval for its planned retail workplace in August 2024. The location will be near the I-95 and Indrio Road interchange in northern St. Lucie County.



PIONEERS OF LINCOLN PARK

By: Lincoln Park Main

Albert T. Stone and Julia Gibbs Stone, The history of Stone Brothers Funeral Home began somewhere around 1900 when a young man by the name of Edward Stone became interested in Funeral Service and the Embalming trade. In 1916 John Stone's oldest brother Edward opened the first funeral home in Tampa (Stone Brothers). After the business was established, he sent his brother Richard to school and his cousin Percy went to mortuary school too. This was the same year that another brother Albert left Melbourne and moved with his wife and young daughter to Jacksonville. After the second brother Richard went to Embalming School, Albert bought him a Packard Hearse to go into business also.



In 1925 Richard opens Stone Brother's in Cocoa, Florida. Albert wanted Richard to open up in Jacksonville, but to be closer to home; Richard left Jacksonville and opened the second Stone Brothers Funeral Home in Cocoa. During this time Albert was employed as a porter on the Florida East Coast Railroad. His train run was from Jacksonville to Key West, with a layover in Fort Pierce. During his long layovers he became acquainted with several families in the Fort Pierce area, and was encouraged by them to help them organize a Methodist church. In September of 1926 with a flock of 11 believers the St. John Methodist Church became a realization. Rev. Albert Stone worked as writing insurance policies for Afro America Insurance from Vero Beach to Stuart.

In 1932, Albert opened Stone Brothers Funeral Home in Fort Pierce. Albert was not a licensed embalmer but a licensed Funeral Director. The State of Florida allowed Albert's Brother Richard to do the embalming. The Stone's owned not only the funeral home but Pine Grove Cemetery and Stone's Restaurant as well and was president of the Lincoln Cab Co., Inc. Albert was very active in the community, he was affiliated with the Fort Pierce Lodge No. 155, F & M; Cherokee Lodge No 7270, Order of Oddfellows, Silverleaf Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; Camp No. 80, American Woodsmen; Lilly Whites; Eastern Star; Independent Afro Relief Union; United Pallbearers of America, and the Grand United Order of Pallbearers of America and Nassau, Inc. of which he was state President.



Julia Gibbs Stone was co-owner of Stone Brothers Funeral Home in Fort Pierce, Pine Grove Cemetery and Stone's Restaurant. Julia was a member of the Gibbs family of Plant City, Florida and came to Fort Pierce in the late 1920s with her husband. She was active in the operation of Stone Brothers Funeral Home. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John United Methodist Church, Fort Pierce Federated Women's Club, Naomi Chapter 111, Order of Eastern Star, and Church Women United of St. John United Methodist Church.

Frances Kay Sweet, will always be remembered as a very loving and giving person. She lived for a while in Midway, Florida before she married. Shortly after her marriage to George Washington Sweet, the couple moved to Daytona Beach, to Indrio and then to Fort Pierce. Mrs. Sweet was a devoted housewife and mother. Her husband was a "truck farmer" and a school bus driver. They had eight children: two boys and six girls; but reared ten. Mrs. Sweet believed in education and encouraged all of her children to go to college. Five of her daughters took turns sending each other to college and became teachers. Seven of the grandchildren became teachers also.



The Sweet family was caring and was always looking for ways to help others. So, when they learned that a family from Okeechobee needed a place for their daughters to live while finishing high school in Fort Pierce, the Sweet family opened their home to them. The young ladies completed high school, went away to college, and became teachers.

Mrs. Sweet was affectionately called Mother Sweet at her church (Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church) and throughout the community. She took this title seriously. She walked the length of the city visiting those in need (especially those who lost loved ones); and attended various church services. She was an active member of the Pallbearers Lodge and the Independent Benevolent Aid Society.

During the 1930s, Mother Sweet served as President of the Parent Teachers' Association. She and the members worked diligently to raise the money needed to buy two lots adjacent to the Means Court School, these lots became the school's playground. The playground was fenced-in to protect the children from traffic hazards.

Frances K. Sweet Elementary School was named in the honor of Mrs. Sweet in 1956. The following quotation is from a tribute appearing in the school's dedicatory pamphlet November 17, 1957: "Frances K. Sweet Elementary School stands as a lasting monument to a beloved housewife and mother whose life was devoted to the improvement of living and school facilities for the people of Fort Pierce.



The Wyoming Black Fourteen (1969) Cont’.

The dismissal of the fourteen players brought swift, unwanted local and national attention to the University. First, the UW Student Senate passed a resolution which said in part, “The actions of coach Eaton and the Board of Trustees were not only uncompromising, but unjust and totally wrong.” By the end of October, the UW College of Arts and Sciences, the largest college on campus, voted to support the student athletes. The major networks, ABC, CBS, and NBC all covered the story, as did Sports Illustrated.

In response to the Black Fourteen being expelled from the team, a number of athletes of all races wore black armbands in support including the entire San Jose (California) State Team that lost to the Cowboys in their last season game. The protest of the Fourteen eventually sparked nationwide focus on LDS church practices and other protests by student athletes. Students at the campuses of almost every BYU opponent protested at the games, regardless of the sport, and called on their institutions to ban contests with BYU athletic teams. Stanford University president Kenneth Pitzer announced that his institution would no longer participate in athletic contests against Brigham Young University, and the University of Washington Faculty Senate voted to sever all ties with BYU athletics.

Despite their dismissal, several of the fourteen players received college degrees from Wyoming and other institutions. Jerry Berry, one of the Fourteen, became a sports anchor for TV stations in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan. In 2002, a statue to the Fourteen was erected in the Student Union on the University of Wyoming campus. In 2009, the 40th anniversary of the Black Fourteen, the LDS Institute at the University of Wyoming made black arm bands in tribute to the events of 1969 and handed them out to all in attendance.

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Black and African American History

November 1, 1991 – Judge Clarence Thomas is formally seated at the 106th associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

November 4, 1872 Three Blacks elected to major offices in Louisiana

Three Blacks elected to major offices in Louisiana elections: C.C Antoine, lieutenant governor; P.G. Deslonde, secretary of state; W.B. Brown, Superintendent of public education.

November 4, 1969 First African American Mayors Elected

Howard N. Lee and Charles Evers are elected the first African American mayors of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Fayette, Miss., respectively

November 5, 1968 – Shirley Chisolm of Brooklyn, N.Y., becomes the first African American woman elected to Congress.

November 7, 1941 Dorie Miller Downs Three Planes

Messman Dorie Miller downs three Japanese planes in the attack on Pearl Harbor

November 7, 1955 Supreme Court in Baltimore Case Banned Segregation in Baltimore case in public recreational facilities.

November 7, 1841 Slave revolt On The Creole

Slave revolt on the Creole, which was en route to New Orleans, from Hampton, Virginia. Rebels overpowered crew and sailed ship to the Bahamas, where they were granted asylum and freedom.

November 7, 1967 Spingarn Medal: Edward W. Brooke

Spingarn Medal presented to Edward W. Brooke for his public service as the first Black U.S. senator since Reconstruction.

November 7, 1876 Edward A. Bouchet received the Ph.D. degree in physics at Yale University and became the first Black to receive a doctorate at an American University.

November 10, 1960 First Black Presidential Press Secretary

President John F. Kennedy named Andrew T. Hatcher associate press secretary. Hatcher was the first Black to hold this position.



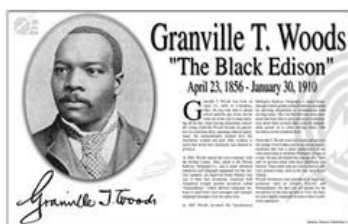
November 13, 1951 First Black Ballerina Selected

Ballerina, Janet Collins, becomes the first Black dancer to appear with the Metropolitan Opera Company, 1951.



November 15, 1979 Noble Prize

Nobel Prize in economics awarded to Professor Arthur Lewis of Princeton. He was the first Black cited in a category other than peace.



November 15, 1887 Granville T Woods patents the Synchronous Multiplier Railway Telgraph.

November 19, 2020 Garrett T Morgan puts patents the traffic signal, 1923

November 20, 1938 Historically Black College and University Morgan State College is established in Baltimore, Md.



November 20, 1865 Blacks held a

protest convention in Zion Church in Charleston and demanded equal rights and repeal of the Black Codes.



November 21, 1964 - Yvette Diane Clarke won her first political office when she was elected a member of the New York City

Council representing part of Brooklyn in 2001. Clarke succeeded her mother, former City Councilmember, Dr. Una S.T. Clarke, making them the first mother-daughter succession in the history of the New York City Council. Clarke was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 21, 1964. She attended New York's public schools and then entered Oberlin College in Ohio, graduating in 1986. Clarke served as the first Director of Business Development for the Bronx Empowerment Zone where she administered .



November 21, 1984 TransAfrica's Randall Robinson, Congressional delegate Walter Fauntroy, and US Civil Rights Commissioner Mary Francis Berry are arrested at a sit-in against apartheid at the South African Embassy in Washington, DC.

November 22, 1963 John Fitzgerald Kennedy (46), thirty-fifth president of the United States, assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

November 22, 1865 Mississippi Legislature Enacted Black Codes, which restricted the rights and freedom of movement of the freedmen. The Black Codes enacted in Mississippi and other Southern states virtually re-enslaved the freedmen. In some states any white could arrest any Black. In order states minor officials could arrest Black "vagrants" and "refractory and rebellions Negroes" and force them to work on roads and levees without pay. "Servants" in South Carolina were required to work from sunrise to sunset, to be quiet and orderly and go to bed at "reasonable hours." It was a crime in Mississippi for Blacks to own farm land; in South Carolina Blacks has to get a special license to work outside the domestic and farm laborer categories.



November 22, 1884 The Philadelphia Tribune founded by Christopher J. Perry.

November 22, 1930 Elijah Muhammad founds the Nation of Islam in Detroit, 1930



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November 23, 0001 The Piano Lesson, a play by August Wilson, wins the Pulitzer Prize for drama. August Wilson (April 27, 1945 – October 2, 2005) was an American playwright whose work included a series of ten plays, The Pittsburgh Cycle, for which he received two Pulitzer Prizes for Drama. Each work in the series is set in a different decade, and depicts comic and tragic aspects of the African-American experience in the 20th century.



November 23, 1897 J.L. Love patents Pencil Sharpener Patent No. 594,114

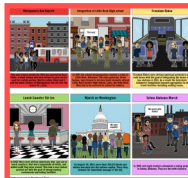
November 23, 1897 Andrew J. Beard, and African American inventor was awarded Patent # 594,059. Despite having no formal education in engineering or metalwork, Beard had invented an automatic railroad car coupling device called the Jenny Coupler. Prior to the Jenny Coupler, train cars were joined together manually, causing thousands of railroad workers to lose their hands, arms, and even their lives. Born in Eastlake, Alabama, in 1850, Beard labored for years in railroad yards where he personally witnessed horrific accidents when workers tried to execute the rapid procedure of manually coupling train cars with a pin. Beard sold his lifesaving invention to a New York company for \$50,000.

November 23, 1980 1000 people from twenty five states gather in Philadelphia and form the National Black Independent Party, 1980

November 23, 1867 Louisiana Constitutional Convention, (forty-nine white delegates and forty-nine Black delegates) met in Mechanics Institute, New Orleans.

November 24, 1865 Black Codes Enacted , Mississippi passed the so-called "Black Codes" that barred blacks from jury service, testifying against whites in trials, bearing arms and attending white schools.

November 25, 1955 Interstate Commerce Commission Banned Segregation in buses and waiting rooms involved in interstate travel.



November 25, 1841 Survivors Returned To Africa Thirty-five Amistad survivors returned to Africa.

November 25, 1922 Marcus Garvey, "The Principles of The Universal Negro Improvement Association" In this speech given in New York City on November 25, 1922, Marcus Garvey explains the objectives of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, the organization he believed would lead the worldwide movement toward black liberation. Over five years ago the Universal Negro Improvement Association placed itself before the world as the movement through which the new and rising Negro would give expression of his feelings. This Association adopts an attitude not of hostility to other races and peoples of the world, but an attitude of self respect, of manhood rights on behalf of 400,000,000 Negroes of the world.



November 25, 1949 Hoping To End Segregation in St. Louis CORE chapter pressed sit-in campaign designed to end segregation in downtown facilities in St. Louis.

November 26, 1872 South Carolina General Assembly met in Columbia South Carolina General Assembly met in Columbia Stephen A. Swails was elected president pro tem of the senate, and Samuel J. Lee was elected Speaker of the house. The Assembly named four Blacks to the seven-man governing board of the University of South Carolina: Samuel J. Lee, J.A. Bowley, Stephen A. Swails and W.R. Jervey.



November 26, 1872 Macon B. Allen was elected judge of the Inferior Court of Charleston. Allen, the first Black lawyer, thus became the second Black to hold a major judicial position and the first Black with a major judicial position on the municipal level.

November 26, 1970 Pulitzer Prize and Spingarn Medal Charles Gordone awarded Pulitzer Prize for his play, No Place To Go. Painter Jacob Lawrence awarded Spingarn Medal "in tribute to the compelling power of his work which has opened to the world...a window on the Negro's condition in the United States" and "in salute to his unswerving commitment" to the Black struggle.



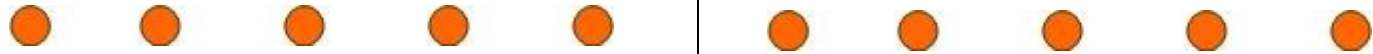
November 27, 1963 Lyndon B. Johnson is Sworn In just five days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, newly installed President Lyndon Baines Johnson addresses Congress for the first time.



November 28, 1997 Death of Coleman Young. Former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young died on this day. He was 79 years old. Young became Detroit's first Black mayor and presided over his adopted city for an unprecedented five terms. Young died at Sinai Hospital of respiratory failure caused by advanced emphysema.

November 29—December 2, 1961 Freedom Riders Attacked by White Mob at bus station in McComb, Miss..

November 29, 1780 Black Slaves Welcomed Into Amer. Army Lemuel Haynes, Revolutionary War veteran, licensed to preaching to the Congregational Church. After the winter of Valley Forge, Black slaves and free men were welcomed into the American Army. There were Black soldiers in the Revolutionary army from all of the original thirteen colonies. Most of the estimated five thousand Black soldiers fought in integrated units. Blacks soldiers were in the front lines in most of the big battles of the war. They were at White Plains, Stillwater, Bennington, Bemis Heights, Saratoga, Stony Points, Trenton, Princeton, Eutaw, S.C., and Yorktown. Blacks were critical factors in the battles of Rhode Island, Long Island, Red Bank, Savannah, Monmouth and Fort Griswold. There were Black fifiers and drummers in some units.



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10th Annual Christmas on Moore's Creek Toy Give-A-Way



Commissioner Arnold Gaines right, and Spanish translator Alejandro Borja left, and Shelby Jones.

Lincoln Park Main Street (LPMS) presented its 10th Christmas on Moore's Creek Toy Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Fair on December 13, 2025 at Moore's Creek Linear Park. The event opened with the Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk to infuse patrons to participate early and get those hearts pumping and lungs working. The Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk is named in honor of the past President of Lincoln Park Main Street board and member of the local Phi Beta Sigma Chapter, the group that partnered with LPMS for the health & wellness fair.

Celebrating its 10th year of hosting families during the Christmas season distributing toys, providing free food, drinks, snacks, and a kids zone. While the youth engaged in arts and crafts, face painting, or playing in the bounce houses; the adults spent quality time with healthcare professionals getting various health information and screenings for blood pressure checks, diabetes, and other non-invasive screenings.

Throughout the course of the day, the DJ and Host provided an array of musical selections from traditional and contemporary Christmas songs and popular R&B hits that stand the test of time. The St. Lucie Fire District Fire House #15 gave a demonstration to the crowd and distributed fire hats to all. The presence of the fire trucks added depth and a certain energy to the event.

Information and Healthcare vendors onsite which included Treasure Coast Food Bank, My Way Out Wellness, Black Therapist of the Treasure Coast, Florida Community Health, Endocrinology and Associates, Whole Family Health Center.

Entertainment for the event was provided by Treasure Coast High School Marching Band (TCHSMB) under Band Director Bobby Ingram, Flava Inc. Line Dancing Group under the leadership of DeRhonda Jackson, and Fort Pierce Central High School Fashion Club under the direction of Kaelyn' Guillaume. TCHSMB thrilled the crowd with its uniform sounds to popular beats and movement. Followed by several rounds of line dancing routines that engaged the audience to join in. FPC Fashion Club demonstrated the cat walk (stage walking) tips for the fashion enthusiasts and gave away new and gently used clothing.

Stage moderator calling the numbers for the raffle was our very own Commissioner Arnold Gaines, District 1 accompanied by Spanish translator Alejandro Borja. A total of 26 bicycles, six scooters, and a number of large gift items were raffled off to the families in addition to the toys distributed to every child age 0-12 earlier. Commissioner Curtis Johnson, District 1 worked tirelessly grilling hotdogs for the attendees.



The Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk banner hangs across the bridge at Moore's Creek on 7th Street in Fort Pierce. The race began and ended at the bridge.

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FRANK L. WATKINS 5K Run/Walk



5K Results

Christmas on Moore's Creek committee sends a big "THANK YOU" to all participants in the Frank L. Watkins 5K Run/Walk. We could not have made this possible without each of you.

Winners of the 5K Run/Walk are: 1st Place Finisher Carolyn Walker; 2nd Place finisher Toni Morris; and 3rd Place Finisher Amy Shirelle Santos.



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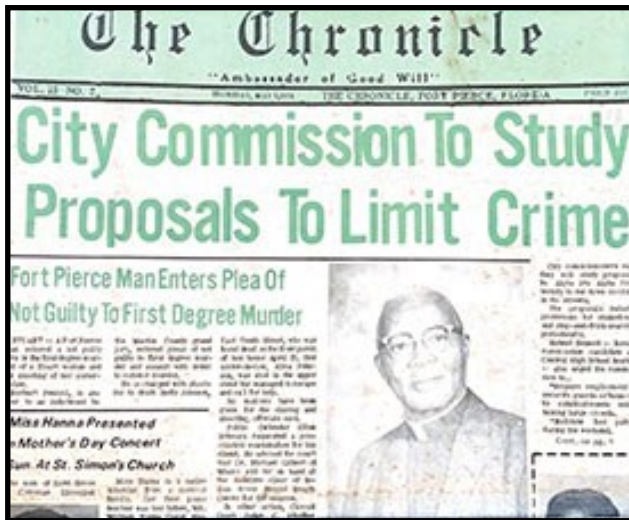
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The Fort Pierce Chronicle Archives” Indian River State College Library System

By: Lincoln Park Main Street

The Chronicle Building, located at 1529 Avenue D formerly housed the headquarters of The Chronicle newspaper. This weekly publication was created in 1957 by C.E. Bolen, a respected figure in the Fort Pierce black community, and aimed to serve the Black population of the area. The building was used to assemble and print the newspaper until its cessation in 1992.

The Chronicle gained historical significance for having the renowned author Zora Neale Hurston as one of its regular journalists, who contributed to the publication starting at age 65. C.E. Bolen, a native Floridian and Florida A&M University graduate, who had a lifelong passion for journalism, recruited Hurston and persuaded her to relocate to Fort Pierce.



At a time in Florida's history when there were few publications for blacks, and newspapers had little interest in covering black community news, publisher C.E. Bolen introduced The Chronicle a newspaper originally billed as the "Ambassador of Good Will," and in later years, "Bringing You the Very Best in Black news coverage."

" The Chronicle appeared every Thursday until it ceased publication in 1992.

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Main Squeeze:
Here's What the New Fort Pierce K-8 School Could Look Like

Ja'Min Devon, Founder & Publisher

The superintendent released renderings for the proposed Fort Pierce K-8 school that would replace Dan McCarty, Lawnwood Elementary, and St. Lucie Elementary.



What we're seeing: A modern campus with five separate buildings arranged around a central green space and athletic fields. The design mirrors the Tradition Lakes K-8 opening in August 2026. The new school would be built on district land next to the current Dan McCarty campus (where the track currently is).

The timeline if approved:

- ◆ Planning starts: October 2025
- ◆ Groundbreaking: August 2026
- ◆ Construction: 2 years
- ◆ Principal named: Summer 2027
- ◆ Community committees form: 2027-2028 school year (to decide name, mascot, colors, how to honor all three school legacies)
- ◆ Opening: August 2028

The \$65 million funding plan: St. Lucie County has agreed to purchase Lawnwood Elementary, St. Lucie Elementary, and Dale Cassens properties and convert them to parks and green space.

What happens to Dan McCarty's building: It becomes an alternative education campus for Dale Cassens students and Pride Academy elementary students. Eventually, the county would purchase that property too.

Jobs: The superintendent says nobody will lose their job. The district has 8-10% annual attrition and already needs staff for Tradition Lakes K-8 opening in August 2026.

What's next: The superintendent will present updated options to the school board in the coming months. No vote yet. This process will take years. We'll keep covering it.



PIONEERS OF LINCOLN PARK

By: Lincoln Park Main

Robert L. "Bob" Jefferson was born in Dunnellon, Florida one of seven children born to the late Tom and Frances Bell Jefferson. He moved from Dunnellon to Tallahassee at a very young age. He attended Lucy Moten Elementary School and graduated from Florida A&M high School. He was very likable and astute young man in high school. After graduation from high school, he entered Florida A&M College (now University). He completed his freshman year as an outstanding student and left college to enlist in the United States Army serving his country in the Pacific region. After 18 months of distinguished military service, he returned to Florida A&M to complete his college education.



He majored in Health and Physical Education. He played football as a "split end" with the vaulted FAMU Rattlers. In addition to football, Mr. Jefferson played basketball as a guard. His ex-coach, Dean U.S. Jones of Southern University stated that "Bob" Jefferson was one of the most competitive players he ever had the opportunity to coach. "He gave of himself when he gave the gift of service." In 1950 after graduation, Mr. Jefferson married his college sweetheart, Zanobia Bracy of Chicago, IL and immediately after the marriage, he was offered a job as a teacher at Lincoln Park Academy (LPA) High School in Fort Pierce.

Mr. Jefferson started a new era of sports and spectators alike in St. Lucie County, especially in football and basketball. Bob Jefferson, as coach of the "Fighting and Fleeting Greyhounds" revolutionized those two sports. His name became a household word over the State of Florida. His teams were the first of their race to play at Jaycee Field.



Coach Jefferson in 1956.

He purchased the first set of uniforms and he taught his boys and girls to be competitors. But more importantly, he instilled the desire to get an education and service to their community in his fellows.

The records show that in 12 years of coaching football, his teams won 105 games and lost 15. He won 8 conference championships and 2 state playoffs.

In basketball, he installed the "run and shot" offense during those days. His teams over a six year period won 116 games and lost 13. He won the district championship four times and participated in the state tournament twice. Mr. Jefferson served as Athletic Director of all the "Greyhounds" teams for several years. "He Gave Of Himself When He Gave The Gift of Mind". (Ideas, Purposes, Ideals, Principles)

Mr. Jefferson loved coaching and the relationship with his boys. But the day came when he was called upon to use his talents to help improve all his students. He was appointed the first Dean of Boys at LPA in 1957. In 1962 when the position



The front of Lincoln Park Academy original building.

of Assistant Principal became available, Jefferson applied and was appointed first at LPA, later at Dan McCarty Annex. In 1970, he became Principal at LPA. The problems of integration and race relations at the recently formed Fort Pierce Central High School, once again gave Jefferson the opportunity to shine. Superintendent D.R. Seelinger and the St. Lucie County School Board made an unprecedented move which shook the minds of the community. Bob Jefferson was appointed Principal at Fort Pierce Central High School. The Southern Association Accreditation and Educational Standards termed his appointment and the immediate results as a "Miracle."

In the year prior to Jefferson being appointed Principal at Central, there was resistance from some of the students to desegregation, and one day a number of students walked out of class. There were disturbances, the police were called, and then school buses were called early, and the students sent home. There was sporadic fighting in the days that followed. It was an inauspicious start for school desegregation. The following year, Jefferson was named principal of Fort Pierce Central.

Students of both races admired Jefferson. Jefferson was a strong disciplinarian and believed in respect for authority. His mere presence commanded respect. His ability to relate to students and



raise their level of expectation, attributed to his success in calming the contentions of integration in high school and bridging the communities of white and black of Fort Pierce. He will forever be remembered for his contributions to the lives of youth, their families the Fort Pierce community and St. Lucie County.

“JOSIAH THOMAS WALLS (1842-1905)

First elected to the Congress in 1870, Josiah T. Walls became Florida's first elected African American congressman. Walls was born a slave in Winchester, Virginia on December 30, 1842. He was conscripted by the Confederate Army and captured in Yorktown by Union forces in 1862. Walls then enlisted in the U.S. Colored Troops Infantry Regiment in 1863, where he rose in rank to First Sergeant. Prior to his discharge from the army in 1865, Walls married Helen Ferguson of Newnansville, Florida.

After leaving the U.S. Army, Walls settled in Alachua County, Florida and became active in local politics. After passage of the U.S. Military Reconstruction Act of 1867, Walls joined the newly formed Republican Party in Florida. He was an elected delegate to the 1868 state constitutional conventions and shortly afterward was elected to the lower house of the state legislature in 1868. He advanced to the state senate representing the 13th District, which was mostly Alachua County, in 1869.

Walls's six-year tenure as a U.S. Congressman was filled with controversy. He was the only black representative un-



seated three times by opponents challenging his elections in 1870, 1872, and 1874 including J.J. Finley, a former Confederate general. Despite these disputed elections, Walls compiled a legislative record which included introducing bills

favoring land grants to railroads and securing connections to ports servicing Cuba and the West Indies. Walls also submitted measures to reinforce the Civil Rights Act of 1866. After serving in Congress he returned to the Florida State legislature and resumed farming on his 175 acre plantation near Gainesville, Florida that he had acquired in 1873. Walls also purchased a newspaper, The New Era. Walls remained active in politics serving at various times as mayor of Gainesville, a member of the County Board of Public Instruction and County Commissioner. In 1896, he moved to Tallahassee to become the Farm Director at what is now Florida A&M University.



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Black and African American History

December 1, 1873 Forty-third Congress (1873-75) Convened

Forty-third Congress (1873-75) convened with seven Black congressmen: Richard H. Cain, Robert Brown Elliott, Joseph H. Rainey and Alonzo J. Ransier, South Carolina; James T. Rapier, Alabama; Josiah T. Walls, Florida; John R. Lynch, Mississippi.

December 2, 1895 Fifty-fourth Congress (1895-97) convened

Fifty-fourth Congress (1895-97) convened. One Black congressman: George W. Murray, South Carolina.



December 5, 1879 Shippen, John Matthew, Jr. (1879-1968)

John Matthew Shippen, Jr. was the first African American professional golfer and known as one of America's golf pioneers. Shippen achieved this distinction when he competed in the US Open in 1896.



December 5, 1935 National Negro Council of Women

Mary McLeod Bethune established the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) on December 5, 1935. With the support of several African-American women's organizations, the NCNW's mission was to unify African-American women to improve race relations in the United States and abroad.



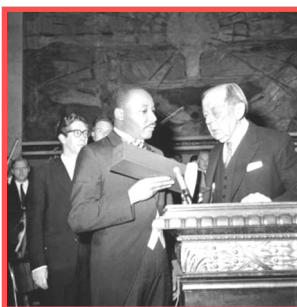
December 5, 1955 Historic bus boycott began in Montgomery

Historic bus boycott began in Montgomery. At a mass meeting at the Holt Street Baptist Church Martin Luther King Jr. was elected president

of the boycott organization. Asa Philip Randolph and Willard S. Townsend elected vice-president of the AFL-CIO.

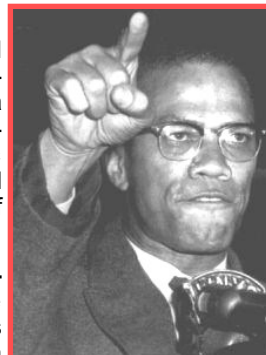
December 10, 1964 (1964), Dr. Martin Luther King, "Receiving the Nobel Peace Prize"

On December 10, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King became only the second African American (after Ralph Bunche) to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.



December 10, 1963 (1963) Malcolm X, "Message to the Grassroots"

On December 10, 1963, while still the leading spokesman for the Nation of Islam, Malcolm X gave a speech at a rally in Detroit, Michigan. That speech outlined his basic black nationalist philosophy and established him as a major critic of the civil rights movement.



December 14, 1799 George Washington Frees Slaves George Washington, dies, his will stipulates that his slaves shall be freed upon the death of his wife, Martha.

December 15, 1864 Blacks in Battle

In one of the decisive battles of the war, two brigades of Black troops helped crush one of the South's finest armies at the Battle of Nashville. Black troops opened the battle on the first day and successfully engaged the right of the rebel line. On the second day Col. Charles R. Thompson's Black brigade made brilliant charge up Overton Hill. Thirteenth U.S.C.T. sustained more casualties than any other regiment involved in the battle..

December 15, 1961 Ken B. Clark Spingarn Award: Kenneth B. Clark, psychologist and educator, awarded Spingarn Medal for pioneering studies that influenced the Supreme Court decision on school desegregation.



December 15, 1961 Demonstration in Louisiana Police used tear gas and leashed dogs to stop mass demonstration by fifteen hundred Blacks in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

December 16, 1859 The Last Slave Ships The last slave ship, the Clothilde, landed shipment of slaves at Mobile Bay, Alabama.

December 16, 1946 First coin Honoring A Black and Designed By A Black. The first coin honoring a Black and designed by a Black was issued. The fifty-cent piece, which became available on this day, contained the bust of Booker T. Washington.

December 16, 1976 Andrew Young named Ambassador and Chief US Delegate to the United Nations President Jimmy Carter appoints Andrew Young Ambassador and Chief US Delegate to the United Nations.



December 17, 2012 Scott, Timothy (1965-) .S. Senator from South Carolina, Timothy Eugene Scott is the first black Republican elected to the Senate from the South since Senator Blanche Kelso Bruce served in that body representing Mississippi from 1876 to 1881. he is also the first Republican Senator elected since Edward Brooke represented Massachusetts in that body in the 1960s and early 1970s.



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December 19, 1896 From the Slave Quarters to the Courtroom: The Story of the First African American Attorney in the United States - Death.



William Henry "Squire" Johnson may have actually been the first African American eligible to practice law. Mr. Johnson could have begun practicing in 1842. He had qualified for that bar at that time. However,

for reasons that are unknown, he was not sworn in until 1865. Johnson remained a member of the Bristol County Bar until his death in December 19, 1896.

Leader in Barber Business: James Guilford, who owned and operated a barbering business in lower Roxbury from 1934 to 1973 (Dunbar Barbers until 1945 and Jimmy Guilford's Men's Hair Salon until 1973), was state president of the Associated Master Barbers of Massachusetts, which included both white and Black barbers.



December 20, 1870 Institutions of Higher Learning Established

Allen University, Benedict College and LeMoyné-Owen College established.



December 20, 1988 Max Robinson, First African American News Anchor for a Major Television Network

Max Robinson, first African American news anchor for a major television network died today.



First Black Corporate Presidents Black Corporate Presidents of New England, Inc., was formed and incorporated in 1973 by a group of Black manufacturers concerned about the existing barriers which prevented their businesses from full access to public and private sector contract opportunities. Today BCPNE represents a regional constituency and the interest of some 5,000 Black-owned manufacturing and service industries in the New England region.

1915 Racists Song Removed. In 1915 the Boston Branch NAACP won a victory when it persuaded the Boston School Committee to withdraw from the schools the book *Forty Best Songs*. The local NAACP objected to the words 'darker', 'nigger,' and 'massa' in the songs, and said in its petition to the committee that 'our [Black] children have returned home from school broken-hearted that these songs are sung and that white children had jeered them.'

First Black Lawyer Before Supreme Court. John Sweat Rock (1825-1866), a noted Boston lawyer, became in 1865 the first African-American to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the first Black person to speak before the U.S. House of Representatives.



December 21, 1921 The Negro Renaissance The Negro Renaissance, a period of extraordinary activity on the part of Black artists and extraordinary receptivity on the part of the white public, reached a peak in the twenties. Among the writers who contributed to the movement were Claude McKay, "Harlem Shadows", 1922; Jean Toomer, "Cane", 1923; Alain Locke, *The New Negro*, 1925; Langston Hughes, "The Weary Blues", 1926 Countee Cullen, "Color", 1925.

December 22, 1924 Arthur Allen Fletcher, "The Father of Affirmative Action" - Birthday Arthur Allen Fletcher is known to many as the father of affirmative Action. Fletcher, a Republican civil rights activist during the last half of the 20th Century.

December 23, 1867 First Woman Millionaire. Madame C.J. Walker, born Sarah Breedlove on this day, starts a Black hair-care business in Denver, CO; she alters curling irons that were popularized by the French to suit the texture of Black women's hair. She is arguably the first woman millionaire in the U.S.



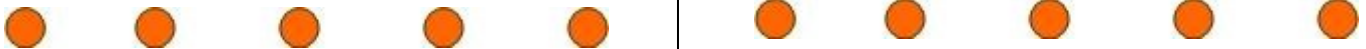
December 24, 1832 Georgia's Infirmary (1832) The Georgia Infirmary was the first hospital for African Americans built in the United States. Chartered on December 24, 1832 "for the relief and protection of aged and afflicted Africans," it was established by the Georgia General Assembly and funded by a \$10,000 grant from the estate of Thomas F. Williams, a local merchant and minister. Today the institution is known as the Adult Day Center-Georgia Infirmary and is part of St. Joseph's/Candler healthcare network.



December 24, 1881 Segregation Movements. Tennessee started modern segregation movement with Jim Crow railroad car and was followed by Florida (1887), Mississippi (1888), Texas (1889), Louisiana (1890), Alabama, Kentucky, Arkansas and Georgia (1891), South Carolina (1898), North Carolina (1899), Virginia (1900), Maryland (1904), Oklahoma (1907).

December 31, 2013 Salem Baptist Church, Alton, Illinois (1819-)

Salem Baptist Church, in Alton, Illinois, first organized in 1819, still stands as the only predominantly African American congregation in Madison County, which is situated along the Mississippi River across from Missouri. African American stonemason Madison Banks and white contractor Samuel Marshall, both from Alton, built the church sometime in the early 1820s. They were assisted by two members of the congregation, John Walker and William Emery. Conflicting dates about the church's founding can be attributed to the later construction of the first building in 1912. It is believed that Salem Baptist Church's first congregants were organized in 1819 on a local farm, by a Baptist Missionary named James Ely Welch.



GUIDED TOURS

Want to learn more about the history of Lincoln Park? What about the historic Avenue D corridor and the vibrant life that emerged in the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s and 1960s? Do you ever wonder how Lincoln Park Academy was developed from the hard work of African American parents wanting a quality education for their children? How the families partnered with the St. Lucie County School District to build the accredited school in 1923?

Learn about all of the incredible lives of the trailblazers and the rich history of not only Historic Lincoln Park but the beautiful City of Fort Pierce. Such iconic figures as Zora Neale Hurston—her life, her work and her legacy; The Hall of Fame Original Highwaymen Artists—their paintings, their loves and their travels statewide selling Florida landscapes art on the highways of Florida; local artist Albert Ernest "A. E." Backus, also known as Beanie Backus and his unique relationship to the Highwaymen artist and author and folklorist Zora Neale Hurston.

For reunions (school, family, class) sightseeing and general knowledge of the local history of the area, contact us.

For more information or to schedule a tour contact:

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City of Fort Pierce Extends Impact Fee Waiver for New Construction in Redevelopment Area

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FORT PIERCE, FL – The City of Fort Pierce is proud to announce the extension of its impact fee moratorium, reaffirming a strong commitment to encouraging new residential and commercial construction within the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Area. First adopted in 2020, this initiative has helped reduce development costs and spark investment. With the City Commission’s approval on November 3, 2025, the waiver will now continue through November 3, 2026.



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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE AND
LINCOLN PARK MAIN STREET, INC.**

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on this 2nd day of March, 2026, by and between the CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation, whose address is 100 N. U.S. Highway 1, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950 (“City”), and LINCOLN PARK MAIN STREET, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, with its principal office located at 532 N. 13th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 (“LP Main Street”) (collectively, “Parties”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City seeks to promote and facilitate revitalization of communities within its jurisdiction to enhance the overall prosperity, preservation-based economic development, and quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, LP Main Street has expertise, resources, and a mission aligned with boosting prosperity and improving the well-being and livability for community members; and

WHEREAS, LP Main Street has assisted the City to achieve its revitalization and economic development goals pursuant to Federal Community Development Block Grant Agreements; and

WHEREAS, LP Main Street is willing to continue to assist the City to achieve its revitalization and economic development goals pursuant to this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved \$50,000 in grants and aid to LP Main Street as part of its budget approval for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** LP Main Street’s responsibility under this Agreement is to provide those Services and Deliverables supporting the City’s revitalization and economic development goals set forth in Exhibit A (“Services”).
2. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall be one (1) year beginning on October 1, 2025
3. **COMPENSATION.** The City agrees to compensate LP Main Street for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement in four installments as follows:

October 1, 2025 Payment 1 \$12,500
(or within thirty (30) days of Agreement approval, whichever is later)

updates, and any other relevant information. It shall be LP Main Street's responsibility to coordinate these City Commission meeting dates with staff. Time is of the essence, and the City's obligation to pay LP Main Street any installment does not arise if LP Main Street fails to meet this obligation.

5. **AUDIT.** LP Main Street agrees that the City or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of at least three years, or as otherwise applicable under law, to include Public Records Laws, after receipt of any Payment under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of LP Main Street involving transactions related to this Agreement. All required records shall be maintained until an audit is completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved.
6. **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** LP Main Street covenants and agrees that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of the Agreement with respect to hiring, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of race or color; or, except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification, because of religion, sex, condition of pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.
7. **TERMINATION.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party with sixty (60) days written notice if either party believes that the other party has failed to meet its obligations. Upon termination, the City shall have no further obligation to pay LP Main Street any additional money as contemplated in Paragraph 3 above.
8. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** LP Main Street is and shall be an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of the City. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to establish any relationship other than that of an independent contract between the City and LP Main Street, its employees, agents, subcontractors, or assigns, during or after the performance of this Agreement.
9. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** LP Main Street will be required to provide certificates of insurance showing that it carries, or has in force, automobile liability insurance, general liability insurance, and professional liability insurance.

Limits of liability for automobile liability insurance shall be, at a minimum, \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit.

Limits of liability for general liability insurance shall be, at a minimum, \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, \$1,000,000.00 personal and advertising injury, \$1,000,000.00 general aggregate and \$1,000,000.00 products/completed operations aggregate. General liability insurance will include coverage for contractually assumed liability.

Limits of liability for professional liability insurance shall be, at a minimum, \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/claim and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate.

If the general liability insurance coverage and/or the professional liability insurance coverage is on a claims-made basis, LP Main Street will maintain coverage in force for a period of two (2) years following the termination of the contract at the limits specified in this paragraph.

LP Main Street is responsible for the payment of any deductibles or self-insured retentions.

City will be named as additional insured under LP Main Street's general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance policies.

10. INDEMNIFICATION. LP Main Street shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, indemnify the City and its officials, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, demands, penalties, court costs, judgments, damages, losses, (whether in contract or in tort, including personal injury, accidental death or property damage, and regardless, of whether the allegations are false, fraudulent or groundless), and costs (including reasonable attorney fees, litigation, arbitration, mediation, appeal expenses) to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of LP Main Street and persons employed by or utilized by LP Main Street in its performance of this Agreement.

LP Main Street's obligation to indemnify and hold harmless shall remain in effect and shall be binding upon LP Main Street whether such injury or damage shall accrue, or may be discovered, before or after termination of this Agreement.

LP Main Street's failure to comply with this section's provisions shall constitute a material breach upon which the City may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

11. **E-VERIFY SYSTEM.** All requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, shall be complied with by LP Main Street

In accordance with, Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, LP Main Street shall register with and utilize the E-Verify System operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired during the term of the Agreement and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement to likewise utilize the E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the term of this Agreement. If LP Main Street enters into a contract with a subcontractor performing work or providing services on its behalf, LP Main Street shall also require the subcontractor to provide an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien.

Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify System can be obtained via the internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

LP Main Street shall, upon request, provide evidence of compliance with this provision to the City.

A contract terminated pursuant to Section 448.095 is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this contract with a contractor, the contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least 1 year after the date on which the contract was terminated. LP Main Street is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of this contract under Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

12. **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving the City's sovereign immunity protections existing under the laws of the State of Florida or as increasing the limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

13. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** LP Main Street shall abide by all public records laws, and specifically:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- b. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- d. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 772-467-3065, PUBLICRECORDS@CITYOFFORTPIERCE.COM, 100 N. US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FL 34950.

14. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, ASSIGNMENT.** The City and LP Main Street each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract.

Neither the City nor LP Main Street shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the written consent of the other.

Nothing herein shall be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the City and LP Main Street.

15. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendments or modifications to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

16. **NOTIFICATION.** All notices, requests, consents, and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be (as elected by the person giving such notice) hand delivered by messenger or courier service or mailed certified mail (postage prepaid) return receipt requested, addressed to:

<p>CITY: City of Fort Pierce City Manager's Office 100 North US Highway 1 Fort Pierce, FL 34950</p>	<p>WITH COPIES TO: City Attorney's Office 100 North US Highway 1 Fort Pierce, FL 34950</p>
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LP Main Street:
Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc.
c/o Pamela Carithers
P.O. Box 3224
Fort Pierce, FL 34948

Either party may change the above-listed address at which it receives written notices by so notifying the other Party in writing. Each such notice shall be deemed delivered (a) on the date delivered if by personal delivery, (b) on the date upon which the return

receipt is signed or delivery is refused or the notice is designated by the postal authorities as not deliverable, as the case may be, if mailed.

17. **JURISDICTION; VENUE; AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.** EACH OF THE PARTIES IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY: (A) AGREES THAT ANY SUIT, ACTION, OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT IN THE STATE COURT SITUATED IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND (B) WAIVES ANY OBJECTION WHICH IT MAY HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION, OR PROCEEDING IN ANY OF SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ALL RIGHTS TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ALL LITIGATION RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM THIS AGREEMENT.
18. **SEVERABILITY.** If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such terms or provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.
19. **WAIVER.** No waiver by the City of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other provisions hereof or of any subsequent breach of the same, or any other, provision, or the enforcement thereof. City's consent to or approval of any act by LP Main Street requiring consent or approval shall not be deemed to render unnecessary the obtaining of City's consent to or approval of any subsequent act by LP Main Street requiring consent or approval, whether or not similar to the act so consented or approved.
20. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** LP Main Street, its employees, subcontractors or assigns, shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to the performance of this Agreement. The City undertakes no duty to ensure such compliance, but will attempt to advise LP Main Street, upon request, as to any such laws of which it has present knowledge.

Before beginning services under this Agreement, LP Main Street shall complete, execute and deliver the Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor or Services (Exhibit D) to the City. LPMS also agrees to secure all permits required for all events, including Special Event permits, and agrees to comply with all permit conditions.
21. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the City and LP Main Street and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, or negotiations, whether written or oral.

[Signature Page to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, as of the date first above written.

ATTEST:

Linda W. Cox
Linda Cox, City Clerk

CITY OF FORT PIERCE:

Linda Hudson
Linda Hudson, Mayor

3/2/2026
Date:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Sara Hedges
Sara Hedges, City Attorney

WITNESSES:

By: [Signature]
Name: CHRISTY Taylor-Johnson
Address: 1650 Timberlake Dr
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947

LINCOLN PARK MAIN STREET, INC

[Signature]
Pamela Carithers, Executive Director

2/23/2026
Date:

By: [Signature]
Name: John Hayes
Address: 606 51/4th St.
Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

EXHIBIT A

Scope of Services and Deliverables

EXHIBIT A



**Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. Program
Scope of Services and Deliverables**

During the Term of this Agreement, Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. (“LPMS”) agrees to provide the services set forth in the table below by the deadlines listed below in support of the City’s revitalization and economic development goals for the Lincoln Park District. LPMS shall provide quarterly updates for all services and deliverables below on the forms provided in Exhibit B and Exhibit C.

Deliverables	
<p>1. Economic Vitality</p> <p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the LPMS’s economic base by supporting existing businesses, attracting new businesses, and ensuring a diverse and thriving economic mix; and Achieve a 70% occupancy rate for commercial spaces 	
A. Business Development	Deadline to Complete
<p>Form a Lincoln Park Business/Merchant Association – LPMS will establish a Business/Merchant Association of a minimum of 10 business owners. The association will support, represent, and strengthen the collective interests of businesses within the Lincoln Park District. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year.</p>
<p>Attract new businesses to the District – LPMS will make contact with at least one new business and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year.</p>
<p>Job creation/retention – LPMS will report on jobs created and/or retained within the Lincoln Park District and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year.</p>
<p>LPMS will coordinate and host two (2) Doing Business with the City Workshops and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year.</p>
<p>LPMS will compile and publish a comprehensive business directory that provides detailed information about businesses within the Lincoln Park District and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year.</p>
B. Property Development	Deadline to Complete
<p>LPMS will provide technical assistance to one property owner, developer, or business on the renovation and/or repurpose of its commercial space. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year.</p>
<p>LPMS will create and maintain a listing of vacant and occupied commercial properties within the Lincoln Park District with the interior and exterior building characteristics including square</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year.</p>

footage, building use, zoning, address, property type, current use, etc. to assist potential tenants or buyers in finding suitable options. LPMS will publish the listing and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	
LPMS will create and maintain a thorough database to capture and store detailed information about individuals interested in properties enabling efficient connections with available vacant properties as they arise and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30 of the current fiscal year.

2. Design	
<u>Goals:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in improving the physical appearance of the Lincoln Park District by preserving historic architecture, enhancing public spaces, and partnering with the City to ensure a visually appealing environment • Develop a plan to effectively communicate and promote Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency programs and initiatives, including grants, incentives (such as the impact fee moratorium), community meetings, surveys, technical assistance for grant applications, and participation in the Lincoln Park Master Plan and potential design standards • Encourage compliance with historic preservation guidelines • Encourage adherence to Architectural Design Standards 	
A. Physical Improvements	
LPMS will promote the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency Commercial Façade Grant Program to the Lincoln Park business community and, during application cycles, assist businesses with completing the application process. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30, of the current fiscal year.
LPMS will provide and distribute information on the City’s Impact Fee Moratorium extension to builders/developers/real estate investors and the community on the process and timelines involved. LPMS will include its efforts in quarterly reports.	September 30, of the current fiscal year.
B. Historic Preservation	
Deadline to Complete	
LPMS will facilitate the research and prepare applications to submit to the State for the historic designation of at least one church and/or building structure in the Lincoln Park District. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30, of the current fiscal year.
LPMS will coordinate with Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency staff and the master plan consultant to provide input on future development and the formation of neighborhood identities for the Lincoln Park Master Plan. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30, of the current fiscal year.
C. Architectural Standards	
Deadline to Complete	

<p>LPMS will maintain a copy of the City of Fort Pierce design standards on file to be shared with builders, developers, real estate investors, and the community LPMS will coordinate and align its own design-related work with the City’s standards when working on projects in the Lincoln Park District. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30, of the current fiscal year.</p>
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3. Promotion

Goals:

- Implement a marketing and community engagement plan that promotes the Lincoln Park District’s unique characteristics and rich history to shoppers, investors, and visitors through events, advertising, and branding to enhance its image and attract businesses. Implement ongoing creative programming that engages the Lincoln Park District businesses, residents, and visitors.

A. Marketing and Events	Deadline to Complete
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Status:

<p>LPMS will plan, coordinate, promote, and host no fewer than 12 promotional and/or educational events with an average attendance of 50 participants each, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up (2x/year) • Business/Merchant Networking Event (2x/year) • Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive (annual) • Christmas on Moore’s Creek Toy Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Festival (annual) • Community Engagement event to be defined (community education/ workshops (2x/year) community meetings, collaborative engagement) • Offer business assistance/education workshops (2x/year) with SBDC and other community partners. • Doing Business with the City Workshops (2x/year). <p>LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports</p>	<p>September 30, of the current fiscal year.</p>
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<p>LPMS will reach 1,000 social media impressions of marketing campaigns via various social media and LPMS-powered website. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30, of the current fiscal year.</p>
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B. Branding	Deadline to Complete
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<p>LPMS will conduct quarterly surveys with a minimum of 25 respondents (totaling 100 respondents annually), to assess brand recognition via in-person and online methods. LPMS will publish</p>	<p>September 30, of the current fiscal year.</p>
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the results of its surveys. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	
LPMS will publish the Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter digitally monthly. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	Beginning October 1 of the current fiscal year.
<p>LPMS will complete updates to LPMS website and publish online by March 2026. LPMS will increase website and social media traffic related to District information by 10%, annually.</p> <p>Tracking Method: LPMS will provide the baseline metrics of the FY 2024–2025 using analytics tools such as Google Analytics, Meta Insights (Facebook/Instagram), and other platform-specific dashboards. Metrics should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website page views and unique visitors b. Social media reach, engagement, and follower growth c. Annual reports should compare year-over-year performance against these baseline figures. <p>LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	March 2026 (website updates); September 30 of the current fiscal year (increase District-related traffic by 10%)
C. Positive Image	Deadline to Complete
LPMS will collect testimonials from 12 or more visitors and 6 or more residents. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30, of the current fiscal year.

4. Organization	
Goals:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a strong foundation for a sustainable revitalization effort that aligns with the City’s goals, including engaging stakeholders, forming partnerships, and fostering a collaborative environment 	
A. Partnerships	Deadline to Complete
Collaborate with partner organizations – LPMS will complete two joint projects with partner organizations. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30, of the current fiscal year.
B. Volunteer Engagement	Deadline to Complete
LPMS will recruit and/or retain 25 volunteers annually. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30 of the current fiscal year.
LPMS will attain 500 volunteer hours annually. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30 of the current fiscal year.
The LPMS Executive Director will maintain active participation on two volunteer committees. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.	September 30 of the current fiscal year.
C. Resource Management	Deadline to Complete

<p>LPMS will spend no more than 40% of funds received from the City under this Agreement on salaries. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>For Each Quarterly disbursement. (see 5. Budget and Budget Report Form).</p>
<p>LPMS will explore sustainable funding sources beyond the program period and report on explored funding sources outside of the City of Fort Pierce designated funds to ensure the organization’s sustainability. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.</p>	<p>September 30 of the current fiscal year (see 5. Budget and Budget Report Form).</p>

<p>5. Budget</p> <p><u>Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making, Lincoln Park Main Street (LPMS) will provide comprehensive financial reporting as part of its quarterly submissions to the City Commission.
<p>LPMS will include the following information in its quarterly financial reports and its quarterly presentations to the City Commission:</p> <p>(a) Budget Summary: LPMS will provide an overview of the total program funds received including a breakdown of the budget into major categories (e.g., personnel, supplies, equipment).</p> <p>(b) Income Sources: LPMS will specify other sources of income (if any) contributing to the program and highlight any matching funds or in-kind contributions.</p> <p>(c) Detailed Expenses: LPMS will itemize expenses with specific amounts for each category. Include both direct costs (directly related to the program) and indirect costs (overhead).</p> <p>(d) Budget Justification: LPMS will explain the rationale behind each expense.</p> <p>(e) Conclusion: LPMS will summarize the financial performance. Mention any adjustments made during implementation</p>

EXHIBIT B

LP Main Street Impact Reporting Guidelines



Lincoln Park Main Street, Inc. Program Reporting Form

To be completed by LPMS for each Report Period: Fiscal Year Ending, September 30, _____

Quarterly Reporting Period	Quarterly Report Due	City Commission Presentations
_____ Q1 – Reporting Period: Oct. 1-Dec. 31	_____ Q1 – Report due Jan. 15	_____ Q1 – Feb. 2026 Quarterly Report
_____ Q2 – Reporting Period: Jan. 1-Mar. 31	_____ Q2 – Report due April 15	_____ Q2 – May 2026 Quarterly Report
_____ Q3 – Reporting Period: April 1-June 30	_____ Q3 – Report due July 15	_____ Q3 – Aug. 2026 Quarterly Report
_____ Q4 — Reporting Period: July 31-Sept. 30	_____ Q4 – Report due Oct. 15	_____ Q4 – Oct. 2026 Quarterly Report

Deliverables

1. Economic Vitality: This point aims to strengthen the district’s economic base by supporting existing businesses, attracting new businesses, and ensuring a diverse and thriving economic mix.

A. Business Development

1. Form a Lincoln Park Business/Merchant Association – LPMS will establish a Business/Merchant Association of a minimum of 10 business owners. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

2. Attract new businesses to the Lincoln Park District – LPMS will make contact with at least one new business and include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

3. Job creation/retention – LPMS will report on jobs created and/or retained within the Lincoln Park District quarterly. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:
4. LPMS will coordinate and host two Doing Business with the City Workshops. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
5. LPMS will compile and publish a comprehensive business directory that provides detailed information about businesses within the Lincoln Park District. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:

B. Property Development
1. LPMS will provide technical assistance to one property owner, developer, or business on the renovation and/or repurpose of its commercial space. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
2. LPMS will create and maintain a listing of vacant and occupied commercial properties within the Lincoln Park District with the interior and exterior building characteristics including square footage, building use, zoning, address, property type, current use, etc. to assist potential tenants or buyers in finding suitable options. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:

3. LPMS will create and maintain a thorough database to capture and store detailed information about individuals interested in properties enabling efficient connections with available vacant properties as they arise. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

2. Design: This focuses on improving the physical appearance of the district by preserving historic architecture, enhancing public spaces, and partnering with the City to ensure a visually appealing environment.

A. Physical Improvements

1. LPMS will promote the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency Commercial Façade Grant Program to the Lincoln Park business community and, during application cycles, assist businesses with completing the application process. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

2. LPMS will provide and distribute information on the City’s Impact Fee Moratorium extension to builders/developers/real estate investors and the community on the process and timelines involved. **LPMS will include its efforts in quarterly reports.**

Status:

B. Historic Preservation

3. LPMS will facilitate the research and prepare applications to submit to the State for the historic designation of at least one church and/or building structure in the Lincoln Park District. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

4. LPMS will coordinate with Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency staff to provide input on future development and the formation of neighborhood identities for the Lincoln Park Master Plan. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.**

Status:

C. Architectural Standards
1. LPMS will maintain a copy of the City of Fort Pierce design standards on file to be shared with builders, developers, real estate investors, and the community LPMS will coordinate and align its own design-related work with the City’s standards when working on projects in the Lincoln Park District. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
3. Promotion: This involves marketing the district’s unique characteristics to shoppers, investors, and visitors through events, advertising, and branding to enhance its image and attract business.
A. Marketing and Events
1. LPMS will plan, coordinate, promote, and host no fewer than 12 promotional and/or educational events with an average attendance of 50 participants each, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Saturday Sidewalk Pop Up (2x/year) • Business/Merchant Networking Event (2x/year) • Flaming Knight Motorcycle Club Toy Drive (annual) • Christmas on Moore’s Creek Give-A-Way and Health & Wellness Festival (annual) • Community Engagement events to be defined (community education/ workshops (2x/year) community meetings, collaborative engagement). • Jazz on Moore’s Creek, to include live music, vendors, and community-oriented activities, etc. (quarterly) • Offer business assistance/education workshops with SBDC and other community partners (2x/year). • Doing Business with the City Workshops (2x/year). LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports
Status:
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Status:
B. Branding
1. LPMS will conduct quarterly surveys with a minimum of 25 respondents (totaling 100 respondents annually), to assess brand recognition via in-person and online methods. LPMS will publish the results of its surveys. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
2. LPMS will publish the Lincoln Park Showcase Newsletter digitally on a monthly beginning October 1 of the current fiscal year. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
3. LPMS will complete updates to LPMS website and publish online by December 30, 2025. LPMS will increase website and social media traffic related to District information by 10%, annually. Use baseline data from first year of agreement from fiscal year 2024-2025 for website and social media traffic related to District information by 10% annually. Tracking Method: LPMS will provide the baseline metrics of the FY 2024–2025 using analytics tools such as Google Analytics, Meta Insights (Facebook/Instagram), and other platform-specific dashboards. Metrics should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website page views and unique visitors b. Social media reach, engagement, and follower growth c. Annual reports should compare year-over-year performance against these baseline figures. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports including metrics related to website visits and social media activity. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
C. Positive Image

1. LPMS will collect testimonials from 12 or more visitors and 6 or more residents. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:

4. Organization: This point emphasizes building a strong foundation for a sustainable revitalization effort, including engaging stakeholders, forming partnerships, and fostering a collaborative environment.
A. Partnerships
1. Collaborate with partner organizations – LPMS will complete two joint projects with partner organizations. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
B. Volunteer Engagement
1. LPMS will recruit and/or retain 25 volunteers annually. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
2. LPMS will attain 500 volunteer hours annually. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
3. The LPMS Executive Director will maintain active participation on two volunteer committees. LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.
Status:
C. Resource Management

1. LPMS will spend no more than 40% of funds received from the City under this Agreement on salaries. **LPMS will include its efforts and progress in quarterly reports.** (see 5. Budget and Budget Report Form).

Status:

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Status:

5. Budget: LPMS will include the following information in its quarterly financial reports and quarterly presentations to the City Commission. **Also complete attached Exhibit C Revenue and Expense Reporting Form and submit.**

1. Budget Summary: LPMS will provide an overview of the total program funds received including a breakdown of the budget into major categories (e.g., personnel, supplies, equipment).

2. Income Sources: LPMS will specify other sources of income (if any) contributing to the program and highlight any matching funds or in-kind contributions.

3. Detailed Expenses with Budget Justification: LPMS will itemize expenses with specific amounts for each category. Include both direct costs (directly related to the program) and indirect costs (overhead). LPMS will explain the rationale behind each expense.

4. Conclusion: LPMS will summarize financial performance. Mention any adjustments made during implementation.

EXHIBIT C

LP Main Street Quarterly Revenue and Expense Reporting Form

Exhibit C

Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. Quarterly Revenue and Expense Reporting Form
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026

Organization Name:

Quarter ended:

Revenue Section

Revenue Source	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Municipal Revenue					
Donations					
Fundraising Events					
Membership Fees					
Fundraising Events					
Program Service Revenue					
Other Income (specify)					
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Expense Section

Expense Category	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date Total
Salaries and Wages					
Rent/Utilities					
Office Supplies					
Program Expenses					
Marketing/Outreach					
Contracted Events					
Travel & Training					
Professional Services					
Other Expense - Insurance					
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Summary

Expense Category	Q1 Amount	Q2 Amount	Q3 Amount	Q4 Amount	Year-to-Date
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

EXHIBIT D

Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor or Services

Exhibit D

CITY OF FORT PIERCE

Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor or Services

Vendor Name: Lincoln Park Main Street
Authorized Representative's Name and Title: David Washington, President
Address: 216 Gray Falcon Circle SW
City: Vero Beach State: FL Zip Code: 32962
Phone Number: 772 643 5159 Email Address: david.washington@teslc.com

Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes, requires all nongovernmental entities executing, renewing, or extending a contract with a governmental entity to provide an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the nongovernmental entity under penalty of perjury that the nongovernmental entity does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in that statute. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor, I certify that the company identified does not:

- 1. Use or threaten to use physical force against any person;
- 2. Restrain, isolate, or confine or threaten to restrain, isolate, or confine any person without lawful authority and against her or his will;
- 3. Use lending or other credit methods to establish a debt by any person when labor or services are pledged as a security for the debt, if the value of the labor or services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt, the length and nature of the labor or services are not respectively limited and defined;
- 4. Destroy, conceal, remove, confiscate, withhold, or possess any actual or purported passport, visa, or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of any person;
- 5. Cause or threaten to cause financial harm to any person;
- 6. Entice or lure any person by fraud or deceit; or
- 7. Provide a controlled substance as outlined in Schedule I or Schedule II of section 893.03, Florida Statutes, to any person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true.

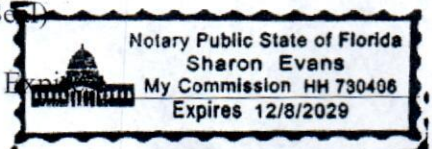
By: [Signature] David T. Washington 12/30/2025
Authorized Signature Printed Name and Title Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF St. Lucie

Sworn (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization this 30th day of December, 2025 by _____, who is personally known or produced identification (ID produced: _____).

Notary Public Signature: [Signature] (Seal)

Print Name: SHARON EVANS My Commission Expires _____



City Commission Day Meeting 9:00 AM

10. A.

Meeting Date: 03/09/2026

Re: Support 1/2 Sales Tax

Submitted For: Linda Cox, City Clerk, City Clerk

SUBJECT:

Resolution 26-R10 supporting the ongoing efforts of St. Lucie County to place a referendum on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot for voter approval of the continuation and reauthorization of the one-half cent sales tax levy for ten (10) years to fund infrastructure projects.

SUMMARY:

Funds generated by the infrastructure surtax could be utilized by the City of Fort Pierce to finance, construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, and improve public infrastructure, including long term capital maintenance and useful life extension of public infrastructure projects such as new and improved sidewalks near schools, roadway improvements including expansion and major resurfacing, reducing traffic congestion, local flood control, and improving water quality and such other similar uses authorized under Florida law for the use and benefit of the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce. The existing infrastructure surtax program that was authorized by voter referendum in 2016 has been hugely successful and beneficial to the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County. The continuation and reauthorization of the existing one-half cent sales tax will require voter approval in a county-wide referendum election prior to imposition of the local government infrastructure surtax.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not adopt or adopt with changes.

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

COORDINATED WITH:

Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator
Selena Griffett, Project Engineer
Kaitlyn Ballard, Communications Manager

Fiscal Impact

OTHER INFORMATION:

No fiscal impact at this time.

Attachments

26-R10

City Attorney Approval

RESOLUTION NO. 26-R10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE **ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INTENTION TO PLACE A REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION AND REAUTHORIZATION OF A ONE-HALF CENT SALES TAX LEVY FOR TEN YEARS TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE**; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the establishment and maintenance of infrastructure is a core function of local government; and

WHEREAS, Section 212.055(2), Florida Statutes, authorizes local governments to impose a sales infrastructure surtax upon most taxable transactions occurring within the County; and

WHEREAS, funds generated by the infrastructure surtax could be utilized by the City of Fort Pierce to finance, construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, and improve public infrastructure, including long term capital maintenance and useful life extension of public infrastructure projects such as new and improved sidewalks near schools, roadway improvements including expansion and major resurfacing, reducing traffic congestion, local flood control, and improving water quality and such other similar uses authorized under Florida law for the use and benefit of the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, adequate public infrastructure facilities of the types described above promote the safe, efficient, and uninterrupted provision of numerous general and essential public services in the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, there are many critical improvements that need to be made to infrastructure in St. Lucie County and in the three municipalities within the County that cannot be funded with existing revenue sources in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the existing infrastructure surtax program that was authorized by voter referendum in 2016 has been hugely successful and beneficial to the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, the City finds the one-half cent sales tax is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to properly and economically fund infrastructure projects and should be continued; and

WHEREAS, the continuation and reauthorization of the existing one-half cent sales tax will require voter approval in a county-wide referendum election prior to imposition of the local government infrastructure surtax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida hereby supports the ongoing efforts of St. Lucie County to place a referendum on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot for voter approval of the continuation and reauthorization of the one-half cent sales tax levy for ten (10) years to fund infrastructure.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners for St. Lucie County.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 9th day of March, 2026.

Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Cox, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

Approved as to form and correctness:

Sara K. Hedges, Esq.
City Attorney



TO: LINDA COX, CITY CLERK

FROM: SARA HEDGES, CITY ATTORNEY *SH*

RE: HALF-CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM RESOLUTION SUPPORT

CAO RLS FILE: RLS 26-56

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2026

I have reviewed the above Request for Legal Services (RLS) related to a Resolution supporting St. Lucie County's efforts to continue and reauthorize the one-half sales tax through voter referendum to support infrastructure improvements and projects. I have made suggested changes to the Resolution to include additional factual background and reword the Resolution for consistency of language. The Resolution has been uploaded in a Track Changes and Clean Copy version. ***The Clean Copy, which has all recommended changes incorporated, is approved as to legal form and correctness.***

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this Office via phone or e-mail.

Thank you.
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