

CITY MANAGER'S

REPORT

FEBRUARY
2026



Dr. Martin Luther King
Day Parade

If I were elected Mayor

Highwaymen Events



THE SUNRISE CITY

FORT PIERCE
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Florida

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FORT PIERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SLC CHAMBER OFFICER & SUPPORT SERVICES PERSONNEL OF THE MONTH



On January 13, 2026, Detective Shaun Sharpe and Lead Victim Advocate Racquel Gil, were honored at the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce’s monthly networking breakfast.

OFFICER HUGHES GRADUATION

C.I.T. OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Lukas Hughes has officially cleared FTO and is now working solo shifts on the streets of Fort Pierce. This milestone follows months of real calls, long nights, and learning what it truly means to serve our community.

Congratulations, Officer Hughes—stay safe!



Officer Ludmila Quintao was recognized as the Fort Pierce Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Team Officer of the Year by Treasure Coast C.I.T. Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to the law enforcement profession and our community.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE

The Fort Pierce Police Department was honored to participate in the 2026 MLK Day Parade. We stood with the community in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s enduring legacy of leadership, service, and unity.





IF I WERE ELECTED MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE

The City of Fort Pierce is proud to announce the winners of the “If I Were Elected Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce” essay contest, an initiative led by the Youth Advisory Council (YOCO) in celebration of Florida City Government Week.

Launched in October 2025, the contest invited middle and high school students to step into the role of mayor and share their perspectives on leadership, local issues, and the concept of Home Rule—the authority of cities to govern themselves in ways that best serve their communities. The initiative encouraged students to think critically about civic responsibility and the impact of local government. The City received thoughtful submissions, including one from a third-grade student. Essays were evaluated based on creativity, clarity, sincerity of thought, proper grammar, spelling, and structure.

Winners from YouthServ Academy, Inc.



Demetrius Cobb
8th Grade



Gerlexus Thompson
10th Grade



Meliya Brown
3rd Grade

CAREER EVENT

TREASURE COAST HIGH SCHOOL

The Human Resources Department attended a career event at Treasure Coast High School on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

The City of Fort Pierce participated with the objective of sharing information about career opportunities within the City and assisting students in considering their post-graduation options.

The event provided students with the opportunity to explore various career paths, engage with local employers, and gain a better understanding of the skills and educational requirements associated with different professions.

Special recognition is extended to Richard Stauffer and Willie Alexander of the Public Works Department for their assistance and collaboration.



Martial Arts Program

The Recreation Center's Martial Arts program continues to demonstrate steady growth and strong participation. Youth participants are actively training and preparing for upcoming competitions and tournaments, showcasing discipline, focus, and confidence both on and off the mat.

The program remains dedicated to promoting physical fitness, character development, and sportsmanship among its students.





SIGHTS AND SOUNDS ON SECOND

On December 7, 2025, the Firehawks Cheerleaders participated in the City's annual Sights and Sounds on Second Christmas Parade. The cheerleaders proudly represented the Recreation Department while spreading holiday cheer throughout downtown Fort Pierce. Participants also had the opportunity to pose for photos with Mayor Linda Hudson, creating lasting memories and strengthening community connections during this festive city tradition.



Firehawks Championship Celebration

The Recreation Center hosted a Championship Celebration honoring three Fort Pierce Firehawks Super Bowl Championship teams. The 10U White team captured the Division 1 title, while the 10U Red and 12U teams earned Division 2 championships.

Players, coaches, families, and community members came together to celebrate this historic achievement. Commissioner Michael Broderick, City Manager Richard D. Chess, Deputy City Manager DeVoshay Johnson, and the Leisure Services Department welcomed families and joined in recognizing each player and coach with a commemorative Firehawks sweatshirt hoodie in honor of their outstanding accomplishments.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

The Fort Pierce Firehawks Football and Cheer programs proudly represented the City of Fort Pierce in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, coordinated by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee.

Players marched in their team jerseys while cheerleaders demonstrated strong team spirit and unity. This year's parade theme, "Never Give Up on the Dream," closely reflected the values of perseverance, teamwork, and leadership that are fostered through the City's youth sports programs.



ENGINEERING TASK

Avenue B (13th Street to 8th Street) Reconstruction

Staff is coordinating to finalize the contract and obtain City Commission approval. Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services will be required for this contract.

Nebraska Avenue Sidewalk (Lawnwood Circle)

Phase I



Staff is coordinating to finalize the contract and obtain City Commission approval. Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services will be required for this contract.

Avenue D (29th Street to US I)

The construction contract is scheduled for consideration at the February 2, 2026 City Commission meeting. Upon approval, staff will promptly schedule a pre-construction meeting.

Indian River Drive Corridor Improvements Project (Seaway Drive to Avenue A)

Full roadway and bridge reconstruction is underway on Indian River Drive between Seaway Drive and Avenue A. The corridor improvements include on-street parking, a curb-and-gutter roadway with sidewalks, decorative streetlights, upgraded water, sewer, and electric infrastructure, bridge reconstruction over Moore's Creek, an enhanced stormwater collection system, landscaping, and ADA-compliant upgrades featuring brick paver crosswalks.

Current construction activities include the installation of bridge piles, sheet pile installation, storm drainage construction, and utility relocation work. Final construction is scheduled for completion in Spring 2027.



SUN Trail Historic Downtown Retrofit (Georgia Avenue to North AIA)

The City has received a fully executed agreement for this project. A new consultant has been engaged to continue the project's design.



13th Street Phase II (Georgia Avenue to Orange Avenue)

Staff is working with the consultant to obtain a new Specific Authorization to address comments provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Minor redesign efforts may be required to minimize impacts to private property.

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

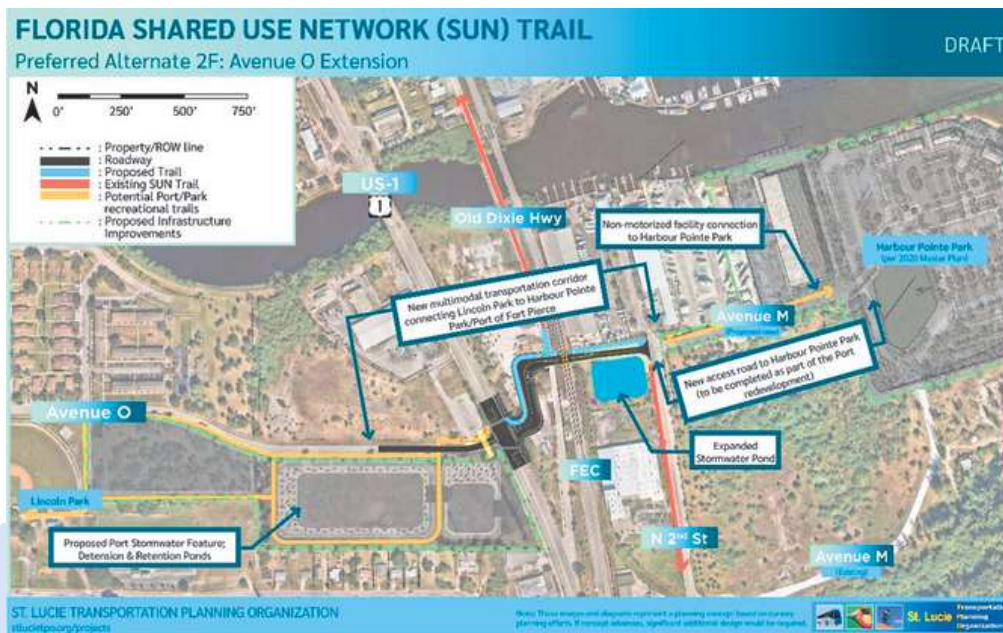
The City has received fully executed agreements for this work. Final coordination is underway prior to advertising the project for construction.



2025 Steet Resurfacing Program

The 2025 Resurfacing Program has been completed, and final invoicing is currently underway. The City will soon begin developing the 2026 Resurfacing list.

SUN Trail Port Overpass



The City has been selected to serve as the Project Manager for the design and construction of this segment of the SUN Trail. The City is awaiting agreements from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to fund the design phase. In the meantime, staff will begin preparing the Request for Proposals (RFP) documentation in coordination with the County, the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), and FDOT.

JC Penney Parking Lot

Dumpster enclosures and final punch list items continue.

1795 N. 16th Court



A new duplex is under construction at the corner of Avenue Q and North 16th Ct. Insulation requirements under the Florida Building Code are intended to enhance energy efficiency, reduce utility costs, and maintain comfortable indoor temperatures. Wall insulation has been installed and inspected, allowing drywall installation to proceed.

2007 S. US Hwy I



Construction is ongoing for Chase Bank. Following the installation and inspection of the underground electrical and plumbing systems, the concrete slab has been poured. Exterior wall framing has been completed, and metal roof decking is ready for installation

SECLICKFIX

SUMMARY

CATEGORY	DISTRICT 1				DISTRICT 2			
	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC	CREATED	CLOSED	DTA	DTC
Living In A Structure Without Utilities	1	1	4.1	0.0	1	0	5.5	0.0
Unsafe Structure	1	0	10.0	0.0	2	0	9.7	0.0
Unpermitted Construction Activity					6	3	4.7	7.6
Animal Control	1	1	4.4	0.0	2	1	6.0	15.7
General	4	0	5.8	0.0	4	1	2.5	2.2
Graffiti	1	1	2.0	2.0				
Illegal Dumping	1	1	0.0	0.0	1	0	0.9	0.0
Outside Storage / Junk / Trash	1	1	4.3	24.6	2	2	1.7	2.8
Traffic Signal					1	0	0.0	0.0
Street Signs	1	1	0.1	18.3	1	0	0.0	0.0
Street Lights					1	0	0.1	0.0
Trees	1	0	4.3	0.0				
Parks and Playgrounds					1	0	0.3	0.0
Public Restrooms					2	0	0.0	0.0
TOTALS	12	6	4.7	15.5	24	7.0	3.3	6.6

- Building
- Community Response
- Engineering
- Public Works

Please use this link to view a map of the Fort Pierce City Commission Election Districts:

<https://cityoffortpierce.com/DocumentCenter/View/22378/City-Election-Districts-Map-2022>

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	December	January
Golf Rounds	3840	14192
Golf Fees	\$118,658.65	\$113,567.80
Range Tokens	\$4,590.02	\$5,306.00
Membership	\$5,312.26	\$9,624.50
Food & Beverage	\$9,804.95	\$7,403.42
Merchandise	\$5,412.85	\$3,589.00
TOTAL	\$143,778.73	\$139,490.72

Weather on the Green

We had an excellent start to the fiscal year, but this has been one of the worst Januarys seen in years. If it hasn't been cold, it's been windy—ugh! Hopefully, the last week of January and all of February will turn the corner and bring better weather for all of us.

Grass Matters

To date, we are approximately 1,000 rounds and \$50,000 in gross revenue ahead of last year. Despite the cold temperatures, the new fertigation system has allowed us to maintain good turf color. With a return to milder days and evenings, grass growth can resume. Bermuda grass requires a combined temperature of approximately 140 degrees—meaning daytime highs and evening lows together must reach 140 or higher for active growth.

Pickleball Pulse

Pickleball has been very popular since its introduction in July 2025. In the first six months, we have sold approximately 65 annual memberships, along with several hundred daily guest passes at \$5 each when accompanying a member.

Word of mouth is our best advertising!

If you've enjoyed the changes, please tell a friend! If we can improve, let us know so we can keep getting better. Thank you to all our members and guests. Don't forget to 'Like' and 'Follow' us on Facebook or Instagram for nearly daily updates on the golf course and maintenance projects.

REVENUE REPORT

	October	November	December
Dockage Reservations	67	171	151
Monthly Dockage	\$ 194,914.08	\$ 196, 271.50	\$ 235, 680.21
Transient Dockage	\$ 38,718.60	\$ 90,424.00	\$ 111,304.80
Electricity	\$ 2,341.50	\$ 7,113.50	\$ 7,617.66
Retail	\$ 12,039.61	\$ 18,370.53	\$ 21,221.18
Gas Sales	\$ 27,346.54	\$ 56,745.90	\$ 49,505.72
Diesel Sales	\$ 17,455.83	\$ 117,424.83	\$ 82,312.94
TOTALS	\$ 292,816.16	\$ 486,350.26	\$ 507,642.51

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2025

Applications Submitted

2025
305

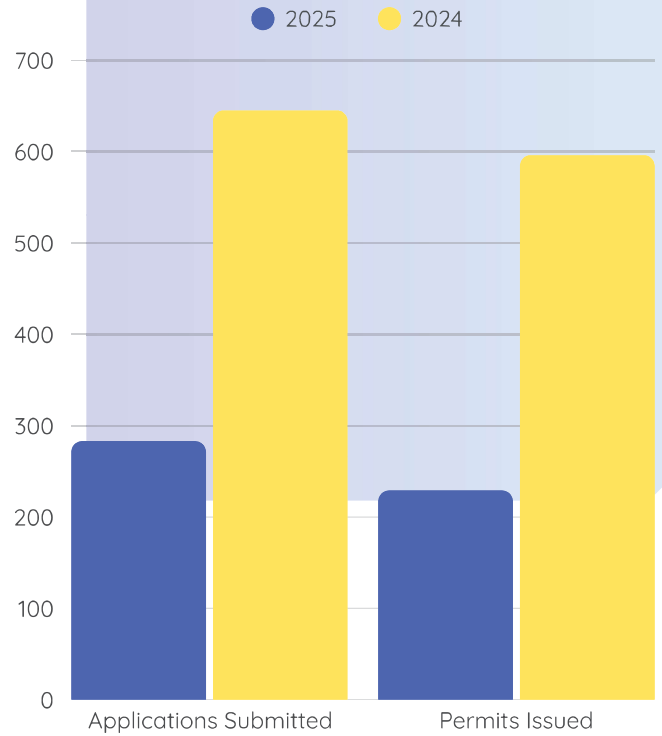
2024
474

Permits Issued

2025
250

2024
528

PERMIT ACTIVITY



INSPECTION ACTIVITY

Requested

2025
1317

2024
1558

Completed

2025
1299

2024
1454

PPI

2025
85

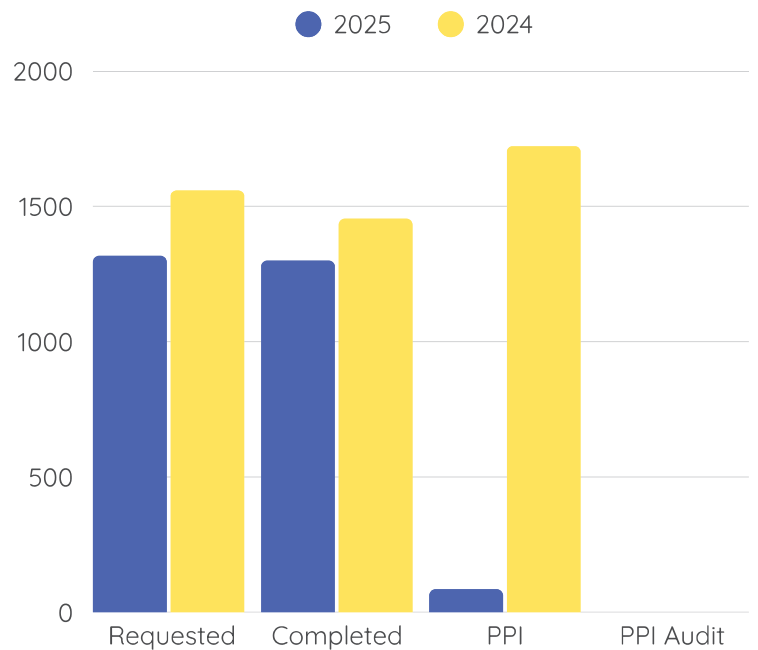
2024
1722

PPI Audit

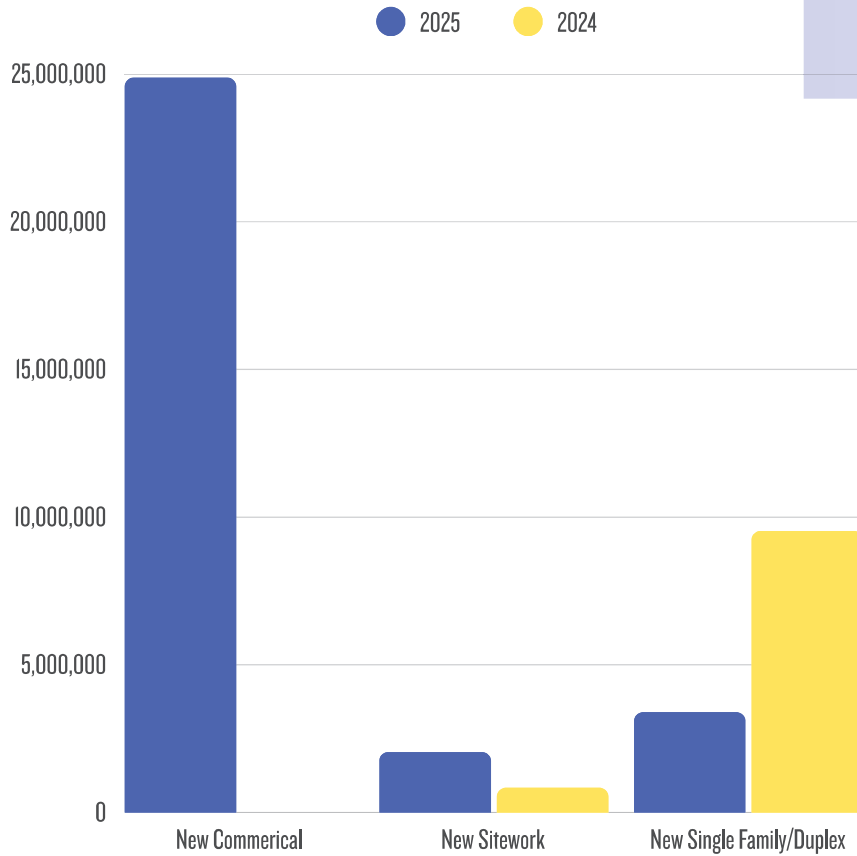
2025
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2024
0

Note: Private Provider Inspection (PPI)



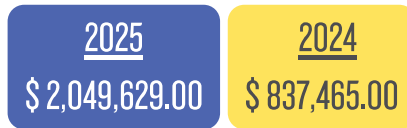
NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES



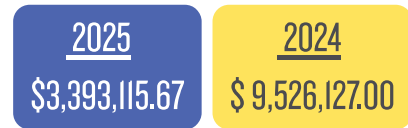
New Commercial



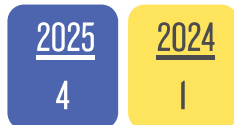
New Sitework



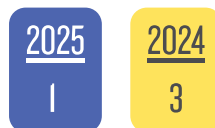
New Single Family/Duplex



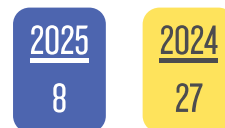
New Commercial Permits



New Sitework Permits



New Single Family/Duplex Permits



RIVER WALK CENTER

SALES REPORT

Classes \$ 1,276.00

Park Permits \$ 1,475.00

Special Events \$ 1,340.00

Facility \$ 5,645.00

Special Events \$ 9,736.00



UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Street Redevelopment Public Workshop

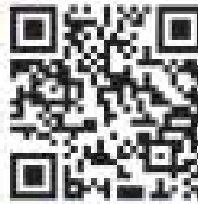
from Orange Ave to Marina Way

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

4:30 - 5:30 PM Food & drinks provided

River Walk Center
600 N. 2nd St. in River District East, Fort Pierce, FL

We want your input!



TOGETHER, LET'S CREATE
A VIBRANT, PEDESTRIAN-
FRIENDLY, MIXED-USE
2ND STREET.

Why Your Voice Matters
Your feedback will help guide improvements in:

- Accessibility & pedestrian experience
- Outdoor dining & retail opportunities
- Event infrastructure
- Lighting, landscaping, hardscaping, & aesthetics



Contact us at
772.467.3161
or info@cityoffortpierce.com



9TH ANNUAL

ART SHOW AND FESTIVAL

Highwaymen

HERITAGE TRAIL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
10:00 AM AT 435 N. 7TH ST.

FOR MORE INFO 772.467.3161
WWW.CITYOFFORTPIERCE.COM






Join the FPRA and Cotleur & Hearing for a Community Open House!

OLD ST. ANASTASIA MASTER PLAN

Community Workshop

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
DROP-IN FORMAT

River Walk Center
600 N Indian River Drive
Fort Pierce, FL 34950



Scan QR code for information on the project or visit www.choosefortpierce.com

Review the conceptual master plans, share your input, and help shape the future of the project site.



Mural Program



Property Owner Applications
NOW OPEN !!

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency is expanding the Mural Program to include the entire FPRA district. Providing more opportunities for property owners to participate in public art throughout the community.

PROPERTY OWNER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Online Application
- Photos of Proposed Wall
- Measurements of the Wall
- Mural Concept Statement

Click on the link or scan the QR code



<https://choosefortpierce.com/1056/Mural-Program>



Deadline is **February 8, 2026**



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 Buckwalter

LOCATION
(additional parking can be found adjacent to the large baseball diamond off N 13th Street)

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



For more information, please contact us:
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YOUTH BANNER ART SHOWCASE

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) launched the Youth Banner Art Showcase to highlight and celebrate local student creativity. The program received an enthusiastic response, with 82 Fort Pierce students—from kindergarten through high school—submitting original artwork. Student designs will be showcased on banners displayed throughout the Peacock Arts District. The names of the participating students and their designs are listed below.

- MARLEE JONES
- TIFFANY HOWER
- ARIETTA FAGA
- RORY BENTON
- SOFIA MATOS
- RAYNA POOLE
- ADRENA BERMUDEZ
- DESTINEY PAUL
- GRAYSON REYNOLDS
- KENNEDY LAURIEN
- LILIANA HELKENN
- NATHAN SAMPSON
- MIKAELA MEJIA
- YELENAH HERNANDEZ
- FO'EVA MITCHELL
- PORCHES GRIFFIN
- DARIN MARTIN
- JAYLA BENJAMIN
- JAYVION LAMB
- SERENITY POLYCARPE
- ALYVIA CADEJUSTE
- PRESTON WILLIAMS
- AHLANI GILES
- SAHRI JONES
- MA NYA DAVIS
- KING WASHINGTON
- ELIAS SANCHEZ
- WALLACE WHEELER
- ARIYANNA BROOKS
- DESTINY WILDER
- BEATRICE FOSTER
- JEREMIAH IRIZARRY
- OMEGA CADEJUSTE
- ELENA GARCIA
- MATTHEW BILLY
- ALONSO TAVAREZ COLON
- ISABELLA HENRY
- REBECCA CASALS
- VICTOR STOCKONIS
- XIMENA MACIAS
- NUMAZE GRIFFIN
- DEMARIN TIMOTHEE
- RAYNIKA ELIE
- SKYE MILLER
- EMMA HURD
- EMMA LOUIS
- WOODROW MARCUS
- JULIAN MACIAS
- JUNIOR ANDANLY
- JEFF BALODANO
- JAZZLYN MARTINEZ
- ALIYAH SAIA
- EMILY FEINBERG
- ELIZABETH SAINT LOUIS
- SAEDY TOBIS
- FENDARLINE DOUCE
- KATARINA MORALES
- HARLOW ZAMBUTO
- FINN GOULD
- IRIS LADERS
- ALEJANDRA CALLES
- ISRAEL MELLS
- NEVEAH ESTIMA
- EMMA PERRY
- JANI'YAH MCGEE
- CORNELIA HARRIS
- SAM'YHIA WADE
- KYMANI MILLER
- JAZ'LYNN MCGRUFF
- KALISSE LOTT
- TYUNIA BRADY
- ALEXIS NOTTINGHAM
- JOSEPH NOACH
- JAKE DUBE
- BRANTLEE CRAWFORD
- SKYE CRAWFORD
- ASHLEY SIMON
- DAVID KOBRIN
- SHELBY LANG
- NATASHIA SEWEL
- JACE CRUZ
- EMMA MAY





SPECIAL EVENTS

ICA 5K Race for Education
Causeway Cove Marina

February 1st
8:00 am - 10:00 am

Feeding the Homeless
Moore's Creek - N. 10th & Ave C

February 14th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

2026 Highwaymen Festival
435 N. 7th Street

February 21st
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cracker Trail Ride Parade
N. 2nd Street

February 21st
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Silent Piano Concert
Jaycee Park

February 26th
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

MARINA SQUARE

Every Wednesday

Farmers Market

11:00 am - 7:00 pm

1st Friday of the month

Friday Fest

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Every Saturday

Jazz Market

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Downtown Farmers Market

8:00 am - 12:00 pm



The Nutcracker

The Sunrise Theatre closed December on a high note with its annual presentation of The Nutcracker, co-produced with International Ballet Stars. The Sunrise Theatre has maintained a long-standing partnership with International Ballet Stars, allowing both organizations to successfully co-promote this beloved yearly ballet. Co-promoting events enables the Sunrise Theatre to share operational expenses with partner organizations, a practice that has proven both fiscally effective and operationally beneficial. In addition to International Ballet Stars, the Sunrise Theatre also co-promotes events with industry partners such as Outback Presents, Elko Concerts, AEG, and Live Nation.

Asleep at the Wheel

After a much-needed holiday break, the Sunrise Theatre launched the New Year with its first mainstage event, Asleep at the Wheel, presented in partnership with Elko Concerts. Fans of the iconic American Western swing band filled the theatre with energy and smiles, eager to dance and celebrate the return of live performances.

OMGITSWICKS

The excitement continued as the Sunrise Theatre welcomed internet and Florida sensation OMGITSWICKS, presented by Casey 'n' Spaz Comedy. This sold-out event attracted fans from across the state, with OMGITSWICKS offering a complimentary post-show meet and greet. Casey 'n' Spaz Comedy is also known for hosting Comedy Corners Live at the Sunrise Theatre's Black Box on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Bored Teachers

For the third consecutive night, the Sunrise Theatre was once again filled with laughter as Bored Teachers returned to the stage. The popular comedy group drew a crowd of more than 900 attendees—primarily educators enjoying a well-deserved Sunday night out.

Sunrise Theatre and Sunrise Theatre Foundation

The Sunrise Theatre and Sunrise Theatre Foundation are proud to announce that registration is now open for this year's summer camps. The Theatre is offering three sessions: one one-week session and two two-week sessions. Visit sunrisetheatre.com for more information.



NEW BUSINESSES

Welcome Aboard

THANK YOU FOR GROWING WITH US

Synergy Home School

Path Medical Acquisition Company Inc.

White Way Dairy Maintenance Yard LLC

D & T's Catering Services LLC

Angels Of Karing Hearts Nurse Registry LLC

Advance Plus Services LLC

WellView Care, Inc.

Anointed Oil

Chuy's Pool & Spa LLC

Rosado's Consulting LLC

Retina Care Specialists

Ocean Breeze Irrigation

Los Amigos Used Tires LLC

New Light Transitional Living

Lostmans Paradise LLC

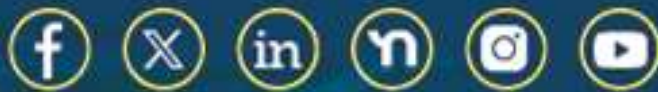
Spectra Gutter Systems

Friendly Meats Grocery, Inc.

Goldflower Cannabis



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CITY OF FORT PIERCE MISSION STATEMENT:

"To provide community leadership, quality public service, and a safe environment for all citizens by an empowered team of employees motivated by pride in themselves and their work."