

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE *Florida*

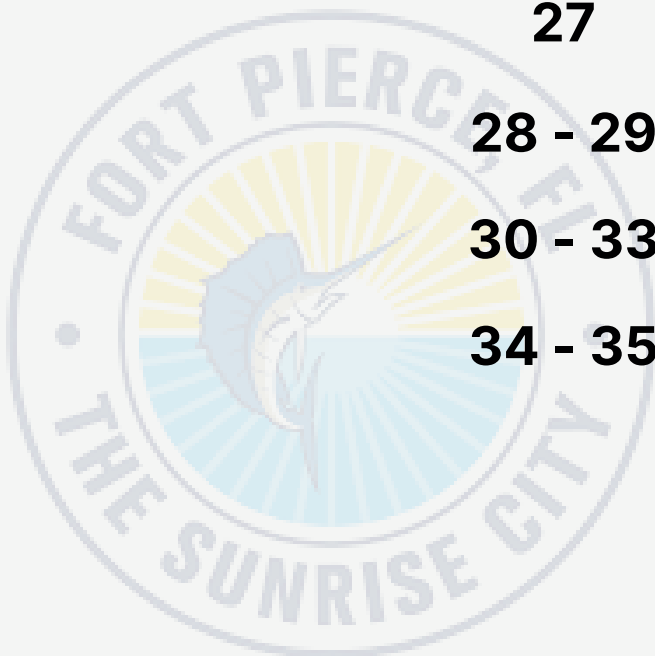
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**A Vibrant New Mural Takes Shape
at the Florida Highwaymen Museum**



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Highwaymen Festival

The City of Fort Pierce hosted its annual tribute to the world-renowned Florida Highwaymen artists on February 21st. Organized by the Grants Administration Division, the 9th Annual Highwaymen Heritage Trail Art Show and Festival took place at Avenue D near Moore’s Creek Linear Park in Lincoln Park — the birthplace of the Highwaymen — credited with the “Last Great American Art Movement of the 20th Century.”

The event honored the Highwaymen legacy with participation from Second-Generation and Legacy Highwaymen Artists present. More than 500 attendees traveled from across Florida to join the celebration and view many tribute displays.

Guests enjoyed live music, local performances, food and craft vendors, a Kid’s Zone, and community exhibits. A highlight of the day was the guided Highwaymen Heritage Trail Tour, which drew over 100 participants. The festival was widely praised as a success, offering artists a meaningful opportunity to showcase their work and connect with the community.



Florida Highwaymen Museum

Vibrant New Mural

Just two weeks after its February 20th soft opening, the City of Fort Pierce Florida Highwaymen Museum's east elevation came alive with color. Street Art Revolution — an acclaimed art collective from West Palm Beach — transformed the blank façade into a vibrant signature masterpiece well ahead of schedule on March 13th.

The RedTail Design Group inspired by a painting by legendary Highwaymen artist Mary Ann Carrol, was selected from nearly 100 applicants reviewed by the Art and Culture Advisory Board, to bring life to the design. Carol was the only female in the group of the 26 artists Highwaymen artist. The mural was funded under the City's Art In Public Places Trust Fund.

The Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening will be taking place May 20th , at 2:00 PM. The museum is currently open Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Expanded hours will be introduced following the grand opening, allowing even more opportunities for residents and tourists to explore the history and artistry of the Highwaymen.







Officer Guy Montgomery Honored at IRSC for 30 Years of Dedicated Service



On February 19th, Officer Guy Montgomery affectionately known as “Mongo,” was recognized at Indian River State College (IRSC) for his remarkable service with the Fort Pierce Police Department. Officer Montgomery will be retiring after 30 years of being an integral part of campus safety at IRSC, serving as a trusted and respected School Resource Officer.

We sincerely thank him for his unwavering commitment to our community and helping ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

Promotion Announcement: Deputy Chief Caleb Gillette



Please join us in congratulating Caleb Gillette on his promotion to Deputy Chief of the Community Policing Bureau at the Fort Pierce Police Department.

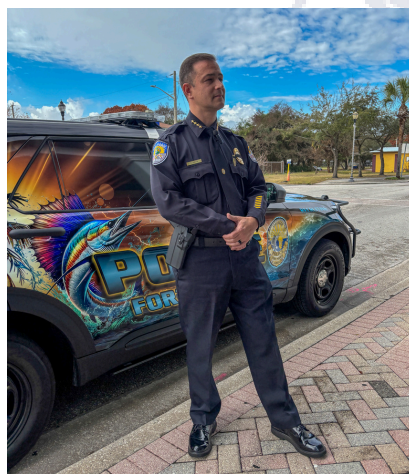
Deputy Chief Gillette has served in the Acting Deputy Chief role for the past several months and has been a dedicated member of the department since 2001. With more than two decades of experience, he has earned the respect of his peers through his steady leadership and unwavering commitment to the men and women of the department.

We are proud to welcome Caleb Gillette into this leadership role and look forward to the continued positive impact he will have on both the department and the community.

Substation Open House

The Fort Pierce Police Department sincerely appreciates the residents, families, and community partners who joined us this Saturday March 2nd for the Willie B. Ellis Substation Open House.

It was a pleasure welcoming all to tour the facility, meet our officers, and engage in meaningful conversations. Events like this highlight the importance of open communication and strong community connections as we continue working together to keep Fort Pierce safe and informed.



Law Enforcement Academy Graduation

On March 12th the Law Enforcement Academy, Class 183 celebrated its graduation, and we are proud to welcome four outstanding new officers to the Fort Pierce Police Department: Class Leader Justin Hoyle, Joseph Clark, Andre Ingram, and John Myre.

These graduates have demonstrated months of hard work, discipline, and dedication to reach this important milestone.

We are excited to see them begin their careers in service to the Fort Pierce community and wish them continued success as they take on this vital role.



Andre Ingram



John Myre



Joseph Clark



Justin Hoyle

Congratulations LE Class 183!



Police Cyclist Course

On March 19th, seven officers from the Port St. Lucie Police Department successfully completed the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) Police Cyclist Course at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex, instructed by FPPD Lt. MacNaught.

This intensive 4-day, 32-hour course challenged officers both physically and mentally as they worked toward certification as police cyclists. They were evaluated on advanced bike-handling skills, including maximum braking, rock dodging, the clover, the box, stair climbs and descents, crossover dismounts, and stair carries.

Officers completed day and night rides, demonstrating their ability to safely operate on roadways, identify hazards, and respond effectively in real-world conditions. The course concluded with a comprehensive exam, which all participants passed successfully.

Congratulations to these officers for their dedication to professional development and their commitment to advancing public safety in our community!



Building Opportunities Through Golf Game Changers Tournament

On March 16th, Building Opportunities Through Golf hosted its annual Game Changers Golf Tournament at Fairwinds Golf Course.

This tournament helps fund an unforgettable experience for several of FPPD's RICH House and Courageous Kids students with trip to the PGA Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. While there, students will have the opportunity to witness world-class golf and take part in a cultural experience that blends learning and fun.

Thank you to BOTG for all you do for our community!



FPPD Accreditation

On February 19th the Fort Pierce Police Department was awarded reaccreditation by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc.

FPPD was recognized our continued commitment to excellence, accountability, and the highest professional standards in public safety.

Accreditation is a voluntary process that reflects our dedication to best practices and quality service to our community.

Congratulations and thank you to every member of our department whose professionalism and hard work made this achievement possible.



Spring Break Camp

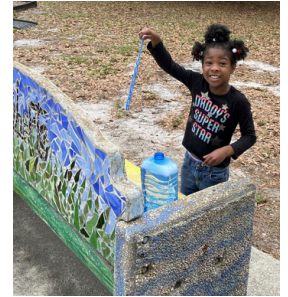
The Recreation Center successfully hosted 30 campers during Spring Break Camp, offering a well-rounded program of structured and recreational activities. Campers enjoyed games such as kickball and dodgeball, along with tech time in the game room, which features Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 5, Pac-Man, and computer stations.



Dariyah

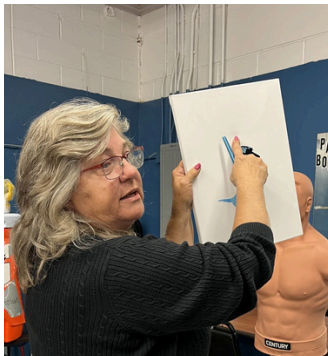


Desiree



Desiree

Lunch was provided daily and included a variety of favorites such as pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, and Chick-fil-A, contributing to an overall positive experience for participants.



April and friends



Dariyah and Maleny

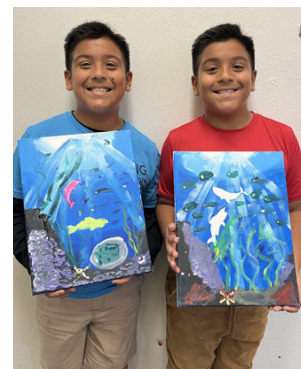


Journey and Santana



Jaylen

Ms. Ana led a creative, water-themed painting activity where campers produced canvas artwork, encouraging self-expression and the development of new skills.



Benjamin and Franklin



Champion



Journeye

The energy throughout the week remained high, highlighted by Leisure Services Manager Jabari Williams joining campers for an enthusiastic game of kickball.



Jabari Williams

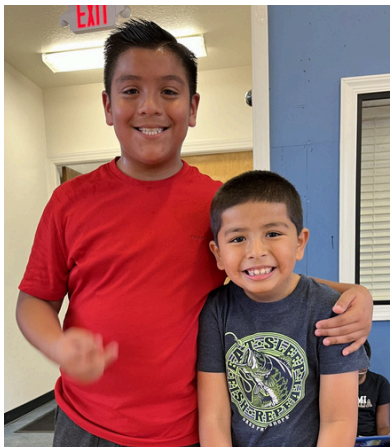


Serenity and Santana



Alanah and Sahri

The camp fostered new friendships while strengthening existing ones. Creating a welcoming, engaging, and memorable experience for all participants.



Franklin and Fredy



Sahri



Jason Jr., Jaylen & Journeye Sands



Mrs Kayla and Desiree



Serenity, Xia, Journeye, Sahri, Nevaeh, Myliyah and Maleny

Martial Arts Program Update

The Recreation Center's Martial Arts program continues to demonstrate excellence in both instruction and participant commitment. Youth participants have been training diligently in preparation for upcoming competitions, exhibiting strong discipline, focus, and continued growth.



The next competition is scheduled for:

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Township Community Center
2424 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063
Time: 10:30 AM

Participants will compete across multiple divisions including:

- Beginners
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Black Belt Grand Championship Kata Division

We look forward to supporting our youth as they represent the City of Fort Pierce with pride.



Athletic Conditioning

The Recreation Center is actively preparing for the upcoming football and cheer season with strong participation and growing interest.

Cheer Conditioning:

- Over 30 returning cheerleaders (ages 5–14) are currently enrolled
- Held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- Focus areas include conditioning, endurance, and skill development

Football Conditioning:

- Participation continues to grow weekly
- Players are engaged in agility, strength, and conditioning drills
- Schedules vary based on coaching staff

These programs are building a strong foundation for the upcoming season. We are excited to see the continued development of our youth athletes.

Our Commitment to the Community

The City of Fort Pierce Recreation Center remains committed to providing a safe, engaging, and enriching environment through high-quality programs, camps, and athletic development opportunities for youth and families in our community. From seasonal camps to year-round programming, our focus continues to be on promoting recreation, fostering creativity, and supporting overall well-being.

Stay Connected & Get Involved

Residents are encouraged to stay connected and explore upcoming programs, camps, and activities by visiting the Recreation Department webpage:

<https://cityoffortpierce.com/960/Recreation>



Indian River Drive Corridor Improvements Project Seaway Drive to Avenue A

Full roadway and bridge reconstruction is underway along Indian River Drive between Seaway Drive and Avenue A. Improvements include on-street parking, curb and gutter, sidewalks, decorative streetlighting, upgraded water, sewer, and electric utilities. Bridge reconstruction over Moore’s Creek, with enhanced stormwater systems, landscaping, and ADA-compliant features, including brick paver crosswalks.

Current construction activities include bridge pile and sheet pile installation, wall panel placement, storm drainage work, bridge construction, and utility relocations. Completion is anticipated in Spring 2027.



Storm Drainage Construction



New Seawall Sheeting Panels



Bridge Deck Removal

Avenue D 29th Street to US 1

Construction is scheduled to begin May 26, 2026, with a contract duration of 180 days. However, some materials have extended lead times, and the schedule may be adjusted as needed.

2025 Steet Resurfacing Program

The 2025 resurfacing program is complete, and the City will now begin developing the 2026 resurfacing list.

Nebraska Avenue Sidewalk Lawnwood Circle, Phase 1

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



Surfside Neighborhood Roadway Improvements Phase II

The roadway improvement project will include drainage enhancements throughout the Surfside Park neighborhood, specifically on Melaleuca, Plover, Pelican, Walnut, Eucalyptus, Cypress, Sunset Isles, Mimosa, and Jacaranda. Improvements include installation of valley gutters on both sides of the roadway, regrading to eliminate remaining roadside swales, driveway replacements, and milling and resurfacing.

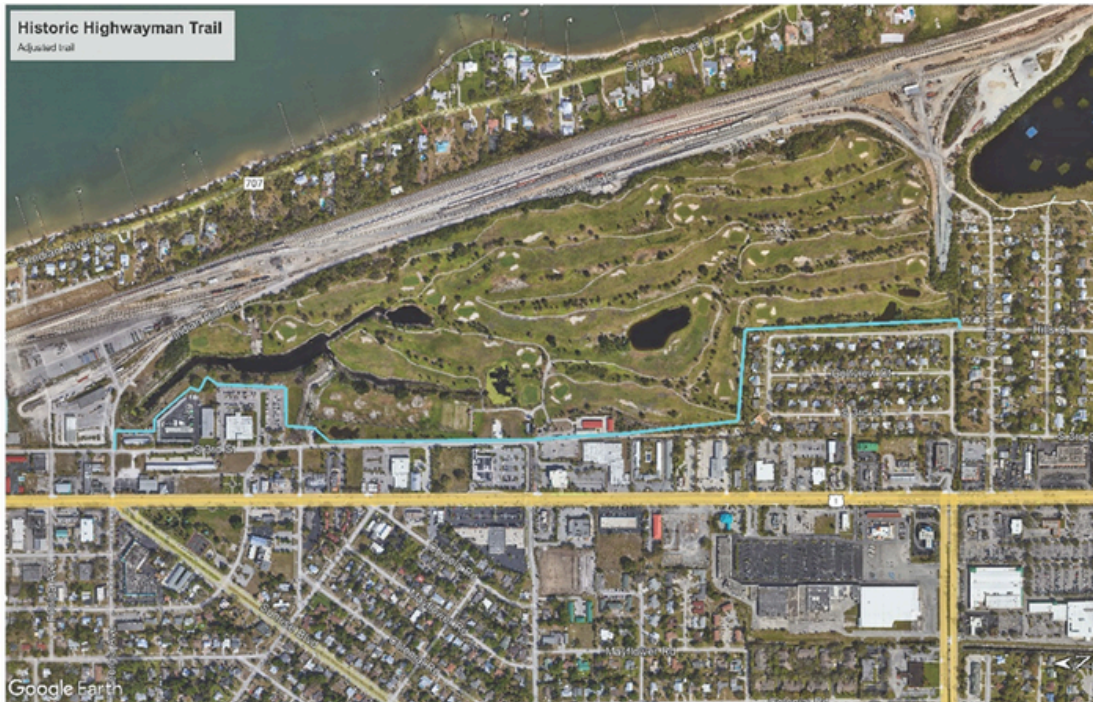
Additionally, FPUA will upgrade water mains and sanitary sewer systems on three of the roadways. The City Commission authorized the Mayor to execute the contract on September 2, 2025. The contractor began mobilization on October 27, 2025, and is currently performing drainage installations along Plover Avenue, Pelican Drive, and Melaleuca Drive.

JC Penney Parking Lot

Dumpster enclosures and final punch list items continue.

SUN Trail Highwayman Trail Gap Indian Hills Drive to Georgia Avenue

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



13th Street Phase II Georgia Avenue to Orange Avenue

Staff is coordinating with the consultant to secure a new Specific Authorization addressing FDOT comments. Some redesign may be required to minimize impacts to private property.

Avenue B 13th Street to 8th Street Reconstruction

The City has identified remaining work items with the contractor and will resume coordination to complete them.

SUN Trail Historic Downtown Retrofit

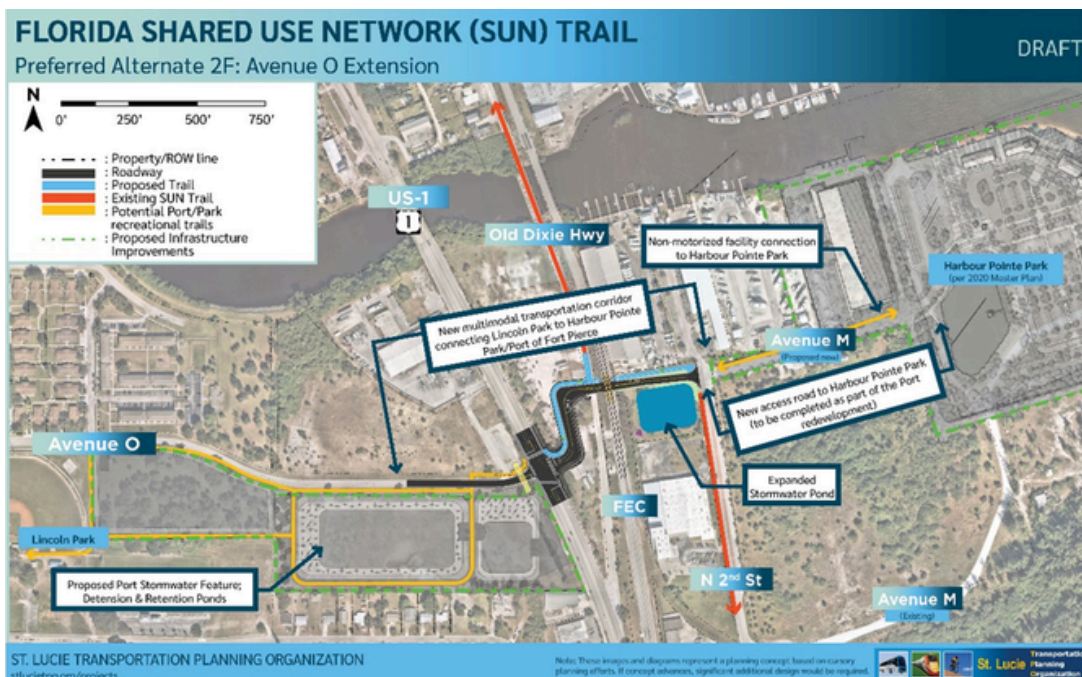
Georgia Avenue to North A1A

The City has received a fully executed agreement for this project and has engaged a new consultant to continue its design.



SUN Trail Port Overpass

The City has been selected to serve as Project Manager for the design and construction of this segment of the SUN Trail. We are awaiting funding agreements from FDOT to proceed with the design. Staff will begin preparing the RFP documentation in coordination with the County, TPO, and FDOT.



2015 S. Jenkins Rd. Bldg 1



2015 S. Jenkins Rd., Building 1 is nearing completion. Pending final inspections, the building will be complete. Once the mail kiosk and dumpster enclosure are finished, an application for occupancy can be submitted.

1600 Surfside

Construction at 1600 Surfside continues to progress.

The third floor is nearing readiness for tie beam inspection; once approved, work will proceed with installation of the fourth-floor slab, followed by construction of the fourth-floor walls.



2704-2706 Avenue H

The two new single-family homes at 2704 – 2706 Avenue H is nearing completion.

The driveways are finished, and the power-on inspection is upcoming.

Following that, final inspections will be completed, after which applications for certificates of occupancy can be submitted.



HEC Selvitz

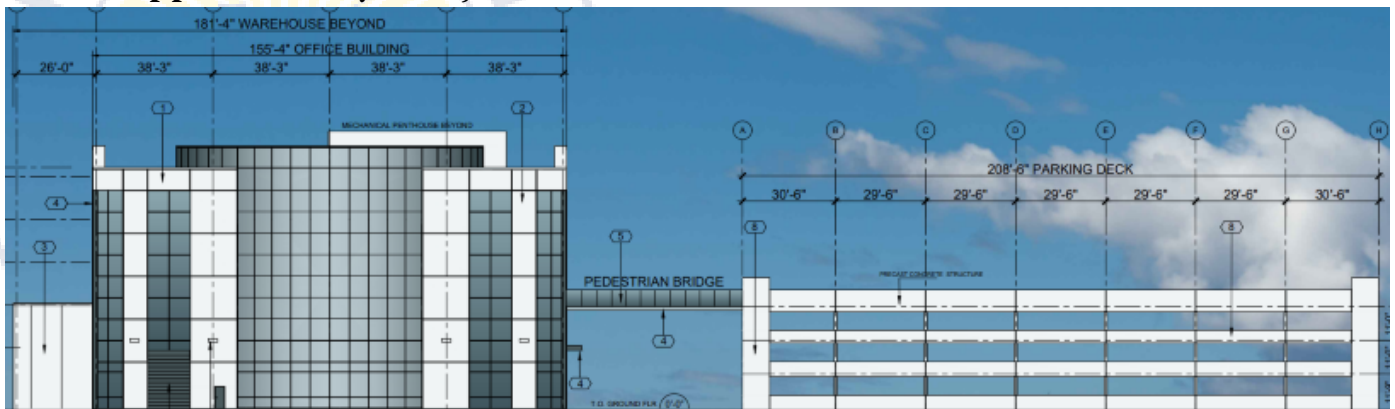
The Technical Review Committee considered applications for Voluntary Annexation, a Future Land Use Amendment, and Rezoning for two parcels located off Selvitz Road in Fort Pierce. The subject property comprises approximately 10.5 acres within an established industrial corridor along Selvitz Road.

Currently vacant and under County jurisdiction, the site carries an existing Future Land Use designation of Industrial (IND). The applicant is requesting assignment of a City Future Land Use designation of Industrial Heavy (IH) concurrent with annexation, along with a rezoning to I-3 Heavy Industrial. The parcels are identified as Parcel IDs 2431-113-0002-000-1 and 2431-505-0000-200-2.

INKAS Manufacturing Facility

A Major Site Plan application has been submitted for the development of a 173,800-square-foot office and manufacturing facility, accompanied by a 32,340-square-foot parking garage and associated site improvements. The subject property, located at 3500 Enterprise Road in Fort Pierce, encompasses approximately 7.59 acres and proposes primary ingress and egress via Enterprise Road, with emergency access provided from the east of Oleander Avenue.

The project also includes underground stormwater storage to satisfy applicable jurisdictional requirements. Upon completion, the development is anticipated to generate approximately 294 jobs.





	February	March
Golf Rounds	3,211	4,148
Golf Fees	\$100,164.66	\$132,202.11
Range Tokens	\$4,042.02	\$4,713.03
Membership Pass	\$3,380.29	\$2,243.16
Food & Beverage	\$6,664.60	\$9,662.61
Merchandise	\$4,439.26	\$5,065.53
TOTAL	\$118,688.83	\$153,886.44

Weather on the Green

Our course conditions are improving on an almost weekly basis. This winter, we installed chevron-shaped rope patterns in key landing areas to help protect the turf from heavy cart traffic during the cooler months.

As temperatures begin to rise, we are entering a more active growing period for the grass. Bermuda grass thrives when the combined total of daytime highs and nighttime lows reaches approximately 140 degrees. While daytime temperatures of 75°F and nighttime lows of 55°F may feel comfortable, these conditions can limit turf growth.

Grass Matters

We have been proactively applying targeted treatments and organic fertilizers to enhance turf health and reduce weed pressure as warmer temperatures approach. With a mild spring bringing consistent rainfall and warmer conditions, we anticipate continued strong course activity through April.

Come One, Come All

Our course offers a fun, relaxed atmosphere suited to golfers of every age and skill level. We are also proud of our consistently efficient pace of play, which remains among the best in the area—regularly at or under four hours, even on our busiest days.

Grass Matters

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.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 2026

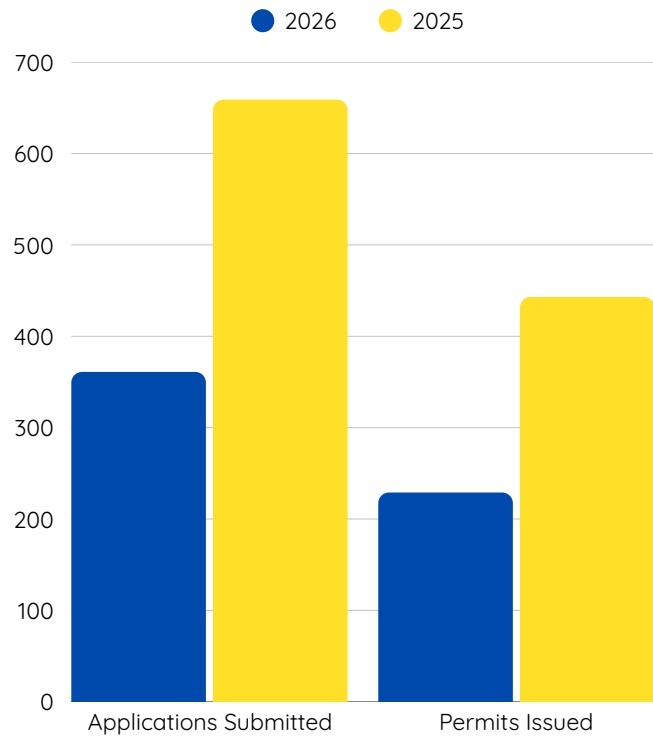
Applications Submitted

<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
361	659

Permits Issued

<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
229	443

PERMIT ACTIVITY



INSPECTION ACTIVITY

Requested

<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
1089	1746

Completed

<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
1047	1667

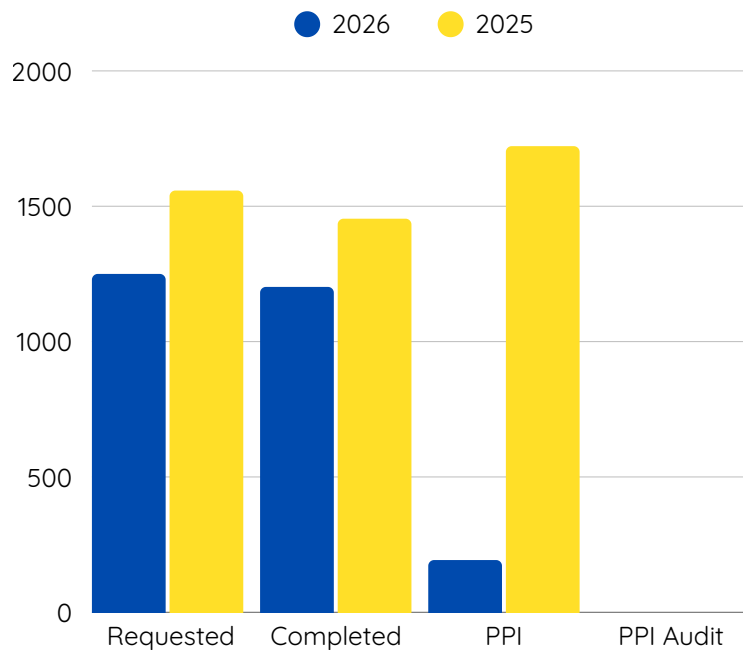
PPI

<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
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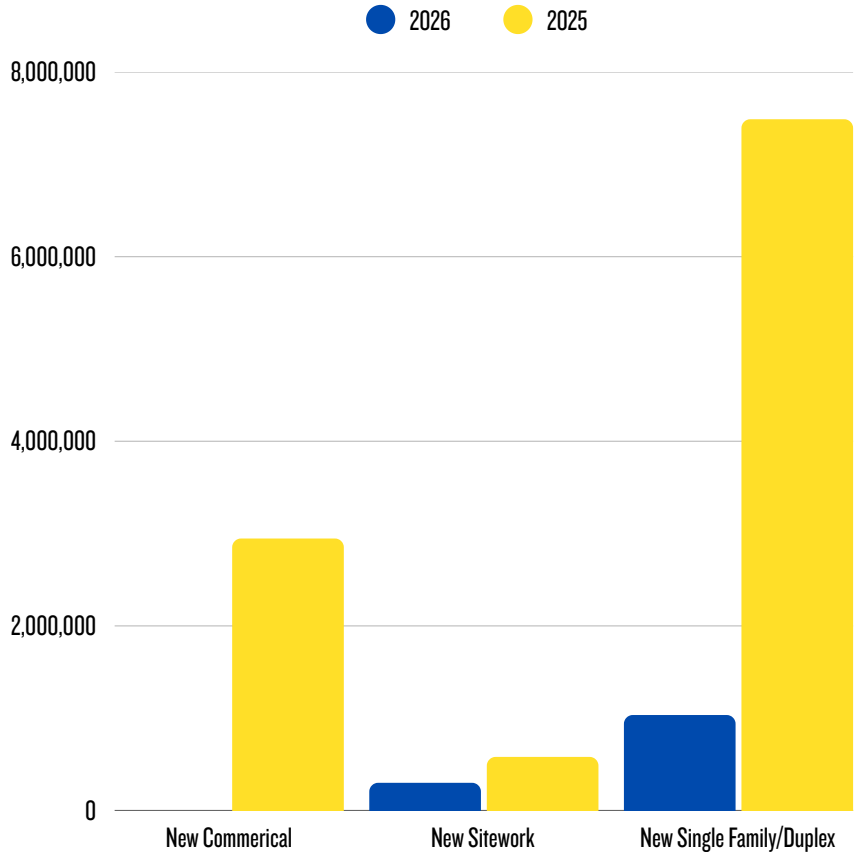
PPI Audit

<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
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Note: Private Provider Inspection (PPI)



NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUES



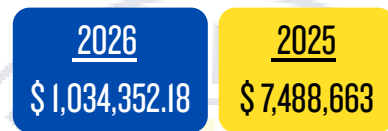
New Commercial



New Sitework



New Single Family/Duplex



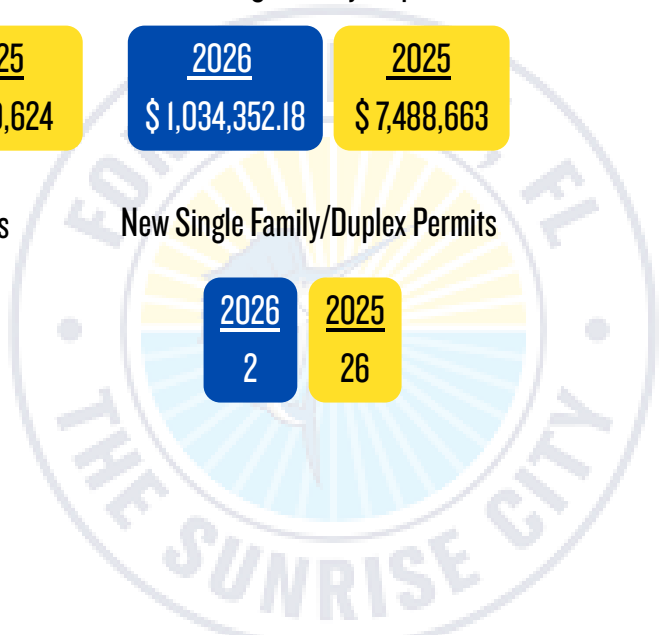
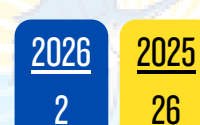
New Commercial Permits



New Sitework Permits



New Single Family/Duplex Permits



REVENUE REPORT

	December	January	February
Dockage Reservations	151	155	124
Monthly Dockage	\$ 235,680.21	\$ 232,492.13	\$ 210,334.48
Transient Dockage	\$ 111,304.80	\$ 111,293.11	\$ 106,627.35
Electricity	\$ 7,617.66	\$ 7,879.23	\$ 7,865.50
Retail	\$ 21,221.18	\$ 20,021.15	\$ 25,165.86
Gas Sales	\$ 49,505.72	\$ 43,345.36	\$ 31,793.31
Diesel Sales	\$ 82,312.94	\$ 84,360.93	\$ 59,849.25
TOTALS	\$ 507,642.51	\$ 499,391.91	\$ 441,635.75



SALES REPORT

Classes **\$ 1,003.20**

Park Permits **\$ 4,225.00**

Special Events **\$ 3,520.00**

Facility **\$ 6,707.28**

Total **\$ 15,455.48**



SPECIAL EVENTS



TLFWC Community Easter Egg Hunt
Dreamland Park

April 4th
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Eggstravaganza, iLMercato Easter Edition
600 N Indian River Drive

April 4th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Easter at the Beach
Jaycee Park

April 5th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service
Marina Square

April 5th
6:30 am - 8:00 am

Easter Bash Give Back to the Community
Pioneer Park

April 5th
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Oyster and Seafood Fest
Veteran's Memorial Park

April 11th & 12th
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Feeding the Homeless
Moore's Creek Linear Park

April 11th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fort Pierce King Mackerel Invitational
Marina Square

April 17th - 19th
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Live, Love Picnic & Pilates
River Walk Center

April 18th
10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Victim's Resource Fair
Dreamland Park

April 25th
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





International Ballet Stars

The International Ballet Stars returned to the Sunrise Theatre with a breathtaking rendition of Swan Lake, following several successful performances, including The Nutcracker this past December.

Whose Live Anyway

You never know what they'll say next — and neither do they. Whose Live Anyway? brought its fully improvisational comedy show to the Sunrise Theatre this March, delivering plenty of laughs.

Featuring the quick-witted comedians known for entertaining millions on ABC's Whose Line Is It Anyway?, the cast created an entire performance based on audience suggestions —along with a few playful jokes about Fort Pierce.

The lively show also attracted a new audience to the Sunrise Theatre, with 40% of surveyed attendees reporting it was their first visit to the venue.



None of My Business

Hannah Berner knows it's none of her business... but she still has plenty to say! The None of My Business Tour made its way to the Sunrise Theatre.

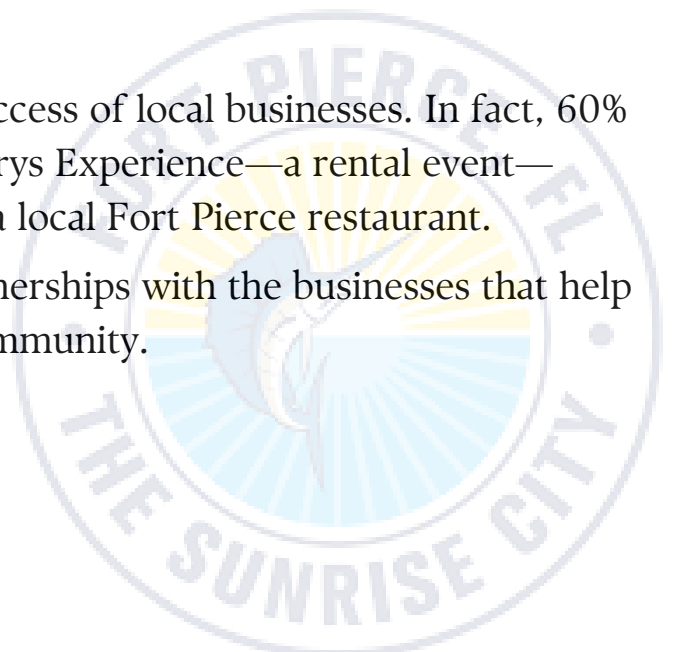
Showcasing Berner's signature outrageous comedy and unique voice. Known for her podcast Giggly Squad and her Netflix special We Ride at Dawn, she kept audiences laughing from start to finish.



Traveling Wilburys Experience

The Sunrise Theatre is proud to support the success of local businesses. In fact, 60% of survey respondents for The Traveling Wilburys Experience—a rental event—reported that they enjoyed drinks or dinner at a local Fort Pierce restaurant.

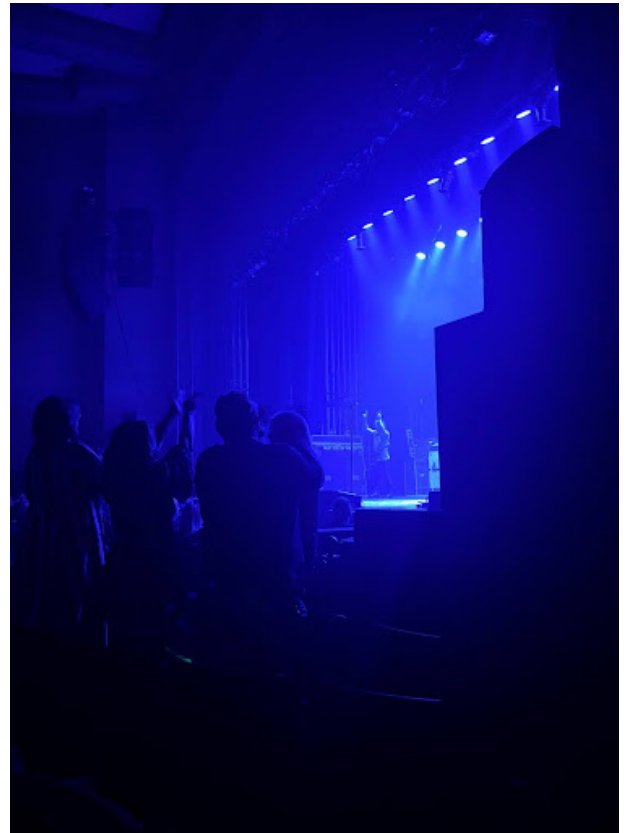
We remain committed to fostering strong partnerships with the businesses that help make Fort Pierce such a vibrant and unique community.



Live Music

Of course, the Sunrise Theatre remains the premier destination for live music. Tusk: The Ultimate Tribute to Fleetwood Mac transported audiences with the bewitching sound of Stevie Nicks–inspired vocals and the band’s timeless, poignant lyrics.

A perennial local favorite, Get the Led Out returned for their third year, delivering a powerful tribute to the Mighty Zeppelin. Each year, the Sunrise Theatre crowd shows them a Whole Lotta Love.



Annual Gala

The Sunrise Theatre Foundation annual gala was a resounding success! The event raised an estimated \$47,000, marking the Foundation’s second-highest total since the Sunrise’s 2023 centennial celebration.

Thanks to the Foundation’s support, paid tuition is available for the Sunrise Theatre Summer Camp, which is now open and accepting applications for all three summer sessions.

See What’s Happening – Visit the Box Office

Planning to visit our site:

<https://www.sunrisetheatre.com/sunrise-theatre-fort-pierce-contact-us/>

Be advised that starting April 1st, the Box Office will be closed Saturdays.



SUNRISE THEATRE

Summer Camp

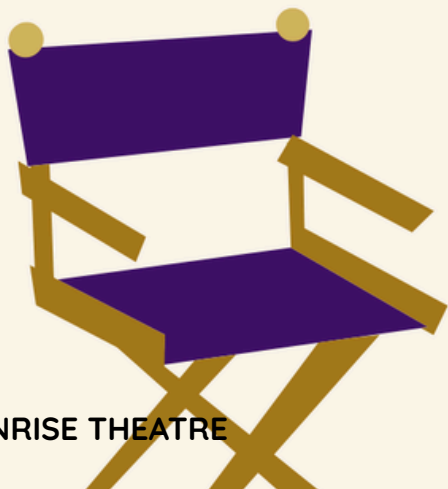
Help your little star pursue their love for performing arts in a safe, inclusive space with local theatre professionals.



We have 3 sessions available, with 60 spots available each and a one-time registration fee of \$25.

Ages 6-15 are accepted.

	Dates	Price
It Takes A Village	June 1 - June 6	\$125
You've Got A Friend In Me	June 15 - June 26	\$250
Kindness Conquers All	July 6 - July 17	\$250





NEW

Welcome Aboard

Fort Pierce Resorts, LLC

Victory Multiservices and More, LLC

Hayskar Walker Schwerer Dundas & McCain, P.A.

Suncoast Wellness Retreat, LLC

Alben Care Services, LLC

Exclusive Mobile Window Tinting, LLC

Attorney Ronald Cason

The Salvation Army

M.J. Concrete & Materials, LLC

TCC, Tint Citi Customz Wheelz and Tirez

Ocean Nails

Haboub Smoke Shop II, LLC

Jose Martinez Rodriguez

Rodriguez Grounds Management, LLC

Let's Break Bread

Little Caesars

Americas Best Value Inn

D&E Amazing Grace Living Facility



BUSINESSES

Sentinel Tax & Consulting, LLC

PeopleReady, Inc.

Treasure Coast Auto Group

American Custom Cabinetry

Reno Inn, LLC

Diversity Unisex Barber Shop

The Harbor Cocktail Lounge

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Psychic Treasure Coast

Colleen Gill Hypnosis

Compas Health

Cleaning Services by Jose Hernandez

Rick Bail Bonds Fort Pierce FL

FL Prime Goods, LLC

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"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."