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Historic Homes Move — See pg. 15

The City Manager, Mayor & Council



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The City is led by a five-member elected Council, which sets policy and determines the long-term vision for the City. The Council appoints a City Manager to handle the daily business affairs, and a City Attorney to provide legal advice. This system is called a Council-Manager form of local government. Each Council member has one vote, including the Mayor, so legislative authority is equally spread among all five members.



Russ Blackburn
City Manager

"Port St. Lucie is a Safe, Beautiful, and Prosperous City for All People — Your Hometown"

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HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

CITY PARTNERS FOR DREAM BUILD!



The Treasure Coast Builders Association, in an incredible collaboration with St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity and the City of Port Saint Lucie has built a dream home in just seven days! The "Dream Home" is now Home Sweet Home for Chris and Latasha Blackmon, and their three kids. The Dream Home was built on one of seven city-owned residential lots recently allocated to St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity from the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program to create affordable home ownership opportunities.

The Port St. Lucie Building Department also played a large role in helping to get the project done on time! See more on page 5.

Watch the City's Facebook Live stream video from Friday (9/21) to see the house dedication for these first time homeowners!





crosstown

CROSSTOWN PARKWAY EXTENSION

City of Port St. Lucie

Contact: Beth Zsoka | Beth.Zsoka@QCAusa.com | (866) 662-6273 | www.CrosstownParkway.com



Updates as of September 21, 2018:

- Deck pour for span 29 on the east side took place on Thursday night, September 20. The next deck pour for span 28 is anticipated for Wednesday, September 26, weather and materials permitting.
- Work continues on Village Green Drive:
    - ◊ Traffic shift took place on Village Green. Eastbound and westbound traffic was shifted to the north side of Village Green for utility work, drainage activities and reconstruction of the south side of Village Green.
    - ◊ One of two southbound left turn lanes are closed on US 1.
    - ◊ One southbound lane and one northbound lane closed on US 1 from Savanna Road to Village Green Drive Intersection.
    - ◊ A portion of Huffman Road will be closed between US 1 and Village Green until September 28.
- Contractor has installed 44 of 46 spans of trestle on the eastside.
- The contractor continues to remove trestle from the west side. Trestle will be completely removed from the west side by the end of September.
- The contractor will continue driving test piles on the east side of the NFSLR (test piles at bent 32 through 19 are complete). The contractor completed driving production piles at bent 21 and 20. (30 of 32 bents driven to date.)
- Beams installed on spans 1 through 16 and 24 through 31.
- Installing form work for deck spans 26, 27, 28, and 29.
- Installing light pole bases along US 1.
- Installing chain link fences along the right-of-way behind residential properties.



Building Department

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Main Number: (772) 871-5132
Addressing: (772) 344-4259
Contractor Licensing: (772) 871-5062
Inspections: (772) 871-5040
Permitting: (772) 871-5132
Plan Review: (772) 344-4398

BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 6 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19

- Application has been made to the State of Florida for approval of the Building Department Internship program. The internship program will allow a currently licensed trade inspector to obtain their standard building inspector license by completing the outlined course and documented cross training of 220 hours.
- Service Goals for review of Single-Family Residential permits have been adjusted from 12 days down to 9 days.
- A pre-build meeting was conducted with Texas Roadhouse on September 6.
- The Building Department will be participating in Customer Service Appreciation Week during the week of October 1-5.
- The Building Department is hosting the City of Pompano Beach on October 11. The City of Pompano Beach is currently seeking building department accreditation and reached out to the City for information and training.
- Roofing Contractor Stakeholder meeting was September 24.
- Electrical Contractor Stakeholder meeting will be October 8 at 3 p.m.
- Pre-Build meeting was held with GL Homes on September 20.



Dream Build sponsored by St. Lucie Habitat and TCBA



Dream Build Acceptance Event



Dream Build Construction

BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Activity	9/6–9/19	2018 YTD	2017
Permits Issued	1,689	30,074	32,020
Single Family Permits Issued	59	1,581	1,518
Certificates of Occupancy Issued (SFR)	82	1,204	1,382
Number of Inspections Completed	4,956	80,946	84,510
Number of Plans Reviewed	389	10,230	10,352
Number of Permits Applied for Online	558	9,776	8,346

Commercial Permits - Issued

Therapy Consulting
– 531 NW Lake Whitney Place Ste 106

McDonald's Interior Improvements
– 1675 SW St Lucie West Blvd.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES CONT'D

Certificate of Completions - Commercial

Whispering Pines Maintenance Building – 758 SW Darwin Blvd.
McDonald's Interior Improvements – 1850 SW Gatlin Blvd.

Certificate of Occupancy Issued - Commercial

Quest Diagnostics – 1850 SW Gatlin Blvd.
Five Below – 10762 SW Village Pkwy
Zeno Office Solutions – 582 NW University Blvd, Ste 200

BUILDING PHOTO UPDATE



Building Inspectors participated in the TCBOA Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 8th.



A&G Pools Construction



Texas Roadhouse Construction



Chick-Fil-A Construction

Civic Center

www.CityofPSL.com/Civic

Hours: Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Port St. Lucie, FL. 34952

SEPTEMBER 12–23, 2018 EVENT SUMMARY

- Puerto Rican Association for Hispanic Affairs: PRESENTS HOT WEELZ 3RD ANNUAL TOKYO CAR SHOW
- Discovery Church of PSL Night of Worship
- Michael Baisden Show Presents: Get Out the Vote Rally
- Free Friday Concert Series— Odyssey Band
- South Florida Church of Christ Church Service
- Wawa New Jersey Office Regional Meeting
- City of PSL Indian River Lagoon Lecture and Discussion
- Civic Center Art Gallery Unveils Club Kids Art Work
- Communities Connected for Kids
- Treasure Coast Advocates for Seniors Doctors Concert
- Local Business Expo



Tokyo Car Show

Tokyo Car Show



SEPTEMBER 28– OCTOBER 12, 2018 EVENT SUMMARY

- 9/27-9/28 | Care Net Pregnancy Fundraiser/ Banquet
- 9/29 | JD3 Enterprises presents: Joseph the Legacy Tour, The Business Launch Party
- 9/29 | Puerto Rican Association for Hispanic Affairs 15th Annual San Juan Festival
- 9/30 | The South Florida Church of Christ Church Service
- 10/4 | Fortune Builders Real Estate Class
- 10/5 | Carebag, Inc. the 2018 Wonderland Gala Arabian Nights Fundraiser
- 10/7 | Congregation Eitzchayim Treasure Coast Expo
- 10/12 | Free Friday Concert — Presents: The Tom Jackson Band



Local Business Expo

PSL Night of Worship



Local Business Expo



Communications Department

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EASTERN WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (EWIP)

Many eastern PSL residents are sure to remember Tropical Storm Fay. One decade ago, Fay left several areas in the eastern part of the City underwater. That storm prompted the City to implement the Eastern Watershed Improvement Project. The benefits of the massive undertaking were proven this summer when PSL received heavy rainfall with little-to-no flooding.

Watch this quick video to see how far we've come!





INDIAN RIVER LAGOON HEALTH UPDATE

Dr. Leesa Souto, Marine Resources Council's Executive Director, accompanied by Port St. Lucie Mayor Gregory Oravec, presented the Indian River Lagoon Health Update on September 20 at the Civic Center. The Marine Resources Council teamed with the Rivers Coalition to present the first ever Indian River Lagoon Health Update report, which examined 20 years of Indian River Lagoon water quality data. Dr. Leesa Souto presented on the key indicators and targets of lagoon health and how the water conditions have negatively changed over time.

The Communications Department produced a show of the seminar to air on PSL TV-20. Watch the seminar online.





JOBS CORRIDOR IN SOUTHERN GROVE/TRADITION IS COMING TO LIFE!

The City of Port St. Lucie was proud to be a part of the September 13 groundbreaking celebration for TAMCO Group/ City Electric Supply's new 400,000-square-foot manufacturing and distribution facility. TAMCO currently employs 210 workers in PSL, and this expansion will add at least 50 more jobs!

The City also celebrated the groundbreaking of what we call the "Loop Road," officially Tom Mackie Boulevard and Trade Center Drive. This project was the recipient of a $3 million State of Florida Job Growth Grant to support local economic development. This road will open up more areas in Southern Grove to job-creating development. Thank you to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Governor Rick Scott and Enterprise Florida, Inc.! Watch the re-cap video online.



COMMUNICATIONS & PROPOSED HALF-CENT SALES TAX

Staff from the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Fort Pierce and the City of Port St. Lucie have worked together to create educational materials to inform voters about the proposed half-cent sales tax that will be item No. 14 on the November election ballot.

Press Releases:

- 7/11/18: SLC Partners with Cities to Educate Residents About Proposed Half-Cent Sales Tax Increase on Nov. Ballot
- 9/06/18: Voters can learn about proposed half-cent sales tax at two open house events

Website: www.cityofpsl.com/salestax

Graphics: Flyers, banners, posters, table/door signs, rac cards, post cards, booklet, mailer, utility bill insert.

Videos:

- SLC-TV In Depth Conversation: Half-Cent Sales Tax
- PSL Half Cent Sales Tax Open Houses
- Positively Port St. Lucie Radio Show—Half-Cent Sales Tax
- Virtual Reality Experiences created for the open house events:
  - ◊ Roads 360° Video
  - ◊ Sidewalks 360° Video
  - ◊ Rivers 360° Video

Social Media Engagement:

- FB Event reached 7.7K with 126 responses.

Two open house events: held on Sept. 26 & 27.















Neighborhood Services Department

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CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE AWARDED $400,000 F.I.N.D. GRANT FOR RIVERWALK BOARDWALK PROJECT



The City received a $400,000 grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for the Riverwalk Boardwalk project. The grant was prepared by the Planning & Zoning Department, with assistance from Neighborhood Services, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation Departments. The proposed Riverwalk Boardwalk project will provide 2,000 linear feet of new boardwalk and fishing platforms adjacent to a waterfront park along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River south of Port St Lucie Blvd. Subsequent phases will provide boat docking slips and additional improvements to the waterfront park area including restrooms, walking trails, and a kayak/canoe launching area as well as an additional span of boardwalk that will run under Port St. Lucie Boulevard Bridge to connect the north and south spans of boardwalk. For more information about the Riverwalk Boardwalk Extension Project, please visit: www.CityofPSL.com/Riverwalk.

WASTE PRO IN PSL HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT SERVICE—READ ARTICLE ONLINE



TC Palm Letter to the Editor

"I have to compliment our Neighborhood Services Department and Waste Pro for their quick response to my Aug. 2 letter.

On Aug. 16 Carmen Capezzuto, Mike Lubeck (Neighborhood Services), and Adolfo Covelli and Pam (Waste Pro) came to my home for a meeting to address the problems with waste pick-up in this area. We had a very productive meeting and they were very concerned about the problems we have been having. There were no "excuses," just concern and the desire to fix what is broken. They arrived the day after yard waste, and two days after garbage pick-up, so that they could check out what our neighborhood looked like after these two pickups. They didn't just look at my area, they actually rode around the whole neighborhood.

They are strong in their desire to correct the problems and have already started implementing a plan, which I am sure will make not only myself, but many people in this city, very happy. I have already seen a vast improvement in my and my neighbors' service.

I am thrilled with their response and want to thank them all for taking the time to come here, to listen, and for being so quick to act."

— Dorothy Weakland, Port St. Lucie Resident



A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER!

A special thank you to our volunteer, Janice Rivera. She has graciously volunteered numerous hours to the Neighborhood Services Department. Janice has been a tremendous help with data entry, reviewing, scanning, copying of Homeowner's Insurance renewals, terminations, and mailings for the Housing Division. Her wonderful personality, team-spirit and genuine dedication has made her a pleasure to work with. We wish her all the best in her new endeavor.

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P&R Civic Center Recreation & Fitness
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Robert E. Minsky Gym
(772) 344-4142

Saints Golf Course
(772) 398-2901

PORT ST. LUCIE PARKS & RECREATION

IT STARTS IN PARKS

Upcoming Events

- **Adult Co-ed Softball** at Lyngate, Fridays, Sept.28, Oct.5 and Oct.12
- **"Great Kids" drop-in program**, Sept. 28 through Oct. 12, Minsky Gym
- **Dance Combo**, Saturdays, September 29 & October 6, Civic Center
- **Movin' & Groovin' Saturdays**, September 29 & October 6, Civic Center
- **Tutus and Taps**, Saturdays, September 29 & October 6, Civic Center
- **Junior Basketball-Player Evaluations**, Saturday, September 29, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Minsky Gym
- **Recreation Birthday Parties**, Sundays, September 30 & October 7, Civic Center
- **"Great Kids" drop-in program**, October 1-4 & October 8-11, Civic Center
- **Pickleball**, Mondays, October 1 & 8, Wednesdays, October 3 & 10, Thursdays, October 4 & 11, Civic Center
- **Men's Adult Softball**, Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 1 through Oct. 10, Sandhill Crane Park
- **Pee Wee Dunkers**, Tuesdays, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9, 6 p.m., Minsky Gym
- **Junior Basketball Draft**, Oct 2, Oct. 3 and Oct 4, 6:30 p.m., Minsky Gym
- **Tot Drop**, Tuesdays, October 2 & 9 and Thursdays, October 4 & 11, Civic Center
- **Princess Tea Party**, Wednesday, October 3, Community Center
- **Line Dancing**, Wednesdays, October 3 & 10, Civic Center
- **Beginner & Advanced Karate**, Tuesdays, October 2 & 9, Thursdays, October 4 & 11, Civic Center
- **Wacky Wednesdays**, Oct. 3 and 10, 10:30 a.m., Minsky Gym
- **M&M Sweeties**, Wednesdays, October 3 & 10, Civic Center
- **Advanced Baton Twirlers**, Wednesdays, October 3 & 10, Civic Center
- **Tot Time**, Thursdays, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11,10:30 a.m., Minsky Gym
- **Oktoberfest**, Friday, October 5 & Saturday, October 6, Civic Center
- **City of PSL, RFQ Vocational-Technical seminar**, Thursday, October 11, Community Center
- **Special Needs Spooky Halloween Party**, Friday, October 10, Community Center



Pretty Princess Tea Party



Police Department

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For emergencies, dial: 911

POLICE NEWS UPDATE

DISTRICT 1



- Port St. Lucie man arrested for attempted murder after shooting neighbor in the 500 block of S.W. Butler Avenue. On September 11, 2018 at 7:43 p.m., Port St Lucie Police arrested a 31 year-old male for attempted murder, possession of Marijuana under 20 grams, and culpable negligence after he shot the victim in a neighbor's driveway. Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim, 69 year-old male, who lives on S.W. Butler Avenue, was visiting a friend who lives next to the suspect. As the victim and his friend were talking in the driveway, the suspect came out of his house, went toward the victim and shot him several times. The suspect then went back to his house telling his family that the victim was trying to take his soul. St. Lucie County Fire/ Rescue transported the victim to a nearby hospital where he is being treated for several gunshot wounds. The victim is in critical but stable condition. During the investigation, police could find no apparent motive for the shooting. Investigation revealed that the suspect, unprovoked, approached the victim and shot him several times. Police recovered a .45 caliber Taurus used in the shooting at the suspect's home. The man was arrested and taken to the St. Lucie County Jail for booking.



- The Port St. Lucie Police Department revealed their redesigned obstacle course on September 14, 2018. The obstacle course that was originally designed in 1986 was in serious need of repair and improved landscaping. The Training Section utilizes the obstacle course in the hiring process and career ladder program, in addition to the SWAT Team using the course to train. In the course of six months, the obstacle course was finished with the generous donations from Lowes of St. Lucie West, Veteran's Fence, McKinado's Welding and Fabrication, Pike Construction, Liberty Tire Recycling, and Nature's Keeper.

DISTRICT 2

- On September 10, 2018, after conducting several undercover narcotics purchases, the Special Investigations Division executed a narcotics search warrant at a home on S.W. Bellevue Avenue where detectives located over $5,000, 46 Oxycodone pills, 46 grams of Marijuana, Xanax pills, a full sheet of LSD, and numerous other controlled substances. One male was arrested on two counts of Sale of a Controlled Substance and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of 20 grams of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance two counts, Possession with Intent to Sell, and two counts of Trafficking in LSD.
- The Port St. Lucie Police Department headquarters' had the third floor air conditioning replaced in an ongoing effort to update the entire system. The approximate amount of the third floor modification is $252,495. In conjunction, the Evidence alarm panel was moved for better access control.
- Congressman Brian Mast rode along with Sergeant Robert Fonteyn on September 18, 2018 in an effort to experience a day in the life of Law Enforcement. See photo right.
- On September 18, 2018, the Special Investigations Division assisted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms with a vehicle take-down and subsequent search warrant of a home on S.W. Sarto Lane. A rifle, handgun, and live ammunition were recovered, and the male suspect was taken into custody for Driving While License Suspended, Federal charges for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Code Enforcement responded to the residence due to a fully functional tattoo parlor being operated from within the home.



DISTRICT 2 CONT'D

- Case 2018-17475: Criminal Investigation Division Detectives investigated a theft whereas the 85 year-old victim's home on N.W. Blue Lake Drive, a health care nurse stole the victim's checks and credit cards and used them to steal cash from his bank account and make several fraudulent purchases using his credit cards. The nurse was charged with Grand Theft, Fraudulent use of a check, and Fraudulent use of a credit card more than two times, and Obtaining Property by Fraud.
- Case 2018-17888: Criminal Investigation Division Detectives investigated a burglary attempt where the suspect was unsuccessful making entry, but was captured on home surveillance cameras stealing several items stored on the home's front porch on S.W. Stephanie Way. After the suspect's photos were sent out on social media, detectives received information and verified the suspect's identity as a 34 year-old female who is a drug addict who recently relocated to Port St. Lucie from Colorado. The suspect was charged with Burglary to a Dwelling and Theft.

DISTRICT 3

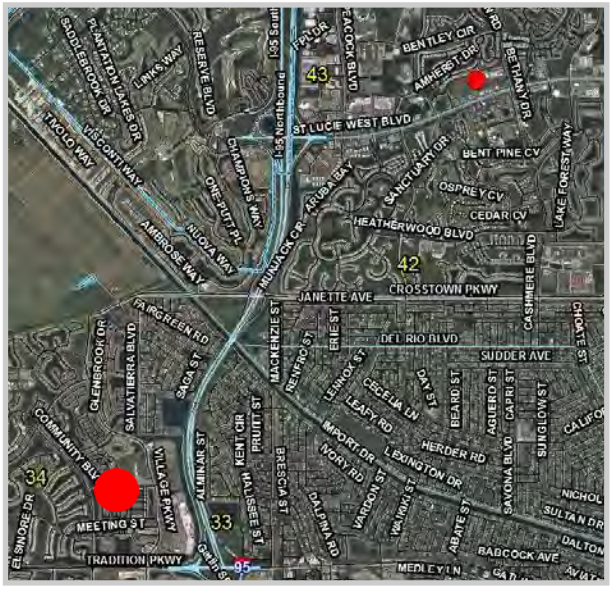


- In the late and early hours of September 9-11, 2018, two residents located on S.W. Crumpacker Street and Laffite Street became the victims of having their pick-up trucks stolen and the suspect(s) attempted to steal one pick-up truck on S.W. Aledo Street.
- On September 13, 2018, Special Investigation Division Detectives conducted a traffic stop in 200 block of SW Tulip Blvd on a known narcotics dealer which they had probable cause for narcotics sales. Upon initiating the traffic stop, the passenger of the vehicle threw two plastic bags out of the vehicle window prior to the vehicle stopping. Detectives placed the driver under arrest for prior narcotics sales, and the passenger was placed in custody pending further investigation. Detectives recovered both plastic bags that were thrown from the window, which both tested positive for Cocaine. The passenger was subsequently arrested and charged with Cocaine Possession and Tampering with Evidence. During the search of driver and his vehicle, detectives located 33.5 grams of Crack/Cocaine and one loaded firearm. The driver was arrested for trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Sale and Possession of Cocaine, and Illegal Use of a Two-Way Communication Device. Upon completion of the traffic stop, detectives conducted a search warrant at the drivers' residence on S.W. Cherryhill Road. Inside the residence, detectives located three additional loaded firearms, 21 grams of Molly, 1.5 grams of Crack/Cocaine and approximately $2,500 in U.S. currency. The drivers' two vehicles were also seized as they were used in the transportation and distribution of drugs. The driver was additionally charged with Trafficking in MDMA, Possession of Cocaine and three counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

DISTRICT 4

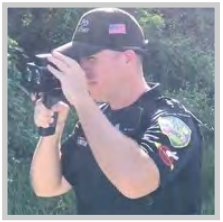
- Case 2018-17448: Criminal Investigation Division Detectives investigated a 12 year-old child being sexually molested by an adult family friend at a home on S.E. Burgundy Lane. During the investigation, a 68 year-old male admitted to molesting the child on multiple times. The suspect was charged with nine counts of Lewd & Lascivious Behavior on a child between 12-16 years of age.

CITYWIDE



- On September 10, 2018 at approximately 12:13 p.m., two males attempted to make a purchase using the victim's stolen credit card at a chain store located on South Village Parkway. The purchase was declined. The victim reported an auto burglary at the gym located on S.W. Village Parkway on the same date, in which his wallet was taken from his vehicle. The driver's side door of the victim's pick-up truck had its lock forced with an unknown tool and the handle was protruding from the door. The victim's wallet contained cash, FL DL, and a bank credit card, which was used at two locations in close proximity to the gym. Two similar incidents occurred on this same date and during this same time frame at another gym located on N.W. St. Lucie West Boulevard where a pistol, wallet and credit cards were stolen from two vehicles. Two suspects were identified in these burglaries after CSI utilized fingerprints at the crime scene were located. The fingerprints were matched to two known burglars from Broward County.

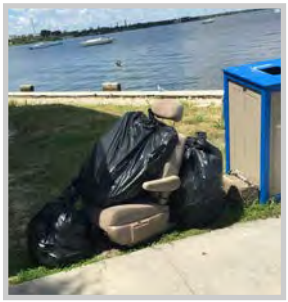
CITYWIDE CONT'D



- The Port St. Lucie Police Department's Traffic Unit has implemented a traffic awareness and enforcement campaign this month in effort to curb the traffic infractions that are occurring throughout the City.

IN OTHER NEWS





- District Support Sergeant Schichtel participated in an International Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15, 2018. During the cleanup, Sergeant Schichtel picked up six large bags of trash, a boat battery, car seat, beach chairs, and hundreds of straws, bottles, and cans from Jensen Beach Causeway.

- Every third Wednesday of the month the Port St Lucie Police Department ensures a car seat is properly installed in a vehicle or installs the car seat in the vehicle. The department has two sworn officers certified in installing car seats. The officers had to attend a forty hour training course in order to be certified. On September 19, 2018, the officers had 12 seat installations scheduled. This event is sponsored by the St. Lucie County Department of Health and the program is called Safe Kids. If a car a parent or guardian does not have a car seat, they can purchase one for a $25 donation to the Department of Health. Prearrangements should be made with the Safe Kids Coordinator, Rhonda Cerulli at 772-462-3501.



UPCOMING P.A.L. EVENTS

- **Boxing:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Karate:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6-8 p.m.
- **Wrestling:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.
- **Baton Clinics:** Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.
- **Drum Line Practices:** Sundays from 3-5 p.m.
- **PAL Fall instructional Baseball League:** 6 weeks starting September 29 to November 3
- **Teams:** PSL High School, Jensen Beach High School, Martin County High School, SLW Centennial High School, and South Fork High School

Planning & Zoning Department

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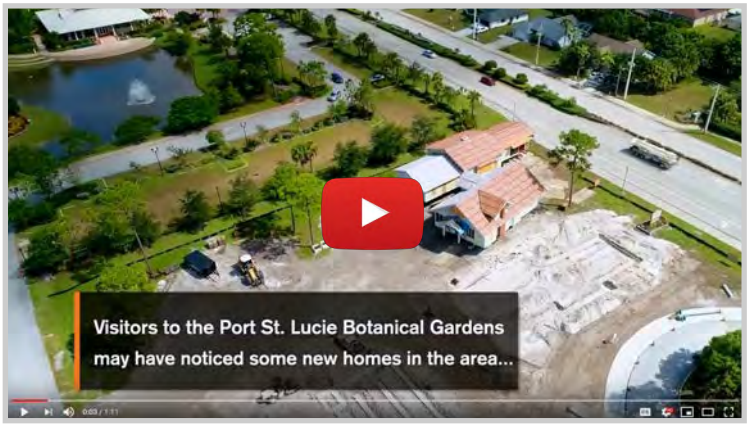
RIVERWALK BOARDWALK UPDATE—HISTORIC HOUSES

Visitors to the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, and those driving along Westmoreland Boulevard, will notice some new additions to the area. In fact, they'll be seeing history in the making.

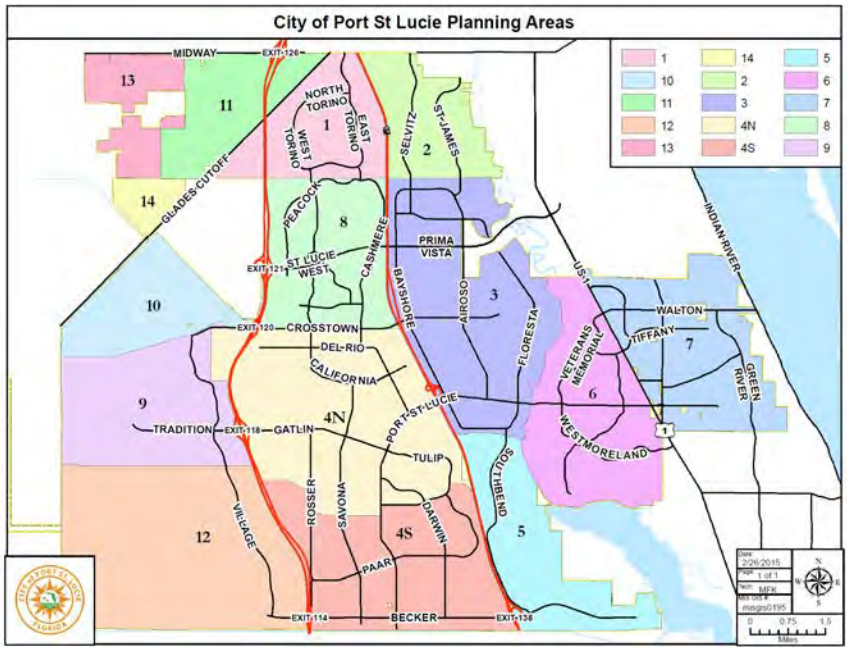
The Planning and Zoning Department managed the move of two historic structures in September. The City worked with a contractor to move two historic structures from the former Peacock Ranch in the western part of the City to what will become PSL's new riverfront park near the Botanical Gardens.



The City is using grant funding to move the historic Peacock House, built in 1917, and the Peacock Lodge, built in 1952. Once relocated, the structures will be restored and eventually become a part of the future park. It is expected the restoration will take place over several years based on the availability of grant funding.

Watch the Historic Peacock Structures Preserved and Moved video on youtube.

For more information about the Riverwalk Boardwalk Extension Project, please visit: www.CityofPSL.com/Riverwalk



PLANNING AREA	SINGLE FAMILY UNITS	MULTIPLE FAMILY UNITS	TOTAL UNITS
1	3,148	615	3,763
2	2,515	450	2,965
4	16,374	1	16,375
4 North (4N)	15,247	529	15,776
4 South (4S)	9,738	26	9,764
5	1,925	12	1,937
6	4,523	1,214	5,737
7	5,414	2,267	7,681
8	5,320	1,653	6,973
9	3,065	1,098	4,163
10	564	154	718
14	81	0	81
CITY TOTAL	**67,914**	**8,019**	**75,933**

NOTE: The US Census estimated the City's population to be 189,344 as of July 1, 2017.

Public Works Department

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SIDEWALKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- **Oakridge Drive (District 4)**
  Glenwood Drive to the Southbend Boulevard Roundabout (1.6 miles) is scheduled for completion by January 5th . See photos right.





UPCOMING SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

WWW.CITYOFPSL.COM/SIDEWALKS

- ***Paar Drive (District 3)***—Savona Boulevard to Port St. Lucie Boulevard (0.8 miles)—fiscal year 2018/19
- ***Paar Drive (District 3)***—Port St. Lucie Boulevard to Darwin Boulevard (1.0 miles)—fiscal year 2018/19
- ***Macedo Blvd (District 1)***—Selvitz Road to St. James Drive (1.0 miles)—fiscal year 2019/20

STREET REPAVING PROGRAM

WWW.CITYOFPSL.COM/REPAVING

The program completed 21.3 miles of road resurfacing for FY 17/18. City Council approved the 2018 update to the Ten-Year Repaving Plan on July 25th. The repaving will begin after the fiscal new year in October 2018.

ROADWAY PROJECTS

Woodland Trails Neighborhood Traffic Calming (District 3)
Improvements are underway for the Savona/Paar intersection and will be completed by December 31.

Bayshore Boulevard and Selvitz Road Roundabout (District 1)
Construction is complete except for the landscaping. The landscape area will reserve room for a future art piece.

Port St. Lucie Blvd. & Gatlin Blvd. Intersection Improvement (Districts 2 & 3)
Construction began August 1st with placement of construction signs and utility locates. Most of the road work will be done at night with minimal daytime disruptions. All daytime work will occur during non-peak hours.



Bayshore Blvd. & Selvitz Rd.

Bayshore Boulevard / Port St. Lucie Boulevard Intersection Improvements (Districts 1 and 4) – Construction began June 11th. Motorists should expect delays related to the construction, especially between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. The contractor will be implementing lane closures during these hours. There may be short term lane closures during the day for curb placement and other operations that cannot be performed at night. For more information regarding construction, please contact the Turnpike Enterprise construction project manager, Roxanne Riggs, at Roxanne.riggs@dot.state.fl.us or the Public Information Officer, Fiorella Teodista, at Fiorella.teodista@dot.state.fl.us.

DRAINAGE PROJECTS

- **Tambay Avenue (District 1) –** The project entails the replacement of a failing culvert pipe under the existing roadway along with the repair of failing side slopes adjacent to residential properties.





OTHER PROJECTS

- **Riverwalk (District 3)**

  The development of the project is being undertaken by Planning & Zoning, with assistance from Public Works. Site work is underway. Historic Structures will be onsite September 24.

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- **To learn more about KPSLB, visit:** www.CityofPSL.com/KPSLB

Year-to-Date Litter Collection Results

Program	Focus	Hours worked	Bags Collected	Large Items[1]
Sheriff's Office	Various	1,720	256	230
KPSLB	Citywide	9,450.75	3,369	936
Mowing	Major Roadways	-	1.024	-
Adopt a Street	Citywide – 103 Groups	3,604.50	2,285.45	-
#311 Requests	Citywide - 156 Requests	-	-	-
Subtotal		**14,975.25**	**6,934.45**	**1,166**

[1] *Items such as mattresses, furniture, tires, televisions, appliances, wood, concrete, etc.*

KPSLB EVENT SUMMARY

- **Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful Give-a-Tree, Spread-the-Shade Tree Giveaway -** was held Saturday, September 15, 2018. The Treasure Coast High School AFJ ROTC student volunteers and the Police Explorers student volunteers helped residents with incoming traffic and parking vehicles. Adopt-a-Street volunteers, Stephen Bonazinca and Reenie Paes, assisted in the tree pick-up area. Walmart provided delicious breakfast items and beverages. After signing in, the residents visited five to seven educational stations which were facilitated by the UF/IFAS SLC Master Gardeners to learn how to plant and take care of their new tree. There were 391 Dahoon Holly, Green Buttonwood, Gumbo Limbo or Japanese Blueberry given to residents and each tree will be logged onto the City's iPlant website as part of the PSL Tree Challenge.



UPCOMING KPSLB EVENTS — READ MORE ABOUT KPSLB EVENTS

- **Southbend Lakes Neighborhood Cleanup —** KPSLB invites residents to participate in the second mini-neighborhood cleanup event for 2018-2019. The cleanup is on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**—The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Public Works facility located at 450 SW Thornhill Drive.
- **KPSLB Presentations—** KPSLB will be speaking to the Sandpiper Bay Community during their meeting on Nov 19.

Utility Systems Department

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Customer Service & Billing
Mon - Fri; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(772) 871-5330 | Utility@CityofPSL.com

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Mon - Fri; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(772) 873-6400 | UtilEng@CityofPSL.com

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24 hours a day/365 a year
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APWA professionals tour water, wastewater treatment plants as part of leadership program



- The Florida Chapter American Public Works Association (APWA) Institute at Indian River State College (IRSC) hosts a 90-hour course for public works supervisors, crew leaders, and managers to learn the skills that are vital to managing a highly functioning workplace.
- As part of the course, participants toured several St. Lucie County facilities, including the James E. Anderson Water Treatment Plant and Laboratory, and Glades Wastewater Treatment Plant, where they were able to see the operations up close.
- The chief operators explained the functions and operating procedures of the plants, as well as their best practices.
- Two Port St. Lucie Public Works employees participated in the course, along with several other professionals from the east coast of Florida.



Utility Systems celebrates employees Oct. 1-5 for Customer Service Week

- Customer Service Week is celebrated nationally to boost motivation and teamwork, as well as remind customers of our commitment to customer satisfaction.
- Each day this week will have a different theme and our Customer Service employees will participate in team building games and exercises.
- Thanks to a donation from Bagel & Bean Co., employees will be treated to breakfast to kick-off this special week.
- Employees will also be recognized on the City's Instagram page.
- Customers who come into the office will receive giveaways and special treats.

Online services allow customers to skip the trip and the line

- The following services are available online at utility.cityofpsl.com:
  - ◊ New Construction Utility Service—Apply to connect new construction utility service on a vacant lot
  - ◊ Start Service Application—Start service in your name on a residential property with existing water and/or sewer service(s)
  - ◊ Manage Your Account—Online options and benefits include the following:
    - * Set up paperless billing
    - * Manage eBill notifications
    - * View past bills
    - * Set up and manage monthly autopay
    - * Manage and pay multiple accounts
    - * Save multiple payment methods in a secured wallet
  - ◊ Close your account—Request to stop service in your name at a property

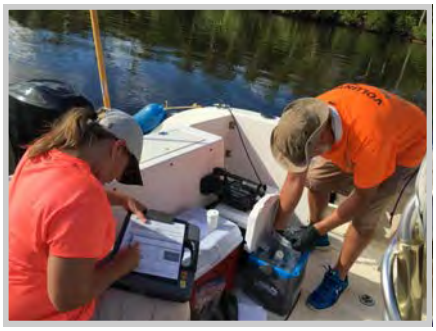


- Customers can take advantage of the Live Chat feature to speak with a Customer Service Specialist, Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Customer Service Specialists are available by email, utility@cityofpsl.com, Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by calling (772) 873-6400 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Customers wishing to convert from a well to City water and/or septic to City sewer are required to come in person to the Utility Systems Customer Service Office, located at Port St. Lucie City Hall, 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Room 169.

Feature Story

Sarah Prohaska
Communications Manager

PSL partners with Harbor Branch for in-depth water quality study



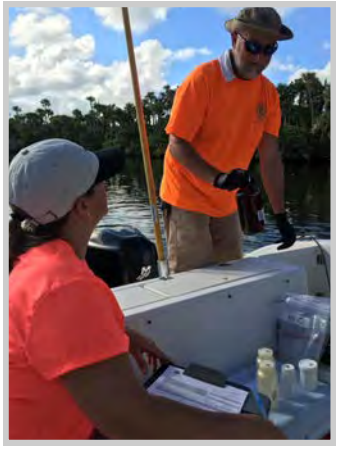
PORT ST. LUCIE – The City of Port St. Lucie and Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute are working together to continue a large-scale study to help find local solutions to aid the health of the St. Lucie River.

The City Council has unanimously approved a contract with FAU that will allow scientists at Harbor Branch to lead the second phase of the City's microbial source tracking study. Harbor Branch will work with the City for one year to continue these important investigations into "the sources contributing to the bacterial and nutrient impairment of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River," according to the contract.

"We are very excited to begin Phase II of our research with the City of Port St. Lucie, which will look closer at sources of nutrients and bacteria pollution affecting the North Fork of the St. Lucie Estuary," said Brian Lapointe, Ph.D., FAU Harbor Branch research professor.

The St. Lucie River and Estuary are critical resources for Florida's Treasure Coast and extremely important to its economic and environmental well-being. The City began this microbial tracking study in June 2016, after the Department of Health issued multiple health advisories about the levels of microbial bacteria in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

During its summer retreat, the City Council stressed they want to use the results from this second phase of the study to create local solutions.



"We need good science to objectively measure the health of our River, to direct our limited resources to where we can do the greatest good and to measure our progress in a continuous loop. Our ongoing partnership with a leading scientist, like Dr. LaPointe, and a preeminent marine science institution, like FAU Harbor Branch, helps us meet these needs and more," said Port St. Lucie Mayor Gregory J. Oravec. "We should expect Phase II to bring about projects that measurably improve water quality along our stretch of the North Fork and build on our other River-related initiatives, like our septic to sewer conversion program, the Eastern Watershed Improvement Project (EWIP) and the McCarty Ranch Water Storage Project."

The first phase of the study was a collaborative effort between the City of Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, the St. Lucie County Department of Health, Harbor Branch and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The first phase, which was complete in April 2018, involved the collection and study of water samples at several tributaries of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River over a two-year period.

The results of the first phase confirmed that elevated fecal indicator bacteria concentrations occurred at many sites in the North Fork. The greatest concentrations consistently occurred in dense urbanized areas, including White City Park and canals in the City of Port St. Lucie, including Sagamore, Hogpen Slough, Veterans Memorial, Elkcam and Southbend/Horseshoe A-22. The study found that "there is a strong indication that wastewater is widely influencing water quality in the North Fork via tributary and canal inputs." At some sites, the data suggested that septic systems are likely contributing to the bacterial pollution. At other sites, the data indicated that wastewater from nearby communities and stormwater runoff may be critical issues.



Harbor Branch scientists will now focus on a more detailed study of sites that showed higher levels of bacteria and other pollution. It also will study and monitor the interactions of septic systems and surface water and will help distinguish between nutrient sources, such as wastewater, stormwater runoff and fertilizers.

View the full report, authored by Harbor Branch scientists, detailing the results of the first phase of the City's microbial testing study and recommendations for the second phase.

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