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A magazine-style report released every other week, highlighting the City of Port St. Lucie's latest news, project updates and events.



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CITY OFFICIALS

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.



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HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK



LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM TRIP

Mayor Gregory J. Oravec, City Manager Russ Blackburn, Business Navigator Elijah Wooten and Strategic Initiatives Director Kate Parmelee traveled to Tallahassee on October 15 and 16 to advocate for Port St. Lucie's top State Legislative Priorities. The team met with key officials, staff and members of the St. Lucie Legislative delegation such as Senator Gayle Harrell, pictured here. The City is advocating for the following top priorities:

1. Continued funding of the St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Project located at McCarty Ranch;
2. Funding for converting septic tanks to sewer;
3. Funding for the Hegener Drive Extension and infrastructure to support continued economic development in the City's jobs corridor; and
4. Funding for the Riverwalk Extension Project.

The City of Port St. Lucie is grateful for the support of the delegation as we approach the Florida Legislative Session. Special thanks to Deputy City Attorney Ella Gilbert and Paralegal Nadia Westerik for their hard work in preparing for this week's advocacy and who will be supporting the advocacy of Port St. Lucie's priorities throughout the Legislative Session.

WHAT IS CROSSTOWN PARKWAY?

The Crosstown Parkway Extension Project provides a new bridge crossing over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River in the City of Port St. Lucie, connecting the existing Crosstown Parkway from Manth Lane to U.S. 1. The project extends along the existing West Virginia Drive, crossing over the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and connecting into U.S. 1 at Village Green Drive. The project is approximately two miles with the bridge being approximately 4,000 feet. The six-lane divided highway and bridge serves as a multi-modal transportation alternative for automobile, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit.



The bridge and roadway are open to traffic from Manth to U.S. 1. Lane closures are anticipated throughout the project for construction activities and deficiency list items.

Pending Project Items:

- Pond 5 near Huffman Road, regrading and sodding
- Final layer of asphalt (friction) on U.S. 1 and Village Green
- Final striping U.S. 1, Village Green, Manth, Preston and turn lanes at Floresta Drive
- Pave Bayharbor adjacent to the Floresta Pond Area
- Paving corrections at Manth and Preston
- Lights on the bridge to be complete next Friday
- Construction of the plaza under the bridge including lighting, irrigation, brick pavers, landscaping and other decorative features
- Preparing Coral Reef for paving operations
- Placing sod and landscaping on berms east of Bayharbor to the Coral Reef Waterway.
- Install benches and trash receptacles throughout the project
- Install work out equipment at Floresta Pond Area.
- Sign installation throughout the project
- Corrections and deficiency items

A final inspection will take place prior to project acceptance. The contractor continues to complete activities and corrections throughout the corridor.



Pond 5 activities near Huffman Road



Under the bridge activities on Coral Reef



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

It starts with a good foundation.



BUILDING B DRIVE-THRU NOW OPEN

The Building Department took its first customer on Thursday, October 10. The customer was excited to have a place to go when he was pulling his trailer. He no longer has to drop it off before heading to the Building Department.



CONTRACTOR STAKEHOLDER MEETING

November 4 at 3 p.m. with General and Residential Contractors.



PLAN REVIEW PROCESS UPDATE

In an effort to increase the level of customer service, some changes have been made to the Plan Review process. All transactions will be conducted in a central intake. This will allow more staff to be cross-trained to accept revisions and process transactions. Administration will evaluate the central intake after a month to ensure that the changes have produced the desired results.

ACTIVITY	9/27-10/10	2019 YTD	2018	2017
Permits Issued	1,842	32,858	39,899	32,020
Single-Family Permits	98	2,129	2,200	1,518
Certificates of Occupancy (SFR)	85	1,965	1,824	1,382
Inspections	5,318	104,946	115,073	84,510
Plans Reviewed	518	10,870	13,559	10,352
Online Permits	781	14,660	13,421	8,346

COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Bass Pro/Sunglass Shop – Interior Renovation – 2250 SW Gatlin Blvd.

Dr. Palmer – Tenant Buildout – 573 NW Lake Whitney Pl. #104

COMMERCIAL PERMITS

New Pro Shop / Riverland Sports and Racquet Club – 12200 SW Winding Ridge Blvd.

Bath & Body Works – Interior Remodel – 10748 SW Village Pkwy.

Chico's – Tenant Improvement – 1355 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.

Mark A Barber DDS – Interior Renovation – 718 SE Becker Rd.

St. Lucie Medical Center – 4th Floor Remodel – 1800 SE Tiffany Ave.



CIVIC CENTER

A full-service event venue.



108,000 people attended 282 events in FY 18/19.
5,714 people attended 11 events in FY 19/20.



The **State of Jobs Conference**, hosted by CareerSource Research Coast, drew nearly 600 high school juniors and seniors from Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin counties. Attendees explored career pathways in six high-demand industries including healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, skilled trades, art and design, and business and financial services.



Congratulations to all the graduates at the **Fortis Institute graduation ceremony** at the Civic Center.

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TESTIMONIAL

Mendy, my sales manager was very helpful & friendly, and Pat assisted us during the event, and she was fantastic to work with.

Danielle Mahony, Wealth Builder Seminar



UPCOMING EVENTS

- » 10/19: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk of St. Lucie County
- » 10/20: South Florida Church of Christ Service
- » 10/23-10/24: 567 Estate Planning Workshop
- » 10/25-10/27: Fall Fun Fest
- » 10/26-10/27: Handcrafted Fine Jewelry, Rock, & Gem Show
- » Four Private Events



To accommodate the ever-changing nature of events that take place in the Civic Center, a **new audio system** has been installed in the Emerald Ballroom. This multi-purpose designed audio and control solution will address all of the facility's unique event needs.



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Telling PSL's story and engaging with the community.



PRESS RELEASES (10/4-10/18)

- » 10/08: [Tambone facilitates first sale to Brightwork Acquisitions for development of Tradition Center for Commerce in Port St. Lucie](#)
- » 10/09: [1PSL system gives residents improved way to connect to City Hall](#)
- » 10/10: [Staging for Prima Vista Construction Underway](#)
- » 10/15: [City's Job Shadowing Day will give students a career glimpse for 2019 FL Government Week](#)



VIDEOS & GRAPHICS

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The Communications Department designed **Leisure Time Magazine**, a free bi-annual catalog of events, programs, and classes hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department. This magazine can be found at any of the City's facilities or online: pslparks.com/leisuretime.



[KPSLB Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Video](#)

Once cigarettes are on the ground they can end up in storm drains and stream into rivers and waterways, potentially harming marine life.

GOOD NEWS UPDATE

BUSINESS
INSIDER

10/07: [PSL ranked in top 15 FL cities everyone in the country is moving to](#)

Business Insider recently took a look at the U.S. cities with the highest net migration since 2010, and noticed that over half of them were in Florida. For this list, we decided to focus on the places within Florida that have attracted the most newcomers over the last decade.



10/09: [PSL ranks as #5 best place to retire](#)

The rankings offer a comprehensive evaluation of the country's 125 largest metropolitan areas – up from 100 last year – based on how well they meet Americans' expectations for retirement, with measures including housing affordability, desirability, health care and overall happiness.



10/11: [PSL ranks as #2 safest city in FL with population over 50,000](#)

Urban neighborhoods often face challenges that smaller towns and communities might not have. For that reason, The Home Security Advisor acknowledges some of the larger cities in Florida that have done a great job keeping their streets safe.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Preserving & revitalizing neighborhoods, helping residents access services & programs.



ST. LUCIE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 50TH ROOF REPLACEMENT

St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 50th roof replacement with homeowners Miguel and Neida Cardoso. The generous funds from the Bernard A. Egan Foundation, Red Cross and Florida Habitat were instrumental in extending the longevity and quality of homeownership for 50 residents and their families in our community.

St. Lucie Habitat sent a special thank you to the City of Port St. Lucie, the St Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, their board, and everyone who helped make this "impossible" dream a reality!

Councilwoman Morgan attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony to show support for the incredible initiative. With the continued support and investment from partners, St. Lucie Habitat hopes to continue building and improving the homeownership experience for many more families, and many more years.



CITY UNIVERSITY #8

City University Class #7



The Neighborhood Services Department is currently half way through City University Class #8. In an effort to continually grow the program and make it more comprehensive, Waste Pro and Michelle Franklin, from the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser's office, attended last week's session. A special thank you to Councilwoman Caraballo who came to provide the class with opening remarks.

City University is a free nine-week program designed to help residents learn about their City government. It has proven to be very popular and staff is working to expand the scope and reach. The program is held twice a year, in the spring and fall, and space is limited. If you are interested and would like more information please visit www.cityofpsl.com/cityuniversity or email NICE@cityofpsl.com.





PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Improving quality of life one event, class and program at a time.



Community Center
772-878-2277

Civic Center - Recreation
772-807-4499

Robert E. Minsky Gym
772-344-4142

The Saints Golf Course
772-398-2901



Leisure Time is a free bi-annual catalog of events, programs, and classes that can be found at any of the City's facilities or online: www.pslparks.com/leisuretime.



FALL FUN FEST: OCT 25-27

Bring the whole family down to the Civic Center for a weekend of fun! There will be trick-or-treating, costume contest, Midway Carnival rides, PSL's Got Talent, food booths, arts and crafts, live music and much more! Free admission! All ages welcome! For more information visit www.pslparks.com/fallfunfest.

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PIZZA JAM
Minsky Gym

OCT
18



**HAUNTED HAPPENINGS
DANCE** Community Center

OCT
19



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
Minsky Gym

OCT
23



**SPOOKY SPECIAL NEEDS
DANCE** Community Center

OCT
24



HAUNTED HOUSE TIME
Minsky Gym

OCT
27



**ONE STOP SHOP GARAGE
SALE** Civic Center



THE SAINTS GOLF COURSE FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

IN IT TO WIN IT!

The City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department invites residents to join the 16th annual Saints Fall Classic. The format is 36-hole individual stroke play, gross and net.

Dates/Times:

Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10 at 8 a.m.

Entry Deadline: October 31, 2019

Ages 16 and older. [Download Registration Form.](#)

For more information, contact The Saints Golf Course at 772-398-2901. [View more event details online.](#)



FACILITY UPDATES

PROJECTS & IMPROVEMENTS

- » The Saints Golf Course Bunker Renovation Project has started and is scheduled to be completed in November. The renovation includes reshaping the bunkers, upgrading drainage and the addition of new sand.
- » New Yamaha Golf carts, with built-in GPS systems, will be arriving November 1.
- » Sampson Tree Service has completed trimming the oak and palm trees.

VOLUNTEERS

The Saints Golf Course is recruiting additional volunteers as the winter season approaches to ensure staff maintains an excellent level of service for members and guests.

FALL RATES BEGIN OCT. 21

Fall rates at The Saints Golf Course start on Oct. 21 - Dec. 31.



PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Encouraging quality community development.



P19-099: 7-Eleven at Verano

Site Plan for 3,109 square foot convenience store with gasoline services.

P19-140: Emerald Design Center

Site Plan for a 34,500 square foot office/warehouse building and a 14,433 square foot self-storage building.

P19-162: Riverland Parcel C Plat Two

Preliminary and Final Plat for 142 dwelling units.

P19-167: Dairy Queen at Tradition

Site Plan for a 2,500 square foot drive-thru restaurant.

P19-180: St. James Subway

Site Plan for a 5,850 square foot drive-thru restaurant.

P19-181: Luxe RV Storage

Site Plan for an open storage yard with a 1,641 square foot office building.

P19-186: One Construction Roofing

Site Plan for a 6,407 square foot warehouse building.

P19-185: Verano South POD A Plat 5

Final Plat for 29 dwelling units.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

To protect and serve with courage, knowledge and integrity.



HIGHLIGHTS

TEMPORARY ANIMAL SHELTER

The St. Lucie County's Animal Safety Service and Protection Division scheduled an open house/press conference on Wednesday, October 9 about the new temporary animal shelter that will be utilized by the County, City of Port St. Lucie and City of Fort Pierce. The temporary animal shelter is located inside the Treasure Coast International Airport and Business Park, 2700 Industrial Avenue.

The Communications Department assisted the Animal Control Division by creating a video public service announcement.



[Watch Video PSA](#)

HEALTHY START'S 1ST ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST

Chief Bolduc will be participating in Healthy Start's 1st Annual Octoberfest on October 24, 2019, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery located at 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce. There will be a "Battle of the Bräts for Babies", where our local celebrity chefs, including our very own Chief Bolduc, will compete for the best bräts of the Treasure Coast. All proceeds go to giving every baby a healthy start. Come out and support this worthy cause!

FIRST RESPONDER OF THE MONTH APPRECIATION

On October 10, 2019, at Mission BBQ, The METS recognized one Fire/EMT, one Sheriff's Department Deputy, and one Police Department Officer for their 2019 First Responder Everyday Hero of the Year, sponsored by Seacoast. Sergeant Schichtel nominated our fallen officer SRO Steve Brown, who was chosen as the recipient. Steve's wife, Maria was present to accept the award, which included \$500 donated to the Port St. Lucie Police Athletic League, and a travel voucher from Allegiant Airlines.



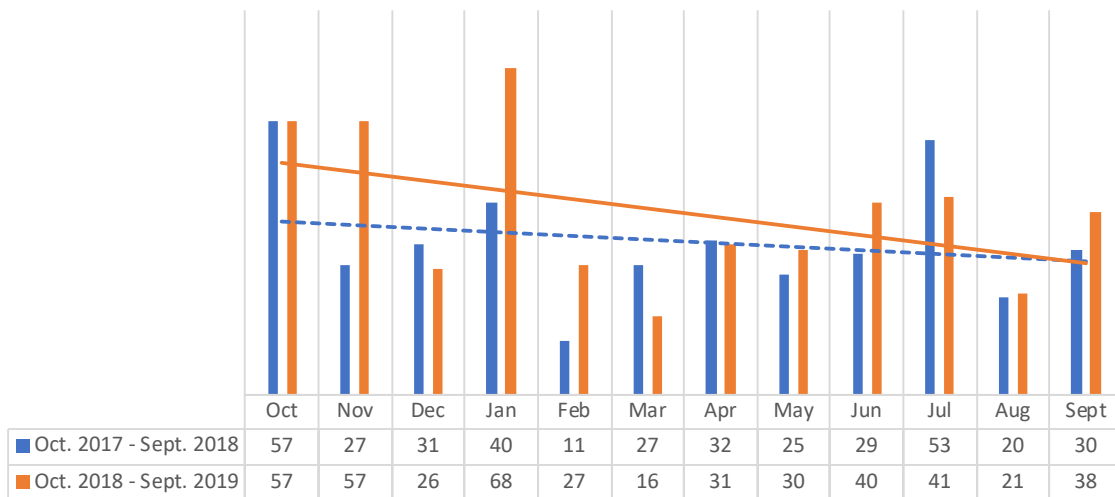
FOOTBALL GAME DEDICATED TO OFFICER BROWN

On October 11, 2019, the Treasure Coast Titans vs. Vero Beach Indians football teams dedicated their game to former SRO Steven J. Brown. We lost our brother, Steve, this past summer to a sudden heart attack. Maria Brown and Assistant Chief William Vega were the honorary Captains at the game.

CRIME STATS

CITYWIDE AUTO BURGLARIES

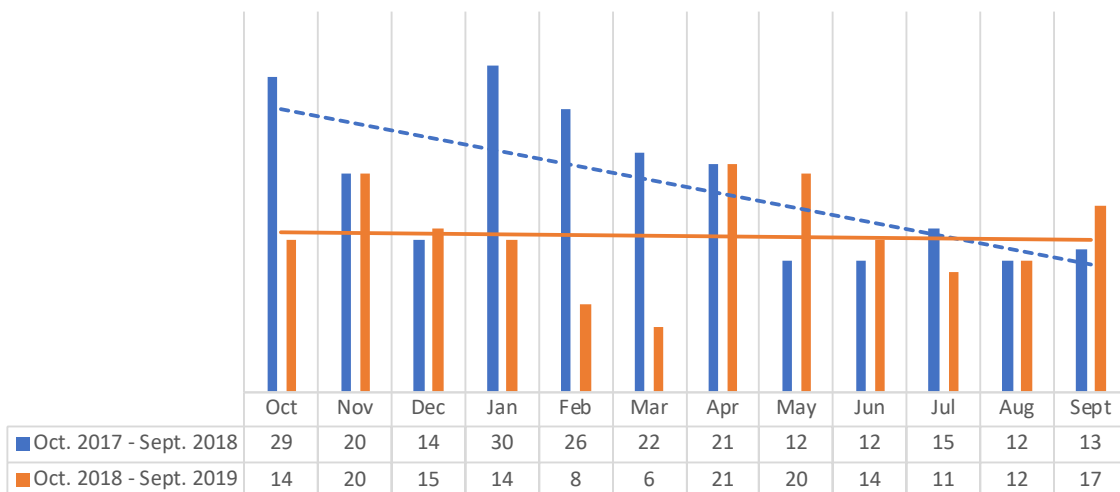
■ Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018 ■ Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2019
- - - Linear (Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018) - - - Linear (Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2019)



Increased 18.3% (+70)

CITYWIDE RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

■ Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018 ■ Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2019
- - - Linear (Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018) - - - Linear (Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2019)

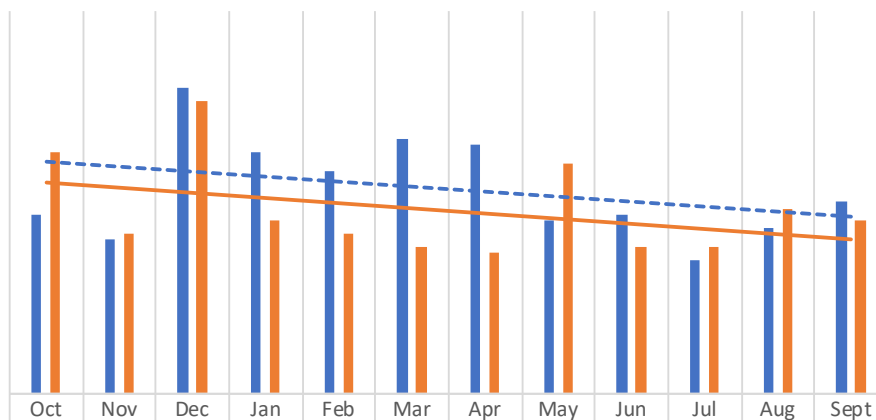


Decreased 23.9% (-54)



CITYWIDE RETAIL THEFT

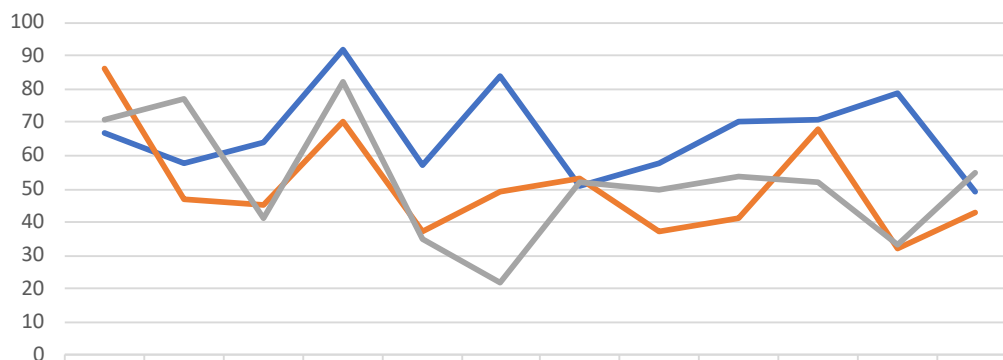
■ Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018 ■ Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2019
- - - Linear (Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018) — Linear (Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2019)



■ Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2018	28	24	48	38	35	40	39	27	28	21	26	30
■ Oct. 2018 - Sept. 2019	38	25	46	27	25	23	22	36	23	23	29	27

Decreased 10.4% (-40)

COMBINED 12 MONTH AUTO-RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
— 2016/2017	67	58	64	92	57	84	51	58	70	71	79	49
— 2017/2018	86	47	45	70	37	49	53	37	41	68	32	43
— 2018/2019	71	77	41	82	35	22	52	50	54	52	33	55

— 2016/2017 — 2017/2018 — 2018/2019

Total 12 Month Comparison: -24%, +2.6%

P.A.L. UPDATES



Police Athletic Leagues across the country exist to help unite Law Enforcement Officers and youth, promoting an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. With these attributes at the foundation, we intend to improve the quality of life in our respective communities.

- » **Boxing Program:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
- » **Karate Program:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- » **Wrestling:** Tuesday, Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 to 11 a.m.
- » **Free Fishing Trip on Lady Chris Out of Fort Pierce:** Date to be determined.
- » **Fall Baseball League:** October 16 and 23, 6 to 8 p.m. and October 12, 19 and 26, 9 to 11 a.m.
- » **Boxing Exhibition:** Fort Pierce P.A.L., Saturday, October 19, from noon to 4 p.m.
- » **Boxing Exhibition:** Vero Beach, Saturday, October 26, noon to 4 p.m.
- » **P.A.L. Candy Giveaway at the Fall Festival,** on October 25-27, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information about the PSL Police Athletic League visit www.cityofpsl.com/pal.



DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT TWO

- Case 2019-16826: Property Crimes Detectives investigated grand theft from a home improvement store. Loss prevention reported a female subject entered the chain store and selected three vacuum cleaners, totaling \$1,500. Through the investigation, it was learned that the same subject had committed a similar act shortly before this incident at a store in Vero Beach, FL. By working with loss prevention associates throughout South Florida, this woman was identified. The suspect later sold several stolen vacuum cleaners at a pawn shop in Hollywood, FL. Detectives identified a witness who provided identification of her from the surveillance video. A warrant was obtained, and she was subsequently arrested.
- Case 2019-16850: An 18-year-old man was arrested for robbery, battery, false imprisonment, and grand theft after he and several associates targeted and then attacked an 18-year-old victim. After beating the victim, the male suspect and his associates stole the victim's phone, keys, and vehicle. Detectives eventually identified the man and took him into custody. He is currently incarcerated, and the investigation is on-going.

DISTRICT THREE

- Case 2019-10570: Property Crimes Detectives investigated allegations of grand theft from a membership-only warehouse club. Loss prevention staff reported three male suspects entered the chain store and selected cases of cigarettes from the caged area worth \$4,174.80. Similar incidents involving this organized group of subjects were reported in the east and west coasts of Florida. The subjects were captured on video and a "Be On the Lookout" Bulletin was sent out. Based on positive identification of the suspect by detectives from other agencies, video evidence, witness statements, and photograph evidence, all three subjects were positively identified and arrested for grand theft.

- Cases 2019-17863, 2019-17883 and 2019-17888: Property Crimes Detectives investigated a spree of auto-burglaries. Three vehicle burglaries transpired during a state of emergency (Hurricane Dorian) in the overnight hours. During the burglaries, a firearm was stolen as well as money. Detectives followed up on a Field Identification Card from Neighborhood Policing Bureau Officers, as well as recovered video surveillance. After obtaining this information, Detectives identified the male suspect. Warrants were applied for three counts of burglary, one count of burglary to a conveyance while armed, one count of damage to property-criminal mischief over \$200 and less than \$1,000, and public order crimes-wearing a hood or mask. With the coordination and assistance of the United States Marshall Task Force, the suspect was taken into custody in Palm Beach County and he remains incarcerated.
- Case 2019-20202: A 14-year-old female and 16-year-old female were arrested after the pair wrote multiple messages throughout a high school on SW Darwin Boulevard which stated, "A bombing will occur at the school on October 3rd and people were going to die." Detectives identified the pair, who were caught on surveillance cameras writing the messages on several concrete pillars. The messages were then circulated on social media by numerous other students which led to numerous 9-1-1 calls. The female students were interviewed by Detectives and subsequently taken to the juvenile detention center. Their threats were deemed not credible.
- On October 11, 2019, Port St. Lucie Police arrested a 22-year-old man on SW Belmont Circle, PSL on the charges of possession of child pornography, lewd computer solicitation of a child, and lewd and lascivious molestation-offender over 18, victim 12-16. The incident was reported on May 13, 2019. Social Media information assisted Detectives with findings. Warrants were approved by the state and the male suspect was arrested and transported to the St. Lucie County Jail.

DISTRICT FOUR

- Case 2019-13019: A man was arrested for stealing a victim's phone while all parties were at a pub on SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard. The man sent text messages and Facebook messages to the victim stating he had her phone. He later denied taking the victim's phone once confronted by Detectives. An E-warrant was submitted and approved. The male was picked up at his residence and transported to the St. Lucie County Jail by Road Patrol Officers.
- Case 2019-13173: A Detective was called out while on-call in reference to a sexual assault allegation. During the investigation, it was revealed that the allegation of the rape was false, which was supported by numerous follow-up interviews and forensic evidence from cellphones. Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the female suspect, who later confessed that she lied about the sexual assault investigation.
- Case 2019-16254: CID Property Crimes Detectives investigated a theft of several pieces of jewelry which occurred at S.E. Parkwood Circle between August 2, 2019 and August 9, 2019, while the victims were out of town. The victim suspected his son's ex-girlfriend had stolen their items. A pawn search confirmed this to be true. The female was arrested on two counts of giving false information to a pawn broker for each separate transaction, two counts of dealing in stolen property for each separate transaction and one count of grand theft.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Protecting the environment and infrastructure.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

- **Paar Drive** – Savona Blvd. to Port St. Lucie Blvd. (0.8 miles) – FY 18/19 – City Funded, construction underway.
- **Paar Drive** – Port St. Lucie Blvd. to Darwin Blvd. (1.0 miles) – FY 18/19 – LAP Funded, construction underway.
- **Southbend Blvd.** – Oakridge to Eagle (0.2 miles over bridge) – FY 18/19 – CDBG Funded - Construction underway.
- **Floresta Drive** – Prima Vista Blvd. to Airoso Blvd. (missing links/curb ramps) – FY 18/19 – CDBG Funded – Construction complete.
- **Macedo Blvd.** – Selvitz Rd. to St. James Dr. (1.0 miles) – FY 19/20 – LAP Funded. LAP Agreement has been executed by FDOT. Solicitation Request has been sent to Procurement to have this project put out to bid.

Sidewalk Program: www.cityofpsl.com/sidewalks.



*Paar Dr. (PSL/Savona)
Grading side swale*



STREET REPAVING PROGRAM

The street repaving goal for FY 19/20 is 28.9 miles. Scheduling of the resurfacing work is currently underway with a tentative start date of Nov. 18. For more information about the City's Street Repaving Program, please visit www.cityofpsl.com/repaving.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



CITY ELECTRIC LOOP ROAD - Northern 700 ft. of Phase 2 has been paved and remaining subgrade work has been installed. Subgrade has passed inspection and all base rock material has been installed for Phase 2. Curb installation at Village Parkway is complete and approximately 80% of the sidewalk has been installed. Contractor is working on remaining sidewalk and prepping for asphalt. Lift Station is 90% complete.

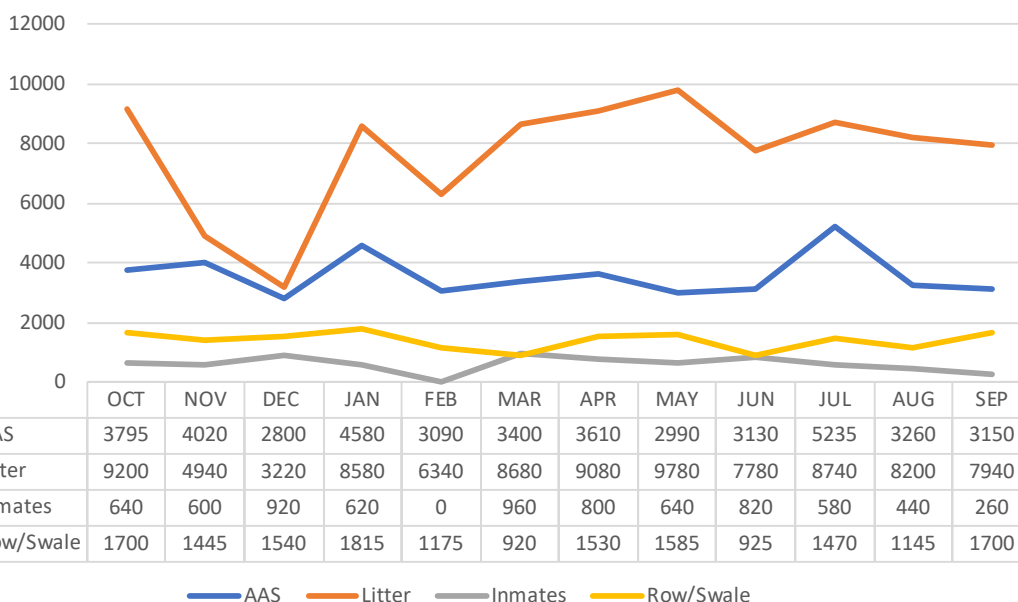


CITY HALL PARKING LOT & BUILDING B DRIVE THRU - All additional site work has been completed as featured on page 5.



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

LITTER COLLECTION OCT. 2018 - SEPT. 2019



GREENPOLLY BAGS

KPSLB was recently given a new brand of trash and recycling bags called GreenPolly. GreenPolly is one of the first bags to be made of 80-90%* post-consumer (not industrial) plastic and a renewable source! They have asked KPSLB and our volunteers to put these bags to the test! Their only request is to receive genuine feedback and photos of the product in use. Here is what we received back:



"Already out to the test. Pre-storm cleanup. Love them.... they don't leak! I hang them on a stroller with my granddaughter. Picked up some possible projectiles! Be safe." - Army Mom



"We filled a total of three bags of trash with our new bags. Guys loved the bags, good size, stayed together well no splitting, open bags. Ties worked well, easy to rip apart and start a new bag. Overall, we scored them a 10 and would definitely buy this bag at the store."
- Living Faith Church



UPCOMING KPSLB EVENTS

KIDMania in the Land of Literacy on Oct. 20 from 1-4 p.m. at Minsky Gym and Whispering Pines Park. KPSLB will join this event and supply books and creative activities for the participants. Make sure you drop by our booth!



SALES TAX PROJECTS

Better roads, more sidewalks and cleaner rivers.



» St. Lucie West Blvd. Intersection Improvements:

Construction contract has been awarded to Pavé-Co Construction. Construction started on September 16, 2019 for Cashmere Blvd., Peacock Blvd. and Bayshore Blvd. California Blvd. construction starts in FY 25/26.

» California Blvd. Widening from St. Lucie West Blvd. to Crosstown Pkwy:

- Construction starts in FY 25/26.

» Sidewalk Projects:

- Torino Blvd.:
 - » California Blvd. to Cashmere Blvd. – Design is underway.
 - » Villa Vizcaya to Midway Rd. – Design is underway.
- Delwood Dr.: Torino Blvd. to Winterlakes Park – Design is underway.

» Repaving Projects:

- Thornhill Dr.: Airoso Blvd. to Sandia Ave. – Repaving completed on Oct. 4.
- Morningside Blvd.: Westmoreland Boulevard to Club Med – Repaving is scheduled to begin following the ongoing FPL pole replacement project (Fall 2019/ Spring 2020)
- Tulip Blvd.: College Park Rd. to 368 Tulip (Fall 2019/ Spring 2020)
- California Blvd.: Country Club Blvd. to SLW Blvd. (Fall 2019/ Spring 2020)
- Gatlin Blvd. - Repaving starts in FY 26/27.

» Traffic Signal Coordination

- Port St. Lucie Blvd. starts in FY 27/28
- Crosstown Parkway starts in FY 27/28

• Floresta Blvd. Widening

- Southbend Blvd. to Elckam Waterway - Design is underway with a completion date of November 2019.
- Elckam Waterway to Crosstown Parkway - Construction starts in FY 20/21.
- Crosstown Parkway to Prima Vista Blvd. - Construction starts in FY 22/23.

» Torino Blvd. Intersection Improvements:

Construction bids were opened on 8/20/19. Construction is scheduled to commence on October 14, 2019 for the following:

- California Blvd. Roundabout
- Cashmere Blvd. Roundabout

» U.S. Highway 1 Beautification with Landscaping starts in FY 20/21.



Thornhill Drive



Peacock Boulevard



UTILITY SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

Dedicated to leading the water quality industry.

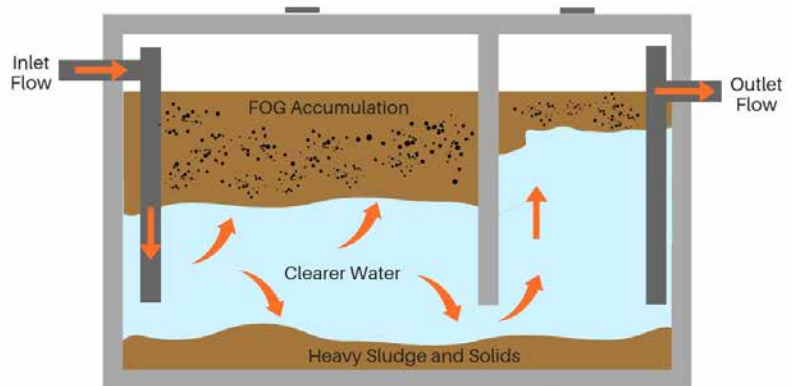
NEW FOG PROGRAM TARGET MET IN ITS FIRST YEAR



In an effort to maintain the integrity of the City's vast wastewater system, which includes over 1,000 miles of sewer pipe, Port St. Lucie Utility Systems implemented an official FOG (fats, oils, and grease) Program in 2018. The program reduces the amount of grease that reaches our wastewater treatment plants. Excessive amounts of grease prevent wastewater from flowing through the pipes, as it builds up over time and collects other flushed debris. The clogs create backups and damage infrastructure, and ultimately, wastewater cannot be properly processed and treated.

As part of the program, commercial grease interceptors are inspected by our Pretreatment Coordinator. Upon inspection, the commercial customers learn about the importance of grease interceptor maintenance and everything they can do to help protect the wastewater system. The target of inspecting every qualifying commercial grease interceptor in the City was met in the program's first year. The Pretreatment Coordinator conducts an average of 6 to 8 inspections a day and each main interceptor 3 to 4 times per year, which equals approximately 1,440 inspections per year.

A standard grease interceptor is a large-capacity underground vault with at least two chambers installed on the gray water discharge from a kitchen facility. The large capacity of the vault slows down the wastewater, allowing oil and grease to float to the surface and solid material to settle out. These vaults are installed outside the building as near as possible to the source of oil/grease. The vault has a concrete lid with manhole openings in the top. These allow access into the vault for cleaning and for inspection of vault components.



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Residential FOG also contributes blockages in the wastewater system. FOG comes from a variety of food sources that go down the drain including: lard, meat fats, food scraps, dairy products, butter, margarine, sandwich spreads, cooking oil, shortening, sauces, gravies, and dressings.

Businesses and residents alike can help keep our wastewater system FOG-free. By making a few simple changes and properly disposing of FOG, you are protecting your pipes, as well as the environment.

Do not:

- Pour grease down the sink, garbage disposal, or into toilets.
- Run water over dishes, pans, fryers, or griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.

Do:

- Scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into the trash for disposal.
- Wipe excess FOG from pans and dishes with a paper towel and throw it away.
- Cool hot grease in a can.
- Put baskets in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids.

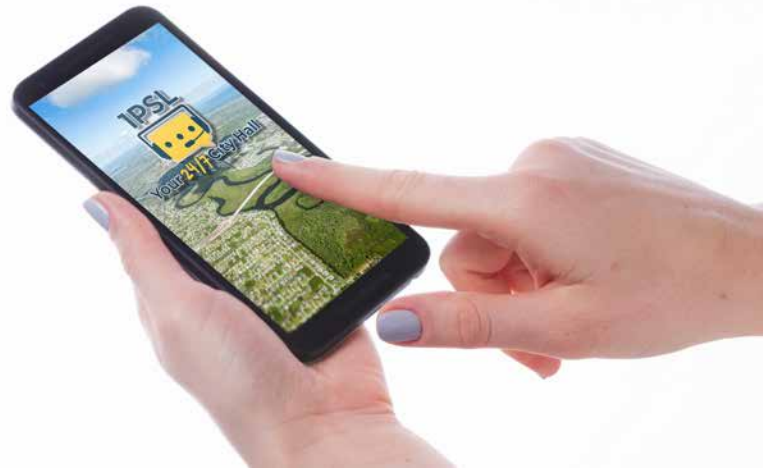
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FEATURE STORY:

1PSL SYSTEM GIVES RESIDENTS IMPROVED WAY TO CONNECT WITH CITY



Your **24/7** City Hall



Posted: October 9, 2019

PORT ST. LUCIE – Residents and visitors now have an easy, new way to seamlessly connect with Port St. Lucie’s City Hall – no matter the time or day – via either a mobile app, website portal or telephone call.

As part of Port St. Lucie’s strategic goal to be a high performing government organization, the City has launched the 1PSL customer service system for citizens to ask questions and make requests. The City’s vision for the new system is to “seamlessly connect our residents to city resources and deliver exceptional customer service.”



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“It is our goal to help our citizens navigate any type of city-related question or issue as easily as possible on the platform they feel most comfortable using,” Port St. Lucie City Manager Russ Blackburn said. “We know some residents prefer a phone call, while others like to use an app on their phone. Our staff aims to deliver a high level of customer service no matter which way our residents connect with us through the 1PSL system.”

The all-in-one 1PSL system is your 24/7 City Hall. The new 1PSL mobile app has replaced the AccessPSL app and is available for free on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Citizens can use the 1PSL mobile app to request services, pay their utility bill, ask questions, learn about city news and events or pinpoint an issue location using GPS.

Those who prefer to use the telephone can call 772-871-1775 (1PSL) at any time of the day and reach a 1PSL navigator who can assist with questions or requests. For those who prefer to use their computer, the 1PSL web portal can be accessed at www.cityofpsl.com/1PSL.

The City’s goals for the new 1PSL system include:

- Insuring that no citizen request is lost and always followed up on.
- Storing each request in an electronic database and routing it effectively to the party responsible for resolving it.
- Providing a record for the resolution of each service request.
- Enabling detailed reporting based on service request types, streets, districts, users, time to resolution and more.
- Assisting in future, data-based decision making regarding the allocation of resources, prioritizing of projects, budget requests and more.

