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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.



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*Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Day March 2019*



HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

PSL NAMED A "SAFEST CITY" IN MULTIPLE PUBLICATIONS

PORT ST. LUCIE – While Florida law enforcement data has shown Port St. Lucie to be the safest large City in the state for the past eight years in a row, several other groups from across the nation have recently taken notice.

During the past two months, Port St. Lucie's safety has been positively recognized on four separate ranking lists. Two of those lists rank Port St. Lucie as one of the safest cities in the United States, while two others rank PSL among the safest in Florida.

According to these 2019 lists, Port St. Lucie is:

- » The [fourth safest city in the United States](#) with a population of more than 100,000, according to Homesnacks.net. This group analyzed FBI data for 283 cities in America with more than 100,000 residents to create its list.
- » The [fourteenth safest city in the United States](#), according to Reviews.com. This group also analyzed FBI data for 454 cities across the country to form its list.
- » The [ninth safest city in Florida](#), according to Safewise.com. Safewise used FBI and population data to rank the top 50 safest cities in the state.
- » The [seventh safest city in Florida for property crime](#), according to Reviews.org. This group also used FBI data to find cities with the most and least amount of property crime.

More information about Port St. Lucie's status as the safest large City in Florida, based on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement data, can be found in our news article "[PSL remains safest large City in FL.](#)"



CROSSTOWN PARKWAY EXTENSION PROJECT



Drainage activities on east side



ABOUT CROSSTOWN

The Crosstown Parkway Extension Project will provide 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 will serve as a multi-modal transportation alternative to include accommodations for automobile, bicycle, pedestrian and public transit.

MARCH 29, 2019 UPDATE

- » The City is seeking art to be featured on utility boxes near the Crosstown Bridge Project. The art will be recognized at the Grand Opening Celebration later this year.
- » Work continues on Village Green Drive and U.S. 1 area:
 - Traffic shift on Village Green. Eastbound and westbound traffic 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 U.S. 1.
 - One southbound lane and one northbound lane closed on U.S. 1 from Savanna Road to Village Green Drive Intersection.
- » Installing anchor bolts for Minnesota Rail. Minnesota Rail installation to start in April.
- » Mast arms are being installed.
- » Bridge drainage being installed on the east and west side.
- » Removing trestle from the east side of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.
- » Painting exterior beams on the bridge.
- » Sidewalk activities around the east approach.
- » Bridge grinding and grooving to start in late April.
- » Irrigation installation along the berm throughout the project to prepare for landscaping.



City Electric

HIGHLIGHTS

- » A 60-day temporary CO was issued to Pop Stroke on Wednesday, March 20.
- » Mid-Florida Credit Union in St. Lucie West received its Certificate of Occupancy on Friday, March 22.
- » City Hall parking lot is currently being graded in preparation for asphalt.
- » Columns have been completed in the Building Department drive-thru and have now begun framing out the beam.
- » Building Department sent out a reminder notification to all Building, Residential, and General Contractors regarding the state laws and need for permits through FWC for removal of Gopher Tortoises. Additionally, TCBA is sharing this information with their members and at their next meeting in April.
- » Next Building Department stakeholder meeting is April 11, at 3 p.m., with Plumbing Contractors.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Activity	3/7 - 3/20	2019 YTD	2018	2017
Permits Issued	1,582	8,684	39,899	32,020
Single Family Permits Issued	142	565	2,200	1,518
Certificates of Occupancy Issued (SFR)	82	486	1,824	1,382
Inspections Completed	4,681	27,461	115,073	84,510
Plans Reviewed	491	2,662	13,559	10,352
Permits Applied for Online	666	3,934	13,421	8,346

Commercial Certificates of Occupancy

Springs at Tradition, Building #1 – 11220 SW Village Ct.

Springs at Tradition, Building #2 – 11226 SW Village Ct.

Tradition Coffee House – 10513 SW Meeting St, Unit 104

Temporary CO – Pop Stroke – 11072 SW Village Pkwy

Commercial Permits

Karla's Massage Therapy & Care – Interior Renovations - 1626 SW Bayshore Blvd.

United Refrigeration Distribution Center – Storage/Business – 671 NW Enterprise Dr.

Pickleball Courts @ Cascades – 818 and 808 NW Cascades Isle Blvd

Apfelbaum Law Office – Tenant Improvement – 451 SW Bethany Dr, Suite 202

Angel of Light Salon – Tenant Improvement – 820 SW Glenview Ct.

Public Storage – Storage Building – 530 NW University Blvd.

K&S Industries – Interior Buildout – 1380 NW Commerce Center Dr.

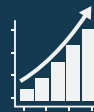


Pop Stroke



CIVIC CENTER

A full service event venue.



FY 18/19 STATISTICS THRU 3/24/19

» Event attendance: 19,421

» Event days: 226

EVENT SUMMARY

FREE FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES

March 22, 2019 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

An evening with the Tom Jackson Band, many turned out to enjoy a gorgeous night of country music and dancing.



KINGS & QUEENS OF THE SEWING MACHINES

March 21-23, 2019 • 9 a.m.

Residents had a wonderful time at Laura Jordan's Sewing event last week.

OTHER EVENTS

- » March 30 | American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk
- » March 31 | The South Florida Church of Christ Church Service
- » April 2 | City of PSL Neighborhood Services Hosts NICE Neighborhood Meeting
- » 5 Private Rentals





CIVIC CENTER ART GALLERY UNVEILING & RECEPTION: APRIL 4 *TREASURE COAST PHOTOGRAPHY CENTER, INC.*

The Civic Center's Art Gallery Unveiling is a reception to meet the artist and to celebrate the opening of a new exhibit in the Art Gallery of the Civic Center. Cash bar available.

» **RECEPTION**

Thursday, April 4 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

» **EXHIBITION**

April 5 - 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is the sixth annual photography exhibition presented by the Treasure Coast Photography Center, Inc. This exhibition is a sponsored event and is being conducted in support of New Horizons of the Treasure Coast in Okeechobee.

For more information about the artist, visit: www.tcpsinc.org or email info@tcpsinc.org.

WPBF HEALTH & WELLNESS FESTIVAL FEATURING DR. OZ: APRIL 6

The 7th annual WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival returns to the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Emerald Ballroom and Ruby Hall.



America's Doctor, Dr. Mehmet Oz, Emmy Award-winning host of "The Dr. Oz Show" will headline the free event. It's time for you to change your life for the better. Dr. Oz has several special messages planned for you throughout the day and will also lead a discussion among a panel of distinguished local medical professionals zeroing in on medical topics important to your family.

Booths will feature dozens of local medical experts ready to answer your personal questions about health, nutrition, wellness, fitness, beauty, and more. See product demonstrations and learn about the latest advances that can improve your life. We will offer cash giveaways throughout the day, as well as free children's activities, and fun for the entire family. The entire WPBF 25 News team will all be on hand to meet you! Event admission and parking are both free. If your business would like to participate, please call 561-514-7608.



BLACK BOX COMEDY PRESENTS VIC DIBITETTO: APRIL 12

Black Box Productions presents Vic DiBitetto who churns energy, honesty and humanity into non-stop laughter. His pace is frenetic. His material vivid and true. From his first words, to his famous, word-free, mannequin head encore, DiBitetto leaves his audience breathless with laughter. Tickets are \$45 including tax and fees. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Cash bar available. Arrive early and enjoy a meal at the Civic Center Café!

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Our Mission is to tell PSL's story and engage with the community as driven by the City's Strategic Plan.

NEWS UPDATE



- » 3/28: [PSL named "safest city" in multiple publications](#)
- » 3/21: [PSL ranked #12 best place to live near beach](#)
- » 3/20: [PSL ranked #9 safest city in Florida](#)
- » 3/18: [PSL ranked #45 happiest city in America for 2019](#)
- » 3/13: [New Open House Map now available](#)

VIDEO UPDATE



[PSL Living - Sunshine Kitchen](#)



[PSL Living - 2nd Annual Culinary Cook-Off](#)



[The Agenda - Episode 12 \(Mar - Apr\)](#)



[KPSLB - Annual Cleanup Day](#)



[KPSLB - Appreciation Night](#)



[NPDES - Grass Clippings](#)

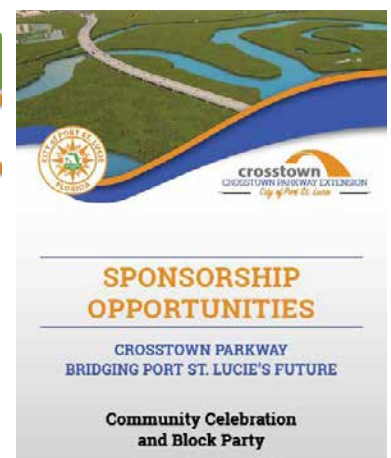
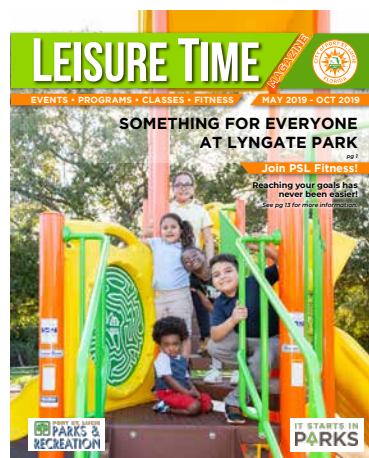
GRAPHIC COLLATERAL

LEISURE TIME MAGAZINE (MAY-OCT) NOW AVAILABLE

The Communications Department assisted the Parks & Recreation Department in designing the bi-annual Leisure Time magazine. This informative magazine is a catalog of events, programs, and classes hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department. This is a free magazine and can be found at any of the City's facilities. A digital copy can be viewed by visiting www.cityofpsl.com/leisuretime.

CROSTOWN SPONSORSHIP BROCHURE

The Communications Department is assisting in creating the Crosstown Parkway Community Celebration Sponsorship Opportunities brochure. This information will be released to the public soon.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Preserving and revitalizing PSL neighborhoods while helping residents access public services and programs.



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING: 3/23/19

The first NICE Neighborhood Meeting of 2019 kicked off with a bang at the Community Center on Saturday, March 23 at 10 a.m. Floresta Gardens, Floresta Pointe, and Riverview neighborhoods were invited to strike up a conversation and meet their neighbors. The Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) summarized information collected during the Citizen Summit along with finalizing the plan for neighborhood entry signs throughout the City. Residents were also able to ask questions and provide input on various city projects and events in their neighborhoods.



NSD's Community Programs Administrator, Alex Tasca, presented to a group of engaged citizens at the March 23 and March 30 meetings. Visit the [NICE Homepage on the City's website](https://www.cityofpsl.com/nice) to find your next neighborhood meeting. For questions or comments about these meetings, please e-mail NICE@cityofpsl.com.

SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION TO A 311 CALL

On February 14, the Neighborhood Services Department received information about a failing septic system causing a public health concern and leaking sewage onto the neighboring property. The Utility Systems Department was able to maintain the septic tank for the resident throughout the connection process. NSD staff met with the resident at his property to provide him with the paperwork needed to obtain a grant to fix the issue. The sewer conversion was completed on March 19.

The Neighborhood Services and Utility Systems Department worked together to show compassion for a resident in need. Special thanks to staff members Ann Fidge, Michael Hahn, and Gina Linsley for going the extra mile to help this homebound resident obtain the needed services to resolve this issue. Staff is also looking into the possibility of providing repair/rehabilitation assistance to this resident to address other code issues as well.



PARKS & RECREATION

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Neighborhood Services Tax Preparation**
Mondays only, March 25, Community Center
- **Neighborhood Services N.I.C.E. Meeting**
Saturday, March 30, Community Center
- **2019 Summer Junior Basketball Program Basketball Evaluations**
Saturday, March 30, Minsky Gym
- **Pizza Birthday Parties**
Sunday, March 31, Minsky Gym
- **Summer Adventure Camp**
Registration begins April 1, visit: www.cityofpsl.com/camps
- **2019 Summer Junior Basketball Program Draft**
Tues-Thur, April 2- April 4, Minsky Gym
- **City of PSL Pretty Princess Tea Party**
Wednesday, April 3, Community Center
- **City of PSL Human Resources Volunteer Breakfast**, Thursday, April 11, Community Center
- **River Nights**
Thursday, April 11, Westmoreland Riverfront Park

RECURRING EVENTS

- **"Great Kids" Drop-In Program**
Mon.-Fri. at Civic Center & Minsky Gym
- **Rock Steady Boxing**: Mon/Wed/Fri at Civic Center
- **Pickleball**: Mon/Wed/Thurs at Civic Center
- **Tot Drop**: Tues/Thurs at Civic Center
- **Tai Chi**: Tuesdays at Civic Center
- **Beginner & Advanced Karate**: Tues/Thurs at Civic Center
- **Line Dancing**: Wednesdays at Civic Center
- **M & M Sweeties**: Wednesdays at Civic Center
- **Advanced Baton Twirlers**: Wednesdays at Civic Center
- **Kung Fu**: Wednesdays Civic Center
- **Wacky Wednesday**: Wednesdays at Minsky Gym
- **Tot Time**: Thursdays at Minsky Gym
- **Adult Coed Softball**: Fridays at Sandhill Crane Park
- **Dance Combo**: Saturdays at Civic Center
- **Movin' & Groovin'**: Saturdays at Civic Center
- **Tutus and Taps**: Saturdays at Civic Center
- **Mah Jongg**: Monday & Wednesdays at Civic Center

PROJECTS

DISTRICT 2

- Included on the list of FY 18-19 Parks Capital Improvement Project, the development of the new dog park located within McChesney Park, an in-house project, was officially started on March 20, 2019. Park amenities for this project have been ordered and land grubbing has begun. Project completion is still on schedule with an estimated completion date of July 2019.

DISTRICT 3

- Minsky Gym Shed was painted and completed on 3/11/19.
- Minsky Gym interior lights installation was completed on 3/26/19.
- Minsky Gym parking lot resealing and striping will be complete by 4/12/19

DISTRICT 4

- The Garland Company will be addressing remaining items with the Roof Restoration project at the Community Center. Project will be complete once roof has been re-painted.
- Civic Center Gymnasium Wall Padding replacement project was completed on 3/20/19
- Community Center Fire Alarm system replacement project is expected to be completed by April 2019
- As part of the FY 18-19 approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project list, Rotary Park large family pavilion roofing system will be replaced. This project has been awarded to the Garland Group. Project will start on April 1, 2019 and is expected to be completed April 14, 2019.
- Included on list of FY 18-19 approved Parks Capital Improvement Projects, Jessica Clinton Sports Lighting upgrade to LED lights for both the tennis and basketball courts has been completed by Davco Electric as of March 25, 2019.



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

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Encouraging quality
community development.

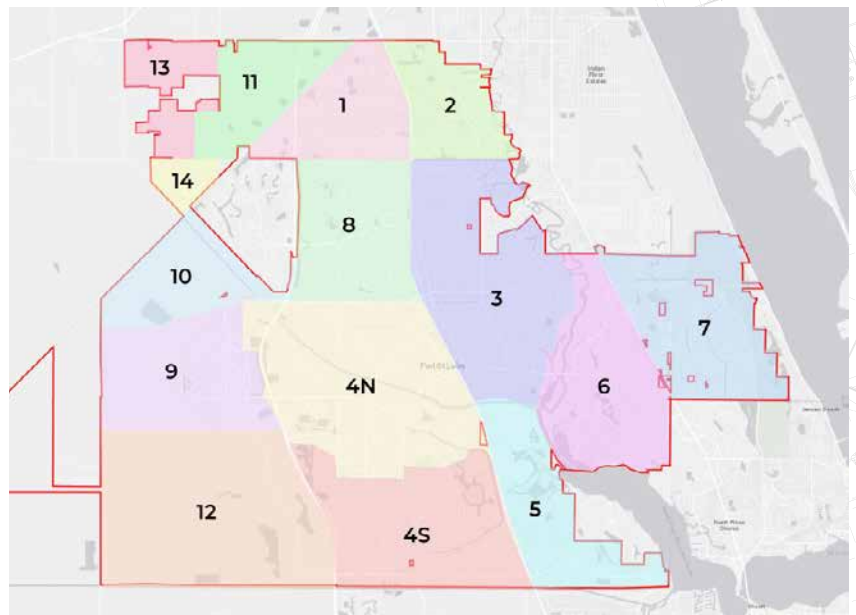
PROJECT UPDATE

- » **Riverland Parcel A Plat 11**
Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plat for 131 Dwelling Units
- » **CGI St. Lucie LLC**
Special Exception Use for a Wireless Communication Tower
- » **Lake Harvey Park at SLW**
Site Plan
- » **Mattamy at SG MPUD**
Rezoning for 138 acres to create a mixed use commercial/entertainment and residential area.
- » **Del Webb at Tradition Plat No. 2**
Final Plat for 174 Dwelling Units

NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN PSL

PLANNING AREA	SINGLE FAMILY UNITS	MULTIPLE FAMILY UNITS	TOTAL UNITS
1	3,197	615	3,812
2	2,557	462	3,019
4	16,449	1	16,450
4 North (4N)	15,405	529	15,934
4 South (4S)	9,927	26	9,953
5	1,972	12	1,984
6	4,536	1,214	5,750
7	5,433	2,267	7,700
8	5,320	1,653	6,973
9	3,170	1,157	4,327
10	603	160	763
12	42	13	55
14	130	0	130
CITY TOTAL	68,741	8,109	76,850

— CITY LIMITS



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



DISTRICT 1

- » Case 2019-02808: CID Property Crimes Detectives followed up regarding a residential burglary on SW Hampshire Lane. The victim reported someone broke into his house and stole two firearms. The victim suspected his son's friend was responsible for the crime, because just prior to the break-in he received a call from him asking if he was home. Video surveillance footage was later obtained, and the victim positively identified the friend entering the victim's house. Detectives obtained multiple arrest warrants for him for burglary, grand theft of a firearm, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The suspect is still at large, and detectives are working with the U.S. Marshall Task Force to locate and arrest him.

DISTRICT 2

- » Case 2018-26390: A male suspect was arrested on our warrants relating to sexual battery on a victim under 12-years-old by a perpetrator 18-years-old or older, and sexual battery on a victim under 12-years-old by a perpetrator under 18-years-old.
- » Case 2019-04149: C.I.D. Property Crimes Detectives followed up on allegations of theft from a gas station located in SLW. The victim had accidentally left his wallet on the counter after making a purchase. The store security video showed an unknown male remove the wallet shortly after the transaction. Upon reviewing the video, detectives observed the suspect was a subcontractor that was completing work at the store. The male suspect was identified, and detectives obtained arrest warrants for grand theft. The man was subsequently arrested.
- » On March 10, 2019 at approximately 6:13 p.m., Port St. Lucie Police went to N.W. St. Lucie West Boulevard for reports of theft involving a white male suspect at a local retail store. Police were informed that a 41-year-old male suspect was stopped by a Loss Prevention Officer as he exited the store with a shopping cart full of items. The Police investigation revealed the male suspect initially entered the store through the garden center entrance. The man grabbed a shopping cart and began placing miscellaneous items, which included a television and a mattress. The suspect was seen leaving the store without paying for any of the items inside of the cart. The items selected by the man totaled \$914.05 and he was arrested and charged with grand theft and was trespassed from the store.
- » PSL PD helped celebrate Girl Scouts' 107th birthday at the Port St. Lucie Police Department. The girls made all sorts of cupcakes during their meeting and invited PD PIO, Lisa Carrasquillo, to be the judge to pick the four best decorated cupcakes! Sergeant Carrasquillo had a difficult task because ALL the girls worked so hard at their presentations. AWESOME JOB girls! See photo right: here are the four cupcakes that won!



DISTRICT 3

- » On March 17, 2019, at 5:14 p.m., Port St. Lucie Police went to SW Susset Lane for reports of a road rage incident. The investigation revealed that the adult victim was travelling on SW Susset Lane when she looked at her rear-view mirror and observed a young female driving behind her. The suspect driver pulled her vehicle alongside the victim's SUV. Both drivers exited their cars to confront one another and began yelling. The female suspect walked to the rear of her car, retrieved a pink and black handgun and, as she pointed it at the victim, she made threats of shooting the victim. Upon conclusion of the investigation, police arrested the female suspect. The woman was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and she was transported to the St. Lucie County Jail.



DISTRICT 4

- » The Port St. Lucie Police Honor Guard and Motor Unit participated in the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Festival at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on March 16.



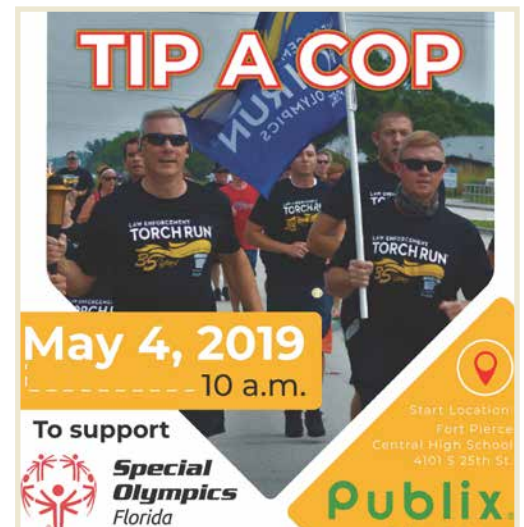
IN OTHER NEWS

- » Our office received a thank you card from a resident regarding her lost dog that was recovered and returned by Animal Control Officer Karen Leonard on March 12, 2019. The resident stated that ACO Leonard went above and beyond her job duties in how she was able to match the owner's dog information from another call, respond to that call and retrieve the missing dog. The resident had called the Animal Control office earlier and reported her dog missing after it was able to get out of its collar. The resident expressed her utmost gratitude for ACO Leonard's hard work in returning her dog.
- » On March 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, Chief John Bolduc proudly promoted Acting Lieutenant Brinton Black to the rank of Lieutenant. He also promoted Acting Sergeant Colin Duncombe and Acting Sergeant Erik Wilson to the rank of Sergeant. Two new officers joined the agency as they were sworn in by Chief Bolduc. These new officers are Kristina Popovich and Gelaine Pruitt. These individuals will allow us to continue the tradition of making Port St. Lucie one of the safest cities in Florida along with swearing-in our new police officers. These promotions and new hires will help the organization move forward and stabilize the leadership TEAM within the department. [Watch the video online.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- » Community Programs held a Tip a Cop event on March 1, 2019 at Carrabba's in St. Lucie West. The event raised over \$2,000 for the Special Olympics. The next two Tip a Cop events to benefit Special Olympics will be held on March 22 at Ruby Tuesday's in St. Lucie West and at Outback in St. Lucie West on April 5. The Law Enforcement Torch Run will be held on May 4, 2019. The run will start at Fort Pierce Central High School and will finish at the Publix St. Andrews on St. James Dr. The run starts at 10:00 a.m., with T-shirt sales starting at 9:00 a.m.



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (P.A.L.)

- » **Boxing Program:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
- » **Karate Program:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- » **Wrestling Program:** Tuesday and Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.
- » **Drum Line:** Sunday, from 3 to 5 p.m.
- » **PAL's Spring Baseball Program at Port St. Lucie High School (Junior Varsity):**
 - Doubleheader with Fort Pierce Central High School on Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. and noon
 - Centennial High School on Wednesday, March 27 at 4 p.m.
 - South Fork High School (Veterans Night) on Friday, March 29 at 4 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

*Protecting the environment
and infrastructure*

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

- Paar Drive – Savona Boulevard to Port St. Lucie Boulevard (0.8 miles) – FY 18/19 – City Funded
- Paar Drive – Port St. Lucie Boulevard to Darwin Boulevard (1.0 miles) – FY 18/19 – LAP Funded
- Southbend Blvd – Oakridge to Eagle (0.2 miles over bridge) – FY 18/19 – CDBG Funded
- Floresta Drive – Prima Vista Blvd to Airoso Blvd (missing links/curb ramps) – FY 18/19 – CDBG Funded
- Macedo Blvd – Selvitz Road to St. James Drive (1.0 miles) – FY 19/20 – LAP Funded

For more information about the City's Sidewalk Program, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com/sidewalks

STREET REPAVING PROGRAM

The street repaving goal for FY 18/19 is 32.9 miles. To date, 30 miles are complete. For more information about the City's Street Repaving Program, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com/repaving



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Southern Grove Loop Road - Phase 2 construction is ongoing. The contractor continues to work on roadway embankment and installation of the FPL infrastructure and they have started installation of the drainage infrastructure. Delivery of the utility structure is anticipated by the end of March. This project is scheduled for completion in September.



Port St. Lucie Blvd. & Gatlin Blvd. Intersection Improvements
Work is underway on one of the last remaining elements of the project, the roundabout at Tulip and College Park. Milling and resurfacing of the entire project limits has begun and is expected to take two weeks. Lane closures with traffic delays can be expected. The project is scheduled for completion in May.



City Hall Parking Lot - Installation of the drainage infrastructure is complete. The contractor is finalizing the grading of the parking lot base material in preparation for the first lift of asphalt. Light pole relocation is also ongoing concurrently.



BETTER **ROADS**, MORE **SIDEWALKS**, AND **CLEANER RIVERS**.

SALES TAX PROJECTS

- » **St. Lucie West Blvd. Intersection Improvements:**
 - Cashmere Blvd. - Design work has started
 - Peacock Blvd. - Design work has started
 - Bayshore Blvd. - Design work has started
 - 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
- » **Sidewalks Active Projects:**
 - Hillmoor Dr.: Lennard Rd. to Playground – Construction has started and is almost complete.
 - Hillmoor Dr.: St. Lucie Medical Center to Woodstork Trail – Construction has started.
 - Tiffany Ave.: School Site to Grand Dr. – Construction starts in April.
 - Morningside Blvd.: Treasure Island Rd. to Cambridge Dr. – Construction tentatively scheduled in summer.
 - Torino Blvd.: California Blvd. to Cashmere Blvd. – Design work started.
 - Torino Blvd.: Villa Vizcaya to Midway Rd. – Design work has started.
 - Delwood Dr.: Torino Blvd. to Winterlakes Park – Design work has started.
- » **Repaving Active Projects:**
 - Thornhill Dr.: Airoso Blvd. to Sandia Ave. – Repaving begins upon opening of Crosstown Parkway
 - Morningside Blvd.: Lyngate Dr. to Port St. Lucie Blvd. – Repaving begins after installation of a sewer line (force main).
- » **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 Boulevard Widening design work starts in May 2019.**
 - Southbend Blvd. to Elkcarn Waterway
 - Elkcarn Waterway to Crosstown Parkway
 - Crosstown Parkway to Prima Vista Blvd.
- » **Torino Boulevard Intersection Improvements:**
 - California Blvd. Roundabout – Design work has started.
 - Cashmere Blvd. Roundabout – Design work has started.
- » **U.S. Highway 1 Beautification with Landscaping starts in FY 20/21.**

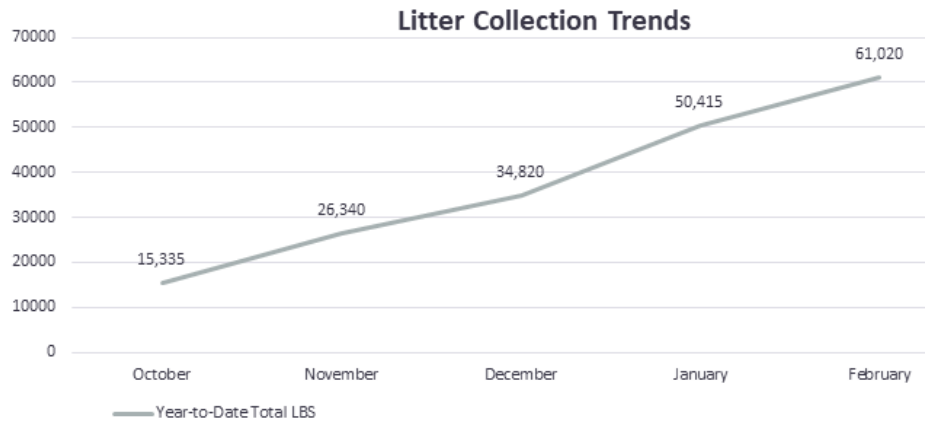


KEEP PORT ST. LUCIE BEAUTIFUL



LITTER UPDATE

Year	2018			2019	
Month	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Monthly Total LBS	15,335	11,005	8,480	15,595	10,605
Year-to-Date Total LBS	15,335	26,340	34,820	50,415	61,020



KPSLB UPDATES

• ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We are so excited to see this program growing! Thank you to all the groups who are dedicating their time to help the City of Port St Lucie stay beautiful. We received these awesome photos of Adopt-a-Street group Boy Scout Troop 499, as they completed another clean up! We love seeing pictures of everyone proud at work, keeping the City of Port St Lucie beautiful! Send your group photos to: KPSLB@cityofpsl.com.



• BUDDY BENCH PROGRESS

Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful would like to thank WQCS 88.9 FM for the opportunity to share the Buddy Bench Story with the Treasure Coast! KPSLB, along with the Boys and Girls Club, Port St Lucie Police Department and West Gate K-8 were honored to be interviewed on January 31, 2019. The story ran on February 25 & 26, 2019. You can follow the story on WQCS 88.9 FM webpage.



• KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations to committee member, Officer Knaggs, who received his Keep America Beautiful Law Enforcement Leadership Award! We at Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful are super humbled to have the opportunity to work with such an amazing committee! Our team has done some great things and we are only getting better and better!

KPSLB UPCOMING EVENTS

• APPRECIATION NIGHT AT FIRST DATA FIELD - APRIL 5

KPSLB will have its Appreciation Night at First Data Field, 525 NW Peacock Boulevard, to see the St. Lucie Mets on Friday, April 5, 2019. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m., and the game will start at 6:30 p.m. Fans who bring two nonperishable food items will receive a free ticket to the St. Lucie Mets game that night. KPSLB will be set up in front of the stadium, along with the Treasure Coast Food Bank, for the donations.



UTILITY SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

Dedicated to leading the water utility industry.

SOLAR SYSTEM TO POWER CRITICAL LIFT STATIONS

In order to maintain normal monitoring and communications operations, several critical lift stations will be upgraded with solar panels and/or a 24-hour uninterruptible power supply (UPS) by June 1—the start of hurricane season.

The solar panels will be used to charge the batteries which power the low-voltage equipment at these lift stations. Should there be an interruption in FP&L power because of a storm, for example, the fiber optic network will remain active allowing for communication between critical facilities and monitoring of lift stations.

Additionally, the UPS at multiple lift stations which cannot accommodate solar panels, will be upgraded to a larger capacity, extending the run-time in the event of an emergency.

These upgrades will eliminate or greatly reduce the need to transport generators to these lift stations after a power loss, which allows for more efficient response times and greater network reliability.



DROP SAVERS WATER CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems, in conjunction with Florida Section American Water Works Association (FSAWWA), invited St. Lucie County school students in grades K-12 to create a poster depicting a water conservation idea in the “Drop Savers” poster contest.

The contest teaches elementary-aged school children, and reminds middle and high school-aged teens, about the importance of water conservation. One of the best opportunities to conserve water is through a long-range education and awareness program.

In addition to creating posters, Jenny Tomes, Utility Marketing Coordinator, was invited to speak to classes about the importance of water conservation and help inspire ideas for their poster entries. Nearly 200 poster entries were submitted by nine St. Lucie County Schools, including Floresta Elementary, Ivy League Academy, Manatee Academy, Morningside Elementary, Northport K-8, Palm Pointe Educational Research School, Southern Oaks Middle School, St. Lucie West K-8, and Sun Grove Montessori School. City of Port St. Lucie employees judged the posters on their message, creativity and originality. A winner was chosen from each participating grade level.



2019 “Drop Savers” Poster Contest Winners:

- » 1st Grade – Natalie Sidelien from Ivy League Academy
- » 2nd Grade – Jewel Hand from Floresta Elementary
- » 3rd Grade – Aria Clark from Floresta Elementary
- » 4th Grade – Ethan Costa from Floresta Elementary
- » 5th Grade – Donnae Moore from St. Lucie West K-8
- » 6th Grade – Jayden Hollar from Ivy League Academy
- » 7th Grade – Jaime Salvador from Northport K-8
- » 8th Grade – Alana Edwards from Northport K-8

Each winner received a \$25 Walmart gift card, plus lots of other prizes. The students are also invited to attend a special presentation at a City Council Meeting on April 8, where they will be recognized for their efforts. Several of the winning posters have been submitted to the statewide “Drop Savers” poster contest, which will be held in mid-April.



KEEP FRANCIS FROM 'FOG'ING UP OUR SEWERS

Masses of congealed grease and other non-flushable items found in sewer systems are often referred to as “fatbergs,” which combine the words “fat” and “iceberg” to describe the look of this greasy glacier.

Meet resident troublemaker Francis FOGberg—one of those congealed masses. Francis is so much more than a fatberg though—he’s a FOGberg—fats, oil, and grease—as well other things that should not be flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain.

You’ll see Francis FOGberg out and about at community events bringing awareness to the issues FOG and other non-flushable items can cause, as well as ways you can help prevent it. Learn more about Francis FOGberg.



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OPEN HOUSE MAPS NOW AVAILABLE

Posted: March 13, 2019

PORT ST. LUCIE – City residents who are selling their homes now have the option to list an upcoming open house event on the City of Port St. Lucie's website.

The new [Open House Map](#) is similar to the very popular [Garage Sale Map](#), which makes it easy for citizens to list and find garage sales happening in Port St. Lucie. Those with homes on the market in Port St. Lucie are encouraged to utilize the Open House Map for free, which potential homebuyers can use to track upcoming open houses. The postings will appear on the map up to two weeks prior to an open house and be deleted one day after the open house.

City staff created the open house map because of changes adopted last year to the City's temporary sign code. In response to the United States Supreme Court decision, *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, the City amended its temporary sign code regulations on Sept 10, 2018 to provide uniform sign criteria, which regulates the size, height and placement of temporary signs within the City. Temporary signs that do not follow these rules will be removed. Typical temporary signs include garage sales, open houses, sports team sign-ups and promotional signs.

Temporary signs are allowed on private property with the permission of the property owner. The garage sale and open house maps give citizens another outlet to get the word out about these events. Temporary signs are not allowed in swales, road right of way and on public property. They also cannot be attached to poles or street signs.

To learn more about the rules regarding temporary signs, please visit www.cityofpsl.com/signs.

