

PSL ON THE PULSE



Sharing the love at Whispering Pines

Love Your Block projects bring residents together to celebrate their neighborhood

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.



Shannon M. Martin
MAYOR



Jolien Caraballo
VICE MAYOR
District 4



Stephanie Morgan
District 1



David Pickett
District 2



Anthony Bonna, Sr.
District 3



Jesus Merejo
City Manager

Mission

To provide exceptional services that enhance our community's safety, beauty and quality of life through innovation, engagement and fiscal responsibility.

Vision

To be a leader in finding innovative solutions that put residents first and support opportunities for all people to thrive.



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Receive regular updates of PSL on the Pulse, a digital magazine released monthly highlighting the City of Port St. Lucie's latest news, events and projects.

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Email the Communications Department with questions or comments about PSL on the Pulse at pslcommunications@cityofpsl.com.



Strategic Goals



**SAFE,
CLEAN &
BEAUTIFUL**



**STRATEGIC GROWTH
FOR A RESILIENT
FUTURE**



**ENGAGED AND
CONNECTED
CITY**



**DIVERSE ECONOMY
& EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**



**HIGH-QUALITY
INFRASTRUCTURE
& FACILITIES**



**CULTURE,
NATURE &
RECREATION**



**HIGH-PERFORMING
GOVERNMENT
ORGANIZATION**

The City's Strategic Plan is the guiding document that City Council and staff use to fulfill a strategic vision to be a safe, beautiful and prosperous City for all people. The entire organization's focus is to carry out the Strategic Plan, which is updated every year based on citizen input through the annual Citizen Survey and Citizen Summit. The Strategic Plan was recently updated and adopted at the City Council Summer Workshop on July 24.

An essential part of bringing the plan to life is measuring performance through objective indicators and reporting those results back to citizens.

In PSL on the Pulse, we highlight projects specifically prioritized in the Strategic Plan that have achieved milestones, or where changes have occurred, in our effort to remain transparent and proactive. In addition, Strategic Plan "badges" indicate the strategic goal that each project, program or event advances, as everything we do at the City of Port St. Lucie aligns with our Strategic Plan.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 10-Sept. 2



Click [here](#) to view full calendar.



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- Aug. 10** **1 p.m.:** City Council Meeting
- Aug. 12** **9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate
1:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Committee (Building B)
- Aug. 13** **3 p.m.:** Community Job Fair (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- Aug. 15** **8 a.m.:** Garage Sale (Minsky Gym)
- Aug. 18** **9 a.m.:** Coffee with the Council
(Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens)
- Aug. 19** **9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate
1:30 p.m.: Citizen's Advisory Committee
- Aug. 22** **8 a.m.:** Low-Cost Rabies and Microchip Drive-Thru Clinic
(Animal Control parking lot)
- Aug. 24** **6 p.m.:** City Council Meeting
- Aug. 26** **9:30 a.m.:** Before You Sign the Lease Workshop
(Fort Pierce City Commission Chambers)
1:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Committee
- Aug. 27** **4:30 p.m.:** Treasure Coast Builders Association Builders Showcase
(MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- Aug. 28** **10:30 a.m.:** Enchanted Tea Party (Community Center)
- Aug. 29** **2 p.m.:** Summer R&B Festival (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- Sept. 1** **6 p.m.:** Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
- Sept. 2** **9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate

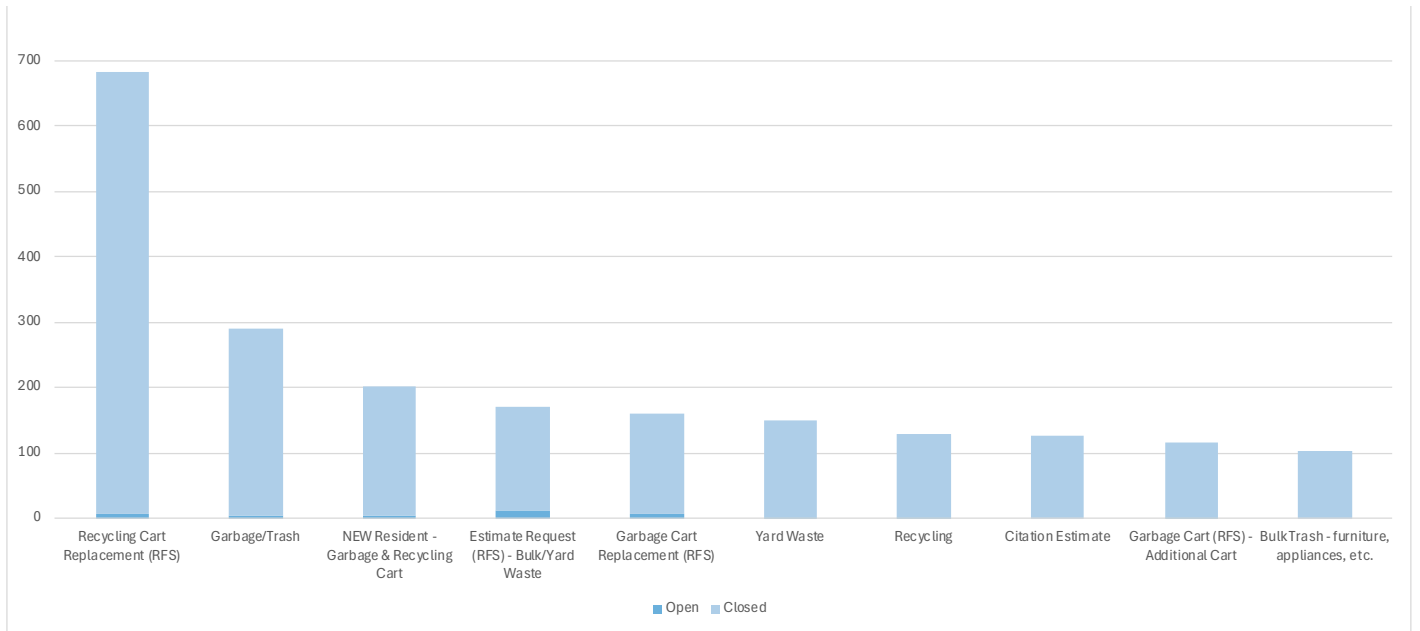
1PSL

1PSL allows residents to connect with the City via mobile app, phone or web portal. Residents can use 1PSL to request services, ask questions, access utility payment portal, learn about City news and upcoming events, pinpoint an issue location with GPS, attach a photo with your comments, and receive status updates and resolution notifications.

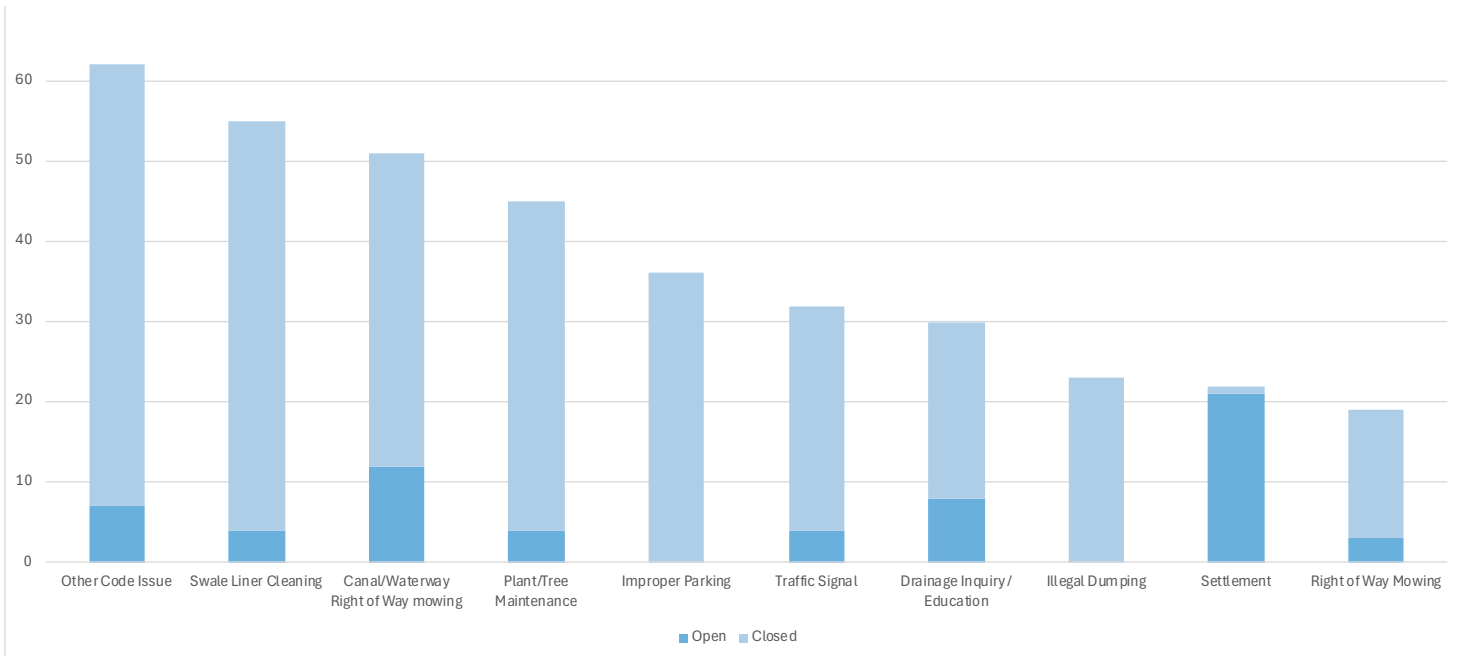


Residents can use 1PSL without downloading the mobile app by visiting CityofPSL.com/1PSL.

Top 10 Solid Waste Requests July 2026



Top 10 1PSL Requests July 2026





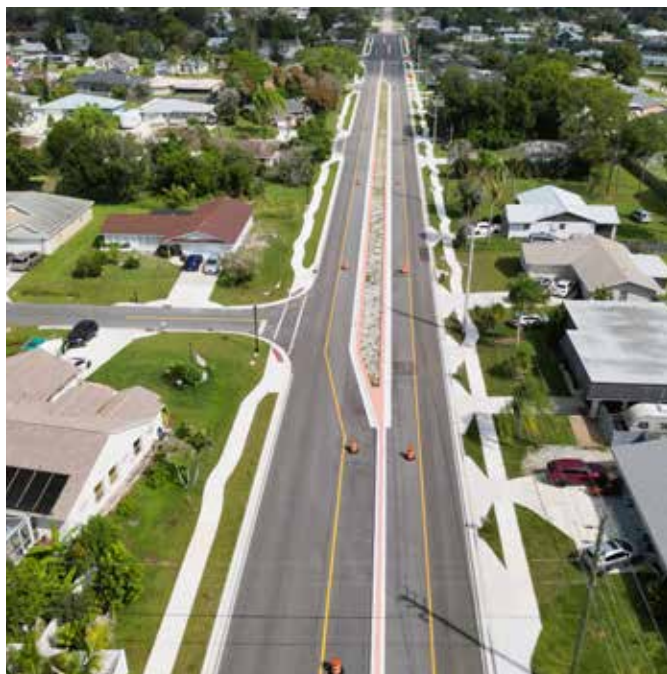
Floresta Drive Improvements: Floresta Drive Phase 3

Construction for Floresta Drive Phase 3 is in progress. Multiple crews are on site, working on essential underground drainage and watermain activities.

Additionally, efforts are underway to construct the stormwater retention pond at Harborview and to enhance drainage for the D-11 canal and install a baffle box for the D-8 Canal.

Lane and road closures are in place. Detours are in place to notify motorists ahead of the closure on Crosstown Parkway and Prima Vista Boulevard.

Additionally, several local streets remain in inaccessible for traffic. Floresta is closed from SE Calmoso Drive to NE Prima Vista Boulevard and from SW Greenway Terrace to SE Calmoso Drive to install drainage structures and drainage pipes and includes roadway activities.



These closures are essential because of space limitations, safety concerns and to ensure the integrity of the installation. They also will help maintain the project schedule and project costs. Advance warnings and detour signage will be prominently displayed. The schedule could be impacted by weather conditions.

Improvements to the corridor will accommodate future traffic volumes and uphold the integrity of the neighborhood. This project aims to enhance safety, improve pedestrian and bicycle movements, reduce congestion and facilitate more efficient traffic flow. Key enhancements in Floresta Drive Phase 3 include:

- New roundabouts
- Dedicated bicycle lanes
- Sidewalks
- Intersection improvements at Prima Vista Boulevard and Floresta Drive
- Stormwater treatment pond site
- Integration with the Crosstown Parkway intersection
- Installation of baffle boxes
- Improvements to the D-11 Canal

Motorists are advised to exercise caution and reduce speed while traveling through the work zone. The speed limit has been lowered to 25 mph in this area to ensure the safety of residents, motorists and workers. For your safety, avoid entering the construction area that has been closed off.



Sales Tax Roadway Resurfacing

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The Sales Tax resurfacing goal for FY 2025-26 is 23.55 miles with 23.55 miles completed to date. Residents are notified in advance of resurfacing.

Sandpiper Bay (Mid):
Complete

Northport Village (Mid):
Complete

Palm Trails:
Complete

Rosser Reserve (East):
Complete

Southbend Lakes:
Complete

Tulip Park and Crane Landing:
Complete



Building Activities: Certificates of Occupancy

- Dunkin Donuts, restaurant buildout:
10660 SW Crosstown Parkway
- Suk Jai Thai & Noodle Restaurant,
restaurant buildout:
2727 SE Morningside Blvd.
- ZA Nails, business buildout:
1234 SW Gatlin Blvd., Suite 102
- JoJo's Wings, restaurant buildout:
1327 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.
- Tokyo Buffet, restaurant buildout:
1333 NW St. Lucie West Blvd., Unit 105
- Shoe Krazy, mercantile buildout:
10109 S. U.S. 1

Commercial Permits

- BJ's, gas station:
2420 SW Gatlin Blvd.
- Castle Management Traditions,
business buildout:
10521 SW Village Center Drive,
Suite 203
- Publix, commercial alteration:
1125 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd.
- Top Design Tile, business buildout:
723 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Suite 109
- Kinfolks Restaurant,
restaurant buildout:
723 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Suite 101
- State Farm Insurance,
business buildout:
11950 SW Tom Mackie Blvd., Suite 101
- Aldi, mercantile buildout: 281 SW Port
St. Lucie Blvd., Suite 102





Testimonials

"I deal with a lot of building departments and PSL is one of the best!"

"All the staff who I have ever interacted with at the City office have always been extremely helpful, polite, respectful and well informed, so they can all guide me to the right department. It is a pleasure doing any kind of business with the City office whether in person or on the phone."

"All documents were available online, which made the permit process very easy. Spent 10 minutes at the counter and had my permit with clear instructions on the virtual inspection. Inspector was prompt and professional during the virtual inspection."

July 1-26		2026 YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Permits Issued	3,260	21,073	43,346	46,005	54,440	60,774	68,261	52,355
Single-Family Permits Issued	158	1,192	2,899	3,525	4,069	3,882	5,273	3,824
Certificates of Occupancy Single-family	153	1,173	2,944	3,839	3,835	4,658	3,911	2,893
Inspections Completed	11,432	77,344	163,969	192,002	210,048	248,274	208,545	155,421
Plans Reviewed	2,361	16,939	35,534	37,218	21,211	24,103	24,820	19,150
Online Permits Applied	2,981	19,300	40,571	42,327	50,658	50,937	48,166	26,855



COMMUNICATIONS



Love Your Block projects energize Whispering Pines neighborhood

The Love Your Block team wrapped up an energizing trio of mini-grant projects at Whispering Pines Park, each one powered by community creativity, meaningful conversations and joyful hands-on beautification.

On Thursday, July 30, neighbors came together for the tree giveaway and make-and-take front yard garden kits event, proudly crafting their own garden kits, chatting with UF/IFAS St. Lucie Extension experts and heading home with fruit trees destined to brighten front yards across the neighborhood.

The momentum carried into Friday, July 31, when youth and families gathered for the unveiling of a colorful, co-designed silkscreen mural at the playground, a project sparked by a June ideation session with Boys & Girls Clubs members. Kids dug into a lively flowerpot activity, sparking conversations about planting, beautification and taking pride in their green spaces.

Finally, on Sunday, Aug. 2, the series wrapped with a vibrant celebration at Skate City, where residents cheered the installation of a custom silkscreen privacy banner that brings public art and a bit of peaceful privacy and noise reduction to adjacent homes. Free skate lessons kept the energy high, while Nature's Keeper volunteers planted shade-giving trees guaranteed to make the park even more welcoming for years to come.

A huge thank you to the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, whose leadership and support power these partner-led mini-grant projects and fuel the community-driven momentum that makes Whispering Pines shine.





PSL On The Mic: The Power of Parks and Recreation

Parks and recreation activities bring together neighbors, support healthy lifestyles and create spaces where everyone feels welcome.

On our latest episode of PSL On The Mic, we're joined by Recreation Manager Anne Stadius and Parks Operation Manager Marc Holloway who share the importance of parks and recreation and why green spaces and diverse activities are necessary for our community's well being.

Listen to PSL On The Mic by visiting cityofpsl.com/podcast or watch each episode at youtube.com/cityportstlucie/podcasts.



Video highlights City's stormwater systems

The Communications Department shared a video at the Summer Workshop that highlighted the many ways Port St. Lucie's stormwater system works to reduce flood risk while also preventing pollution from runoff.

The video showed how the City is combating stormwater pollution by adopting best management practices and by educating the public about healthy household habits that can greatly reduce the pollution that ends up in stormwater.

It also showed the benefits of past stormwater projects while spotlighting future projects that will further serve residents.

You can watch the video [here](#).



City U kicks off this month

The City of Port St. Lucie's popular City University kicks off Aug. 12 with the largest group ever.

A total of 160 participants will gain valuable insights into City operations and have an opportunity to become a City Ambassador. The free nine-session course is designed to educate residents about their local government and empower them by providing an in-depth understanding of municipal functions while fostering civic engagement.

Since the program began in 2016, more than 600 residents have participated.

Residents who cannot attend in person can access [City U on Demand](#) for flexible learning options.



City's legal ads available on St. Lucie County's online portal

The City of Port St. Lucie legal advertisements will primarily be published on the St. Lucie County legal notices portal, in accordance with updated statutory requirements, as of Aug. 1.

Members of the public can view City of Port St. Lucie legal ads [here](#).

This change modernizes and streamlines public access to legally required notices, improves transparency and provides a centralized location for the community to access future legal advertisements.



The City has continued placing ads in the newspaper during the transition period and has advised the public that legal advertisements will move to the county portal starting with August meetings.

Residents also may opt to receive notices by email or first-class mail and can contact the City Clerk's Office at 772-871-5157 or swalsh@cityofpsl.com for assistance or questions.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Heat safety: Know the alerts, stay prepared

Heat is the deadliest weather hazard in the country, causing more fatalities each year than hurricanes, tornadoes or floods. So, as our summer temperatures climb, it's important to understand the National Weather Service's heat alerting system which notifies us when the heat becomes dangerous.

Heat Advisory is issued for dangerous heat conditions that are not expected to reach warning criteria. Consider postponing or rescheduling outdoor activities, especially during the heat of the day. If you must be outside, be sure to drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks in the shade. Stay in a cool place, especially during the heat of the day and evening.

Extreme Heat Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for an extreme heat event, but its occurrence and timing is still uncertain. Plan to suspend all major outdoor activities if a watch or warning is issued. If you do not have air conditioning, locate the nearest air-conditioned public or privately owned facility or discuss staying with nearby family or friends who have air conditioning.

Extreme Heat Warning is issued when extremely dangerous heat conditions are expected or occurring. Avoid outdoor activities, especially during the hottest times of the day. If you must be outside, be sure to drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks in the shade. Stay indoors in an air-conditioned space as much as possible, including overnight. If you don't have air-conditioning at your residence, locate the nearest air-conditioned public or privately owned facility or discuss staying with nearby family or friends who have air conditioning. Check on family and neighbors.



Heat safety actions

While temperatures continue to soar, keep an eye on local weather alerts; they'll give you the latest updates and safety advice. Drink water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty, and avoid strenuous outdoor work when any heat alert is in effect. If a warning is issued, it's safest to postpone outdoor events until conditions improve.

During extremely hot and humid weather, your body's ability to cool itself is challenged. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides a list of warning signs and symptoms of heat illness, and recommended first aid steps. Some of these symptoms and steps are listed below.

Heat cramps: Heat cramps may be the first sign of heat-related illness and may lead to heat exhaustion or stroke.

Symptoms: Painful muscle cramps and spasms, usually in legs and abdomen; heavy sweating.

First aid: Apply firm pressure on cramping muscles or gently massage to relieve spasm. Give sips of water unless the person complains of nausea, then stop giving water.

Seek immediate medical attention if cramps last longer than one hour.



Heat exhaustion

Symptoms: Heavy sweating; weakness or tiredness; cool, pale, clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; muscle cramps; dizziness, nausea or vomiting; headache; fainting.

First aid: Move person to a cooler environment, preferably a well air-conditioned room. Loosen clothing. Apply cool, wet cloths or have person sit in a cool bath. Offer sips of water.

Seek immediate medical attention if the person vomits, symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

Heat stroke

Symptoms: Throbbing headache; confusion; slurred speech; nausea; dizziness; body temperature above 103 degrees F; hot, red, dry or damp skin; rapid and strong pulse; fainting; loss of consciousness.

First aid: Call 911 or take the victim to a hospital immediately. Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Delay can be fatal. Move the victim to a cooler, preferably air-conditioned environment. Reduce body temperature with cool cloths or bath. Do not give fluids.

Make sure you have cool, comfortable indoor spaces ready. Don't forget to check on children, seniors and pets, who are especially vulnerable when the heat kicks up.

Heat safety isn't just about staying comfortable; it's about staying healthy and prepared. For more tips and resources, visit the National Weather Service's heat safety page at <https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>.

Staying flood-ready in PSL this hurricane season

As we continue through hurricane season, it's a great time to make sure you're up to speed on flood risks and how to protect your home.

Flooding can happen anywhere in our City, not just near the river. Heavy rain, tropical systems or even a few soggy days in a row can cause water to rise in unexpected places. That's why it's helpful to know your flood zone. You can look yours up any time by searching your address on FEMA's Flood Map Service Center or use the City's Flood Zone Interactive Map.

Regular homeowner's or renter's insurance doesn't cover flood damage, and homeowner's and renter's insurance does not typically cover flood damages, so consider purchasing flood insurance today. Flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is the safest way to protect your home or belongings, especially during hurricane season.

Port St. Lucie participates in the Community Rating System and thanks to our flood prevention and preparedness activities, the City is at a Class 5. That means residents with NFIP policies now get 10-25% discounts on flood insurance premiums.

Every property is vulnerable to flooding; don't wait until it's too late! Flood insurance policies have a 30-day waiting period before they go into effect. Protect the life you've built with flood insurance. Visit floodsmart.gov or contact your local insurance agent to purchase flood insurance.

Quick hurricane season prep tips:

- Clear gutters and drains so water flows away from your home.
- Trim trees and secure outdoor items before storms roll in.
- Keep important documents (like insurance information) in a waterproof container.
- If you rely on hurricane shutters, give them a quick check now rather than mid-storm.
- Make sure your emergency kit has essentials: water, meds, flashlights, chargers and pet supplies.

For more helpful information on how to keep PSL flood-ready and resilient, check out the City's flood page at www.cityofpsl.com/flood.



FINANCE

Retirement Statistics - Attendees

June 30-July 31		Year to Date
Retirement Orientation Attendees	10	79
MissionSquare One-on-One Appointments	21	143
New 457(b) Enrollments	7	33
New Roth IRA Enrollments	3	23
New Police Officer Retirement Orientation Attendees	0	22



HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources welcomes the following employees who recently joined the City of Port St. Lucie family!

NEW HIRES



Gerald Feliciano,
Senior Accountant,
Finance Department



Jade Blakeslee,
BMX Program Support Technician,
Parks and Recreation Department



Dennis Hall,
Water Meter Technician,
Utility Systems Department



Keagan Varney,
Parks Maintenance Worker I,
Parks and Recreation Department



Ronald (Tyler) Smith,
BMX Track Operator,
Parks and Recreation Department



Leland Adams,
BMX Program Support Technician,
Parks and Recreation Department



Jamel Demps,
Plant Operator Trainee,
Utility Systems Department



Rafael Ortiz,
Maintenance Worker Utilities,
Utility Systems Department



Isaijah Tropnas,
Parks Maintenance Worker I,
Parks and Recreation Department



Delancy Dominic,
Field Technician Trainee,
Utility Systems Department

PROMOTIONS

Steven Risley, Park Leader I, Parks and Recreation Department

Rohinie Persaud, Financial Specialist, Utility Systems Department

Fanny Aranda, Regulatory Compliance Coordinator, Public Works Department

Kyle Richert, Utilities Inspector, Utility Systems Department

James Kalambokas, Supervisor, WW Collection, Utility Systems Department

Nicole Grieve, Office Manager, Police Department

Lauren Griffin, Utility Connection Supp Leader, Utility Systems Department

Ronald Black, Field Technician Trainee, Utility Systems Department

Janna Williams, Code Compliance Permit Coordinator, Neighborhood Services Department





Upcoming Trainings

- Aug. 12:** Foundations of Effective Project Management
- Aug. 13:** Munis: Requisition Entry
- Aug. 18:** Fiscal Year End Payments
- Aug. 25:** Munis: Financial Reporting with Cube
- Aug. 26:** Foundations of Effective Project Management
- Aug. 27:** Realizing Resilience

HR Statistics

June 19-July 22		YTD
New Hires	27	159
Total Applications Rec'd	899	6424
Job Requisitions Received	22	155
Jobs posted	42	301
Internal Promotions	9	64
Reclassifications	12	61
Personnel Change Forms Processed	576	2,811
In Person New Hire Orientation	12	89
Life Scan Participation	32	194
Total Training Sessions	53	97
Total Training Attendees	79	1,714
Water Cooler Site Visits	10,811	49,124
Employee Benefits Site Visits	896	8,296
PSL Forward Training Site Visits	637	24,189

Training & Development

Foundations of Effective Project Management 8:30 a.m. Aug. 12 and Aug. 26

A new Citywide Project Management workshop is being launched to support project managers, project coordinators, their teams and employees interested in developing the skills needed for successful project delivery. This two-part, interactive training will focus on practical tools to enhance project planning, coordination and accountability. Participants will learn how to identify project scope, manage vendors and contracts, assess and mitigate risks, strengthen collaboration and take ownership of responsibilities within their role. This training initiative advances our strategic initiatives and fosters a high-performing, well-aligned and service-focused city government.





KEEP PORT ST. LUCIE BEAUTIFUL



Interns visit Rosser Preserve

Some of the City's summer interns recently visited Rosser Preserve, the first greenspace purchased by the City in February as part of the Naturally PSL Landbank initiative. The Office of Solid Waste and Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful hosted its very first intern this summer as part of the PATH program!

Tree giveaway and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Spread the Shade Drive-Thru Tree Giveaway returns to Clover Park from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. KPSLB will give away avocado, mango and pigeon plum (Coco Loba) trees! For more information about the varieties available, visit the University of Florida IFAS homepage at <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/global/>.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Public Works facility, 450 SW Thornhill Drive. The event is open to St. Lucie County residents only. To find out what's accepted and what's not, visit www.cityofpsl.com/kpslb.



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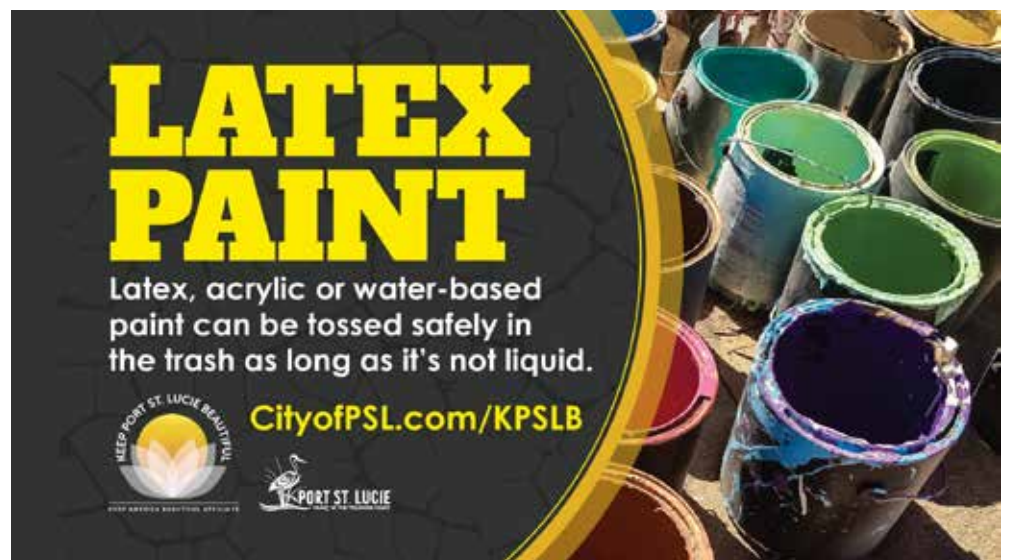
Adopt-A-Street spotlight

KPSLB wants to recognize its newest group to join the Adopt-A-Street program, the Caribbean-American Cultural Group! This group started just a few months ago and is already making a big impact along their route. Keep up the great work everyone!

KPSLB took a moment to recognize this year's Golden Grabber Award winners: Kings Isle Ping Pong; The Neumanns; Pick Me Up Trash; Glenn Magrane; PSL Crosstown Running Club; and the McKenna Family, while also acknowledging the work done by all the Adopt-A-Street groups.

In 2025, our volunteers dedicated 2,677 hours, performed 2,135 individual cleanups and collected 32,025 pounds of litter! We are so grateful to our amazing volunteers for helping keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful!

Thank you for all you do!



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WITH

Summer R&B FESTIVAL

SATURDAY AUGUST 29TH 2026

FEATURING

 QUEEN SADE TONIO ARMANI (COUNTRY GIRL) BIG HIT SONG	 D/FUNK BAND LIVE PERFORMANCE	 N2NATION THE SOUND OF MOTOWN & MORE	 RUGAR LIVE PERFORMANCE	 TONI ARMANI (COUNTRY GIRL) SPECIAL GUEST
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5 AMAZING ACTS. 1 UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!

 **2:00PM - 8:00PM**

\$60
AT THE DOOR

★ FOR VENDOR INFO ★
772-224-6272




MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION EVENT CENTER
PORT ST. LUCIE FLORIDA

9221 SE Event Center Place | Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
772-807-4488 | midfloridaeventcenter.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Aug. 8-Saturday, Aug.15:
Early voting

Saturday, Aug. 8 and Sunday, Aug. 9:
JJ's Anime Con

Sunday, Aug. 9:
PSL Green Market

Thursday, Aug. 13:
City of Port St. Lucie Job Fair

Friday, Aug. 14:
Florida Sports Hall of Fame Reception

**Friday, Aug. 21, Saturday, Aug. 22
and Sunday Aug. 23:**
South East Spas Show

Thursday, Aug. 27:
Treasure Coast Builders Association
Showcase

Event Center Visitors: 141,742
Event Days: 316 (as of July 30)



Upcoming Events

Summer R&B Festival, Saturday, Aug. 29

Enjoy five super R&B groups, including Tonio Armani, king of urban southern soul! With more than 100 million streams, 100 million views and a dedicated fan base of 2 million-plus followers, Tonio Armani's rise has been unstoppable. His chart-topping hits, include "Country Girl," "Help Me Find My Drawls," "Cowgirl Trailride," "Sooner or Later" and his latest single, party anthem "Trailride."

Other acts scheduled to perform include South Florida favorites Queen Sade, D/Funk Band and N2Nation as well as Ruger Beasting!

For information on how to become a vendor at this event, call 772-224-6272.

What you may have missed!

Christmas in July

Thousands enjoyed the sights and sounds of the holidays on July 18-19, shopping in air-conditioned comfort while supporting local artisans and small businesses. More than 100 vendors from all over the state sold fine art, jewelry, handcrafted items, clothing, unique gifts and much more. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on-hand and ready to listen to early Christmas wish lists, and there were hourly door prizes and samples of delicious treats. Food and beverage trucks also were on-site to round out a perfect weekend shopping experience.



Treasure Coast Pottery Art Reception

The Treasure Coast Pottery art exhibit celebrates creativity with a relaxed, inspiring environment where imagination thrives. Pottery and fine art pieces are crafted with passion, playfulness and community. Guests can come in to discover, connect and be inspired. The exhibit runs through Aug. 31.

Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Camps

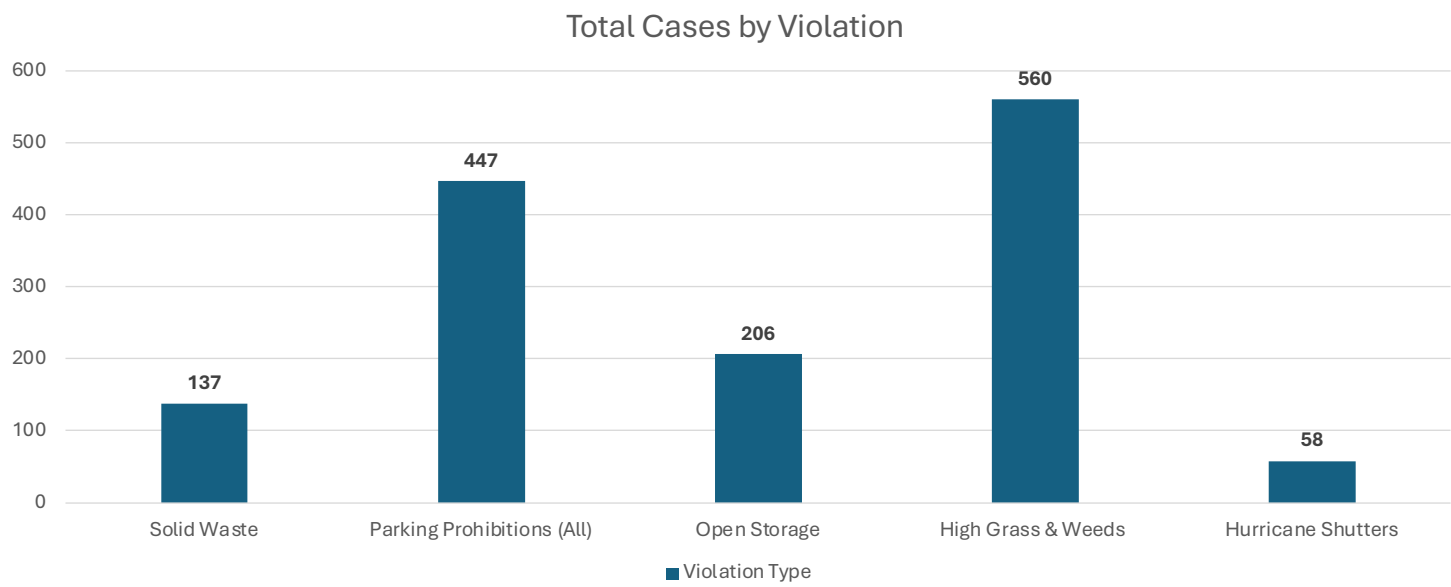
Another great summer has come to an end for the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County and the MIDFLORIDA Event Center! We wish the wonderful group of kids who attended this year's camp a safe and successful year ahead and we look forward to their return next summer!

For more information about upcoming events, visit www.midfloridaeventcenter.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Top 5 Code Compliance Violations | June 21-July 25



NSD Solid Waste Code Case Data | June 21-July 25

All Code Cases Opened	1,859
Solid Waste Cases Opened	137 (7.4% of all code cases opened from 6/21 to 7/25)
Percentage of Solid Waste Cases in Compliance	92.2%
All Active Code Cases	2,060
Active Solid Waste Cases	80 (3.9% of total active cases)



St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity home dedication

On July 1, the housing division attended a St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity home dedication in Fort Pierce for four deserving families. It was great to be a part of such a ceremony where families in need received keys to their new homes.



Congratulations to the City's newest certified code enforcement professional

Neighborhood Services would like to congratulate Code Officer Melissa Huckstable for obtaining her Code Enforcement Professional (CEP) Certification through the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (FACE). This is the highest level of certification offered through FACE and only approximately 5% of code enforcement officers throughout Florida have achieved this certification.

After obtaining the necessary required certifications through FACE, a code officer can obtain their CEP Certification by submitting a research paper that goes through a rigorous approval process identifying and dissecting a legal issue pertaining to the code enforcement profession.

Code Officer Huckstable worked extremely hard to accomplish this certification and we are so proud to have Melissa as part of our Code Compliance Division!



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

Procurement earns national award

The Procurement Management Department has earned the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI) Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2026. Since 2023, the City has maintained this procurement excellence for four consecutive years.

The Award of Excellence in Public Procurement recognizes organizational excellence in public and nonprofit procurement. It is awarded to organizations that obtain a high score on a rating of standardized criteria designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity and leadership attributes of the procurement function.

In addition to NPI, the award also is sponsored by the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, the Government Finance Officers Association and NIGP: National Institute of Governmental Purchasing.

Formal Procurements sent to Council

July 1-31	Period	Year to Date
Amendments	2	39
Awards	5	29
Co-Ops / Piggybacks	0	30
Sole Sources	0	13
Other: Contract Adjustments	0	10
Other: Ordinance Change	0	0
Other: Resolution	0	0
Surplus	1	4
Total	8	125



Office of Management and Budget presents at Summer Workshop

Office of Management and Budget Director Caroline Sturgis presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget during the City Council Summer Workshop.

For more information about the budget, click [here](#).

Bid Opportunities, Recent Bid Awards

Week ending July 31

Bid #	Description	Status
20260211	Traffic Signal Mast Arm (TSMA) Inspection Services	Active Bid Opening: 08/12/26
20260256	Northport Utility Site Stormwater Improvements	Active Bid Opening: 08/04/26
20260004	Biosolids Hauling, Disposal & Dewatering Services	Awarded to: Synagro South, LLC
20250199	NW Volucia Drive Sidewalk Construction Project Funded by Local Agency Program (LAP) Grant	Awarded to: Rion Construction, LLC
20260201	Sodium Hypochlorite Delivery	Awarded to: Odyssey Manufacturing Co.
20250301	HVAC Services - Facilities Maintenance	Awarded to: AnchorMechanical, Inc.Kuebler Mechanical LLC 2R Cooling & Refrigeration Inc.
20260197	Electrical Supplies and Equipment, Purchase and Delivery	Awarded to: City Electric Supply Co. HD Capital Group LLC

For more detailed information about active solicitations and awards, please visit the Procurement Division's website: www.cityofpsl.com/procurement. The active solicitations listed above fall under the City's Cone of Silence. Per City Code of Ordinances Section 35.13, Cone of Silence means a prohibition of any communication regarding competitive solicitations such as a request for proposal, request for qualification, request for information or request for bid, between any potential or actual proposer, bidder, or any other person or entity with the potential for a financial interest in the award, or their respective agents or representatives (hereinafter collectively referred to as "bidder"), and any member of the city council, city professional staff, or any member of the City's selection, evaluation or negotiation committee. Communication regarding any of the solicitations listed above shall go through the City's Procurement Division.





Saving dollars, building quality

Behind the scenes, the Facilities Maintenance Department is finding innovative ways to improve City facilities while making every taxpayer dollar go further. By designing and fabricating projects in-house, the team is delivering durable, high-quality improvements at a fraction of the cost of outsourcing.

One of the department's latest accomplishments is a newly designed and fabricated gate ramp for the Communications shed at Whispering Pines Park. Rather than hiring an outside contractor, the Facilities Maintenance team completed the project in-house for approximately \$700 in materials.

Outside vendor estimates range from \$4,500, meaning the City saved an estimated 84% on the project. The finished product provides a safe, durable solution while showcasing the expertise and craftsmanship of our own employees.

The team also recently fabricated and installed a new back gate for the Neighborhood Services Department. Every phase of the project, from design and steel fabrication to painting and installation was completed by the Facilities Maintenance staff.

Using approximately \$1,300 in materials, including steel, lumber, paint and hardware, the team delivered a custom-built gate designed for long-term security and reliability. An outside vendor quoted the project at approximately \$4,000, making the in-house solution nearly 68% less expensive while maintaining quality.

These projects are more than construction successes; they're examples of responsible stewardship of public funds. By leveraging the talent, experience and creativity of the Facilities Maintenance Department, the City can complete projects faster, reduce costs and keep valuable taxpayer dollars working within our community.

Every dollar saved through in-house fabrication is a dollar that can be reinvested into additional park improvements, facility upgrades and services that benefit residents. It's a commitment to quality workmanship, fiscal responsibility and delivering the best possible value for our community.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES & INNOVATION

Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins Summer Scholar closes out work

Ayesha Jilani, a Summer Scholar from the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, concluded her 10-week placement with the City in August. Throughout the summer, she has focused on a traffic innovation project, one of the most frequently raised concerns among residents.

She has spent her time conducting in-depth interviews and engaging with various stakeholders, including multiple City departments involved in traffic management, local residents and City Ambassadors. Her goal was to build a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the current system, which she shared with the Traffic Innovation Team as it continues to identify and refine solutions.

We are grateful to Ayesha for her hard work and to the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University for providing this opportunity to host a Summer Scholar.

Strategic planning process receives global recognition

The International Association for Strategy Professionals recently recognized the City with an Honorable Mention for Strategy Formulation and Strategy Engagement.

The Goodman Award for Excellence in Strategy Committee noted: "Your submission demonstrated a particularly visionary and inclusive approach to strategy formulation, anchored by the annual Citizen Summit and National Community Survey. With respect to strategy engagement, members of the Committee were highly impressed by your deliberate effort to embed engagement across all levels of the organization, including elected officials. The shift from staff-led presentations to hands-on, collaborative strategic planning sessions involving the full City Council and the Mayor is a notable breakthrough."

City Council and the Leadership Team work collaboratively each year to respond to resident feedback and develop solutions as part of its strategic planning process using human-centered design. We are grateful for this recognition as we continue to support advancing the City's Strategic Plan, centering the voices of residents and involving the entire City team in developing solutions that help move Port St. Lucie forward.

As a result of the recognition, the City has been invited to present its work to the International Association for Strategy Professionals Africa conference, which will be presented virtually and shared as a model for cities across Africa.

Recent grant awards

City departments work collaboratively through the Grants & Advocacy Team, led by the Strategic Initiatives and Innovation team, to support funding for City priorities in alignment with the Strategic Plan. The following grants were recently awarded:

- **Children's Services Council:** Special Event Sponsorship: Funding in the amount of \$2,000 to provide supplies and accessories for a sensory room at the Independence Day celebration. This room will provide a comfortable environment where attendees can take a reprieve from the festivities.



Summer camp season a big success

We've had an absolutely fantastic summer camp season! From exciting field trips and creative activities to the friendships formed along the way, our campers have brought incredible energy and enthusiasm every single day.

Thank you to our campers, families and staff for helping make this summer such a success! We appreciate you and can't wait to finish strong!



Winterlakes Park shines brighter than ever!

Exciting things are happening at Winterlakes Park!

Crews are installing new LED lighting across the neighborhood park's most loved amenities, including the tennis, pickleball and basketball courts, the sand volleyball court, the multipurpose and skinned baseball fields, the playground, walking paths and all parking areas. This major upgrade means the park soon will be glowing with safe, energy-efficient lighting designed to bring more fun, more play and more community connection well into the evening.

Once complete, the park's hours will extend from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., with sports lighting available until 9:30 p.m., perfect for after-work recreation, family time and neighborhood gatherings. With completion expected on or before the end of August, Winterlakes Park is on track to become an even more vibrant hub for the surrounding community.

From nighttime pickleball to illuminated evening walks, this project is creating new opportunities for residents to enjoy the park in a whole new way.



Recreation

Grandparents Night: Christmas in July

Grandparents Night at the Community Center on July 11 brought together Mimis, Pop Pops and their grandchildren, ages 2-12, for a memorable evening celebrating Christmas in July.

Throughout the night, we heard many heartwarming stories from grandparents sharing that this was their first special night out with their grandchildren. Some families even traveled a long distance to create lasting memories together.

One family shared that the event was a surprise for their granddaughter who had no idea Mimi would be attending. To make the surprise even more special, Mimi presented her granddaughter with a festive superhero cape that read, "Christmas in July with Mimi," creating a heartfelt moment the family will always remember.

The event was filled with holiday cheer from start to finish. Santa greeted every guest and posed for photos, the DJ kept everyone entertained with festive music and families enjoyed a variety of snacks. There was face painting and fairy hair, adding even more magic to the evening.

The smiles, laughter and special moments shared throughout the event made Grandparents Night a wonderful success, creating memories that families will cherish for years to come.



Zumba + Lift offers unique fitness program

Fitness brought a special July mini-series of Zumba + Lift to the MIDFLORIDA Event Center throughout July.

This fun and energizing workout, led by Gaby DeCarvalho, was a unique hybrid fitness program created by Beto Perez that combines the high-energy cardio of traditional Zumba with dedicated strength training. Each class alternates between upbeat dance routines and slow, controlled lifting segments using 5-15 pound weights to help build muscle, increase strength and power all while keeping the energy of a dance party from start to finish.



Mini camps at Minsky Gym

The first Lacrosse Summer Mini Camp finished last week, and parents were excited about this program offering. Basketball Mini Camp and Volleyball Mini Camp is in session, and the M&M Sweeties summer specialty camp starts in a few weeks. Lacrosse Mini Camp registration opens soon.



Park and Recreation Month

July was packed with energy, movement and community spirit as we celebrated Park and Recreation Month with two unforgettable events.

The celebration kicked off July 10, with a special tai chi class led by Gail L'Esperance. The 45-minute session welcomed a fantastic crowd, with participants embracing the calming movements and peaceful atmosphere. The class was such a hit that many attendees signed up to continue their wellness journey by joining the Fitness Park Pass tai chi classes for the rest of the summer.

The fun continued July 18 when more than 100 participants lit up the MIDFLORIDA Event Center for our exciting Glow & Groove event. Dressed in vibrant neon and glow-in-the-dark attire, attendees of all ages danced the night away in a celebration of fitness, fun and community.

The evening featured an energetic drumming session led by Jill Souza and an electrifying Zumba workout with Suzy Wesly and Gaby DeCarvalho. Their enthusiasm kept the crowd moving and smiling from start to finish. Glow & Groove was a glowing success, bringing neighbors together through music movement, showcasing "The Power of Parks and Recreation."



Rock Steady Boxing volunteers thanked

The fighters, corner people and coaches of the Rock Steady Boxing program got together and proudly recognized and thanked the volunteers who make the program possible. Their compassion, dedication and unwavering support mean more than words can express.

Through their encouragement and motivation, they inspire our fighters to "fight for their life" every single day. Whether it's offering a shoulder to lean on, helping with gloves, tying a shoe, setting up the room before class or simply showing up with positive energy, they provide steady support when it matters most.

Our fighters face emotional and physical challenges and, at times, we have even lost members of our Rock Steady family. Through it all, our volunteers continue to stand beside us with compassion, strength and heart. Their dedication keeps the classes running and the entire program moving forward.

Without them, our Rock Steady Boxing program would not be possible. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and the difference they make in the lives of our fighters.





Juneteenth 5K

Last month, fitness supervisor Jill Souza and fitness instructor Suzy took part in the Juneteenth 5K at Clover Park, joining several members for a day that blended community spirit with fitness. This event not only celebrated unity, but also fostered a sense of camaraderie as participants honored the significance of Juneteenth together.

The run was filled with memorable moments as participants reached personal milestones and supported one another. Their commitment to health, wellness and inclusivity was evident throughout the day. Looking ahead, the fitness team is eager to continue participating in events that strengthen our community and bring people together.

CO-ED LACROSSE MINI CAMP

Learn the fundamentals of lacrosse, including cradling, passing, catching, shooting and basic game play. Sticks are available for beginners. Open to boys and girls of all skill levels. Led by Recreation Instructor William Barrera.

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

AGES 5-8 AND 9-18

6-8 p.m. \$80
Per 4-week session

SESSION 1: Aug. 3-26
River Place Park, 690 Bayou Country Lane

SESSION 2: Sept. 7-30
Riverland Paseo Park, 12151 SW Community Blvd.

SESSION 3: Oct. 5-28
Riverland Paseo Park, 12151 SW Community Blvd.

Space is limited. Preregister online or in person. Activity Number: 900075

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Build strength, improve flexibility and find balance in this barre class. No dance experience needed. All levels welcome.

THURSDAYS
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SATURDAYS
1:30-2:30 p.m.

DROP IN	MONTHLY
\$15+ tax	\$35+ tax

Both classes, \$60 per month.

Community Center

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The Saints Golf Course

The Saints Golf Course continues to be very busy, considering it's the "off season" and it's been extremely warm. Our weekly Men's League has been averaging around 80 players per week and we are averaging 180 players per day.

We continue to break monthly records in rounds played and revenue. The driving range has been doing well with the improvements we have made and the golfers are enjoying practicing under the new owning.

The Saints volunteers have been doing a great job keeping up with the additional play and guests on the driving range, especially with the hot weather. We appreciate the hard work all our volunteers do for the operation and would not be able to run an efficient operation without them.

We have added four additional range pickers (they keep the range cleared of all the practice balls) to keep up with volume on the driving range.

Golf Instructor Arlen Bento has several lesson programs for beginners, juniors and adults looking to improve their game. Arlen is an award-winning golf coach and top 100 world-ranked instructor. Arlen offers a four-week program for beginners, intermediate, level-up, advance junior as well as private instruction.

The playing conditions on the golf course continue to improve under the leadership of our course Superintendent Mark Gerstung and his crew. Last month, his team did a full-course aerification and with the amount of rain we've been receiving, the course is responding nicely, in particular, the definition in the fairways and rough.

The XGD company is in the process of finishing a month-long bunker renovation on 14 bunkers that required drainage, reshaping and new sand. The golfers are happy to see the work being done which has been long overdue.

Congratulations to Bill Klimacek from our Men's League for having made two holes in one during July! The first hole in one was on July 1 when he used a 6 hybrid club on the par 3 16th hole and again on the 7th hole July 22. This is an amazing feat considering that some golfers go a lifetime without making a hole in one.

Upcoming tournaments:

Aug. 23: U.S. Kids Tournament
(100 junior players)

Sept. 12: PAL Tournament

Oct. 10: Humane Society
(120 players)

Oct. 16: St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce
(100 players)

Oct. 30-31: City Golf Championship
(60 players)





Parks

The City of Port St. Lucie's adaptive all-wheel BMX track is buzzing with renewed energy as construction continues to unfold.

The state-of-the-art track surface is being installed, which promises smooth and safe rides for enthusiasts of all ages. The fresh contours and enhanced layout reflect countless hours of planning and hands-on work, underscoring the commitment of the Action Design Sports Construction team.

Artificial turf also is going down in the off-track areas of the facility to create an inviting and low-maintenance aesthetic that is sure to wow riders and spectators alike.

These features are not just about aesthetics; they're creating a more inviting space for the community, attracting new participants to join and encouraging longtime fans to come out to the facility.

As the upgrades progress, the excitement continues to build. The community's support and the team's unwavering dedication ensure that every milestone is met with optimism.

With each new development, the spirit of Port St. Lucie shines brighter, inviting everyone to be a part of this vibrant chapter. The ongoing transformation will undoubtedly inspire even more in the days ahead as we look forward to opening day at this dynamic and unique facility.



Sharing fitness opportunities at the Employee Health Fair

The Fitness team participated in the Employee Health Fair on Aug. 4 at the Community Center.

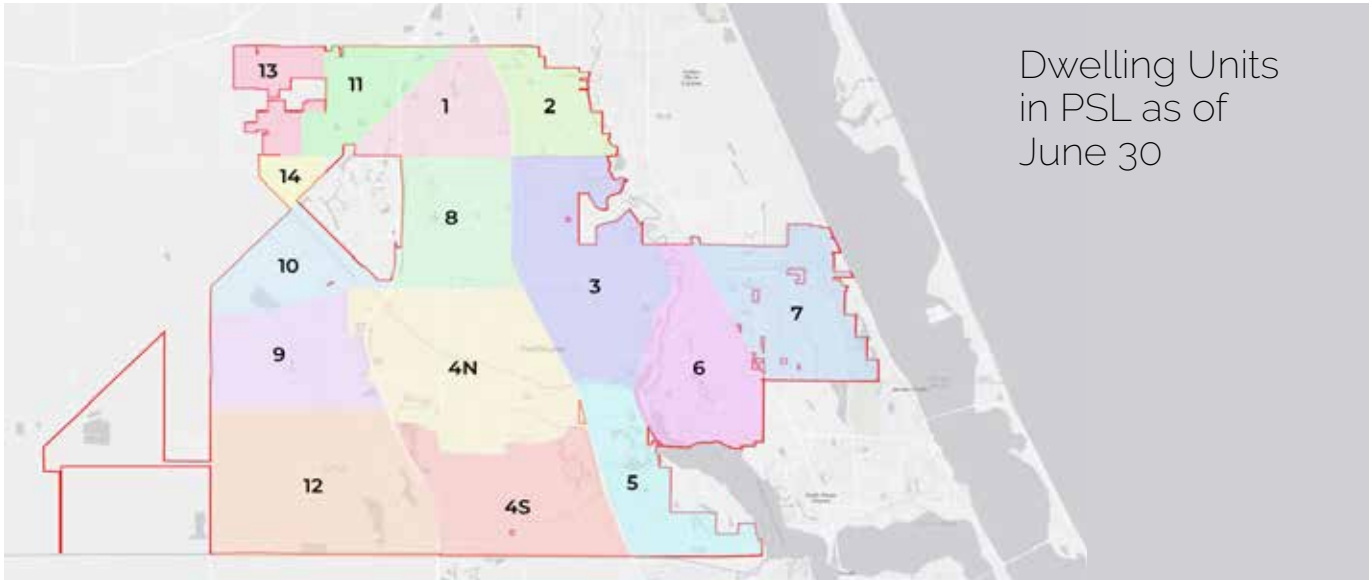
The team geared up to assist City employees by offering access to health and wellness services, aiming to provide valuable opportunities and information to help them kickstart their fitness and wellness center memberships.

With these memberships, employees get access to our two fitness centers: the Fitness and Wellness Center at the Community Center and the one inside the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. Our centers are open seven days a week, offering more than 40 weekly group fitness classes in a wide variety of formats, from yoga to Zumba to body sculpting and more.

Our team was eager to engage with everyone and support their journey towards a healthier lifestyle!



PLANNING AND ZONING



PLANNING AREA	BUILT SINGLE FAMILY UNITS	BUILT MULTI-FAMILY UNITS	TOTAL BUILT UNITS
1	4,106	948	5,054
4,111	3,110	616	3,726
948	18,447	1	18,448
5,059	18,815	677	19,492
5,760	13,287	26	13,313
701	3,517	585	4,102
2	4,792	1,346	6,138
3,116	6,141	2,267	8,408
616	5,369	1,661	7,030
3,732	4,816	3,186	8,002
4,112	3,276	1,014	4,290
380	741	73	814
3	5,293	856	6,149
18,452	0	0	0
1	575	0	575
18,453	92,285	13,256	105,541



Coming Soon to Port St. Lucie

P19-067-A1 Decorative Concrete

Specialists: Addition of a concrete batch plant to the existing concrete business located west of Commerce Lakes Drive and south of Commerce Centre Drive.

P23-119 – LTC Ranch West Pod 8C:

A multi-family development with 312 dwelling units proposed to be located east of Wylder Parkway and northeast of Glades Cut Off Road.

P24-024 – Tesoro Commercial:

A 10,748-square-foot commercial building proposed to be located west of Southbend Boulevard and north of Becker Road.

P24-196- Savona Plaza: Two commercial buildings totaling 21,430 square feet proposed to be located west of Savona Boulevard and north of Paar Drive.

P25-019 – Coffee Rush at Tradition:

A 384-square-foot drive-through coffee shop proposed to be located east of Village Parkway and north of Meeting Street.





PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE



Port St. Lucie Police honors decades of service while investing in the future

July marked a month of celebration and milestones for the Port St. Lucie Police Department as the agency honored four dedicated employees whose combined decades of service have helped shape the department into what it is today.

Master Sgt. Lisa Marie Carrasquillo, Jennifer DiMatteo-Bennett, Detective Courtney Druga and Records Specialist Linda Cole retired after distinguished careers serving the City of Port St. Lucie.

Throughout their years of service, they mentored generations of employees, strengthened the department through their leadership and professionalism and made lasting contributions to the safety of the community. Their commitment and dedication have left an enduring legacy that will continue to inspire those who follow.





The department also celebrated a historic milestone with the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art Police Training Facility.

Now fully operational, the facility provides officers with modern training resources, including an indoor firearms range, defensive tactics space, specialized classrooms and scenario-based training areas. The facility will reduce travel and overtime costs while ensuring officers have access to high-quality training right here in Port St. Lucie.

One of the most memorable moments of the grand opening came when Chief Leo Niemczyk fired the inaugural rounds on the facility's indoor firearms range, officially marking the range's first use in department history.

It was a symbolic moment that represented far more than the opening of a new building; it reflected the department's continued commitment to preparing its officers with the best training possible while honoring those who have built the agency over the past several decades.

As one chapter closes for those who devoted their careers to serving Port St. Lucie, another begins with a training facility that will help prepare the next generation of officers to carry that same tradition of service, professionalism and excellence for years to come.



PUBLIC WORKS



Public Works celebrates our PATH Intern: Jasmin Guerrero

For eight weeks this summer, Public Works welcomed Jasmin Guerrero, a talented student from Fort Pierce Central High School, as part of the Prepare, Aspire, Train, Home (PATH) Internship Program.

Jasmin quickly became a valued team member, assisting with a variety of departmental activities and demonstrating remarkable organization and responsibility. We enjoyed collaborating with her and appreciated her positive attitude and dedication.



The department proudly celebrated Jasmin's achievements at the PATH graduation ceremony, where she showcased her internship projects and shared insights from her experience. Her contributions enriched the team and her professionalism left a lasting impression on staff members.

We wish Jasmin continued success in her academic and professional journey, and we look forward to the possibility of working with her again in the future!

Teachers and students return: Tips for a safe start to the school year

As the new school year approaches, teachers and students will soon be returning to the classroom and the early morning streets will be full of activity once again.

With students walking to bus stops and crossing roads during the busiest hours, it's important for all drivers to stay alert and exercise caution.

Please remember to stop for school buses whenever the lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended; this keeps children safe as they board or exit. Slow down in school zones and be mindful of students crossing the street or waiting at bus stops.

By driving safely and staying vigilant, we can help ensure a safe and smooth start to the school year for everyone in our community.



Managing traffic congestion: Presentation to the American Public Works Association Treasure Coast Branch

Antonio Balestrieri, Manager of Traffic Operations in Public Works, delivered a lunch and learn presentation to the American Public Works Association (APWA) Treasure Coast Branch on strategies for managing traffic congestion in one of the nation's fastest-growing cities.

Antonio discussed the City's historical development and growth, followed by an overview of current infrastructure plans and ongoing projects. He emphasized that traffic is the primary concern among residents and described the City's efforts to address mobility challenges through data-driven initiatives and technological advancements.

Notable examples include the signal coordination plan for Becker Road, Fairgreen Road, Crosstown Parkway, Tradition Parkway and Village Parkway. Antonio highlighted additional measures such as traffic calming, roundabouts, enhanced connectivity, a comprehensive mobility plan and future improvement projects.



Roadway Resurfacing Projects

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The Capital Improvement resurfacing goal for FY 2025-26 is 18.95 miles with 17.25 miles completed to date. Residents will be notified in advance of resurfacing.

Sandpiper Bay (West):

Complete

Lyngate:

Complete

Northport Village (North):

Complete

Torino (E. Torino)

North:

Complete

Floresta Pointe (East):

Complete

Hidden Oaks (West):

Complete

Rosser Reserve/Gatlin Pines:

Complete

Sandhill Crossing (Tiffany):

Complete

Hidden Oaks (Import):

Pending schedule





Infrastructure improvements on Certosa Road

This summer, Public Works addressed persistent erosion and drainage concerns along Certosa Road.

Crews began by clearing vegetation and removing a collapsed pipe, which helped restore access and visibility in the area. The teams then filled the heavily eroded bank, installed a new culvert to improve stormwater management and graded the site to repair canal erosion.

These upgrades not only enhance the roadway's safety but also strengthen the neighborhood's infrastructure for the long term. Residents can expect improved drainage and greater protection from flooding as a result of these recent improvements.

Public Works shares progress at Summer Workshop

At this year's City Council Summer Workshop, Public Works presented a comprehensive update to City Council, highlighting key projects and initiatives that are shaping the community's future.

The team provided progress reports on several important undertakings, including the St. Lucie West Boulevard Widening Feasibility Study, ongoing Capital Improvement Project (CIP) road and infrastructure enhancements and regulatory developer roadway obligations.

Updates also covered advancements in stormwater management, road preservation and resurfacing efforts, as well as the Sidewalk Master Plan.

These presentations showcased the department's dedication to improving mobility, safety and accessibility for residents, reinforcing their commitment to sustainable growth and infrastructure excellence.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Port St. Lucie celebrates America's 250th birthday!

Thousands of residents and visitors gathered at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center on July 4 for another unforgettable Freedomfest. This year's event was especially meaningful as the City joined communities across the country in celebrating America's 250th birthday.

While Freedomfest lasts only one evening, it's an event that was months in the making. The Special Events Division begins planning well before the Fourth of July, working closely with City departments, public safety personnel, sponsors, vendors, entertainers and event partners to bring every detail together.

The final push began the Tuesday before the event as crews arrived at the Event Center to transform the grounds. Throughout the week, tents, fencing, lighting, power, signage, tables and chairs were installed while vendors, sponsors and production crews coordinated load-in. It's a fast-paced week with long days, countless moving pieces and plenty of teamwork, all leading up to the big day.

Then, on July 4, those months of planning came to life. Guests enjoyed a variety of food vendors, shopping the vendor marketplace, listening to live performances by Girlfriend Material and legendary drummer Max Weinberg with his interactive Jukebox show and making memories with family and friends.

As the sun set, a choreographed drone show featuring patriotic images celebrating America's 250th birthday filled the night sky before a fireworks display brought the celebration to a close.

Events like Freedomfest remind us why we do what we do. The City is proud to create opportunities for the community to come together, seeing thousands of people enjoying the evening, making memories with their families and celebrating together makes every hour of planning worth it.



UTILITY SYSTEMS



Building understanding through education

On July 31, the Utility Systems Department welcomed seven residents from the Sawgrass Lakes community for an educational tour of the Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant. Led by John Lamb and Jason Walker, the tour provided an up-close look at the advanced treatment processes that protect public health, preserve the environment and support the City's growing utility needs.

As one of the communities located closest to the facility, Sawgrass Lakes residents occasionally have questions about plant operations, including odors, noise and environmental impacts. Tours like these provide an opportunity to see firsthand the extensive treatment process, learn about the technologies and operational practices used to minimize impacts and gain a better understanding of the Utility's commitment to being a responsible and considerate neighbor.

By opening our doors and encouraging meaningful conversations, the Utility Systems Department continues to strengthen relationships with our community through transparency, education and a shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

A special thank you to John Lamb and Jason Walker for sharing their knowledge and helping residents gain a deeper appreciation for the essential work taking place behind the scenes every day.





From ashes to action: Utility crews answer the call

When a St. Lucie County Fire District operation encountered an unexpected equipment failure, the City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department was ready to help.

Following a request for assistance, the Water Distribution team quickly mobilized personnel and equipment to a residence on South Indian River Drive, where firefighters were working to remove portions of a home destroyed by fire. Despite the challenging conditions, including an extremely tight and potentially hazardous work area, Utility crews safely positioned and operated the equipment needed to help complete the operation.

Water Distribution Supervisor Jason Hernandez led the response, with Logan Caradonna and Anthony Dibernardo playing a key role in safely mobilizing the equipment to the site.

Thanks to the team's quick response and commitment to safety, the operation was completed successfully. St. Lucie County Fire District expressed its sincere gratitude for the Utility Systems Department's assistance, demonstrating the strong partnerships that exist between neighboring agencies and the willingness of City employees to step up when the community needs them most.

Whether serving our residents or supporting our public safety partners, our Utility professionals continue to exemplify teamwork, professionalism and service beyond our city limits.

Investing in tomorrow's workforce: PATH interns explore Utility Systems

The Utility Systems Department recently welcomed participants from the City's PATH Student Internship Program for an engaging behind-the-scenes look at the people, facilities and operations that keep Port St. Lucie running every day.

The presentation introduced interns to the history and growth of the Utility Systems Department, highlighting how the organization has evolved alongside one of Florida's fastest-growing cities. Interns also learned about the department's water and wastewater treatment facilities, the journey of drinking water from source to tap and the many processes involved in collecting and treating wastewater.

Beyond the technical side of utility operations, the presentation focused on the wide variety of career opportunities available within the department. From engineering, operations and maintenance to environmental compliance, customer service and leadership, interns gained valuable insight into the many career paths and opportunities for professional growth within Utility Systems.

Senior Assistant Director Daniel Segui encouraged the interns with a motivational message about leadership, public service and the importance of pursuing careers that make a lasting impact on the community. His remarks reinforced the value of hard work, continuous learning and taking advantage of opportunities for personal and professional development.



The experience concluded with a tour of the Utility workshop led by George Ury and Jesse Rodriguez. The pair introduced interns to the City's various sewer grinder systems, explained how they support the wastewater collection system and demonstrated some of the skilled craftsmanship involved in maintaining utility infrastructure. Their welding equipment and hands-on discussions generated plenty of questions and sparked interest in the skilled trades that play a critical role in Utility Systems' success.

Following the visit, Corrie Johnson from Human Resources shared the positive feedback received from the interns, noting that they left the experience "energized, inspired and genuinely appreciative," and that the visit may have sparked an interest in future careers within Utility Systems.

By opening its doors to the next generation of professionals, the Utility Systems Department continues to invest in the future workforce while showcasing the innovation, teamwork and dedication required to provide essential services to the community.

