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New Art Installation at
The Botanical Gardens

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City Officials

The City is led by a five-member elected Council, which sets policy and determines the long-term vision for the City. The Council appoints a City Manager to handle the daily business affairs, and a City Attorney to provide legal advice.

This system is called a Council-Manager form of local government. Each Council member has one vote, including the Mayor, so legislative authority is equally spread among all five members.



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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Cover

Visitors to the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens can enjoy a new sculpture while taking in the exhibits of plants and flowers. Titled “The Feathers Three” and created by visual artist Kirk Seese, the work stands more than 14 feet tall and is comprised of steel, medium density overlay board and acrylic sealer.

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

www.CityofPSL.com/Pulse

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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
- VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS
- SMART & CONNECTED CITY
- DIVERSE ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- HIGH-QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES
- CULTURE, NATURE & FUN ACTIVITIES
- HIGH-PERFORMING CITY 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 on carrying out the Strategic Plan, which is updated every year based on citizen input through the annual Citizen Survey and Citizen Summit.

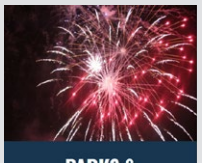
An essential part of bringing the plan to life is measuring performance through objective indicators and reporting those results back to citizens.

In PSL on the Pulse, we highlight projects specifically prioritized in the Strategic Plan that have achieved milestones, or where changes have occured, 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.

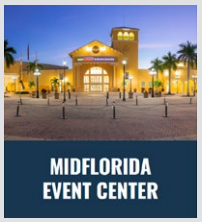
Calendar

Feb. 2-16

Feb. 3	**9 a.m.:** 2024 Citizen Summit **9 a.m.:** Boys & Girls Clubs Mobile Club **3 p.m.:** Bonfire Hayride
Feb. 4	**3 p.m.:** Memorial Service to Honor the Four Chaplains
Feb. 6	**6 p.m.:** Planning and Zoning Board
Feb. 7	**9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate Hearing
Feb. 8	**9 a.m.:** Construction Board of Appeals **5:30 p.m.:** River Nights
Feb. 9	**6 p.m.:** Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance
Feb. 10	**11 a.m.:** Boys & Girls Clubs Mobile Club
Feb. 12	**1 p.m.:** Regular City Council Meeting
Feb. 14	**9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate Hearing **10 a.m.:** Outdoor Adventures: Fantastic Creatures **1:30 p.m.:** Site Plan Review Committee **6 p.m.:** Special Populations Dance
Feb. 15	**10 a.m.:** Business Tax Workshop
Feb. 16	**7 p.m.:** Family Movie Night: "The Super Mario Bros. Movie"



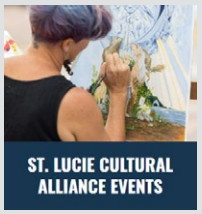
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BETTER ***ROADS,*** MORE ***SIDEWALKS,*** AND ***CLEANER RIVERS***

Half-Cent Sales Tax

Floresta Drive Improvement Project Phase 2

Construction continues for the Floresta Drive Phase 2 Improvement Project. The contractor continues to focus on the roadway activities, sidewalks and driveways. The contractor shifted traffic to the east side of the roadway to work on construction on the west side of Floresta Drive.



The following streets are closed. The closures are necessary for drainage pipe installation, road, curb and sidewalk activities. Closures and construction activities can be impacted by weather:

- SE Streamlet Avenue at Floresta Drive to Fairfield Street through the end of February.
- Damask Avenue at Floresta Drive to Crown Street and Landsdowne Avenue at Floresta Drive to Fairfield Street through the end of March.

From mid-February until the end of March, the contractor anticipates closing Thornhill Drive west of Floresta to Fairfield Street to complete necessary intersection construction.

The contractor completed construction of a new bridge crossing the Elkcam waterway that accommodates pedestrian and bicycle access with 6-foot sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides.

The contractor also constructed a roundabout on Floresta Drive at Polynesian Avenue. The roundabout provides a circular configuration that safely and efficiently moves traffic.

Work continues at Thornhill Lake for required stormwater retention as part of the project. The lake will help provide water quality for protection of the St. Lucie River.

The City urges drivers to be vigilant, patient and slow down while driving through the construction zone. Follow the appropriate detour routes.


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C&T Eng


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Abingdon sidewalk



Abingdon sidewalk

Sidewalks

www.cityofpsl.com/sidewalks

Import Drive (Inca Terrace to Savage Boulevard):
Phase 2 is pending final acceptance.

Abingdon Avenue (Import Drive to Savona Boulevard): Under construction.

Roadway Resurfacing

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The Sales Tax resurfacing goal for FY 23/24 is 16.44 miles with 10.55 miles completed to date. Below are the areas that will be resurfaced this fiscal year. Residents will be notified in advance of resurfacing.

Sandpiper Bay (South): Complete

Sandpiper Bay (Mid): Complete

Riverview (South): Complete

Oak Hammock

Rosser Reserve (East)

Floresta Gardens (Mid)

Building Department

Building Activities

Certificates of Occupancy

- Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, school: 1592 SE Floresta Drive
- Engineering Business, commercial shell: 2190 NW Reserve Park Trace, Unit 9
- Jessica Clinton Park, City of Port St. Lucie, shade canopy: 3200 SE Southbend Blvd.
- Hampton Inn and Suites, commercial alteration: 155 SW Peacock Blvd.

Commercial Permits

- St. Andrew Lutheran Church, aluminum roof: 295 NW Prima Vista Blvd.
- Island Root Kava Bar, commercial alteration: 1325 St. Lucie West Blvd.
- La Rubia Cuban Bakery, commercial alteration; 267 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd.
- Golden Spine Rehabilitation Center, commercial alteration: 550 SE Port St. Lucie Blvd.

Jan. 13-26		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Permits Issued	1,360	2,490	54,440	60,774	68,261	52,355	41,504	39,899
Single-Family Permits Issued	137	242	4,069	3,882	5,273	3,824	2,729	2,189
Certificates of Occupancy Single-family	155	292	3,835	4,658	3,911	2,893	2,711	1,824
Inspections Completed	6,778	13,957	210,048	248,274	208,545	155,421	137,302	115,073
Plans Reviewed	651	1,326	21,211	24,103	24,820	19,150	13,978	13,559
Online Permits Applied	1,152	2,127	50,658	50,937	48,166	26,855	18,395	13,421


Mattamy Homes


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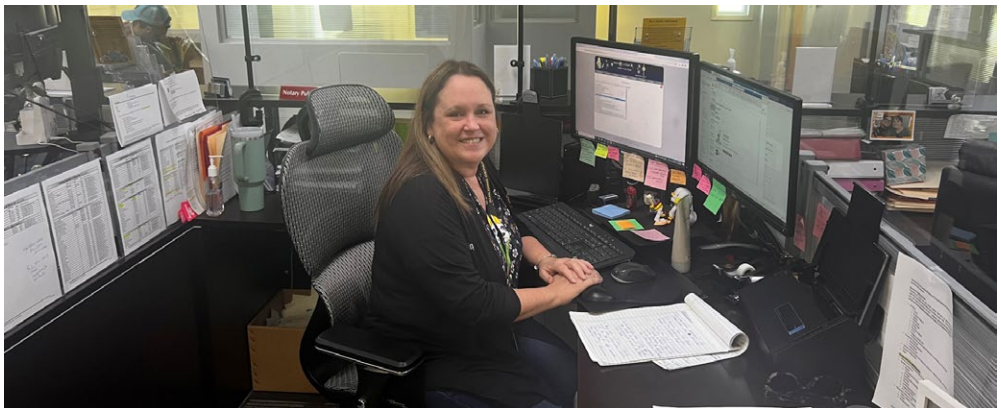
Testimonials

"I have found that dealing with the Building Department in the City to be one of the best, as far as building departments are concerned. KUDOS!!! You all do good work."

"The Building Department team, from the very courteous and helpful members at the front desk, to contractor licensing and the inspectors are very respectful and professional. I work in better than seven to eight municipalities and PSL STANDS OUT. Please keep humanness in your efforts going forward. Many are using technology in ways that distance themselves from providing a service to the taxpayers who pay for the department to exist."

Employee of the Month winner

Jessica Dye is January's Compliments Award winner.



1PSL

What is 1PSL?

This all-in-one system 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.

Call 772-871-1PSL

Call a 1PSL Navigator 24/7. After hours calls are answered by Police Service Aides. For all emergencies, call 911.

1PSL
Your 24/7 City Hall



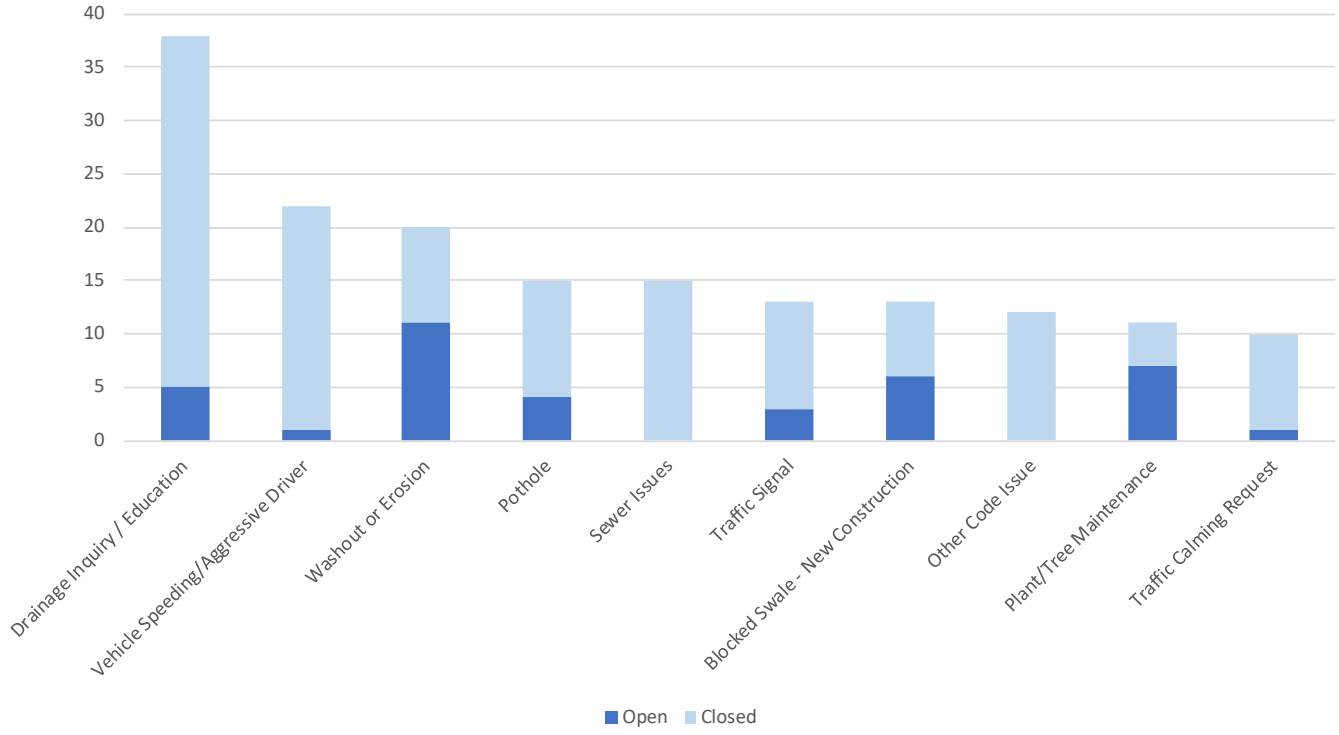
Download App

The 1PSL mobile app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

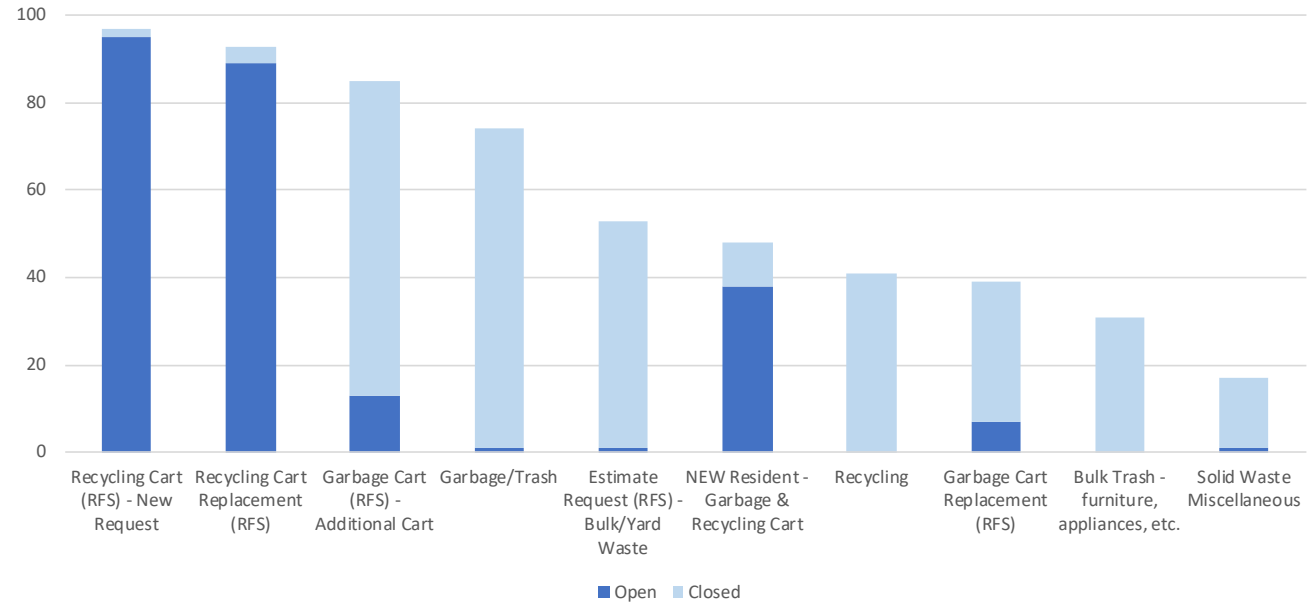
Web Portal

Residents can use 1PSL without downloading the mobile app by visiting the 1PSL Web Portal.

Top 10 1PSL Requests
Jan. 12-25



Top 10 Solid Waste Requests
Jan. 12-25



Communications Department



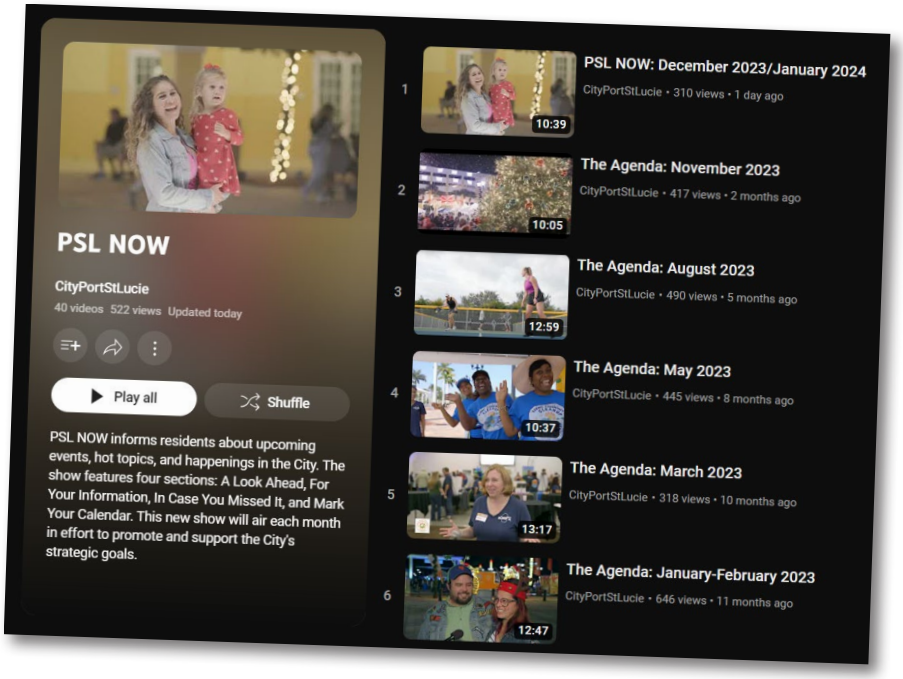
New names, new looks, same great information!

It's the start of a new year, which is the perfect time to create a new look and feel for some of the City's most popular communication channels.

That includes this publication! For people looking to keep up with news and updates from departments City-wide, the newly renamed and revamped PSL on the Pulse is the place to go. Formerly known as the City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report, it can be accessed on the City's website.

The City's long-running video news show, PSL NOW has also received a makeover. Previously known as The Agenda, PSL NOW features hosts Maritza Diaz-Ott and Benjamin Elliott showcasing upcoming events, providing insights into City projects and highlighting the work happening at City Hall.

The inaugural PSL NOW launched in January and is available on the City's YouTube channel.





Citizen Summit in the news!

Stephanie Vernot and Melissa Yunas had a wonderful opportunity to share the latest news about the upcoming Citizen Summit. They visited WPSL 1590 radio and Indian River State College Media, which includes WQCS, WQCP and WQJS, where they conducted interviews to spread the word about the Citizen Summit.

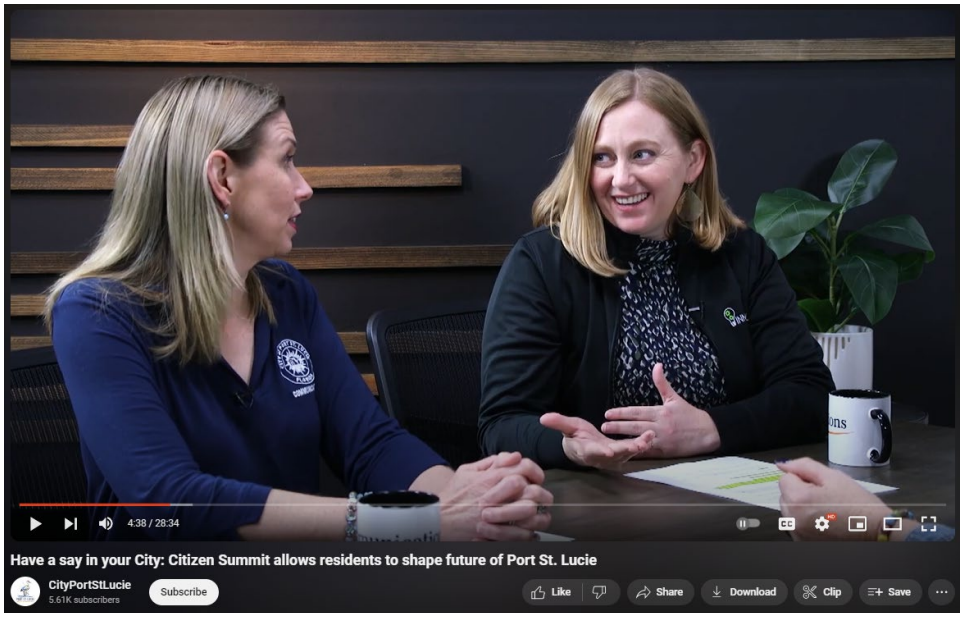
They encouraged residents to attend and provide feedback in guiding current projects and initiatives, meet the project managers, get to know the faces behind the City's future, ask questions and learn more about exciting developments on the horizon.

PSL ON THE MIC

Have a say in your City: Citizen Summit allows residents to shape future of Port St. Lucie

The Citizen Summit is one of the most important events at the City of Port St. Lucie. It allows residents to receive in-depth information about the City's Strategic Plan and also provide input on the plan's seven goals.

In a nutshell, it gives them an opportunity to shape the future of their City.



On Episode 16, Sarah Prohaska, Communications Director, and Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, talk about how and why the Citizen Summit was formed and share insight about the ways in which resident feedback collected at the Summit, along with the annual National Community Survey, will be used to help City Council update the Strategic Plan and identify budget priorities.

Listen and watch here.

For more information, visit www.CityofPSL.com/Podcast.

Community Redevelopment Agency

Putting two and two together!

This week, staff from the CRA provided a driving tour of Southern Grove and the Southwestern Annexation Area to the team from the Office of Management and Budget. Oftentimes, developments and projects are discussed in meetings without context to the scale or location. The guided tour afforded an opportunity for staff to discuss the projects and developments in detail.

For more information on Southern Grove, visit www.CityofPSL.com/SouthernGrove.



Emergency Management

Resolve to be ready with disaster supply kits

After an emergency, you might need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for several days. A disaster supply kit is a collection of basic items your household might need in an emergency.

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Once you look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets or seniors.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit: To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag. A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water (store at least one week worth of drinking water, a total of 7 gallons per person)
- Food (one week supply of non-perishable food items)
- Keep a two-week minimum supply of medication and/or regularly used medical supplies
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First-aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)



- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Additional Emergency Supplies

Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- Soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- Prescription medications. About half of all Americans take a prescription medicine every day. An emergency can make it difficult for them to refill their prescription or to find an open pharmacy. Organize and protect your prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs and vitamins to prepare for an emergency.
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Kit Storage Locations

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and cars.

- **Home:** Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you need to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.
- **Work:** Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.
- **Car:** In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.





Nuclear power plant exercise

On Jan. 16, in conjunction with the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant, the emergency operations centers for St. Lucie and Martin counties held a practice exercise in preparation for an evaluated exercise in February. The City of Port St. Lucie's Office of Emergency Management assisted Martin County's Emergency Management by serving as exercise support staff/evaluators and exercised deploying to St. Lucie County's Emergency Operations Center for a no-notice event.

Martin and St. Lucie's practice exercises involved simulated response actions by emergency response personnel from various county and municipal agencies. Additionally, this exercise provided an opportunity to practice and gain a better understanding of individuals' responsibilities in the unlikely event such an incident occurs.

The City's Office of Emergency Management will continue to support, plan and prepare for all hazards with our emergency management partners, building on our readiness and resilience for Port St. Lucie residents.





Visit us at the 2024 Citizen Summit

Visit the the Smart & Connected City Emergency Management team at the it's booth the 2024 #IamPSL Citizen Summit. Residents can help shape the City's future by sharing their ideas and we will have information regarding hazards and tips to help you prepare. This is your opportunity to give us feedback and help shape the future of the City and its long-term goals.

Feature Story

Help shape Port St. Lucie's future: Participate in the 2024 National Community Survey™

The City of Port St. Lucie relies on the voices of its residents to guide strategic planning, development of new services and much more.

To better understand the needs and desires of our citizens, the City is partnering with the National Research Center (NRC) and Polco to conduct the National Community Survey™ for the seventh consecutive year.

The NRC has begun to mail these important surveys to a statistically valid sample of residents. If residents receive one in the mail, City leaders request that they please take the time to fill it out and return the survey. The information gathered from this survey and the annual Citizen Summit inform City Council as it updates the City's strategic plan and goals.

For those who do not receive a mail-in survey, the NRC will make an online option available to all residents at www.cityofpsl.com/communitysurvey. The survey will be available online beginning Feb. 3 and closing Feb. 27.

The survey focuses on community livability and includes questions about the quality of life in Port St. Lucie, demographics, rating of local government services and residents' use of services. Polco's highly skilled team of social science researchers have extensive experience and insight into local governments. Once the survey is complete, Polco's team will provide the City with comparative data from other local governments across the country.

Data from the survey will assist the Mayor, City Council and staff in making operational, strategic and policy decisions. The City will also host its annual Citizen Summit on Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, located at 2195 SE Airoso Blvd., to further gather in-depth feedback from residents.

Insights gathered from past Community Surveys and Citizen Summits have directly led to important community goals, initiatives and changes, including:

- Road improvement projects that were funded by the voter-approved Half-Cent Sales Tax, such as the Floresta Drive Corridor and St. Lucie West Boulevard, were prioritized by City Council based on input from the survey and summit.





- Key findings from previous surveys showed mobility continues to be a challenge for the City. As a result, the City adopted a new plan that features pedestrian-friendly roadways, additional traffic calming and the development of new sidewalks, bikeways and walking paths. Resident satisfaction in paths and walking trails has grown each year as those improvements have been implemented.
- The development of upcoming projects such as Pioneer Park at the Port District, Tradition Regional Park and Torino Regional Park are being designed with input from the survey and summit.



This year's survey will continue to ask questions that can provide residents' insights into specific topics, such as whether they would be willing to pay more to have trash collection twice a week, to more general observations such as their top three priorities for the City.



Operating a high-performing government organization is a key strategic goal of the Mayor and City Council, and this survey is an important way the City is working toward that goal. The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has identified conducting surveys for data-driven decisions as a leading practice for local governments to pursue in evaluating their performance, enhancing their communications with the community and helping with decision making.

The City of Port St. Lucie's efforts to engage residents in decision making has been recognized nationally by ICMA and the NRC at Polco as a past recipient of the Voice of the People Award, the only national awards that honor local governments based on feedback from residents.

Finance

Retirement Statistics - Attendees

Jan. 13-26	Pay Period Ending Jan. 26	Year to Date
Keys to Retirement Attendees	20	64
Mission Square One-on-One Appointments	10	110
Financial Wellness Class Attendees	14	100
New 457 sign-ups	2	10
New Police Officers	0	2
Participants entering the DROP	0	4
Participants exiting the DROP	0	2
Total DROP Participants	-	21

Upcoming Financial Wellness Class*

What: Understanding your Investment Options
When: Noon, Feb. 28
Where: Building B Training Room
Presenter: Burgess Chambers & Associates

What: Wills and Trusts
When: Noon, March 7
Where: Building B Training Room
Presenter: Legal Shield

Register today on PSL Forward Powered by Absorb!

*Please note, these sessions are for current City employees only.

Human Resources

PROMOTIONS

Angelene Frederick,
Procurement Contracting Officer,
Office of Management and Budget

Paul Grieves,
Park Supervisor,
Parks & Recreation

Training & Development

Feb. 5: Budgeting and Money Management

Feb. 6: Confront? Or Not to Confront? That is The Question!

Feb. 7: Building a Successful Team

Feb. 8: Ethics in Government: Building Public Trust

Feb. 9: Ethics in Government: Building Public Trust

HR Statistics

Jan. 11-24		YTD
New Hires	8	20
Total Applications Rec'd	312	473
Job Requisitions Received	12	19
Jobs posted	35	50
Internal Promotions	8	9
Reclassifications	6	6
Personnel Change Forms Processed	64	90
In Person New Hire Orientation	0	19
Life Scan Participation	0	0
Total Training Sessions	5	6
Total Training Attendees	63	82
Water Cooler Site Visits	6,223	10,441
Employee Benefits Site Visits	574	923
PSL Forward Training Site Visits	366	701



Training Spotlight

Ethics in Government: Building Public Trust

Thursday, Feb. 8 at 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15 at 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

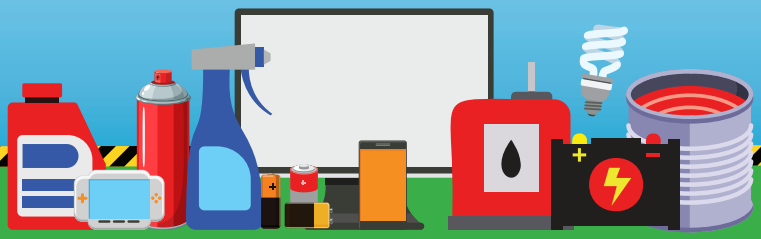
This two-hour mandatory training, facilitated by the Florida Ethics Institute, seeks to reinforce the principles of public service with scenarios and case studies to provide a better framework for making ethical decisions in our daily work. The training covers ethics requirements applicable to municipal public servants as well as the Sunshine Amendment, all to ensure we uphold our City's values of Ethics, Stewardship and Accountability.

Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

This event makes it easy for Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County residents (IDs required) to get rid of their unwanted household chemicals and hazardous waste.

Hand over these materials to the experts for proper disposal, free of charge.



Saturday, March 2 • 8 a.m.-Noon

450 SW Thornhill Dr.

ACCEPTED

- Ammunition
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries (rechargeable lithium & vehicle)
- Bug Sprays
- Computers/Electronics
- Drain Cleaners
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs/Tubes
- Fuels
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Lighter Fluid
- Mercury Thermometers
- Oil-based Paint
- Propane Tanks (20 pounds or less)
- Prescription Drugs, No Liquids
- Solvents/Thinners
- Thermostats
- Fats, Oil and Grease (F.O.G.) - 5 gallon container or less

NOT ACCEPTED

- Bio-hazard/Medical Waste
- Containers larger than 5 Gallons
- Explosives
- Flares
- Paint (Water-based or Latex)
- Sharps
- Household batteries (Alkaline)

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MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION EVENT CENTER
PORT ST. LUCIE FLORIDA

Celebrating great futures with the St. Lucie County Boys & Girls Clubs



The Lexus Great Futures Glitz and Glam Gala was an evening of glamour attended by many with the same goal in mind: to make a difference. From a gourmet dinner to live performances, and plenty of inspirational stories to be heard, it was a night of community and meaning that will live on in the hearts and minds of those who attended.





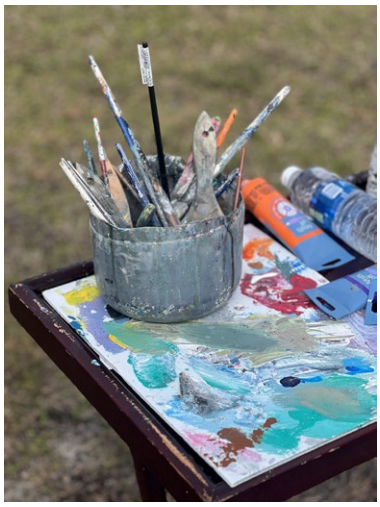
Three exciting events on one weekend!

On what might have been the most beautiful weekend of the year so far, the MIDFLORIDA Event Center was home to three well-attended events!

With blue skies as far as the eye could see, the Port St. Lucie Art & Craft Expo was the perfect hub of creativity. An astounding variety of items were for sale, including paintings and prints, as well as unique home décor and accessories. The live music and food trucks added the perfect touch, creating an inviting vibe to the space.

The Port St. Lucie Home Show was held inside the Event Center, inviting attendees to see an abundance of displays and services that can help make a house a home. Walking through the aisles, one could learn about water purification systems, hurricane windows, lighting and even closet installation.











Finally, the Christian authors event also was held indoors. The event was a showcase of writers, novels and publishing information. It also had a party atmosphere, with the DJ playing tunes while attendees perused the tables and spoke to the talented guests throughout the day.

A helping of country music is coming up!

We heard you might like some good ol' down-home country music? Well, we've got the best news for you: Clay Walker will be live in concert, with special guest Kasey Tyndall, right here in Port St. Lucie this month! Come down to the MIDFLORIDA Event Center on Saturday, Feb. 24 with a cowboy hat and boots to get the party started! Get your tickets now on ETIX.com!



Laugh it up with Uncle Louie's comedy show

The Uncle Louie Variety Show, The Premier Old School Comedy Experience, has been making audiences laugh for years with its hilarious and unique take on growing up as an Italian-American. The show is features two dynamic comedians, Lou Greco and Carlo Russo, who have gained international popularity with the comedic celebration of their Italian heritage.

"Uncle Louie" is joined by the beloved characters "Pasqualino," "Zia Maria" and "Zia Rosa" who are always getting themselves into trouble with their hilarious antics. Once The Uncle Louie Variety Show begins, audience members will be howling with laughter from hilarious original music, sketch comedy and stand-up. Although Greco and Russo draw inspiration from their Italian heritage, there is something to be found in The Uncle Louie Variety Show for people of all cultural backgrounds.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 2-3: Port St. Lucie Crazy Quilters

Feb. 3: Travel Expo: Cruises, Tours and More

Feb. 10: The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series

Feb. 10: The Uncle Louie Variety Show

Feb. 17: Humane Society Blue Jean Ball

Feb. 23: Coastal Championship Wrestling-Secret Treasure

Feb. 24: Clay Walker, with Special Guest Kasey Tyndall

Feb. 27: Career Fair: St. Lucie County School Board & Economic Development Council

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Event Center Visitors: 43,796
Event Days: 68
(as of Jan. 26)



The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series

Anglers, join us Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for this unique event which features George Poveromo, host of "World of Saltwater Fishing" on Discovery, along with teams of top national and regional fishing authorities. Learn how to catch more and bigger fish in your local waters! The Seminar Series' "Holds Barred" format requires experts to reveal their prime fishing spots, the best times to fish, and the best baits and lures to use!

Humane Society Blue Jean Ball

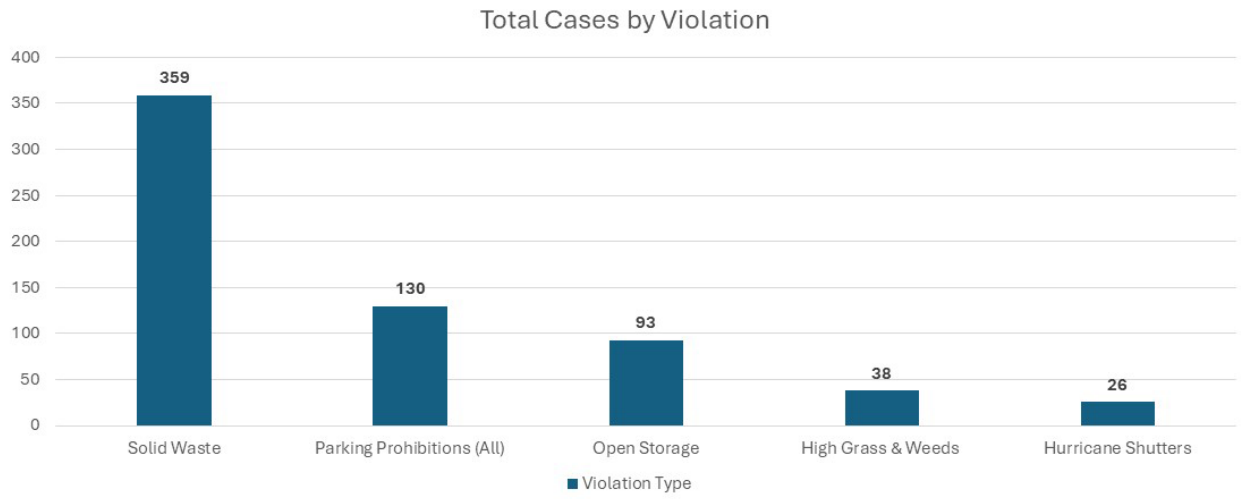
On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Humane Society of St. Lucie County and sponsor, Ben's Pest Control, will present their signature fundraiser, the third annual Blue Jean Ball. This ball benefits homeless cats and dogs.

Come and dazzle in denim, dance with a purpose and have fun with Las Vegas-style gaming including roulette, blackjack and craps. There will be a live and silent auction, dinner and cocktails and an exclusive live country music performance.

Neighborhood Services

Top 5 Code Compliance Violations

Jan. 7-20



NSD Solid Waste Case Data

Jan. 7-20

	Solid Waste Stats for Jan. 7-13	Solid Waste Stats for Jan. 14-20
Total Code Cases Opened	389	329
SW Cases Opened	229 (58.9% of total cases opened during the week)	130 (39.5% of total cases opened during the week)
SW Cases Complied Within The Week	121	26
Total Active Code Cases	1169	1189
Active SW Cases	236 (20.2% of total active cases)	220 (18.5% of total active cases)

Kudos to Code Officer Ana Diaz for receiving a compliment from a 1PSL customer

"Thanks to the Neighborhood Services agent that came by and knocked on our door today. It was nice knowing someone from the City of PSL takes the time to come and check on reports. Thank you."

Free outdoor movie night under the stars

Embrace the magic of the Mushroom Kingdom as the City of Port St. Lucie Neighborhood Services Department presents "The Super Mario Bros. Movie," a free outdoor movie night.

Families and gaming enthusiasts are invited to join the fun at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center Village Square, 9221 SE Event Center Place.



Boys and Girls Clubs Mobile Club on the move

The Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County's Mobile Club is an ongoing collaboration between the City of Port St. Lucie Neighborhood Services and the Boys & Girls Clubs. The Mobile Club gives children in Port St. Lucie access to fun, life-enriching programs, unique experiences and even tutoring with certified teachers. Free food and snacks are typically provided to students who participate. With funding from CDBG



Office of Management & Budget



Angelene Frederick

Oksana Savchenko

OMB welcomes new staff

OMB welcomes new Procurement Contracting Officer I, Angelene Frederick.

Angelene joined the City of Port St. Lucie Utility Engineering staff as a Commercial Development Coordinator in January 2023. She was formerly employed with Florida Department of Transportation for five years where she worked in multiple departments.

Angelene has project management and procurement experience. She earned an associate's degree from Colorado Tech University and studied at Broward College for business administration. She also is a certified web designer.

OMB also welcomes new Procurement Analyst, Oksana Savchenko.

Oksana brings seven years of experience in purchasing and procurement. Her expertise in inventory management and data analytics will be a great asset to our team as well as the City.

She graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in business administration and minor in finance and marketing.

Oksana grew up in in Estonia and immigrated to the United States at 21.

OMB is excited to have Angelene and Oksana join our team!

Bid Opportunities, Recent Bid Awards

Week ending Jan. 26

Bid #	Description	Status
20240019	Information Technology Modernization Consulting Services	Active Bid Opening: 03/01/24
20240018	Village Parkway South - Streetlights	Active Bid Opening: 02/23/24
20240017	CCD Stormwater Rebate Study	Active Bid Opening: 02/27/24
20240013	Expansion of Employee Health Clinic Construction Project	Active Bid Opening: 01/29/24
20230056	Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services	Awarded to: Brooker Equipment dba Sampson Tree Service
20230061	Design & Permitting for Hogpen Slough Stormwater Treatment Area	Awarded to: WGI, Inc.

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.

Procurement 2024 Statistics

(formal procurements submitted to City Council for Approval)

Jan. 22	Period	Year to Date
Amendments	0	1
Awards	2	10
Co-Ops/Piggybacks	0	1
Sole Sources		
Total	**2**	**12**



Port St. Lucie PARKS & RECREATION

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The Saints Golf Course

The Saints Golf Course is supported by a great group of City volunteers. With the course being very busy this time of the year, their efforts are very much appreciated.

Each day, a team of volunteers helps with managing guests' golf bags, setting up each guest with a golf cart, cleaning and managing the golf cart fleet, keeping everyone starting on time at the first tee box, helping to manage pace of play on the course and even helping with the driving range. Next time you're at The Saints, give a nice shout-out to our volunteers who help make us the best golf course on the Treasure Coast. We hope to see everyone at the course very soon!

Recreation

Domino tables for the new outdoor recreation space at Minsky Gym have been installed. Chess and checker tables have been delivered and are awaiting installation by the Facilities Maintenance Department.

Pickleball Skills and Drills will begin Feb. 1.



McCarty Ranch Preserve

Feb. 3: Bonfire Hayride

Community Center

Feb. 3: Citizen Summit
Feb. 5: VITA Tax
Feb. 9: Daddy Daughter Dance
Feb. 14: Special Populations Valentine's Dance
Feb. 15: Lunch and Learn

Veterans Park at Rivergate

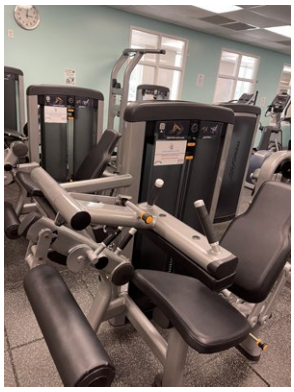
Feb. 8: River Nights, featuring The Love Trio

Special Events

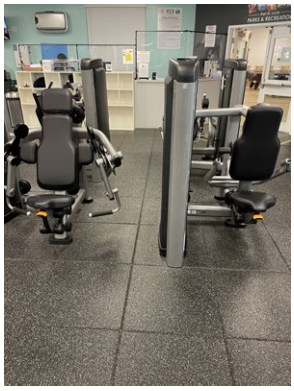
On Jan. 15, the Parks & Recreation Department celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Fun Day at Whispering Pines Park.

To kick off the celebrations, Lynberg Nelson, a recently retired Parks & Recreation employee, shared a brief and poignant message about compassion and kindness. In addition to a basketball tournament, food trucks, bounce houses and M&M Sweeties performances, we also had a March Around the Park. It was a delightful afternoon for everyone who came out to join us!









Fitness

Recently, the Community Fitness and Wellness Center and the Humana Fitness and Wellness Center underwent significant facility improvements.

In total, all 35 Life Fitness machines were re-upholstered. At the Humana Fitness and Wellness Center, we also had the multi-dual cable system, four weight benches, leg press, decline bench and hack squat re-upholstered. In total, 130 pads were reupholstered in five days. Our City-approved vendor did an excellent job of keeping as many pieces of equipment available while working around our members so as not to interfere with their workouts.

Parks

The City's Public Arts Manager shared the following message with Parks & Recreation staff:

"Today I was at the Botanical Gardens overseeing the installation of our newest sculpture. This is Feathers Three by Kirk Seese, on loan for two years. The finishing touches to the site include lighting, staining the plinth and his signage."

Read more about the new artwork that was recently installed in the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens.



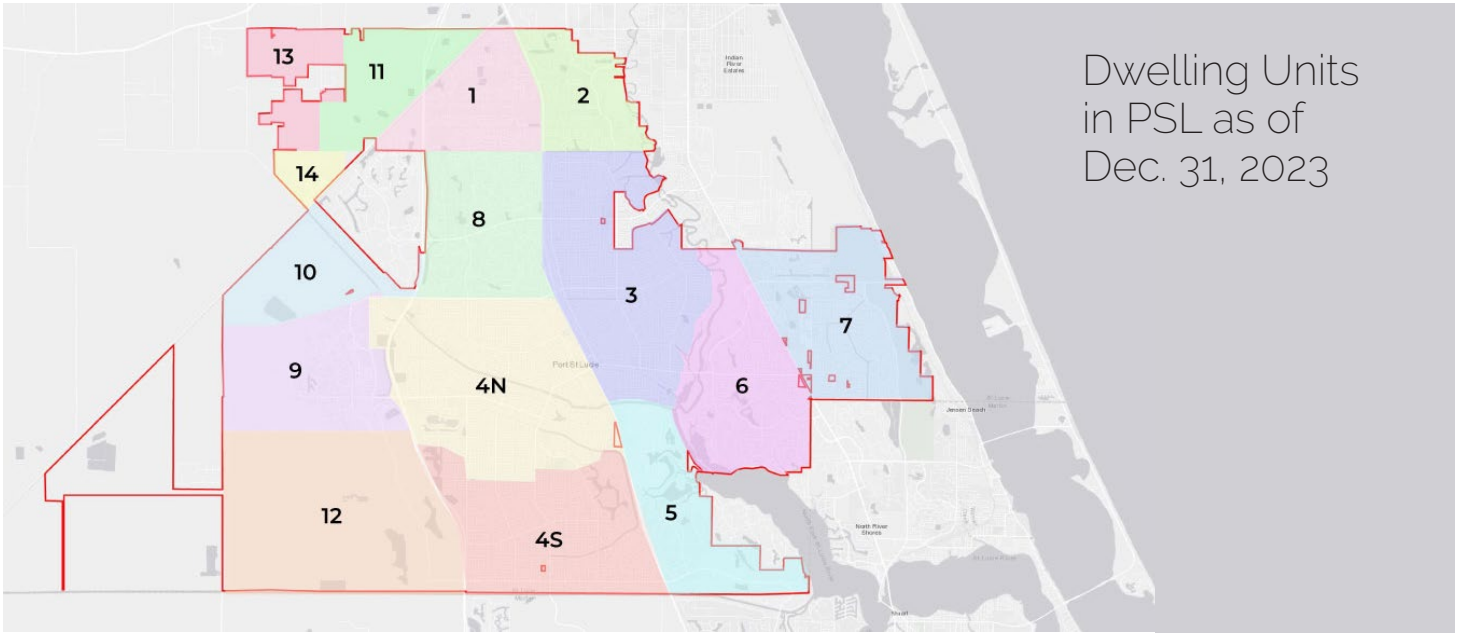
Announcements

On Jan. 24, the Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department met for its quarterly employee meeting. This quarter we met at the beautiful (and busy) McChesney Park, where many of our team members joined to hear updates on park projects, upcoming events, internal departmental personnel moves and updates on important City programs available to employees.

A highlight of each quarterly meeting includes the announcement of the quarter's winners for employee and volunteer of the quarter.. For the first quarter of the year, Safety and Training Coordinator James Frye received the Employee of the Quarter Award for his dedicated service to the City. The Volunteer of the Quarter Award was given to Dan Szewczul for his outstanding service at The Saints Golf Course. Congratulations to James and Dan for their achievements.



Planning & Zoning



PLANNING AREA	BUILT SINGLE-FAMILY UNITS	BUILT MULTI-FAMILY UNITS	TOTAL BUILT UNITS	APPROVED UNITS	REMAINING UNITS TO BE BUILT
1	3,972	824	4,796	5,760	964
2	3,062	513	3,575	4,090	515
3	18,158	1	18,159	20,210	2,051
4N	18,263	677	18,940	22,435	3,495
4S	12,705	26	12,731	15,296	2,565
5	2,805	243	3,048	3,766	718
6	4,677	1,346	6,023	6,506	483
7	6,015	2,267	8,282	9,532	1,250
8	5,367	1,661	7,028	7,523	495
9	4,151	2,978	7,009	11,092	4,083
10	2,221	564	2,633	7,200	4,567
11	0	0	0	4,000	4,000
12	3,448	352	3,794	22,410	18,616
13	0	0	0	0	-
14	575	0	575	579	4
TOTAL	85,419	11,452	96,593	140,399	43,806

Feature Story

Public art is a perfect complement to the natural beauty found in the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, which features sculptures and artwork from world-renowned artists throughout the grounds.

As of Jan. 17, visitors to the Botanical Gardens can enjoy a new sculpture while taking in the exhibits of plants and flowers. Titled "The Feathers Three" and created by visual artist Kirk Seese, the work stands more than 14 feet tall and is comprised of steel, medium density overlay board and acrylic sealer. The art will be displayed for two years.

Kirk Seese is a multi-disciplinary artist from Maryland. His artistic professions span being a two-dimensional large-scale mural artist, set artist for film and television, lead designer for climbing gyms and now a 3D public sculptor exhibiting throughout the nation.





Police Department

District 1

The Port St. Lucie Police Department recruiters and background investigators traveled to the Keiser University Flagship Residential Campus in West Palm Beach to attend the school's Criminal Justice Day. Joining the team were two of our K9 handlers and their K9 partners, who stole the show.

PSLPD recruiters and background investigators went to the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex and treated a group of recruits to lunch. This is how we treat our future officers!

PSLPD is hiring and will sponsor you to attend the academy as a cadet, where you earn a salary and accruals! Learn more by visiting our website.









District 2

On Jan. 25, PSLPD responded to a shooting incident at the 2000 block of SW Villanova Road. The victim was a repossession agent and was at the residence to repossess a vehicle parked in the driveway. At some point during the repossession, the 59-year-old suspect who owned the vehicle exited the home and confronted the victim. As the victim was seated in his tow truck in the driveway, the suspect approached the driver's side door and punched the victim through the opened window. The suspect then armed himself with a handgun and shot the victim multiple times through the driver's side door window.



The victim was airlifted to HCA Florida Lawnwood Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and the vehicle owner was detained. At the time of the investigation, it was determined that there was no immediate threat to the public.

PSLPD Major Crimes Unit detectives charged the suspect with one count of attempted homicide and one count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. The suspect was transported to the St. Lucie County Jail.

District 3

On Jan. 18, PSLPD responded to a shooting incident at the 200 block of SW Ridgecrest Drive. An adult male drove to a home and confronted an adult resident in his driveway. A physical altercation ensued. At some point, a firearm was produced by the adult male who drove to the home, which resulted in him shooting himself in the hand and shooting another adult male in the foot.

Both males were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. All parties involved have been identified and the investigation is ongoing. There is no threat to the surrounding community.





District 4

Several PSLPD members read books to Floresta Elementary students as part of Literacy Week, which ran from Jan. 22-26. The selected books highlighted the Everglades and future conservation efforts as part of the Everglades Literacy Program.





PSLPD Officers and Detectives charged 27-year-old Rodney Lenard Hickman, of Port St. Lucie, with one felony count of obscene communication – traveling to meet after using a computer to lure a child and one felony count of cruelty towards a child – transmitting information harmful to minors. Hickman is being held at the St. Lucie County Jail.

The investigation began Jan. 18 when PSLPD officers responded to the 1900 block of SE Hillmoor Drive for a suspicious incident. Upon arrival, officers were met by members of the Predator Poachers, their camera crew and Rodney Hickman. The investigation revealed the Predator Poachers are a group of adults who create social media accounts and pose as minors on various social media platforms. When adults solicit those fake social media accounts seeking to meet up and have sex, the Predator Poachers set a time and location to meet. Members of the group then show up with their camera crew to confront the adult about meeting up with minors for sex and notify law enforcement.

In this instance, in September 2023, Hickman initiated a message to an Instagram account for "Lilly." The account looked like that of a 13-year-old girl, but it actually was run by an adult with the Predator Poachers. As the months went on, Hickman and "Lilly" began to text back and forth, with Hickman eventually sending an inappropriate photograph. The communication included back-and-forth texts where Hickman said he was 27 years old and "Lilly" said she was 13 years old. The texting eventually led to Hickman meeting up with "Lilly." Upon Hickman's arrival, the Predator Poachers group confronted him, who then notified law enforcement. Hickman's phone was seized as evidence and will be forensically reviewed.

Acting Chief Richard Del Toro noted that, "While the Port St. Lucie Police Department understands the intent of the 'Predator Poachers' and similar organizations is to protect children, we do not encourage individuals or groups to conduct these types of operations as they could lead to confrontations and violence that pose a danger to the public and groups performing these types of operations. Furthermore, there are strict legal protocols regarding investigations such as this and the successful prosecution of arrests could be hindered by not following proper procedures and legal protocols."

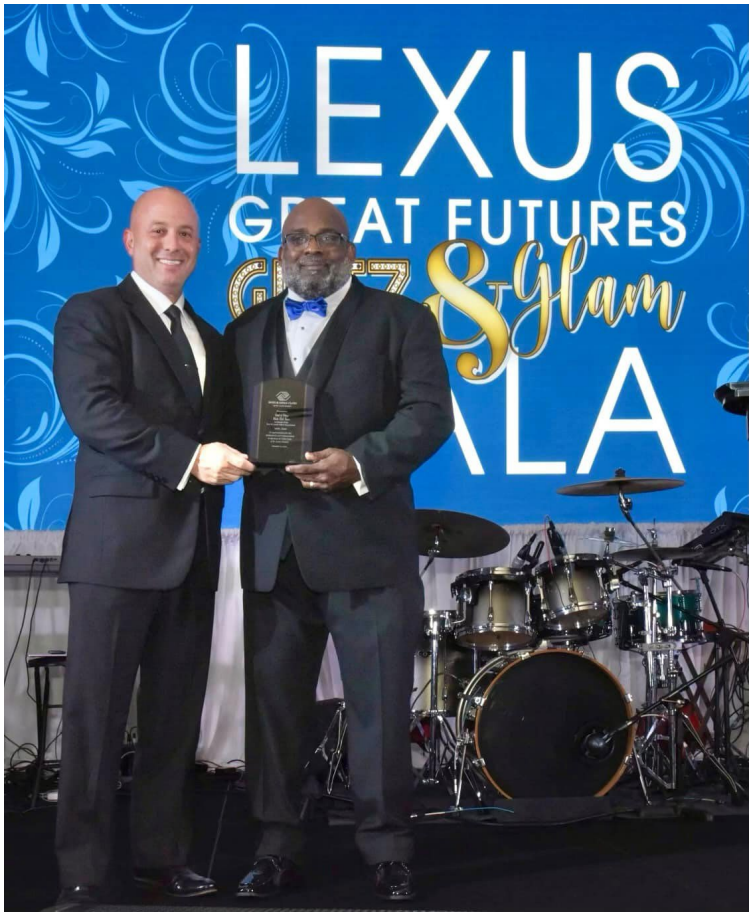
In Other News

Based on the Independent Sector Research Report, the value of volunteer hours in the U.S. has increased to $31.80 for 2023. Our volunteers contributed 14,733 volunteer hours in 2023, which equates to a value of $468,509.40.

If you want to become a PSLPD volunteer, contact Donna Hentz, Volunteer Coordinator, at dmhentz@cityofpsl.com or visit our website at www.CityofPSL.com/volunteer.



Congratulations to Detective Andrew Zamfino. He was recently selected as PSLPD's newest property detective!



The Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County recently celebrated its 30th anniversary at the Lexus Great Futures Gala. During the event, Boys & Girls Clubs CEO William Armstead recognized Acting Chief of Police Richard Del Toro and the men and women of the Port St. Lucie Police Department for their dedication and commitment to children in our community. Since 2015, Acting Chief Del Toro has been a member of the Board of Directors and was a past Board President of the Boys & Girls Clubs. The Port St. Lucie Police Department is honored to accept this award and will always be a champion for the children of St. Lucie County.



Police Director Bill May was recognized at the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce breakfast as PSLPD's Civilian of the Year. Director May saved the City more than $500,000 during the negotiations of the upcoming county comprehensive radio upgrade with Motorola. He also streamlined the 1PSL call process, worked diligently on the recovery process of the recent CAD/network outage, worked on the Crywolf ordinance to reduce the number of false 911 calls and managed the entire Police Department's fleet along with the retired vehicle auction, recovering more than $44,000 back to the city. Congratulations!

A massive shoutout to Dan Toback of SLCScanner for recognizing Officer Bermudez as the Port St. Lucie Police Department winner of the Scanner Law Enforcement Appreciation Day contest. We thank you for your support!





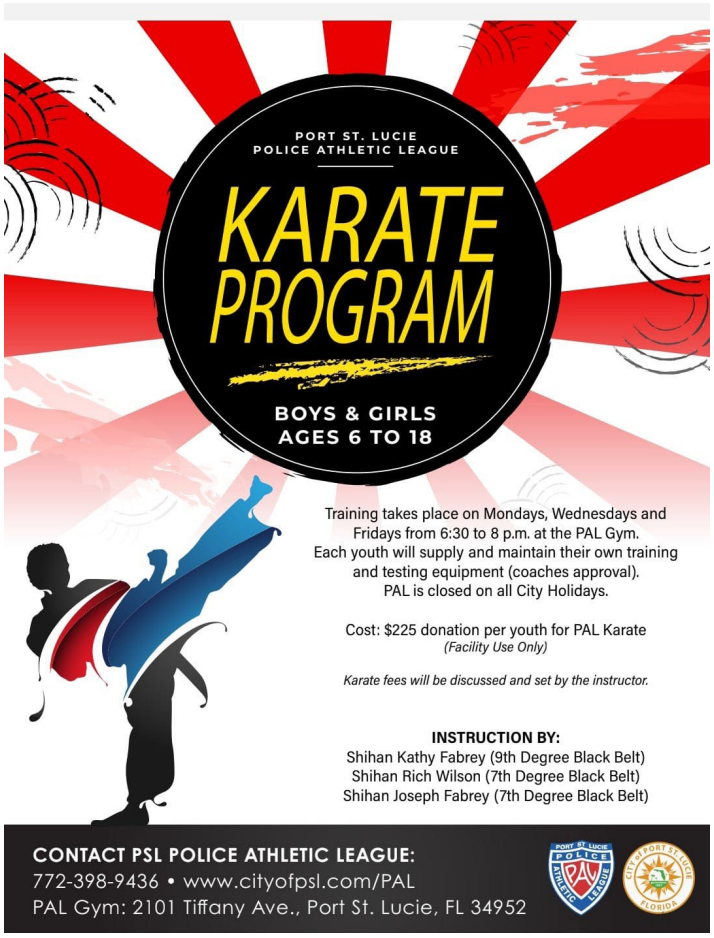
Police Events

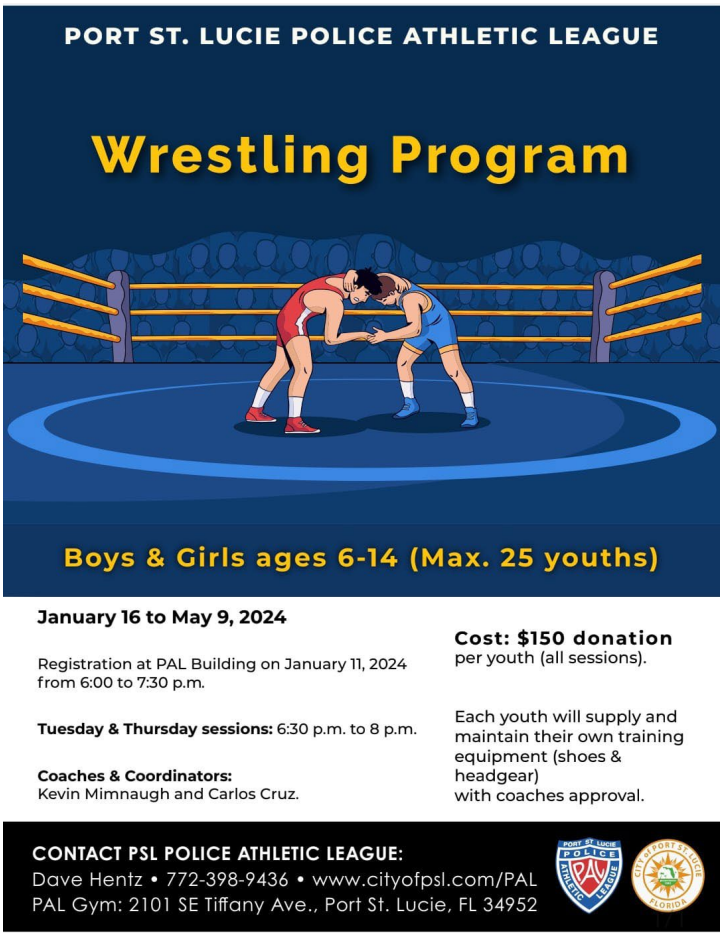
District Support hosted Tip A Cop at Tutto Fresco on Jan. 26. Proceeds support the Special Olympics. Tutto Fresco is located at 9501 Brandywine Lane in Port St Lucie.

K9 and District Support Officers will attend the Kircher Academy for their "Community Helpers" week. Parks Officers and patrol vehicles will be on the scene.

PAL News

The Port St. Lucie Police Athletic League still has openings for the wrestling and karate programs. Hurry before they fill up!





Public Works

Volucia Drive traffic calming public meeting

The Public Works Department hosted a public meeting Jan. 24 for residents to learn more about the proposed traffic calming on NW Volucia Drive from West Torino Parkway to NW Blanton Boulevard. The City presented traffic-calming concepts and received resident input regarding the traffic calming and proposed locations for speed tables. The City will incorporate the public input into the concepts and mail an official ballot to residents who own property in the project area.

To learn more about traffic calming and the traffic calming process, visit www.CityofPSL.com/trafficcalming.













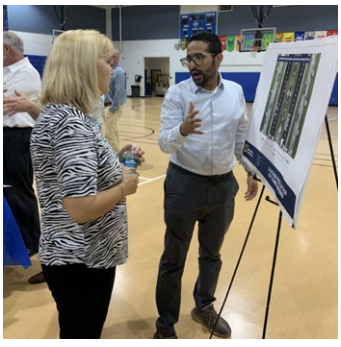
California Boulevard widening project public meeting

The City hosted a public meeting Jan. 25 at the Manatee Academy K-8 School with more than 150 residents in attendance. Residents had an opportunity to learn more about the plan to widen California Boulevard from two to four lanes from St. Lucie West Boulevard to Crosstown Parkway. Residents also provided feedback to City staff regarding the project.

The project is in the planning phase. Initial concepts for access management were presented to City Council for approval. The access management concepts were presented to residents at the public meeting. The project will begin design in FY 25/26 with construction anticipated in FY 26/27.

The proposed improvements will help address the current traffic volumes while maintaining the neighborhood's integrity. The project will provide better pedestrian and bicycle access and help with more efficient traffic flow.







Announcements



Congratulations to Colt Schwerdt, who was named Public Works Director. Colt has been serving as the Interim Director of Public Works since October 2023. Colt takes on the role of creating and planning long-term programs that develop and aid the growth of our City.

Colt has served as a leader in the City's Public Works Department for more than nine years and previously worked with private engineering firms for more than eight years. Colt began working for the City of Port St. Lucie in 2012 as a Project Coordinator, managing roadway, drainage and Capital Improvement Projects. After obtaining his Professional Engineer's License, he was promoted to Civil Engineer.

In 2016, Colt was promoted to Deputy Director where he oversaw the Regulatory Division with commercial and residential permitting and inspections. While managing the Regulatory Division and the City's floodplain management, he was promoted to Deputy Director and tasked with overhauling the Public Works Department sections of City Code and adoption of the first edition of the City's Engineering Standards for Land Development. He has extensive experience in managing projects from permitting to design and construction. He has overseen regulatory, maintenance, traffic operations, development, drainage improvements, inspections, commercial plans and site review.

Colt had a brief tenure in the private industry where he managed and designed various drainage, development and construction projects. He returned to the City and Public Works Department as Assistant Public Works Director. His leadership continued with the management of the regulatory, CIP/sales tax, roadway and drainage operational divisions. In March 2023, he was appointed City Engineer and added the management of the Traffic Operations Division to his list of accomplishments.



Sidewalk Projects

www.cityofpsl.com/sidewalks

Abingdon Sidewalk Construction

Construction is underway on the half-cent sales tax SW Abingdon Avenue sidewalk from SW Import Drive to SW Savona Boulevard. The contractor McTeague Construction is installing approximately 4,700 linear feet of sidewalk on the south side of Abingdon Avenue. Construction includes a new 5-foot wide sidewalk, swale relocation and grading, utility adjustments, sod restoration, removal and reinstallation of partial driveways, as well as milling and resurfacing some portions of the roadway.

Sidewalks help fulfill the City's strategic goal to be safe and have vibrant neighborhoods. To learn more about our sidewalk master plan, visit www.CityofPSL.com/PublicWorks.

Roadway Resurfacing Projects

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The Capital Improvement resurfacing goal for FY 23/24 is 26.91 miles with 0 miles completed to date. Below are the areas that will be resurfaced this fiscal year. Residents will be notified in advance of resurfacing.

- Palm Trails
- Hidden Oaks (West)
- Hidden Oaks (East)
- Gatlin Pines (West)
- Gatlin Pines (East)
- Rosser Reserve (West)
- Sandhill Crossing
- Floresta Gardens (East)
- Floresta Gardens (West)

Utility Systems

Residents talk "WATER" over lunch

Port St. Lucie Utility Systems hosted its quarterly Lunch and Learn event Jan. 19 at the Port St. Lucie Community Center. More than 70 residents attended to learn more about the St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Project, located at McCarty Ranch Extension.

Assistant Manager of Utility Outreach Jenny Tomes used the acronym "WATER" (Water Acquisition to Eventual Redistribution) to help explain the purpose of the project, which ensures the growing population's future drinking water needs are met.

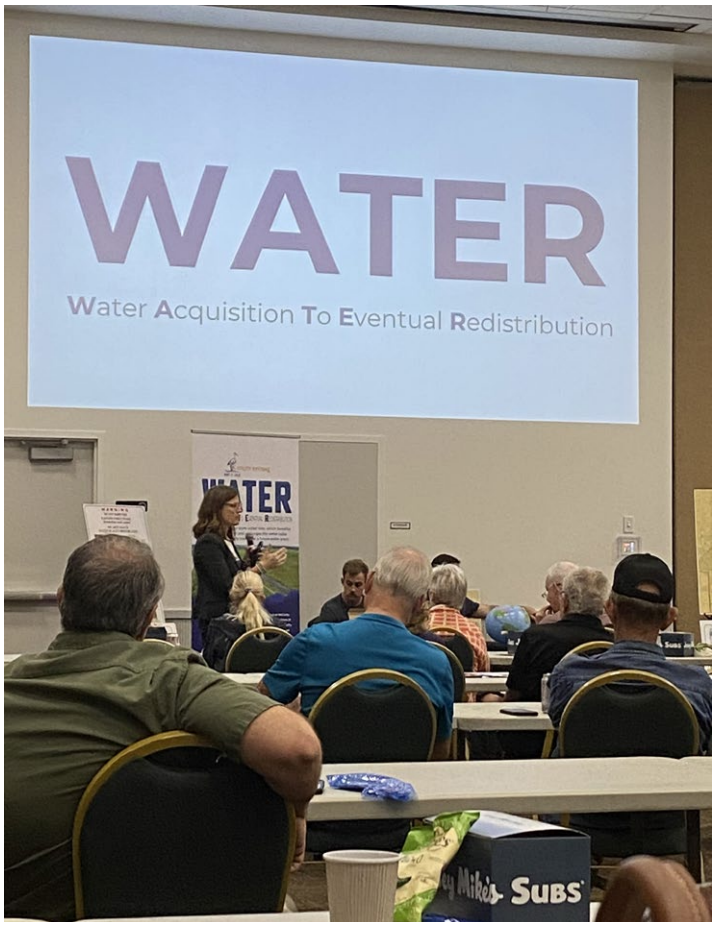
JMT Project Manager Wes Kraft described the actual construction of the project, while Environmental Biologist Niall Dunton with Hobe Sound Environmental explained the wildlife surveying process on the property.

Attendees were surveyed and provided outstanding feedback regarding the value of the presentation and knowledge of the speakers. They also took pre- and post-tests to show 91% learning gains from the presentation.

The next Lunch and Learn will be noon to 1 p.m. April 26 at the Community Center. The topic will be water conservation.

Learn more about the Water Quality Project on our website at www.cityofpsl.com/waterquality.







First model water tower contest a success

Port St. Lucie Utility Systems, in conjunction with Florida Section American Water Works Association (FSAWWA), hosted the first Model Water Tower Contest in St. Lucie County. Ten sixth-grade teams from Dan McCarty Middle School constructed water tower models out of "found" items big enough to hold one gallon of water. The towers were scored based on their ability to hold the water without leaking, plus how quickly the water drained from the tower.

Utility Systems employees Pierre Vignier, Luiza Yordanova, Jay Wickham and Colleen Jacobsen worked together to host the event and name the top three winning teams. "Christmas Village" came in first, "Earth Box" was second and "Power Puff Girls Tower" came in third.

Congratulations to these future engineers!





Highlight

Results for America awards Port St. Lucie with Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification for exceptional use of data

The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to announce it is one of 12 new cities in the United States and Latin America that has been awarded the Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification for establishing exceptional data capabilities to inform policy decisions, allocate funding, improve services, evaluate program effectiveness, and engage residents.

Strengthened in 2022 to include new equity requirements, What Works Cities Certification continues to set a standard of excellence for data-informed local government. The standard reflects the practices, policies, and resources municipal governments must have in place in order to effectively harness data for better decision-making. With the announcement, 74 cities have achieved the What Works Cities Certification distinction and more than 160 cities have submitted applications since 2017.

"Our city has been transformed by significant growth in a short amount of time, which has placed a premium on utilizing data to ensure we are providing the right services to meet our community's needs," said City of Port St. Lucie Mayor Shannon Martin. "Data is guiding planning decisions, improving efficiencies and driving innovations that benefit our residents today while preparing a foundation for our future."

The What Works Cities Certification Standard measures a city's use of data based on 43 criteria. A city that achieves 51–67 percent of the 43 criteria is recognized at the Silver level of Certification, 68–84 percent is required to achieve Gold and 85 percent or more is required to reach Platinum. The City of Port St. Lucie has earned Silver level of Certification and is working toward achieving Gold level. Port St. Lucie is only the second city in Florida, after Miami, to earn What Works Cities Certification.

A notable example of Port St. Lucie's use of data includes building 35 miles of new sidewalks after a survey said fixing sidewalks was residents' top priority.

"We are excited to welcome these 12 newly Certified cities which have a collective focus on how data can be used to build stronger communities," said Rochelle Haynes, Managing Director of What Works Cities Certification. "These cities understand that local government data use is a pre-condition to solving problems, assessing what is working, and improving how their city halls do business – and they are investing their resources accordingly."

"The Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification program represents a fast-growing community of policymakers raising the bar on what is possible for local government when it leverages data to address major challenges and opportunities facing the city," said James Anderson, who leads the Government Innovation program at Bloomberg Philanthropies. "More than 160 cities across the Americas are seeking the What Works Cities Certification seal of approval because city halls – like any other effective modern organization – must be leveraging data to make better decisions. The program provides local governments with that North Star – and we are glad to see its reach continue to grow."

In 2022, What Works Cities Certification released updated criteria for cities to achieve recognition for excellence in using data to improve local government operations and policies. The new criteria also includes the practice of disaggregating data to avoid algorithmic bias. Additionally, Certification now requires cities to show that they meet an internationally recognized standard on at least one of three outcomes: air pollution, the percentage of households with high-speed broadband subscriptions, or a high-priority outcome the city chooses that aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

The twelve new Certified What Works Cities are: Alexandria, Virginia; New York City, New York; Port St. Lucie, Florida; Rochester, Minnesota; and Rock Hill, South Carolina in the United States and Bogotá, Colombia; Luján de Cuyo, Argentina; Medellín, Colombia; Monterrey, Mexico; Recife, Brazil; Rionegro, Colombia and Tres de Febrero, Argentina in Latin America. Further information about today's announcement is available here.

The What Works Cities Certification program, launched in 2017 by Bloomberg Philanthropies and led by Results for America, is the international standard of data excellence in city governance. The program is open to any city in North, Central or South America with a population of 30,000 or more. For more information, visit whatworkscities.org.

