

PULSE



Family, fun, festivities
City events offer something for everyone.



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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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The City of Port St. Lucie provides a variety of entertainment and recreational opportunities for residents. February featured a number of events that brought together people of all ages and backgrounds, including family-oriented activities and cultural celebrations. Learn more and see pictures from these fun-filled events on pages 7-8.

Subscribe

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.

CityofPSL.com/Pulse

Questions

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



Strategic Goals



**SAFE,
CLEAN &
BEAUTIFUL**



**PLANNING FOR
A THRIVING
FUTURE**



**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 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.





Calendar

March 8-April 5



PARKS & RECREATION

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



MIDFLORIDA EVENT CENTER

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



VISIT ST. LUCIE EVENTS

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



ST. LUCIE CULTURAL ALLIANCE EVENTS

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

- March 8** **10 a.m.:** Love Your Block Neighborhood Day (Treasure Coast High School)
- March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30** **9 a.m.:** Port St. Lucie Green Market (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- March 8** **11 a.m.:** Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County Mobile Club (McChesney Park)
- 1:30 p.m.:** Site Plan Review Committee
- March 10** **1 p.m.:** City Council Meeting
- 5 p.m.:** Floresta Drive Improvement Project Phase 3 Construction Open House (Community Center)
- March 11** **7 p.m.:** Ambassadors of Swing Jukebox with Pat DiCesare (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- March 12** **9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate Meeting
- 6 p.m.:** Business Accelerator Program
- March 13** **5:30 p.m.:** River Nights
- March 15** **4 p.m.:** Port St. Lucie Irish Festival (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- 6 p.m.:** Golden Years Senior Dance (Community Center)
- March 17-21** Spring Break Camp
- 11 a.m.:** Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County Mobile Club (McChesney Park)
- March 17** **9 a.m.:** City Council Workshop Meeting
- March 19** **9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate
- March 20** **2 p.m.:** Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- 6:30 p.m.:** Candlelight Concert Tribute to Adele (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- 9 p.m.:** Candlelight Concert, featuring Mozart, Bach and Timeless Composers (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- March 22-23** **10 a.m.:** Strawberry Festival (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- March 24** **6 p.m.:** City Council Meeting





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March 27-April 24

Treasure Coast Photography Center Art Exhibition (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)

March 28

7 p.m.: Coastal Championship Wrestling (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)

March 29

7 p.m.: Kameron Marlowe, with special guest Taylor Austin Dye (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)

March 31

5 p.m.: Public Works, Public Information Meeting

April 1

6 p.m.: Planning & Zoning Meeting

April 2

9 a.m.: Special Magistrate Meeting
6 p.m.: Business Accelerator Program

April 5

7:30 a.m.: Caring Community Cleanup (City Hall)
7 p.m.: Buckcherry, with special guest Amber Wild (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)



PORT ST. LUCIE BUSINESS ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

Port St. Lucie businesses that complete the course may be eligible to receive a small business reimbursement grant up to \$5,000.

- ▶ Time Management for Increased Productivity
Jan. 15 (in person)
- ▶ Exceptional Customer Service
Jan. 22 (virtual)
- ▶ Small Business Finance
Jan. 29 (in person)
- ▶ Legal Issues in the Workplace
Feb. 5 (virtual)
- ▶ Sales and Marketing
Feb. 12 (in person)
- ▶ Networking
Feb. 19 (in person)
- ▶ Dealing with Difficult People
Feb. 26 (in person)
- ▶ Social Media Strategies
March 5 (virtual)
- ▶ The Business Plan: Canvas and Pitch
March 12 (in person)
- ▶ Public Speaking: Making your Pitch
March 26 (virtual)
- ▶ Micro-Grant Presentations
April 2 (in person)
- ▶ BAP Student and Alumni Event
April 10 (in person - STEM Event Center)

About our program:

The Port St. Lucie Business Accelerator Program is a 10-week course sponsored by the Indian River State College School of Continuing Education and conducted by the Florida Small Business Development Center. Learn from local experts about how to grow your small business. The registration cost is only \$25 and space is limited, so register today.

Qualifying businesses must be located in Port St. Lucie and hold a current St. Lucie County tax receipt. Nonprofits are not eligible.

Port St. Lucie businesses that complete the course may be eligible to receive a small business reimbursement grant up to \$5,000.

Time and location:
6-9 p.m.

ONLY \$25

IRSC Pruitt Campus and virtually
Enterprise Hub, IRSC,
500 NW California Blvd., Building F

IRSC Indian River State College School of Continuing Education | BAP | SBDC | SOUTH STATE BANK



For more information, visit www.TCPublicSafetyTraining.com or scan the QR code for details.

FEATURE STORY

City takes pride in providing variety of entertainment, recreational opportunities for residents

February was an incredibly busy month for City-related events!

The City of Port St. Lucie takes pride in providing a variety of entertainment and recreational opportunities for its residents from family-oriented events to cultural celebrations.

The month started off strong with River Nights on Feb. 13, with Second Wind Band bringing its groovy sounds to The Event Lawn at The Port. The crowd enjoyed three hours of music, food, drink and a cool evening under the stars.

The weekend of Feb. 21 and 22 was chock full of fun. First, fathers and their little girls danced the night away, posed for photos, indulged in sweets and snacks, all the while making memories to last a lifetime at the sold-out Daddy Daughter Dance at the Community Center. The event is so popular that Parks & Recreation added an additional day!





Then on Feb. 22, residents celebrated and honored Black culture through food, art and music at the second annual FAM Fest at Whispering Pines Park. Attendees danced, played games, perused the wares from local artists and small businesses, visited with City staff and local organizations at several booths, and mingled with neighbors while celebrating our diverse community.

Also that night, alternative rockers Better Than Ezra kicked off the 2025 Concert Series at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. The next concert is Kameron Marlowe, with special guest Taylor Austin Dye, on March 29.

Thank you to everyone involved for providing so many entertainment options for our residents!





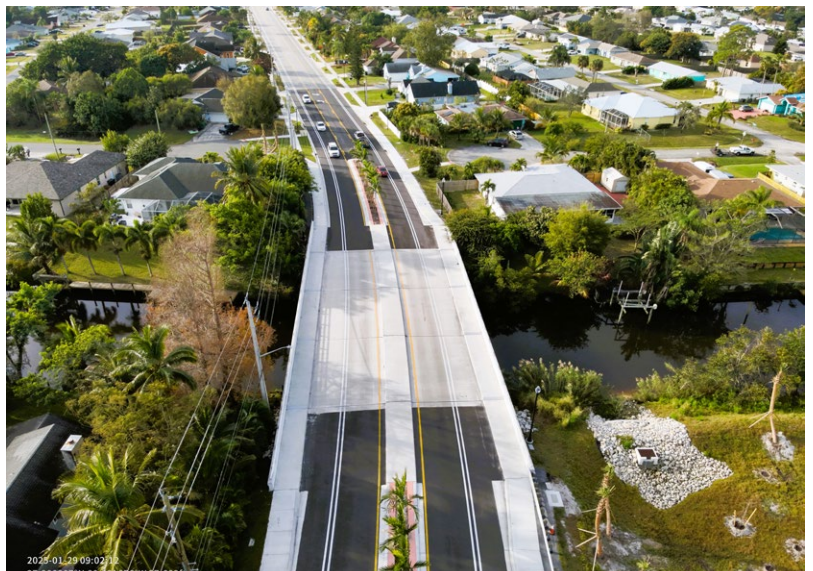
BETTER **ROADS**, MORE **SIDEWALKS**, AND **CLEANER RIVERS** **HALF-CENT SALES TAX**



Floresta Drive Improvement Project Phase 2

The Floresta Drive Phase 2 Improvement Project is substantially complete as the contractor works to finalize the project and complete the remaining punch list items. The Floresta Drive Phase 2 improvements include the construction of an oval-about at Floresta Elementary School. The new configuration supports pedestrian and vehicular traffic in this area.

The oval-about will feature dolphin artwork, which is anticipated to be installed this summer. In addition, the project included the reconstruction of the bridge crossing the Elkcarn waterway, featuring 6-foot sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists as well as a roundabout on Floresta Drive at Polynesian Avenue to safely and efficiently move traffic.



Floresta Drive Improvement Project Phase 3



The City celebrated the Floresta Drive Corridor on Feb. 19 at the U.S. Submarine Veterans Park. The event commemorated and celebrated the completion of Floresta Drive Phases 1 and 2 while also breaking ground for the construction of Floresta Drive Phase 3.

Construction for Floresta Drive Phase 1 started in September 2020 and was completed in early 2022. Floresta Drive Phase 2 started in October 2022 and is nearing final acceptance. The third phase is the final phase from Crosstown Parkway to Prima Vista Boulevard and is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2028.

Improvements to the corridor will help with future traffic volumes and preserve the integrity of the neighborhood. The project will improve safety, enhance pedestrian and bicycle movements, alleviate congestion and provide more efficient traffic flow.

Floresta Drive Phase 3 will include new roundabouts, dedicated bicycle lanes, sidewalks, intersection improvements at Prima Vista Boulevard and Floresta Drive, a stormwater treatment pond site, integration with Crosstown Parkway intersection, installation of baffle boxes and improvements to the D-11 Canal. To learn more visit, www.cityofpsl.com/floresta.

Roadway Resurfacing

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The Sales Tax resurfacing goal for FY 24/25 is 18.75 miles with 0 miles completed to date. Residents are notified in advance of resurfacing.

Floresta Pointe

Oak Hammock

Rosser Reserve

**Rosser Reserve/
Woodland Trails
(Paar West)**

**Rosser Reserve/
Woodland Trails
(Savona South)**

Southbend Lakes

Swan Park (Lakehurst)

**Tulip Park/Whispering
Pines (Darwin)**



Building Activities: Certificates of Occupancy

- Crunch Fitness, commercial alteration, 10330 S. U.S. 1
- HCA St. Lucie Medical Park, medical office building, 1881 SE Tiffany Ave.
- HCA Lawnwood Breast Center, commercial alteration, 10521 SW Village Center Drive, Suite 201
- Marine Corps Recruiting Center, office buildout, 584 NW University Blvd., Suite 450
- Publix, commercial buildout, 10400 SW Village Center Drive
- Oculus Surgical, new building, 9850 SW Discovery Way
- Ulta Beauty, retail store buildout, 1735 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.

Commercial Permits

- Woof Gang Bakery and Grooming, business buildout, 10364 SW Discovery Way
- Bravo Supermarket, commercial alteration, 10093 S. U.S. 1
- Optimal Care Pediatrics, business buildout, 150 SW Chamber Court, Suite 205
- Anchor Land Title, office buildout, 1380 SW Import Drive, Suite 104
- Miari Sushi and Thai, restaurant buildout, 9070 S. U.S. 1



Meritage Homes at Wylder

Highlights

- Building Department staff met Feb. 24 with residential, general and building contractors. The next stakeholder meeting will be March 10 with mechanical contractors.
- The Real Estate Assist Program will be presented March 13 to the St. Lucie County Realtor Association.
- Administrative staff provided accreditation assistance to Sumpter County’s Building Department.

Testimonials

"The City of PSL is the best building department compared to other cities and counties in our surrounding area! All personnel were very professional. Keep up the great work."

Feb. 1-28	2025 YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Permits Issued	2,941	6,773	46,005	54,440	60,774	68,261	52,355	41,504	39,899
Single-Family Permits Issued	184	434	3,525	4,069	3,882	5,273	3,824	2,729	2,189
Certificates of Occupancy Single-family	250	554	3,839	3,835	4,658	3,911	2,893	2,711	1,824
Inspections Completed	13,248	28,777	192,002	210,048	248,274	208,545	155,421	137,302	115,073
Plans Reviewed	2,681	5,813	37,218	21,211	24,103	24,820	19,150	13,978	13,559
Online Permits Applied	2,858	6,394	42,327	50,658	50,937	48,166	26,855	18,395	13,421



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.



Download App

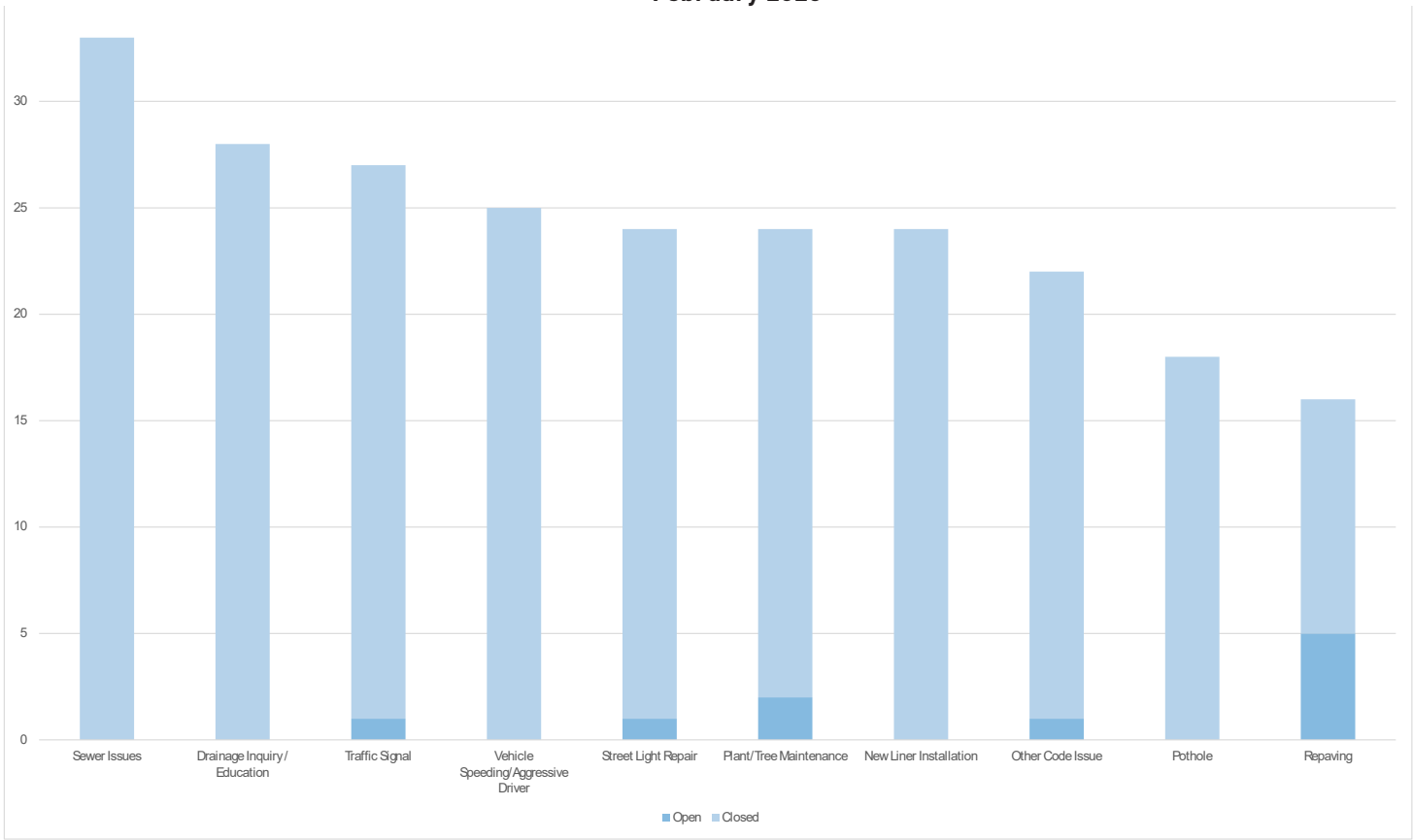
The 1PSL mobile app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Web Portal

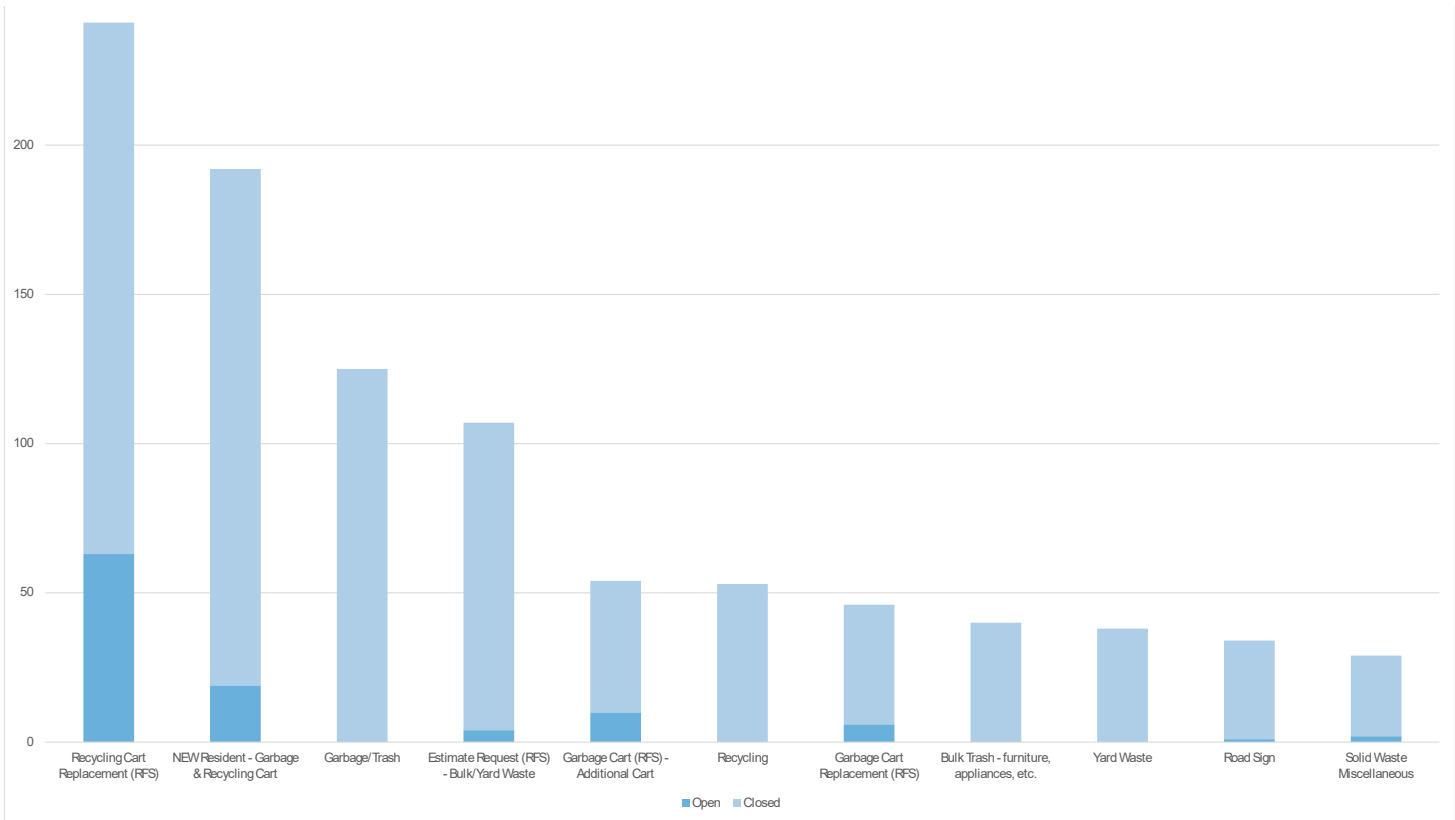
Residents can use 1PSL without downloading the mobile app by visiting the 1PSL Web Portal.



Top 10 1PSL Requests February 2025



Top 10 Solid Waste Requests February 2025



COMMUNICATIONS



PSL On The Mic talks Comprehensive Plan, Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful

On Episode 43 of PSL On The Mic, Planning & Zoning Director Mary Savage-Dunham and Pat Tyjeski, a planning consultant with Inspire Placemaking Collective, visited the podcast studio to talk about how the City updates its Comprehensive Plan and why resident input is an integral part of this update.

Then on Episode 44, Meighan Beckett, program manager for Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful, shared with listeners how the program has been enhancing Port St. Lucie through community pride and environmental stewardship for close to 25 years.

Watch and listen at www.cityofpsl.com/podcast.



Love Your Block kicks off with Whispering Pines skate party

You could feel the love on Valentine's Day in the Whispering Pines neighborhood!

On Feb. 14, the City kicked off Love Your Block, a program established in partnership with the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University, that brings together City leaders and residents to revitalize neighborhoods.

The program supports projects that make a difference through improvements such as combatting litter, beautifying the community, activating vacant lots and strengthening neighborhood pride. Eligible applicants can apply for mini-grants of up to \$1,500 for projects like creating community gardens, building shaded areas, landscaping, performing minor repairs or painting.

Communications hosted a Neighborhood Skate Party at the new Skate City at the park to celebrate the launch of Love Your Block. The Boys & Girls Clubs Mobile Club was on site, offering free cocoa and cookies, and residents could skate, play lots of fun games and learn more about the program.

The online application for the grants is available at www.cityofpsl.com/loveyourblock and will be open through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, March 30.



WHISPERING PINES NEIGHBORHOOD

LOVE YOUR BLOCK

Mini-Grants Now Open!

Application packages must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2025.

WHO CAN APPLY?
Any resident, non-profit organization or business located in Whispering Pines.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU RECEIVE?
Grants of up to \$1,500 are available, depending on the scope of your project.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Small-scale repairs
- Beautification efforts
- Safety improvements
- Creation of shade
- Neighborhood or lot clean-up
- And more!

WHERE CAN YOU APPLY?

CityofPSL.com/LoveYourBlock

QUESTIONS
Contact us at LoveYourBlock@CityofPSL.com
772-871-5219

Love Your Block is a program that brings together the City of Port St. Lucie and residents to revitalize neighborhoods one block at a time, supported by the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University.

BLOOMBERG
Center for Public Innovation
A JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY CENTER





Comms team helps set up Winter Workshop; presents new engagement strategy

Communications Director Sarah Prohaska presented the department's engagement strategy during City Council's Winter Workshop on Feb. 26. Sarah shared the department's new focus areas and talked about ways to expand community and neighborhood engagement through programs like Love Your Block, Youth Council, mobile City Hall, City U and the Ambassador program. She also introduced to Council the City's new engagement management calendar and talked about the department's ongoing campaigns such as PSLinLights and Arts & Ideas.

Did you also know Gus Nadasi, Avi Monina, Andrew Sangas and Benjamin Elliott spent the day before the workshop making sure the audio and video equipment are set up and in tip-top shape for the 2 1/2 day workshop? Thanks for all you do, guys!



Communications continues to strengthen relationship with St. Lucie County Schools

In February, students from across the St. Lucie County Public Schools participated in St. Lucie History Day and Project Citizen.

Each year, students in secondary social studies classrooms develop their research skills by engaging in a social studies research project. History Day is centered around an annual theme set by the national competition coordinators. The theme for 2025 is "Rights and Responsibilities in History."

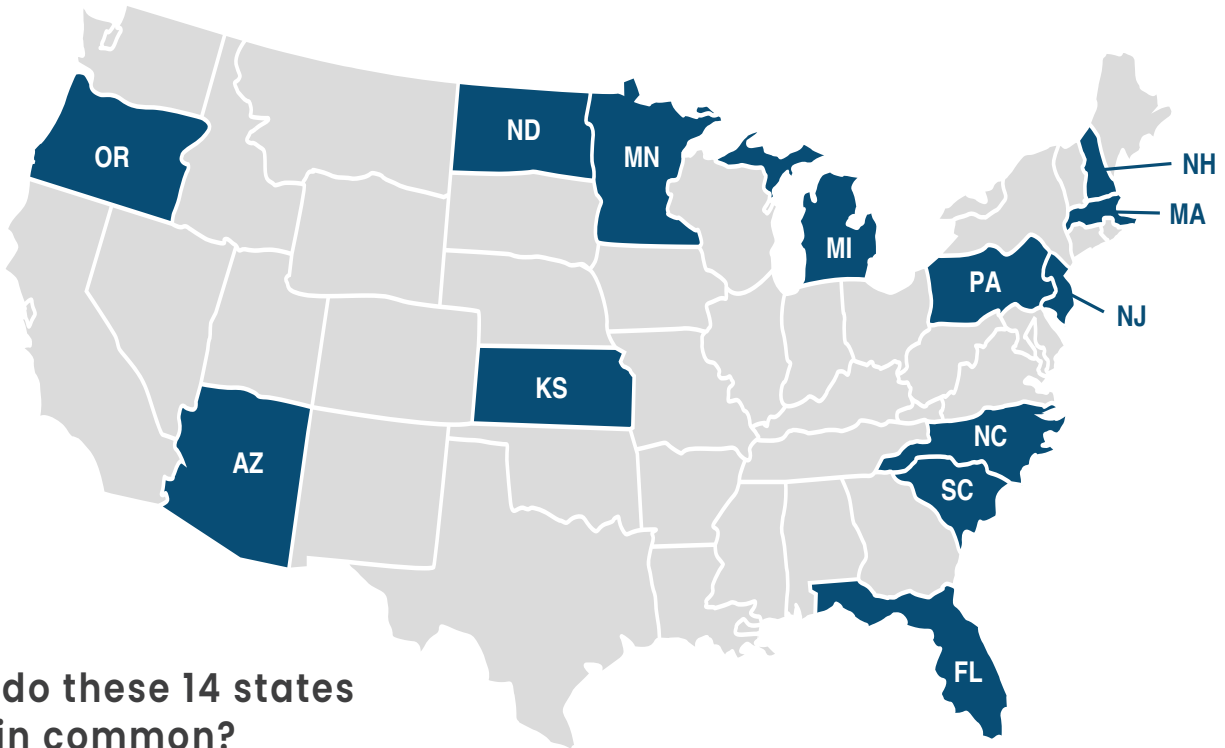
Community Engagement Manager Stephanie Vernot has served as a judge for three years and this year also was joined this year by Engagement Coordinator Makenzie Spittler.

The Communications Department is very happy to have a wonderful partnership with the School District and staff looks forward to returning next year.

Good luck to all the students!



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



What do these 14 states have in common?

Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) recently presented a session as part of the Florida Recreation and Parks Association's (FRPA) Virtual Education Series.

This was the perfect opportunity to continue to showcase The Port District Master Plan, capital projects and how the project team navigated through several challenges undertaking multiple projects on one site, at one time ... and during a pandemic. Much to the presenters' surprise, 26 attendees from 14 states participated in the hour-long training session, followed by an engaging Q&A session!

The Port District Master Plan was adopted by City Council in Summer 2021 and projects were in full swing in late Summer 2022. Development at the southern end of the district included the construction of the Pioneer Park playground, expanded event lawn, renovation of historic homes and additional river-touching amenities, including an overwater stage and canoe/kayak launch.

These improvements, coupled with required infrastructure, will provide patrons with an unparalleled recreation experience along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. The improvements were completed and open to the public in June 2024, with a large grand opening event known as PortFest. In addition to the completed elements, a River Food Garden is being curated for the site that will provide multiple dining options for visitors. It is set to break ground in the coming months.

Collaborative efforts between Parks and Recreation and the CRA translates to The Port District having the ability to meet several of the City's Strategic Goals. For more information on The Port District, visit www.cityofpsl.com/theport.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Long-term recovery funding meeting

In the wake of hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene, Milton and other severe weather events during 2023 and 2024, Florida is receiving nearly \$930 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support long-term recovery efforts.

On Feb. 25, the City of Port St. Lucie's Office of Emergency Management and Neighborhood Services Department, as well as representatives from St. Lucie County departments, attended a long-term recovery meeting hosted by Florida Commerce. Florida Commerce is the agency responsible for these funds and led a discussion on how it is in the process of developing a state action plan for how the funding will be used to support successful recovery as it pertains to housing, infrastructure and economic revitalization in 47 counties across the state.

2025 #IamPSL Citizen Summit

The Office of Emergency Management engaged with residents during the 2025 #IamPSL Citizen Summit on Feb. 1. This event allows Port St. Lucie residents an opportunity to help create the City's future by sharing their input and ideas.

The Office of Emergency Management asked preparedness questions, handed out preparedness guides and flood brochures and offered the opportunity for citizens to look to see if their residence was in a flood zone and/or an evacuation zone. Citizens also were able to explore other City departments' interactive booths and learn what is being planned for their community. All attendees received a roadmap to seven stations that align with the City's strategic goals to speak one-on-one with the team and share their feedback on all the City's services.





Florida Flood Awareness Week is March 3-9

Flooding is a major concern throughout Florida, including the City of Port St. Lucie. Flooding also is the No. 1 most commonly occurring hazard in this part of the state, which means it is more likely to occur (and more frequently) than any of our other hazards.

To avoid major damage to your family and belongings, it is important to be aware of flood warnings, know your flood zone, have a plan and consider purchasing flood insurance.

For more information, visit www.cityofpsl.com/flood or www.ready.gov/floods.

**Just 1 inch of water
can cause \$25,000 of
damage to your home.**

GET FLOOD INSURANCE

FEMA NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Flood warnings

Local authorities will issue flood warnings when flooding is imminent, so it is key to monitor local media outlets. Local outlets that provide warnings are:

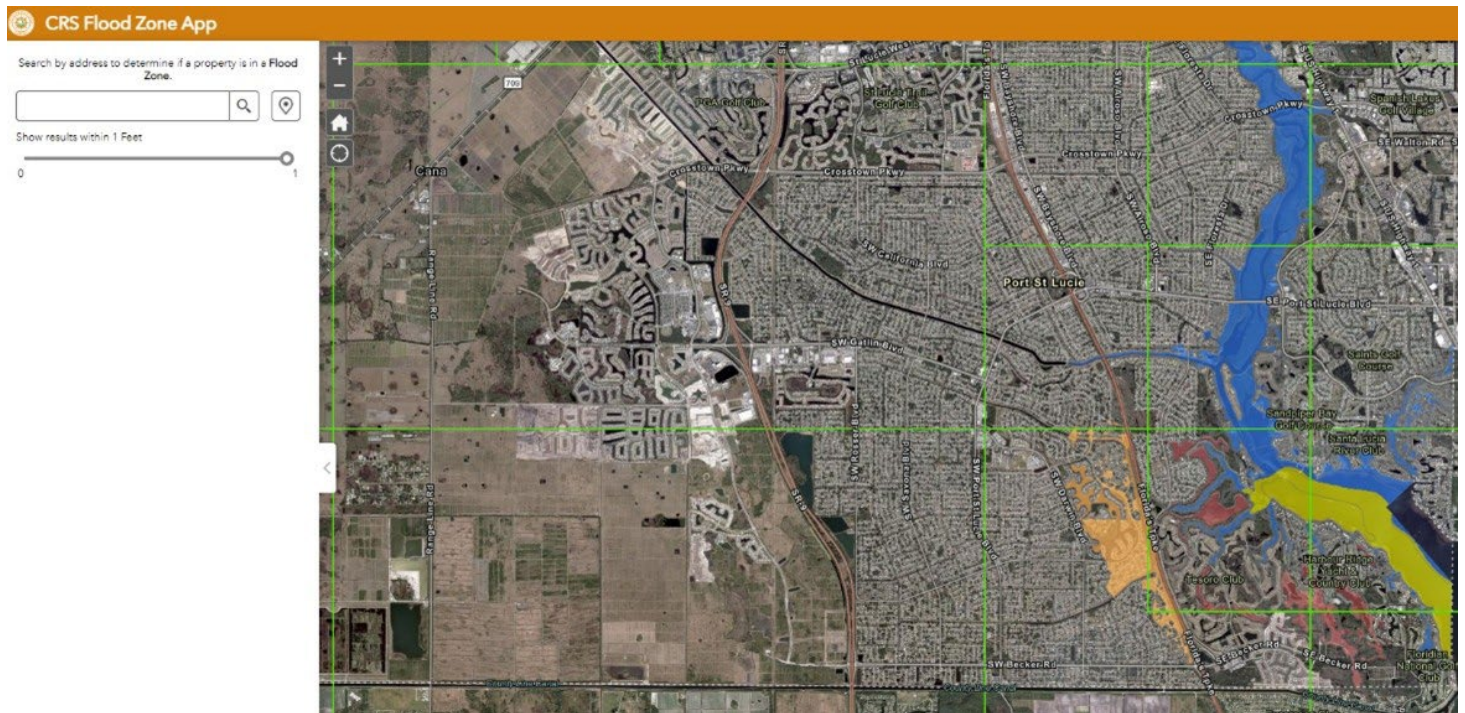
- Local weather reports
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS)
- Weather alert radios provide emergency updates

Sign up for emergency notifications from St. Lucie County at www.stlucieco.gov/alert.



Know your flood zone

Knowing your flood zone is key to understanding your flood risk. To find out what your flood zone is, visit www.cityofpsl.com/floodzone to learn about your risk today. To prevent flood damage, contact the City's Public Works Department at 772-871-5100 to get assistance and recommendations regarding retrofitting and flood control techniques. Staff also can schedule a site visit to assist you in mitigating flooding issues.



Consider purchasing flood insurance

Homeowners' and renters' insurance does not typically cover flood damage, so consider purchasing flood insurance.

The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS), which provides a 25% discount to those in the special flood hazard area and 10% outside of that area. You do not have to live in a flood zone to be flooded or to have flood insurance. Flooding can happen anywhere; just one inch of water can cause up to \$25,000 in damage. Flood insurance is a separate policy that can cover buildings, contents in a building, or both, so it is important to protect your most important financial assets, your home, your business, your possessions.

Visit www.floodsmart.gov or contact your local insurance agent to inquire about and purchase flood insurance today.



FINANCE

Upcoming Retirement & Financial Wellness Classes*

What: Understanding Medicare
When: Noon to 1 p.m. April 16
Where: Building B Training Room
Presenter: Brian Gauldin with Valery Insurance Agency

What: Homebuying Workshop
When: Noon to 1 p.m. May 7
Where: Building B Training Room
Presenter: Seacoast Bank

Register today on PSL Forward Powered by Absorb!

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



Retirement Statistics - Attendees

Feb. 1-28		Year to Date
Retirement Orientation Attendees	17	30
MissionSquare One-on-One Appointments	21	41
Financial Wellness Class Attendees	14	25
New 457(b) Enrollments	10	18
New Roth IRA Enrollments	7	11
New Police Officer Retirement Orientation	0	26

DROP Participants

Feb. 1-28		Year to Date
Entering the DROP	1	1
Exiting the DROP	1	4
Overall Total		19

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

NEW HIRES



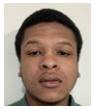
Carolina Matamoros,
Executive Assistant to the City Council,
City Council Office



John Harkins,
Service Desk Technician I,
IT Department



Erbie McNutt,
Code Compliance Officer I,
Neighborhood Services Department



Jordan President,
Maintenance Worker I,
Parks & Recreation Department



Ak'Mee Burton,
Sports Program Coordinator,
Parks & Recreation Department



Carlos Balladares,
Manager-Personnel Liaison,
Public Works Department



Dwiki Parramore,
Equipment Operator Trainee,
Public Works Department



Marty Wall,
Equipment Operator Trainee,
Public Works Department



Jack Carmen,
Equipment Operator Trainee,
Public Works Department



Zackery Cardinali,
Utility Locator,
Utility Systems Department



Tito Matos,
Field Technician II,
Utility Systems Department

PROMOTIONS

Brandon Long, Recreation Leader-Fitness,
Parks & Recreation Department

Evan Delgado, Project Coordinator-
Regulatory Division, Public Works Department

David Kidwell, Survey Worker,
Public Works Department

Yadiel Cal, Project Coordinator-Large Culvert
Inspections, Public Works Department

Jared Marchetti, Financial Specialist-USD Budget
& Procurement, Utility Systems Department

HR Statistics

Jan. 31-Feb. 27		YTD
New Hires	12	30
Total Applications Rec'd	904	1,789
Job Requisitions Received	33	61
Jobs posted	59	104
Internal Promotions	4	13
Reclassifications	11	28
Personnel Change Forms Processed	348	920
In Person New Hire Orientation	14	35
Life Scan Participation	30	61
Total Training Sessions	10	14
Total Training Attendees	140	189
Water Cooler Site Visits	18,952	40,657
Employee Benefits Site Visits	1,425	3,162
PSL Forward Training Site Visits	888	1,572



Training Spotlight

Respectful Workplaces

**Wednesday, March 19
1 p.m. Room 366**



The EEOC facilitates this comprehensive training initiative designed to instill a culture of respect within organizational environments. Rather than dwelling on legal standards and what not to do, it instead focuses on what to do: the words and actions that promote respect and fairness, and our responsibility for contributing to respect in the workplace to foster a positive and cohesive organization. This improves productivity and teamwork which brings us closer to our strategic plan goal of a high-performing government organization. Respectful Workplaces training is tailored for all employees, notably individual contributors.

Training & Development

March 12: Promoted to Supervisor? Now What?

March 12: Quality Service in the Public Sector

March 18: Budgeting & Money Management

March 19: Respectful Workplaces

March 20: Building Genuine Leaders-Foundations in Leadership:
Building Trust, Support & Respect

March 20: Payroll & Kronos: Standards of Timekeeping

March 25: Stress Management for the Busy Professional

March 26: Munis: Financial Reporting with Cubes



KEEP PORT ST. LUCIE BEAUTIFUL

Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful gears up for busy event season

Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful participated for the first time at FAM Fest at Whispering Pines Park on Feb. 22. KPSLB's first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event of the year took place March 1, and KPSLB staff will also join the Communications Department on March 8 for the Love Your Block Neighborhood Day at Whispering Pines Park.

On March 15, KPSLB staff will participate in the Port St. Lucie Botanical Garden's 15 Years Blooming event to celebrate its 15th anniversary.

The Caring Community Cleanup is April 5 at City Hall. Residents can enjoy a free breakfast before heading out to their cleanup destinations and then return for a boxed lunch, music and raffle prizes. The event is 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with special guest exhibitors from the UF-AFIS Extension Campus Master Gardener program, the Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup Crew, Naturally PSL and more! Since 2014, the Caring Community Cleanup volunteers have removed 25,962 pounds of litter from the City of Port St. Lucie!

On April 12, KPSLB will attend the St. Lucie Earth Day Festival at Oxbow Eco-Center. It takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VOLUNTEER
CityofPSL.com/KPSLB

Scan the QR code to preregister or check in day of the event.

Saturday, April 5
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
City Hall parking lot
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.

ST. LUCIE EARTH DAY FESTIVAL
GROWING A GREENER WORLD
OXBOW ECO-CENTER PORT ST. LUCIE
APRIL 12 10 AM - 4 PM
LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
JOEY CALDERAIO & THE FUTURE BUDS
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FOOD & DESSERT TRUCKS	WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS	NATURE PLAY ZONE
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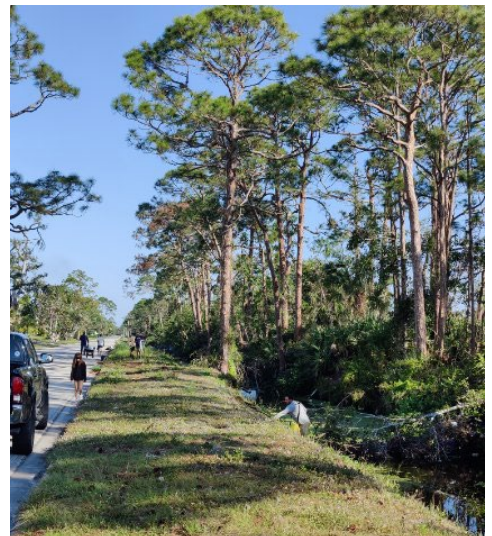
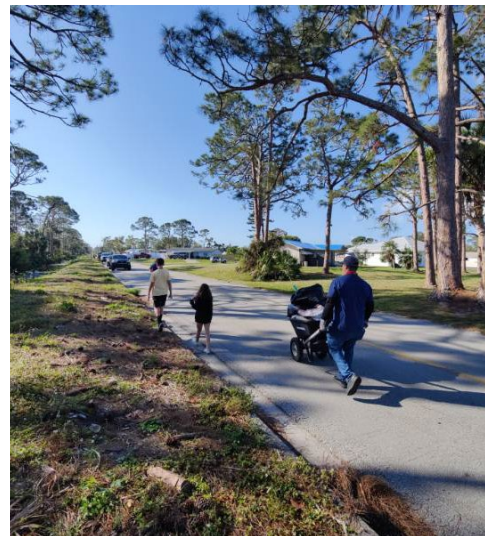
Debris cleanups continue after Hurricane Milton

Lakewood Park residents, including City of Port St. Lucie employee Daisy Ruiz, planned the cleanup of a nearby canal in their neighborhood that had accumulated large amounts of storm debris from Hurricane Milton.

Daisy coordinated with KPSLB to provide litter cleaning supplies to help these Fort Pierce residents conduct their cleanup on Feb. 8. The litter and debris collected filled to capacity a large pickup truck and another trailer of vegetation was cleared from the site as well. A Polaroid was found at the cleanup site, a stark reminder of the harsh effects of damage that can be caused by a hurricane or tornado.

It is the work done together within our communities that will restore our neighborhoods and keep them clean and safe, as these amazing residents of Lakewood Park have demonstrated with their local cleanup.

HAPPENING TOMORROW! We will have plenty of trash bags and grabbers. Starting at the corner of Eastwood & Bayard. Free coffee and donuts. Please invite your friends and family. The more volunteers, the faster we can move down the canal 🙌 Hope to see you out there!



Adopt-A-Street spotlight

This month's spotlight is on the Crescent Crusaders, from our Utility Systems Department!



This Adopt-A-Street team is Leon, Michele, Boi, Grisette, Kyle, Lila and William, and has been keeping Port St. Lucie Beautiful since 2016. Thank you for all you do! A big thanks to Adopt-A-Street group Z Expressions – MAGNM Motivated Group for hitting the ground running! Since November, this group's membership has grown each month and it has collected 17 bags of litter in the Torino neighborhood, which equals roughly 100 pounds!



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Kameron Marlowe, with special guest Taylor Austin Dye, to rock Event Center stage

With a voice that resonates like thunder in the heart of Nashville, Kameron Marlowe is hailed as one of country music's most thrilling voices. He's been through some changes in his 26 years, from adapting to life on the road to achieving RIAA Platinum-certified status and gracing stages alongside country music juggernauts.



Raised in Kannapolis, North Carolina, Marlowe's musical journey began in church choirs and high school bands. After leaving college to support his family, he gained traction online and moved to Music City. His self-written viral hit "Giving You Up," born from personal heartache, catapulted him into the spotlight before striking a deal with Sony Music Nashville. His debut album, "We Were Cowboys," followed suit and garnered critical acclaim and two Gold-certified tracks, earning him recognition from industry tastemakers and streaming platforms alike. As his profile has grown, he's sold out headlining shows coast to coast and has toured with the likes of Thomas Rhett, Riley Green, Morgan Wallen and Lainey Wilson.

Taylor Austin Dye is a rising star in Nashville's country music scene. Her heartfelt lyrics and powerful singing captivate listeners. She grew up in Kentucky, surrounded by country music, and even performed at Renfro Valley at just five years old. Taylor's music skillfully expresses life's challenges and feelings, making her a genuine artist.

Tickets are \$49, plus tax and fees. Get your tickets at [etix.com](https://www.etix.com) or the box office, 9221 SE Event Center Place.

Uncle Louie's Variety Show

It was a full house Feb. 15 in the Ruby Room as Uncle Louie's Variety Show returned to Port St. Lucie with the 2025 Wooden Spoon Survivor Tour. The night was full of laughter as two hilarious Italian-American comedians, Carlo Russo and Lou Greco, showed guests what it was like to grow up Italian, with amusing stories, humorous jokes and live original music. The show returns to the Event Center in February 2026.

Better Than Ezra, with special guest The Band Feel, gets crowd singing, dancing

On Feb. 22, Port St. Lucie was treated to an amazing rock show, opened by The Band Feel with music including their new single, "Hands In My Pocket," along with favorites "In The Garden," "Find a Love" and more.

Headliner Better Than Ezra did not disappoint, opening with the hit song "King of New Orleans" and including favorites "Good," "Rosealia" and "Desperately Wanting." Covers of "I Wanna Be Sedated," "Rush 2112" and "Never Tear Us Apart" were performed, too. The crowd sang, danced and cheered under the stars on what could only be described as the perfect evening for a concert.

If you missed the show, have no fear; there are three more coming this spring!

For more information, visit www.midfloridaeventcenter.com.



www.MIDFLORIDAEventCenter.com



Port St. Lucie Green Market

Thousands of guests attended the first Eastern PSL Green Market that takes place on Sundays, experiencing 70-plus vendors, including fresh meats and veggies, homemade soap and candles, handcrafted jewelry, fresh breads, and artisan coffees and teas. The event also features local food trucks and specialty beverage vendors, yoga classes and an animal petting zone for kids. The MIDFLORIDA Event Center is thrilled to welcome this successful event throughout the spring!



www.MIDFLORIDAEventCenter.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27: PSL Green Market

March 11: PSL Ambassadors of Swing Jukebox Saturday Night

March 15: PSL Irish Festival

March 18: Institute of Brain Potential Conference

March 20: Candlelight: Tribute to Adele

March 20: Candlelight: Featuring Mozart, Bach, & Timeless Composers

March 22-23: Strawberry Festival

March 26: Martin County Chamber of Commerce Home and 2025 Hurricane Preparedness Expo

March 27-April 24: Treasure Coast Photography Center Art Exhibition

March 28: Coastal Championship Wrestling

Event Center Visitors:

82,553

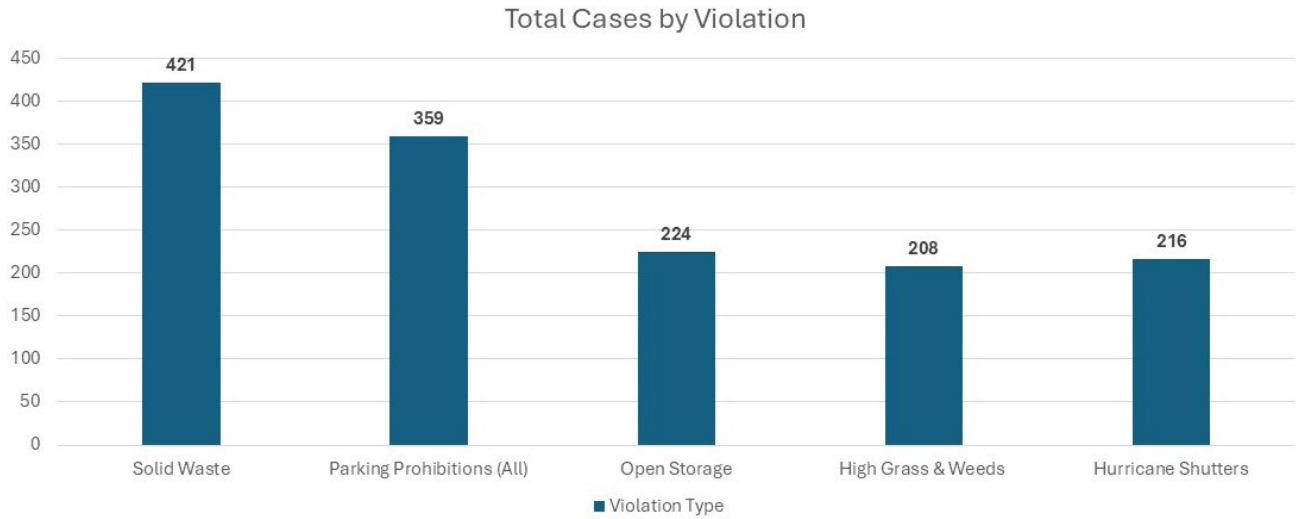
Event Days: 178

(as of Feb. 27)



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Top 5 Code Compliance Violations Feb. 2-March 1



NSD Solid Waste Code Case Data Feb. 2-March 1

All Code Cases Opened	1,537
Solid Waste Cases Opened	421 (27.4% of all code cases opened from 2/2 to 3/1)
Percentage of 2/2 to 3/1 Solid Waste Cases in Compliance	86.6%
All Active Code Cases	2320
Active Solid Waste Cases	120 (5.2% of total active cases)



Neighborhood Services launches Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program

On March 4, the Neighborhood Services Department launched the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program. The grant provides funding to assist local business owners and property owners in the restoration, renovation or improvement of commercial façades. Eligible improvements include exterior painting, lighting, door/window repairs, awnings, landscaping, minor façade improvements and outdoor living wall installation.

Business owners can receive up to \$10,000 through a matching grant, with the program paying 50% of the improvement costs and business owners paying the other 50%.

A public information session was held Feb. 25. Funding is provided through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Interested business owners can apply online now through March 25 at www.link.cityofpsl.com/CFIGrant.



Neighborhood Services hosts TCACE ethics training

On Feb. 27, the Neighborhood Services Department hosted an ethics training for members of the Treasure Coast Association of Code Enforcement (TCACE). Code officers from multiple jurisdictions within Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties came together to hear a presentation from Orange Data on what it means to be an ethical member of government and how to serve the community in a fair and balanced way.

Staff members Rachel Knaggs and Sara Brown currently serve as the vice president and treasurer, respectively, of TCACE. NSD is excited that members of its staff are taking on leadership roles within a local Florida Association of Code Enforcement chapter where they can help the department connect with neighboring code enforcement agencies.



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Successful applicant of City's Homebuyer Assistance Program closes on first home

From the Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast:

Bill's journey to homeownership through the City of Port St. Lucie's New Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP) is a testament to perseverance. With up to \$100,000 in HAP assistance and by making the home part of the Community Land Trust of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast (CLT of PBCTC), he was able to overcome financial hurdles to purchase his first home.

Adding the home to the CLT of PBCTC brings multiple benefits to the homeowner and to the greater community. The homebuyer is able to obtain affordable homeownership and have a reduced property tax rate as the taxes are calculated using the sales price minus the subsidy funds. Additionally, the City of Port St. Lucie benefits by a market rate home being made part of the inventory of permanently affordable and owner-occupied homes in the community.

With all CLT of PBCTC homes, the subsequent buyer will be another income qualified first-time homebuyer with a resale price that provides some return, assuming values continue to increase, to the current owner while being within financial reach to another first-time homebuyer so that public funds for homeownership benefit a large number of households over time.

Now a homeowner, Bill is preparing for the sergeants' exam to join the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office as a deputy. He aims to maintain strong financial habits and be an active, contributing member of his new neighborhood.

Reflecting on his journey, Bill expressed gratitude: "I would just like to thank the members of the Community Land Trust, including Christina Hewitt, for this exceptional opportunity. Being a homeowner has given me an immense feeling of safety and progress toward my long-term goals."



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

Bid Opportunities, Recent Bid Awards

Week ending Feb. 28

Bid #	Description	Status
20250059	Prineville Water Treatment Facility Emergency Generator Replacement	Active Bid Opening: 03/04/25
20250037	Maintenance of Portable and Stationary Generators	Active Bid Opening: 03/10/25
20250065	Owner's Representative for Design-Build Project for New Water Treatment Plant and Related Improvements	Active Bid Opening: 03/11/25
20230055	Development of the Becker/Village Lifestyle Commercial Center – Step Two (Shortlisted Proposers Only)	Active Bid Opening: 03/18/25
20250085	Drainage Improvements at the Saints Golf Course	Active Bid Opening: 03/18/25
20240111	SW Kestor Drive Sidewalk Construction Project	Active Bid Opening: 03/26/25
20250045	Utility Adjustments on Port St. Lucie Blvd. from Darwin Blvd. to Alcantarra Blvd.	Awarded to: Zahlene Enterprises, Inc.
20250016	Fee Analysis Study	Awarded to: MGT Impact Solutions, LLC
20240152	Maintenance and Repair of Irrigation Systems	Awarded to: Nature's Keeper, Inc.
20250009	Installation of a Liquid Solution Feed Carbon Dioxide System at the James E. Anderson Water Treatment Plant	Awarded to: Globaltech, Inc.
20240072	City Hall Expansion and City Complex Parking Garage esign	Awarded to: CPZ Architects, 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.

Formal Procurements sent to Council

Feb. 1-28	Period	Year to Date
Amendments	4	8
Awards	4	6
Co-Ops / Piggybacks	3	3
Sole Sources	1	3
Other: Contract Adjustments	0	0
Other: Ordinance Change	0	0
Other: Resolution	0	0
Surplus	0	1
Total	12	21





Procurement division earns award for excellence for 22nd year

The Office of Management and Budget is proud to announce that the Procurement Division has earned the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, Inc. (FAPPO) Excellence in Public Procurement & Best Practices Awards Program for 2025.

The award recognizes excellence in public procurement of those organizations that obtain a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity and leadership attributes of the procurement function.

The City belongs to an exclusive group of procurement organizations, with more than 300 agencies throughout Florida. The City is one of only 25 agencies to win this award and the Procurement Division has won this annual award for 22 consecutive years!

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA				
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES				
QUARTERLY REPORT - FY2025, 1st QUARTER ending December 31, 2024				
SUMMARY OF REVENUES ALL FUNDS				
FUND TYPE	FY 2025 ADOPTED		1st QUARTER	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		% (Actual/Budget)
General Fund	\$ 207,460,424	\$ 92,872,765		44.77%
Road & Bridge Fund	21,643,406	9,711,366		44.87%
Solid Waste Operating Fund	3,617,602	585,072		16.17%
Building Fund	18,399,136	3,996,474		21.72%
Stormwater Fund	41,152,373	30,280,040		73.58%
Utility System Fund	128,448,625	30,648,721		23.86%
Golf Course Fund	3,104,046	543,788		17.52%
Medical Insurance Fund	35,160,650	7,962,182		22.65%
Other Funds	392,055,755	157,137,438		40.08%
TOTAL	\$ 851,042,017	\$ 333,737,846		39.22%
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS				
FUND TYPE	FY 2025 ADOPTED		1st QUARTER	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		% (Actual/Budget)
General Fund	\$ 207,460,424	\$ 39,153,226		18.87%
Road & Bridge Fund	21,643,406	3,541,820		16.36%
Solid Waste Operating Fund	3,617,602	342,367		9.46%
Building Fund	18,399,136	2,326,775		12.65%
Stormwater Fund	41,152,373	3,700,130		8.99%
Utility System Fund	128,448,625	23,079,057		17.97%
Golf Course Fund	3,104,046	557,029		17.95%
Medical Insurance Fund	35,160,650	3,525,298		10.03%
Other Funds	395,673,355	124,578,254		31.49%
TOTAL	\$ 854,659,617	\$ 200,803,956		23.50%
FY 25 PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE				
1st QUARTER COMPARED TO TARGET OF 25%				
FUND DASHBOARD				
FUND TYPE	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES		
General Fund			Revenues and Expenses are within the budget.	
Road & Bridge Fund			Revenues and Expenses are within the budget.	
Solid Waste Operating Fund			Revenues are trending slightly less than budget. Expenses are within budget.	
Building Fund			Revenues are trending slightly less than budget. Expenses are within the budget.	
Stormwater Fund			Revenues and Expenses are within the budget.	
Utility System Fund			Revenues are at target, while Expenses are within the budget.	
Golf Course Fund			Revenues are trending slightly less than budget. Expenses are within budget.	
Medical Insurance Fund			Revenues are at target while expense are within budget.	
REPORT LEGEND				
Above (Revenue)/Below(Expenses)Target				
At Target				
Above (Expenses)/Below(Revenues)Target				

1st Quarter Financials

The Office of Management and Budget regularly monitors all City financial activities. Staff recently completed a review of revenues and expenditures for the first quarter of FY 2024-25, ending Dec. 31, 2024. The chart below provides a summary of first quarter actuals compared to the adopted budget.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES & INNOVATION

February 26-28 Winter Workshop tackles top priorities

Each year, the Mayor, City Council and City team dedicate the Winter Workshop to receiving in-depth presentations on City priorities in preparation for the upcoming Strategic Planning session and the development of the annual budget. This year's workshop included a series of dynamic presentations that helped Council receive vital updates on emerging policy issues that are data-driven and focused on improving services for residents. Topics focused on in this year's workshop included:

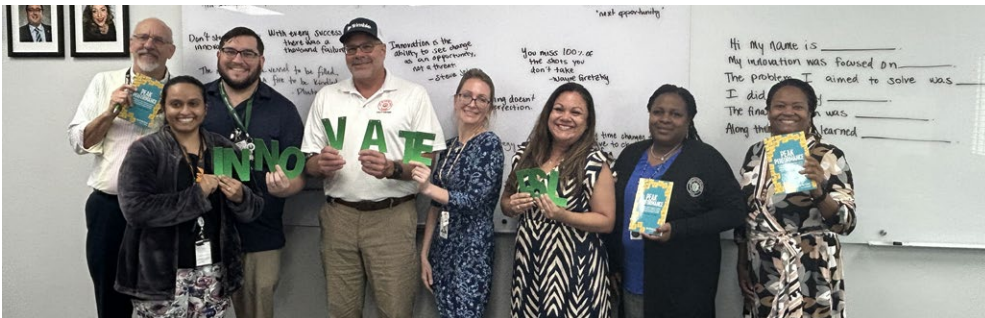


- An economic outlook from economist Brad Hunter
- A Capital Projects Update from Public Works, Utility Systems, Facilities and Parks & Recreation
- Presentation on department priorities, including the City's updated Civic Engagement Strategy
- Updates from Indian River State College and St. Lucie Public Schools
- Parks and Recreation 10-Year Master Plan
- The Police Department's Growth & Development Plan as we remain the safest large city in Florida
- An update on recognized users
- A first look at the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget
- Presentations from the Council on Aging on the needs of seniors, a new Strategic Plan priority and an update on the Community Redevelopment Agency's Projects and the Economic Development Council's incentive strategies

Through the roundtable discussion at the workshop, staff received direction and Council gained greater insights into areas they will consider prioritizing for the upcoming year.

Sharing the power of innovation

The Strategic Initiatives & Innovation Team and Human Resources have been teaming up to train employees in innovation techniques designed to boost efficiency and improve service delivery. The Innovate PSL Academy was modeled after the City of Denver's Peak Academy and uses the framework of "Say It, See It and Solve It." The City of Port St. Lucie decided to modify the framework to add "Share It" to the method, with new "Share It" sessions to be held on an ongoing basis. At the "Share It" sessions, employees share how they are applying the techniques taught in the Innovation Academy by instructors Phillip Corsi and Sabrina McLeod, and provide support and encouragement to each other on their innovation journey, while receiving certifications and other resources to celebrate their commitment to continuous improvement.



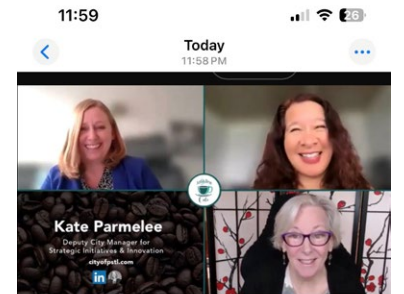
FAST Fly In

The City of Port St. Lucie's Vice Mayor Jolien Carballo and Deputy City Manager Kate Parmelee joined the Florida League of Cities in Washington, D.C., for its February Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) Fly In, where they focused on advocating to members of Congress on issues of importance to all Florida cities. In addition, the City advanced its own federal agenda, meeting with its Federal delegation on the City's appropriation requests and key policy priorities.



Just in Time Café podcast

As part of the efforts to align the City's Strategic Plan and the work of all City departments, the Deputy City Manager for Strategic Initiatives Kate Parmelee was a guest on The Just-In-Time Café, a podcast focused on continuous improvement and Lean Six Sigma. The episode was titled "[Innovation on the City Scale](#)," where Kate shared more about Port St. Lucie's innovation journey.



Innovation on the City Scale, with Kate Parmelee

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PARKS & RECREATION



Parks

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens enhancements

As part of an initiative to enhance electrical connectivity and facility safety, Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce the completion of the highly anticipated project at the Botanical Gardens. This project provides comprehensive electrical services across the facility, supporting ongoing maintenance, events and the seasonal holiday lights display. In addition to the electrical upgrades, the project also included the installation of 40 new sidewalk bollards, designed to illuminate and ensure a safe environment for evening activities.



Tradition Regional Park update

Exciting progress continues at Tradition Regional Park as work on the new baseball fields moves forward. The layout for all four fields is now visible, and fencing installation is underway. Light pole locations have been staked out. The bases for the light poles have been situated, with installation set to begin this Monday. Stay tuned as we take the next steps toward bringing these fields to life!



Fitness

In recognition of February as Heart Health Month, the fitness team hosted a Heart Health Hunt game Feb. 26 at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center for the fighters in the Rock Steady Boxing program. The event aims to promote cardiovascular health by encouraging physical activity. Participants took a journey throughout the building, following a series of clues that led them to various locations. At each stop, they were greeted by staff or volunteers, who presented them with an exercise to complete before they received their next clue. This fun Heart Health Hunt emphasized the importance of heart health through movement.

The rock painting activity for the Rock Steady Boxing program was a hit! Our Parkinson's fighters had a blast getting creative while working on their fine motor skills. It was a fun and colorful way to engage both the mind and body, and it was amazing to see everyone's artistic flair come to life.



Recreation

Summer Camp expansion

Parks & Recreation is expanding its summer camp program to provide more opportunities for families throughout the community. Parks & Recreation is partnering with the St. Lucie School District to secure three additional school sites, Southport Middle School, Manatee K-8 and Southern Oaks Middle School, alongside our existing locations at Minsky Gym and the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.

In addition to its traditional camps, Parks & Recreation is introducing McCarty Ranch Wilderness Camp, an outdoor adventure camp for children ages 8-12, with a focus on exploration and discovery. This camp will accommodate 30 campers and feature a centralized pickup/drop-off system. The department also is launching a Half-Day Camp in the Park at Charles Ray and Winterlakes parks, offering a flexible, cost-effective option for families two days a week, with no field trips and a capacity of 30 campers per park.

Additionally, Parks & Recreation is continuing to offer its very popular Teen Camp and Tot Camp, held at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center, ensuring engaging and age-appropriate programming for a wide range of campers.

To ensure a fair registration process, Parks & Recreation will be implementing a lottery system for the 2025 summer youth camps. In recent years, camp registration has filled up within the first hour of opening, leading to several complaints from families unable to secure spots. The lottery system aims to provide equitable access to camp spaces for families throughout the community.

The Saints Golf Course

The Saints Golf Course is experiencing its busiest time of the year. Members and guests have been enjoying the great weather while playing and practicing on the course's wonderful amenities. The leagues and groups that play here also continued to grow in numbers, allowing for an enjoyable time with friends. Staff at The Saints works hard each day to provide the best customer service while ensuring everyone has the finest golf experience possible. Come out today to play, practice or shop. See you soon at The Saints!



Community Center

March 5: Procurement Month seminar

March 10: Floresta Drive Improvement Project Phase 3 Construction Open House

March 18: Coffee with the Council

March 28: Procurement Vendor Outreach

March 31: Public Works, Public Information meeting

MIDFLORIDA Event Center

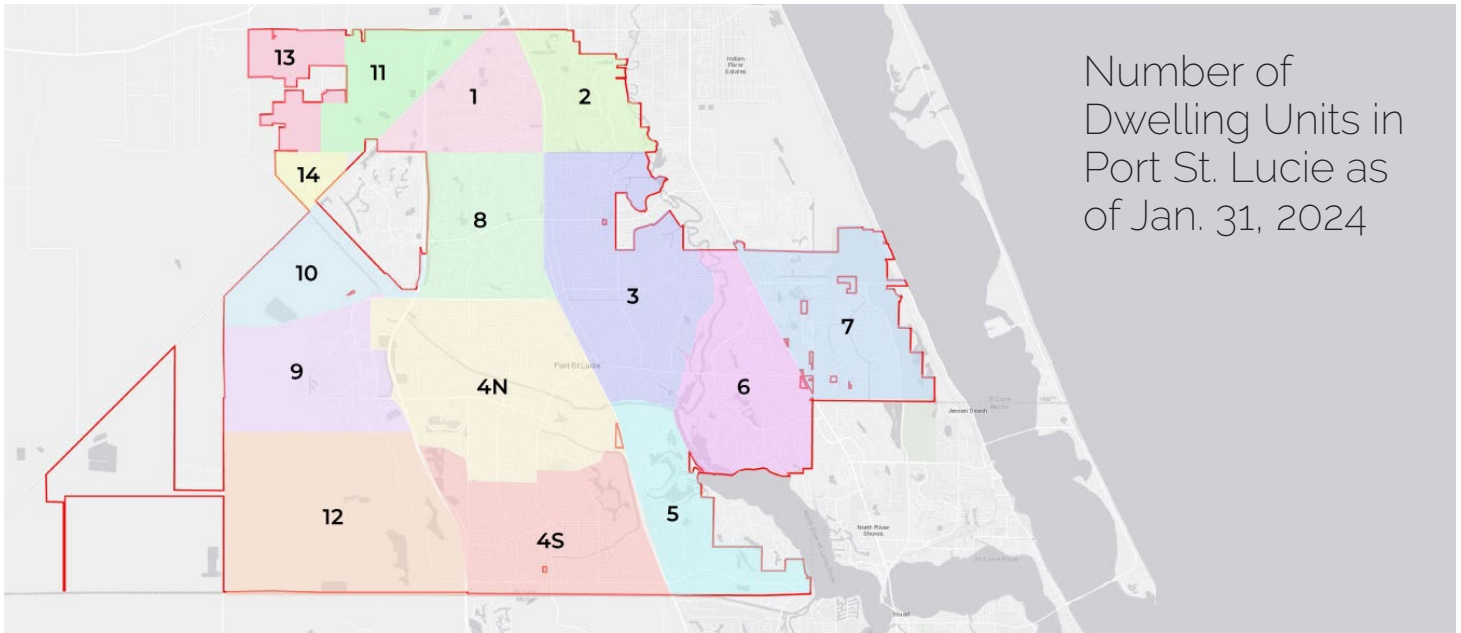
March 15: Golden Years Senior Dance

March 17-21: Spring Break Camp

March 26: Kids Day Out Camp



PLANNING & ZONING



PLANNING AREA	BUILT SINGLE FAMILY UNITS	BUILT MULTI-FAMILY UNITS	TOTAL BUILT UNITS	APPROVED UNITS	REMAINING UNITS TO BE BUILT
1	4,047	908	4,955	5,760	805
2	3,093	616	3,709	4,193	484
3	18,360	1	18,361	20,210	1,849
4N	18,597	677	19,274	22,435	3,161
4S	13,046	26	13,072	15,296	2,224
5	3,221	501	3,722	4,579	857
6	4,736	1,346	6,082	6,506	424
7	6,101	2,267	8,368	9,532	1,164
8	5,368	1,661	7,029	7,523	494
9	4,450	3,182	7,632	11,092	3,460
10	2,792	828	3,620	7,200	3,580
11	398	8	406	4,000	3,594
12	4,369	656	4,867	22,410	17,543
13	0	0	0	0	-
14	575	0	575	579	4
TOTAL	89,153	12,677	101,672	141,315	39,643





Coming Soon to Port St. Lucie

P24-090 St. Matilda:

348 multi-family dwelling units proposed to be located east of SW Village Parkway and south of SW Destination Way.

P24-092 639 NW Enterprise Drive:

A 22,604-square-foot self-service storage facility and office building proposed to be located north of NW Mercantile Place and east of NW Enterprise Drive.

P24-190 Project King:

A 300,040 square foot warehouse/office building proposed to be located at the southeast corner of SW Trade Center Drive and SW Tom Mackie Boulevard.

P24-221 O.L Peacock Sr. Park:

A 4.2-acre park with walking trails and open event lawns proposed to be located south of SW Dreyfuss Boulevard and west of SW Rosser Boulevard.

P11-151-A3 Eastport Plaza Starbucks:

A 2,500-square-foot coffee shop with a drive-thru proposed to be located east of U.S. 1 and north of Walton Road.

For more information about upcoming development projects approved by the Site Plan Review Committee, visit <http://www.cityofpsl.com/comingsoon>.

P&Z staff asks for resident feedback at FAM Fest

Staff from the Planning and Zoning Department attended FAM Fest on Feb. 22 to gather feedback as part of the ongoing update of the City's Comprehensive Plan branded as Charting PSL 2045.

This plan guides the development of the City and is required by the state to be updated on a regular basis. Residents were able to provide feedback/input on the future development of the City through boards that asked questions related to residential and commercial development and density. Staff had meaningful conversations with some residents about their future desires for the City. The input will be shared with the consultants engaged to update the Comprehensive Plan.

The next Comprehensive Plan public engagement event is 6 p.m. April 21 at the Community Center.



Mobile workshop of McCarty Ranch Preserve a success

On Feb. 21, the Planning and Zoning Department, in collaboration with the Palm Beach Planning Congress, Inc., and the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, Treasure Coast Chapter, hosted a mobile workshop of the McCarty Ranch Preserve and McCarty Ranch Extension C-23 Water Quality project. The 3,107-acre preserve serves as a water storage and treatment facility to help meet the City's water demands and offers environmentally friendly passive recreational opportunities.



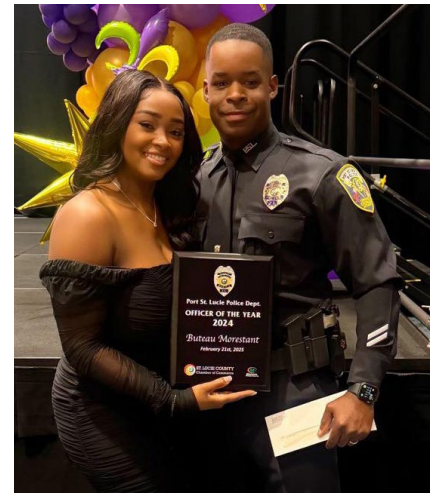
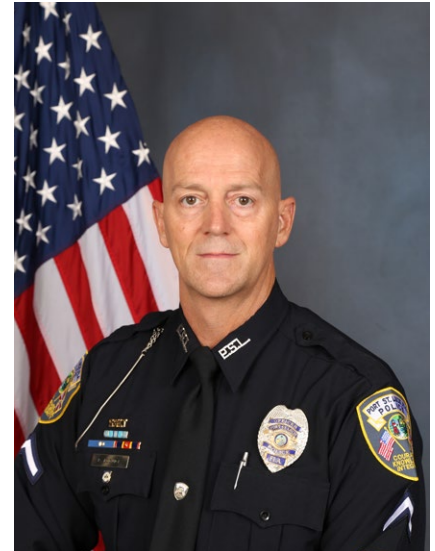


PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE

Officer rescues man after fall from sailboat

On Feb. 24 at about 7:35 p.m., Port St. Lucie Police responded to Club Med for a male who fell overboard from his sailboat into the water. Officer Ryan Lodwick located the 55-year-old male struggling in the water and quickly retrieved his rescue disc and threw it to him to help keep him afloat.

Shortly after, Rescue 12 from the St. Lucie County Fire District arrived and also threw the male a floatation buoy. Together, the first responders were able to pull the man from the water without further incident. The male was later transported by Rescue 12 to a local hospital for hypothermia and is expected to make a full recovery.



Officer Buteau Morestant recognized as Officer of the Year

Officer Buteau Morestant was recognized Feb. 21 as Officer of the Year during the 39th annual Business and Industry Awards hosted by the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce held at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.

Officer Morestant, an eight-year veteran with PSLPD, was selected based on his overall professionalism as one of our Parks Officers, for his investigative skills in conjunction with identifying a suspect in an armed robbery that occurred in a local park and with his handling of a disturbance at a local polling location where he was able to restore peace through de-escalation.





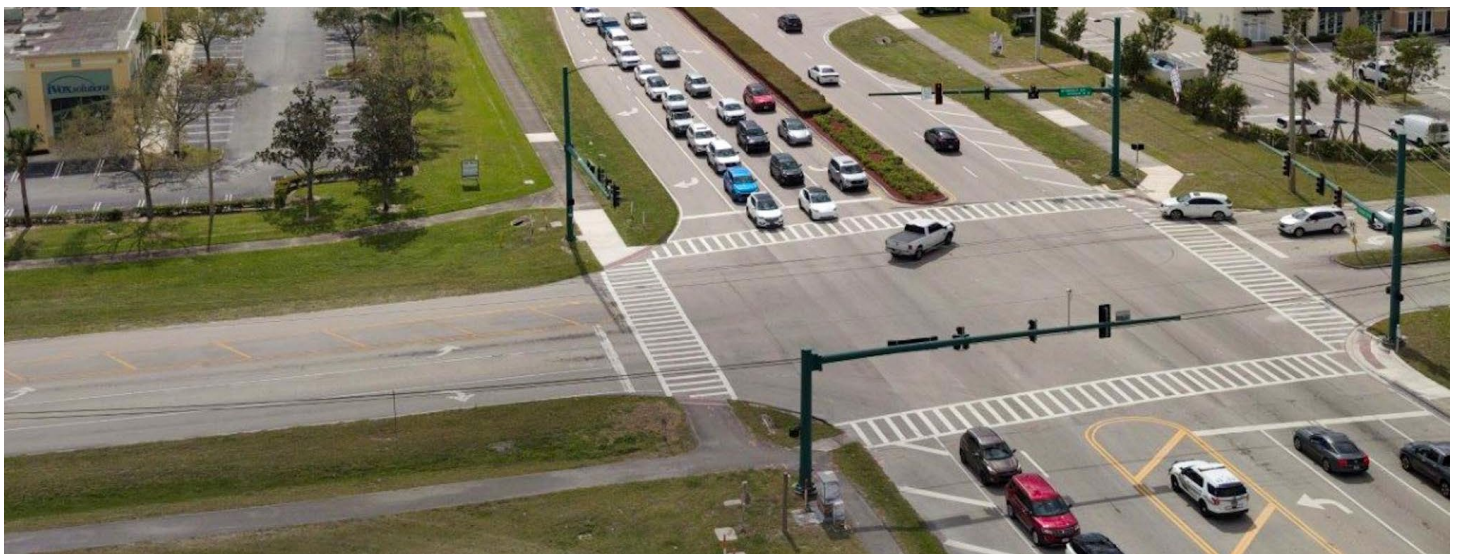
PSLPD implements Mets Spring Training traffic detail for second year

The New York Mets Spring Training season is here and the Port St. Lucie Police Department is prepared for the increased traffic that comes with the games. On game days, there will be a special traffic detail to help mitigate congestion. Officers will deploy drones to observe the traffic flow around the stadium and additional officers will respond to the congested intersections to manually operate the traffic lights.

PSLPD is asking fans to help the department by getting to games early and to be patient once the games are over. If not attending a game, finding an alternate route on game days will ensure smoother travel, as NW St. Lucie West, NW Peacock, NW California and NW University boulevards will see increased traffic.

Together, we can make the Mets Spring Training games an enjoyable experience for everyone.

For more information, visit <https://www.mlb.com/mets/spring-training>.





Sister bloodhounds Rylee and Hoot officially pinned with badges

Chief Leo Niemczyk was pawsitively excited to present K9 bloodhounds Rylee and Hoot with their official badges!

Their respective handlers, Officers Collier and Burdick, were happy to accept and pin the badges to their collars.

PUBLIC WORKS

City celebrates Engineers Week

The City of Port St. Lucie celebrated Engineers Week Feb. 16-22. Engineers play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact future generations. By working together to develop new technologies, products and opportunities, engineers create new possibilities that make the world a better place. Thank you to the great engineers on staff with the City and our engineer partners.



New traffic calming on SW Whitmore Drive

Motorists traveling along SW Whitmore Drive are asked to slow down, as new traffic-calming speed tables have been installed on SW Whitmore Drive from SW Bayshore to SW Airoso boulevards. Residents in this area participated in the traffic-calming process. To learn more about traffic calming and the process to request it, visit www.cityofpsl.com/trafficcalming.



March is Florida Bike Month

Get out and ride safely! March is Florida Bike Month and whether you enjoy riding for fun or use bicycling to commute to work or school, remember to stay safe.

Biking quick tips:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Ride in the same direction of traffic on the street.
- Be visible, especially at night or in the early morning. Always use a white front light and a red rear light and reflector.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and markings.





Public Works supports school project at Manatee Academy

Thomas Salvador, CIP Sales Tax and Project Group Manager, and Bret Kaiser, NPDES Project Manager, met with Mr. Young's seventh-grade civics class at Manatee Academy as they prepared for a competition where students identify a problem, do research, and work to identify solutions and create an action plan for that problem. The students asked our Public Works group about stormwater, infrastructure and roadway improvements throughout the City.



Public Works attends Safe Streets Summit

Antonio Balestrieri, Transportation Engineer; Emily Seitter, CIP Administrator; and Gregory Thomas, Project Coordinator for CIP and Sales Tax, attended the 2025 Safe Streets Summit in West Palm Beach.

The summit provided a locally and regionally connected approach to prioritizing and implementing complete streets throughout southeast Florida and focused on active transportation and mobility. With the theme of Mobility at the Heart of it all, the summit provided information on how investing in mobility solutions enhances quality of life and fosters economic development.

The summit offered the opportunity for collaboration, innovation and advocacy. Our staff connected with participants that included other local municipalities and had the opportunity to attend sessions, workshops and discussions.



Announcements

Upcoming March public meetings

What: Floresta Drive Phase 3 Improvement Project public meeting

When: 5-7 p.m., Monday, March 10, with a presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd,

Details: Residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the upcoming construction on the Floresta Drive Phase 3 Project.

What: Paar Drive roundabouts public meeting

When: 5-7 p.m., Monday, March 31

Where: Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.

Details: Residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the proposed roundabouts on Paar Drive at Savona and Darwin.

What: Midway Road (C.R 712) widening from Glades Cut-Off Road to Jenkins Road and Midway Road Partial Interchange at Florida's Turnpike public meeting

When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 (virtual);
5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27 (in person)

In person: Indian River State College Public Safety Training Complex (Baily Auditorium), 4600 Kirby Loop Road, Fort Pierce

Virtual: To participate in the virtual meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, register using the link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6614486473158368095>.

Participants also can use their phone by dialing +1 631-992-3221 and using Access code: 619-855-612.

Details: FDOT is hosting a virtual and in-person public meeting to learn more about the improvements on Midway Road to help increase capacity and support safety. The public meeting will consist of a formal presentation with representatives available to answer questions and provide assistance. If your question is not answered, a response will be provided in writing following the meeting. Questions and comments may also be submitted before the meeting by emailing the project manager. For more information about the project, visit <https://www.midwayrd.com/>.

Roadway Resurfacing Projects

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The Capital Improvement resurfacing goal for FY 24/25 is 21.68 miles with 0 miles completed to date. Residents will be notified in advance of resurfacing.

- **Cashmere Cove**
- **Hidden Oaks**
- **Newport Isles**
- **Northport Village**
- **Oak Hammock/
Palm Trails
(Savona)**
- **Palm Trails
(Del Rio)**
- **Riverview**
- **Rosser Reserve/
Woodland Trails
(Paar Mid)**
- **Sandpiper Bay
(Mid)**
- **Sandpiper Bay
(North)**
- **St. Lucie West
(University)**



SPECIAL EVENTS

Galentine's Day River Night brings the love

River Night's Galentine's Day event was a wonderful celebration of female friendships, featuring The Second Wind Band playing everyone's favorite mix of hits.

Special Events Division Director elected to international group's board of directors

Special Events Division Director Nan Krushinski was elected to the International Festivals and Events Association World Board of Directors.

The IFEA World Board of Directors is an elected, non-compensated body of industry professionals responsible for overseeing the successful operations of the IFEA, the premier association supporting and enabling festival and event professionals worldwide. In addition to approving policy and direction, Board members serve as an active and involved industry leadership advisory source to the President & CEO. This position is for a three-year term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What: River Nights

When: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13

Where: Event Lawn at The Port District, 2454 SE Westmoreland Blvd.

What: Port St. Lucie Irish Festival

When: 3-9 p.m. Saturday, March, 15

Where: MIDFLORIDA Event Center, 9221 SE Event Center Place



UTILITY SYSTEMS



Toothbrush partnership taps water conservation

You can save 8 gallons of water every day by turning the faucet off when you brush your teeth.

Utility Systems' Water Woman is spreading that message to Port St. Lucie students ahead of Water Conservation Month, recognized in April, with help from Ardan Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Reza Ardan donated 1,500 toothbrushes to Utility Systems to disperse during Water Woman's education presentations to remind kids to brush their teeth and turn the faucet off.

This partnership also recognizes Dentists Day, celebrated March 6, to thank them for the care they provide to their patients. Water Woman kicked off this effort at Savanna Ridge Elementary School, where she presented to 460 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Collectively, the kids will save 3,680 gallons of water the next time they brush their teeth and turn off the faucet.



McCarty mobile workshop presentation

The American Planners Association (APA) Treasure Coast Section toured McCarty Ranch Preserve and Extension to learn more about the history and intended use of both properties, and the St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Project. The presentation also included an overview of the extraordinary growth and opportunities for the City.

Special thanks to Special Assistant to the City Manager Donna Rhoden, Utility Systems Assistant Director John Eason and Community Outreach Assistant Manager Jenny Tomes for presenting and hosting this mobile workshop.

The APA provides leadership, networking and educational opportunities for planning professionals throughout the state.



Residents dive into water treatment

Utility Systems is now hosting bi-monthly public plant tours and the operators at Prineville Water Treatment Facility kicked off the first tour in the series. A group of 23 residents learned about the water treatment process and the tremendous amount of work it takes to provide safe, clean drinking water to more than 96,000 customers.

Special thanks to Water Treatment Plant Operator John Tierney for leading the tour and Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee Kerby Jeanlouis for helping to answer questions.

One hundred percent of participants surveyed rated the operators as “extremely knowledgeable,” and they all would recommend this tour to their friends and family.

