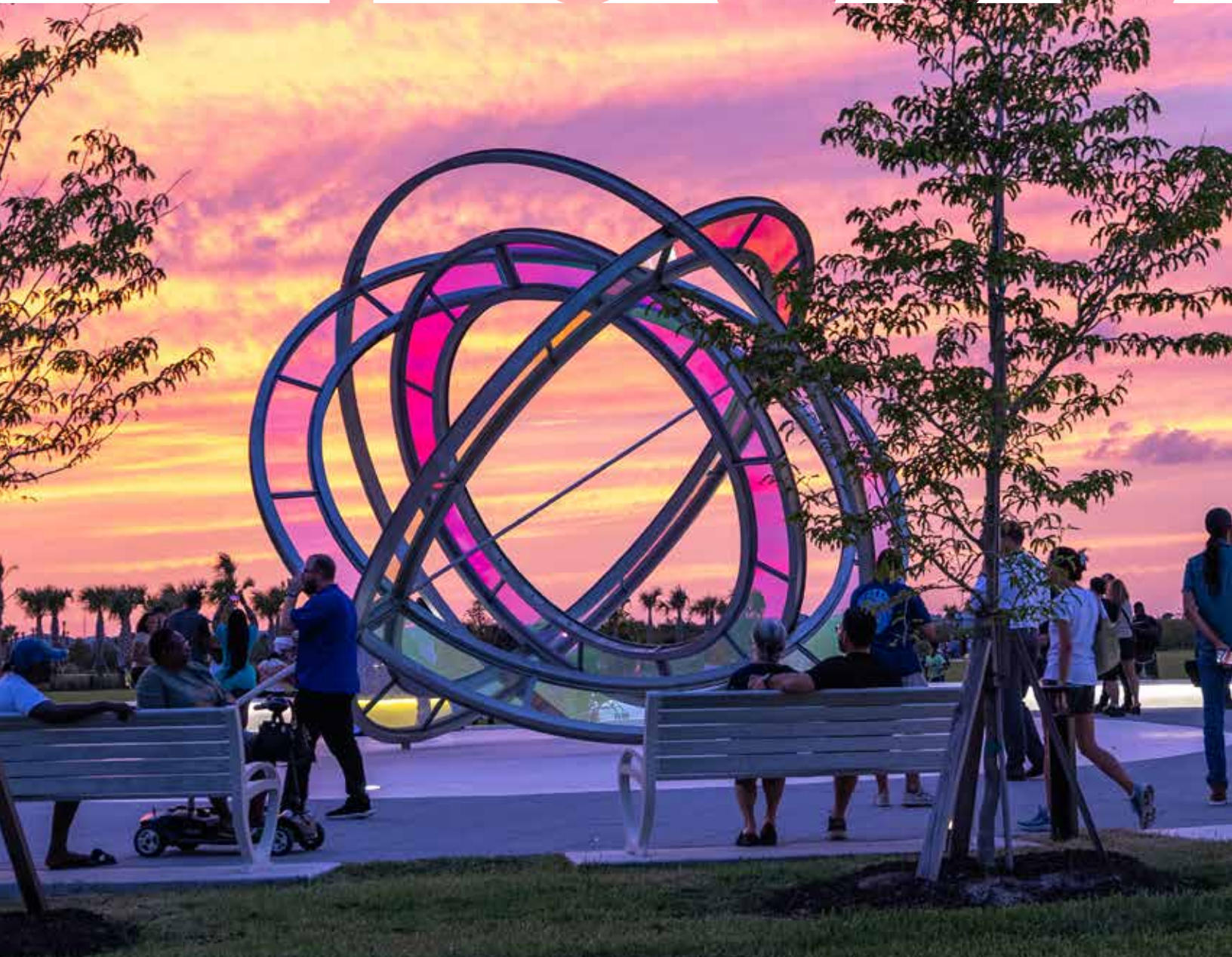


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PORT ST. LUCIE
HEART OF THE TREASURE COAST

A stellar salute

Stars and Stripes Park sparks
community celebration

City Officials



Shannon M. Martin
MAYOR



Jolien Caraballo
VICE MAYOR
District 4



Stephanie Morgan
District 1



David Pickett
District 2



Anthony Bonna, Sr.
District 3



Jesus Merejo
City Manager

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.



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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Questions

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

Strategic Goals



**SAFE,
CLEAN &
BEAUTIFUL**



**STRATEGIC GROWTH
FOR A RESILIENT
FUTURE**



**ENGAGED AND
CONNECTED
CITY**



**DIVERSE ECONOMY
& EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**



**HIGH-QUALITY
INFRASTRUCTURE
& FACILITIES**



**CULTURE,
NATURE &
RECREATION**



**HIGH-PERFORMING
GOVERNMENT
ORGANIZATION**

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

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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10-24



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



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- June 10** **9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate Meeting
- June 13** **7 a.m.:** Juneteenth 5K Run & Walk (Clover Park)
6 p.m.: Daddy Son Game Night (Community Center)
- June 15** **9 a.m.:** City Council Workshop
6 p.m.: Public Art Advisory Board
6 p.m.: City Council Meeting
- June 16** **9 a.m.:** Coffee with the Council (Community Center)
- June 17** **9 a.m.:** Special Magistrate Meeting
1:30 p.m.: Citizens Advisory Committee
- June 18** **5:30 p.m.:** Youth Council Meeting
- June 19** **5:30 p.m.:** Juneteenth: A Celebration of Unity (MIDFLORIDA Event Center)
- June 20** **6 p.m.:** Freedom Forward: Juneteenth Celebration (Tradition Square)
- June 22** **5:30 p.m.:** Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting
6 p.m.: City Council Meeting
- June 23** **6 p.m.:** Special Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- June 24** **10:30 a.m.:** Enchanted Tea Party (Community Center)
1 p.m.: Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Committee

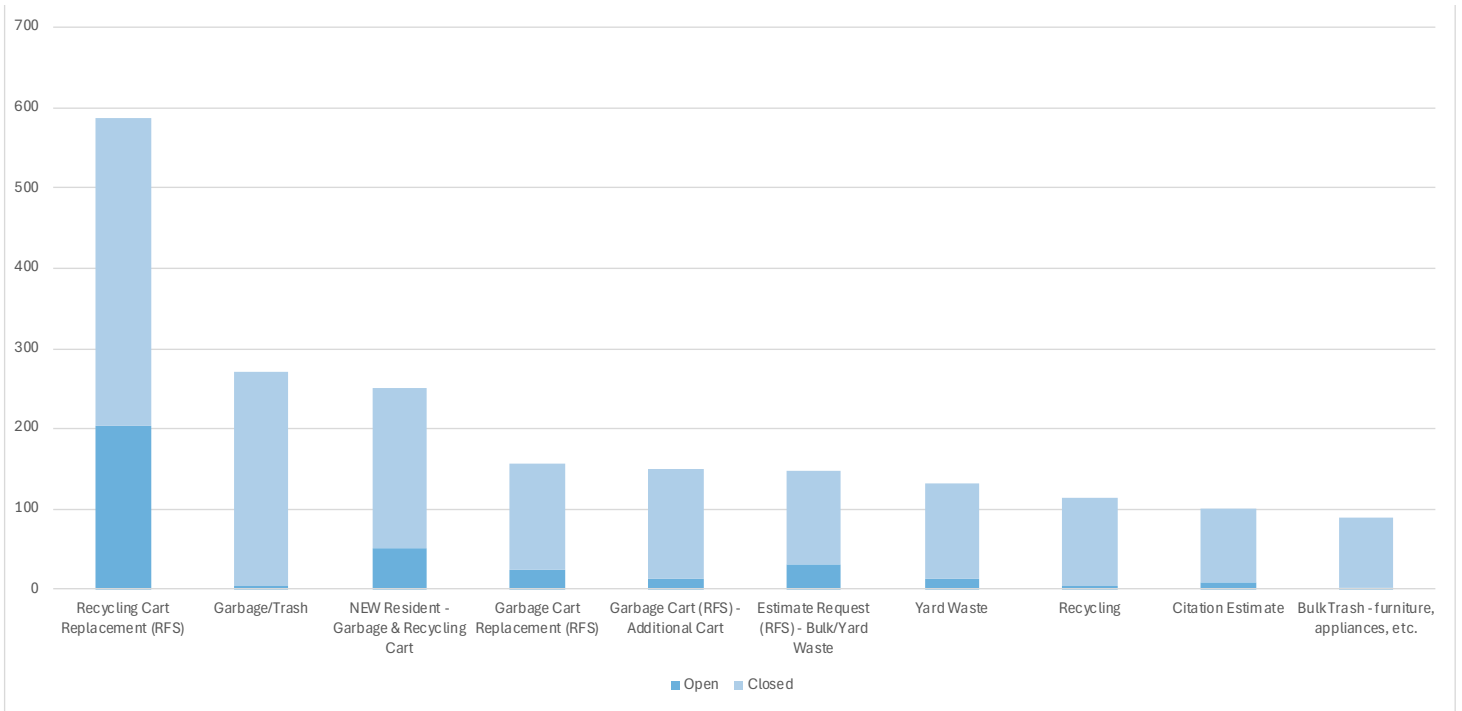
1PSL

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

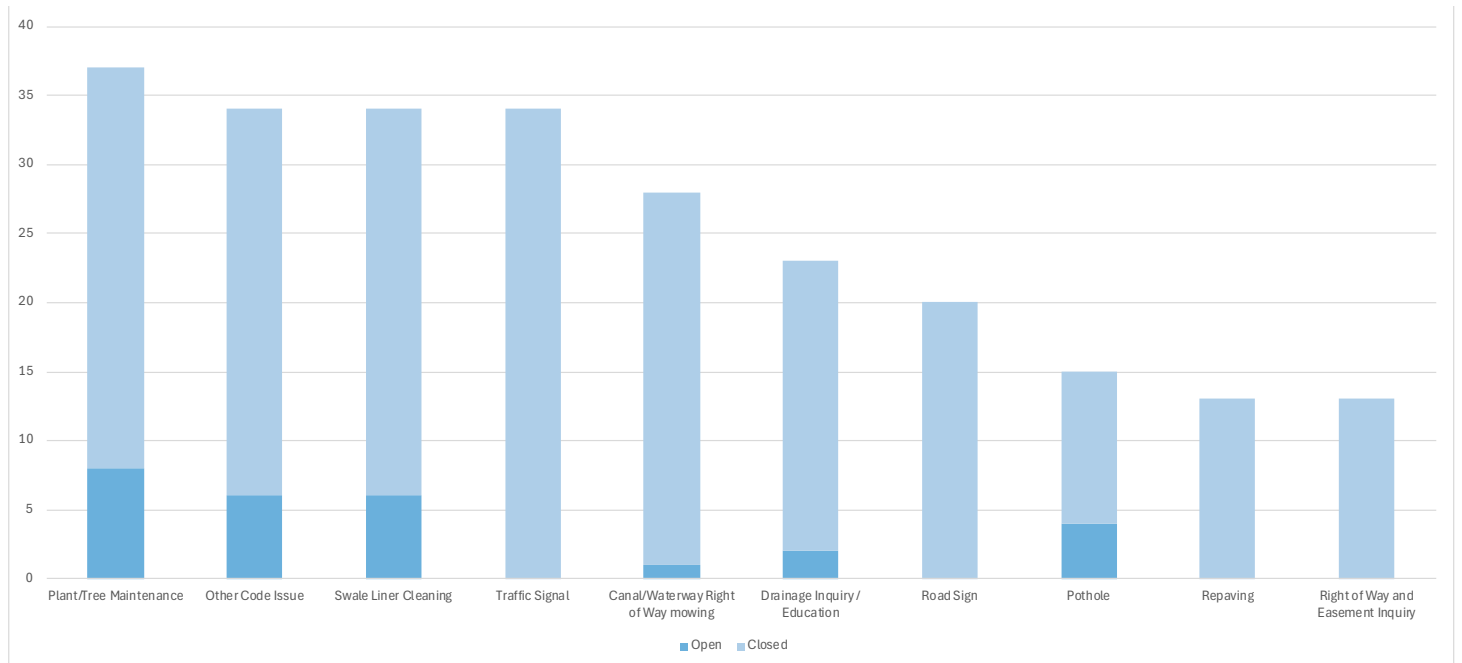


Residents can use 1PSL without downloading the mobile app by visiting CityofPSL.com/1PSL.

Top 10 Solid Waste Requests May 2026



Top 10 IPSL Requests May 2026



FEATURE STORY



Celebrate America's 250th birthday at Port St. Lucie's Freedomfest

As Port St. Lucie joins the nation in celebrating America's 250th birthday, the City invites families, friends and neighbors to come together for Freedomfest, an evening filled with music, community spirit and holiday traditions.

Presented by Port St. Lucie Sports Club, Freedomfest is 5-9 p.m. Saturday, July 4 at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center, 9221 SE Event Center Place. The event is free.

This year, Freedomfest showcases a high-energy live performance by Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee Max Weinberg, longtime drummer for Bruce Springsteen and the former musical director for "The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien." Guests will be able to choose classic hits from a list of 200 songs, as the band plays selections live. Local favorites Girlfriend Material will set the tone as the opening act.

Throughout the event, enjoy star-spangled fun in the kids' zone and in the History Hall of Faces, a fun photo area where guests can pose as famous historical figures using life-size cut-outs. There will be food trucks, a marketplace, photo opportunities and much more.

At 9 p.m., festivities continue with the Luna Lites Drone Show, an innovative aerial spectacle display unlike anything Port St. Lucie has seen before, followed by a vibrant fireworks display from Zambelli Fireworks International.



Elevate your experience

Guests can upgrade their fun with the VIP Experience, an evening under the VIP tent featuring:

- Premium viewing of the concerts, drone show and fireworks
- Shaded cooling lounge
- Private cash bar
- Family-friendly activities
- Priority parking
- Two complimentary alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages
- Private restroom
- Classic American barbecue favorites such as chicken, pork, burgers and more, sponsored by Cheney Brothers.

Tickets are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children ages 3-12. Children younger than 3 are free. Tickets are available [here](#).



Freedomfest 5K Walk/Run

A new event this year invites the community to lace up their running shoes for the Freedomfest 5K Walk/Run at 7 a.m. Saturday, July 4. The race begins and ends in the front plaza of the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Meet and greet with Max Weinberg

Attendees also will have the opportunity to schedule a meet and greet with Max Weinberg, 20 minutes after the fireworks show. The package includes opportunities to take photos and for Weinberg to sign up to two items. Cost is \$250 per person. Meet and Greet packages can be purchased through Tour Manager Mark Stein by emailing kick10mark@gmail.com.

Thank you to our sponsors: Port St. Lucie Sports Club; St. Lucie County; Cheney Brothers; WPBF Channel 25; 93.7 GYL; B94.7 Fresh Country; 99.7 JACK FM; and Walmart.



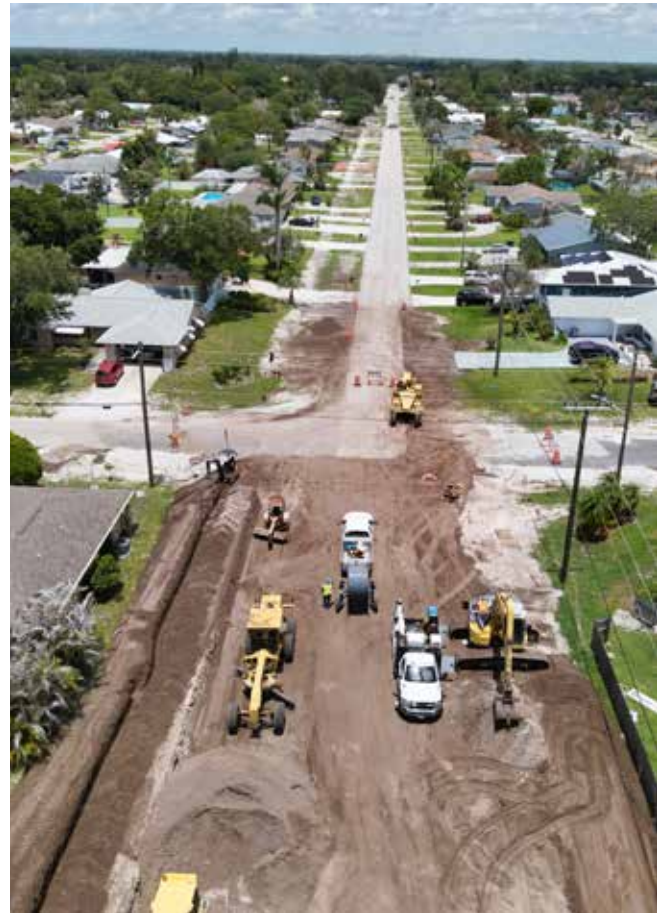


Floresta Drive Improvements: Floresta Drive Phase 3

Construction for Floresta Drive Phase 3 is in progress. Multiple crews are on site, working on essential underground drainage and watermain activities. Additionally, efforts are underway to construct the stormwater retention pond at Harborview and to enhance drainage for the D-11 canal and install a baffle box for the D-8 Canal.

Lane and road closures are in place. Detours are in place to notify motorists ahead of the closure on Crosstown Parkway and Prima Vista Boulevard. Additionally, several local streets remain accessible for traffic.

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





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

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

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



Sales Tax Roadway Resurfacing

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

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

Sandpiper Bay (Mid):
Complete

Northport Village (Mid):
Complete

Palm Trails:
Complete

Rosser Reserve (East):
Complete

Southbend Lakes:
Complete

Tulip Park and Crane Landing:
Complete



Building Activities: Certificates of Occupancy

- Starbucks, new building:
920 SW St. Lucie West Blvd.
- Juici Patties, restaurant buildout:
3213 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
- Mazari Multiservice, warehouse buildout:
815 SW South Macedo Blvd., Suite 106
- Universal Engineering Sciences
Professional Solutions, office buildout:
607 NW Commodity Cove
- iThink Financial Credit Union,
new building: 10706 SW Village Parkway
- HCA Florida St Lucie Hospital, parking
garage: 1800 SE Tiffany Ave.
- Vivid Salon, commercial alteration:
1623 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.
- Lowe's, new building:
13845 SW Village Parkway

Commercial Permits

- Treasure Coast Medical Center, office
buildout:
1700 SE Hillmoor Drive, Unit 101
- Legal Chiefs, commercial alteration:
192 NW Central Park Plaza
- Jojo's Wings, restaurant buildout:
1327 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.
- BJ's Wholesale Club, new building:
2400 SW Gatlin Blvd.
- Florida Blue, new building:
1501 NW St. Lucie West Blvd.
- Sabal Palm Wellness Center LLC,
health facility buildout:
2277 SE Lennard Road
- Cumberland Farms, commercial
alteration: 3174 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.



Testimonials

"I have never had this quality of customer service when dealing with a government agency. Thank you for your streamlined service!"

"All staff at Building were friendly, helpful and went out of their way to assist me in the online process."

"We have grown our company, and during that time, the building department has changed and grown as well. Customer feedback has always been valued and implemented. We have become accustomed to a quick turnaround and wrapping up permits quickly. Not every other municipality is on level with the City of PSL in that regard."



Mets Clubhouse



Mets Clubhouse

May 1-29		2026 YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Permits Issued	3,911	17,797	43,346	46,005	54,440	60,774	68,261	52,355
Single-Family Permits Issued	323	1,111	2,899	3,525	4,069	3,882	5,273	3,824
Certificates of Occupancy Single-family	194	1,020	2,944	3,839	3,835	4,658	3,911	2,893
Inspections Completed	12,363	65,315	163,969	192,002	210,048	248,274	208,545	155,421
Plans Reviewed	2,997	14,426	35,534	37,218	21,211	24,103	24,820	19,150
Online Permits Applied	3,320	16,266	40,571	42,327	50,658	50,937	48,166	26,855



COMMUNICATIONS

Communications team earns state, national recognition



The City of Port St. Lucie is committed to providing clear, timely communication that helps residents stay connected to the place they call home.

The Communications Department recently received several state and national awards for its efforts to keep residents informed, engaged and empowered. That included recognition for team achievements, individual accolades and citations for specific projects that reflected excellence in communications.

The Florida Municipal Communicators Association (FMCA) awarded the City with the Governmental Entity Certificate of Excellence in Communications. The certificate recognizes those local governments whose communications staff have established and are using different tools, resources and technology to effectively and efficiently communicate with their residents.

Sarah Prohaska, Communications Director, was recognized as FMCA's Communicator of the Year. The award recognizes a communications professional with more than five years of experience in government communications who demonstrates achievement, excellence and leadership in the industry.



The FMCA also recognized the City with first place in the category of Video Produced In-House: Promotional/Special Event for a Love Your Block first year wrap-up video.

The National Association of Government Communicators recognized the City of Port St. Lucie with two third-place awards. That included the Educational or Promotional – K-12 Education Program category for the Communications Department's work with the Port St. Lucie Youth Council, as well as the Educational or Promotional – Multicultural Communications Program category for Port St. Lucie Juneteenth: A Celebration of Unity.

Makenzie Spittler, Assistant Manager of Engagement and Budget, was named Young Professional of the Year by the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.





Youth Council 2025-26 recap shared with Council

On May 26, Community Engagement Manager Stephanie Vernot presented to City Council on the accomplishments of the 2025-26 Youth Council.

During this period, 36 members volunteered a combined 710.84 hours, engaging residents and the broader community through a wide range of activities. She highlighted their participation in nine events, noting the total hours also reflected time spent at the Youth Council Leadership Summit, two Florida League of Cities conferences and in monthly meetings held from October through April.

The Youth Council operated through two subcommittees: Naturally PSL Green Spaces and Places and Youth Recreation. One Youth Recreation project involved helping to plan and volunteer at the Big Summer Blowout. At the event, Stephanie joined Youth Council representatives to connect with local youth, share the Council’s achievements from the past year and encourage future leaders to get involved.

Also at the Big Summer Blowout, Youth Council members and Love Your Block Fellow Victoria DellaGuardia, partnered with volunteers to build and paint birdhouses funded through a Love Your Block mini-grant, powered by the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University. These birdhouses will soon enhance the Naturally PSL green space at Whispering Pines.



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



Infrastructure investment in Southern Grove Jobs Corridor

Construction of the final segment of Tom Mackie Boulevard and Marshall Parkway east of SW Village Parkway is nearing completion.

The contractor is paving the final lift of asphalt, installing remaining landscape items and making irrigation adjustments. This \$8.5 million project is partially funded by an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant and a State Appropriations Grant.

This spine road within the Southern Grove Jobs Corridor will connect with Anthony F. Sansone Sr. Boulevard, providing a dedicated transportation route for commercial vehicles from Discovery Way to Becker Road, keeping most of the truck traffic off of SW Village Parkway.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Prepare now: Don't forget about your pets!

Pets are cherished members of our families, and planning for their safety is just as important as planning for our own. According to www.ready.gov, emergency preparedness for pets centers around three core actions: make a plan, build a kit and stay informed.

Make a plan

Emergencies can strike without warning and having a clear plan ensures you can act quickly. Create a pet evacuation strategy that includes identifying pet-friendly shelters, hotels or out-of-area contacts before a disaster occurs. Public shelters and many lodging facilities may not accept pets, so knowing your options ahead of time is crucial. They also recommend developing a buddy system: arranging with neighbors, friends or family members to help care for or evacuate your pets if you're unable to do so. Microchipping pets and keeping contact information current greatly increases the likelihood of reunification if you become separated.

Build an emergency kit

Just like families need emergency supplies, pets require their own dedicated kits. Pet kits should include several days' worth of food and water, medication, a first-aid kit, important documents (such as vaccination records), a sturdy carrier, sanitation supplies, grooming items and comfort objects. These items should be stored in waterproof containers and checked regularly to ensure freshness. Having a stay-at-home kit and a smaller, portable version helps you remain prepared in any situation.

Stay informed

Knowing how you will receive alerts and updates during emergencies is key to protecting your pets. Stay aware of local hazards and evacuation instructions from officials. Bring pets indoors at the first sign of severe weather and having their carriers, leashes and emergency supplies accessible makes acting quickly much easier.

Preparing ahead helps reduce stress and ensures your pets remain safe, healthy and cared for — no matter what the emergency brings.

For more information about preparing your pets for disasters visit cityofpsl.com/hurricane and stlucieco.gov.



2026 Atlantic hurricane season

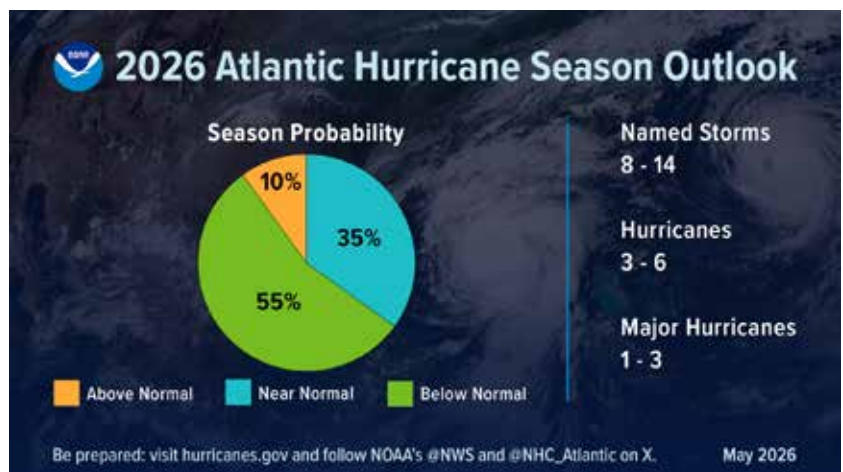
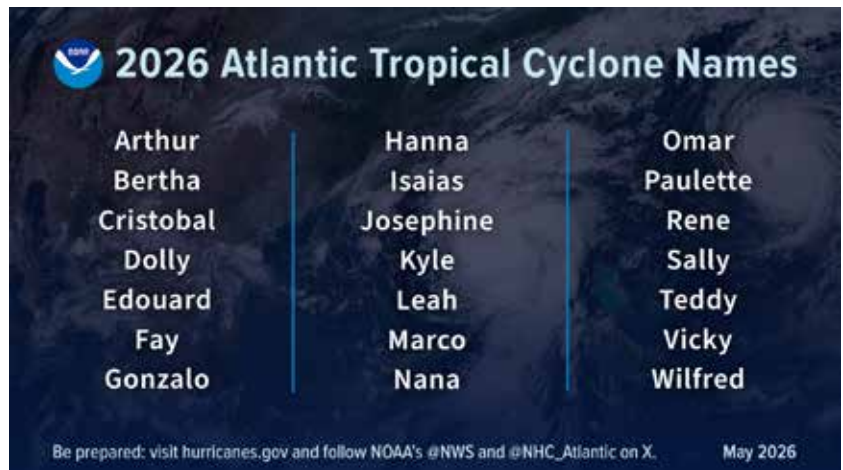
The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued its official forecast for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. This year, it predicts a below-average level of tropical activity across the basin. Forecasters estimate a 55% chance of a below-normal season, a 35% chance of near-normal activity and only a 10% chance of an above-normal season.

NOAA predicts:

- 8 to 14 named storms
- 3 to 6 hurricanes
- 1 to 3 major hurricanes
(Category 3 or higher,
with winds exceeding 111 mph)

Despite projections indicating fewer storms, NOAA officials emphasize that a single event could result in significant damage to coastal communities. If only one storm comes to our area, it could be devastating, so it is extremely important that we stay just as prepared now than we would if there were to be predicted an active season.

For more information regarding preparation before and after a storm, as well as additional safety strategies, visit [cityofpsl.com/hurricane](https://www.cityofpsl.com/hurricane).



FINANCE

Retirement Statistics - Attendees

April 24-May 29		Year to Date
Retirement Orientation Attendees	9	62
MissionSquare One-on-One Appointments	26	102
New 457(b) Enrollments	4	26
New Roth IRA Enrollments	3	13
New Police Officer Retirement Orientation Attendees	22	22



HIGHLIGHT

Stars and Stripes Park honors veterans, first responders

The City of Port St. Lucie and Mattamy Homes officially opened Stars and Stripes Park with a public ceremony and celebration on Thursday, June 4.

Located at 12441 SW Village Parkway, the 26.5-acre park is a vibrant mix of green spaces, scenic ponds and themed art installations designed to honor veterans and first responders. The grand opening celebration transformed the park into an immersive evening experience featuring a ribbon-cutting ceremony, live music, food vendors, family-friendly entertainment and interactive activities throughout the park's "Celestial Space."

Anchored by a dramatic waving flag sculpture and illuminated stars, the park features:

- Engraved quotes and symbolic design elements that create moments of reflection.
- A solar system-inspired display centered around a large sundial surrounded by gyroscopic metal rings and colorful translucent inserts that shift with the movement of the sun.
- Planet-themed installations positioned throughout the park illustrate the scale and distance between planetary orbits.

The opening of Stars and Stripes Park marked the latest collaboration between Mattamy Homes and the City to expand parks and public gathering spaces for Port St. Lucie's growing population. Another partnership, Tradition Regional Park, is expected to open later this year.

For more information, visit www.traditionfl.com or www.pslparks.com.



HUMAN RESOURCES

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

NEW HIRES



Brittany Negron,
Fiscal Analyst,
Police Department



Andrew Roman,
Crime Scene Investigator I,
Police Department



Charity Brown,
Water Meter Technician,
Utility Systems Department



Jerminka Fertile,
Human Resources Generalist III,
Human Resources



Louisa Ornis,
Contract Business Tax Lien Services Specialist I,
Finance Department



Zachary St. John,
Fat Oil Grease (FOG) Inspector,
Utility Systems Department



Anthony De Leon,
Plant Operator Trainee,
Utility Systems Department



Logan Carew,
Plant Operator Trainee,
Utility Systems Department



Christopher Martinez,
Adult Softball Official I,
Parks & Recreation



Jake Darkan,
Utility Locator,
Utility Systems Department



Landy Medina,
Building Construction Inspector I,
Building Department



Brad Wolf,
Manager Personnel Liaison,
Utility Systems Department



William Pinto,
Contract Accountant I,
Finance Department

PROMOTIONS

Nicholas Spangenberg, Lead Maintenance Mechanic-WTR, Utility Systems Department

Cecilia Brown, Special Events Coordinator-SE, Parks and Recreation

Rhiannon Coniglio, Administrative Operations Coordinator, Police Department

Tyler Binkley, Industrial Electrician I, Utility Systems Department

Nakesha Cuff, Pension Analyst, Finance Department

Razax Ali, Meter Technician-Crew Leader, Utility Systems Department

Carrie Stick, Recreation Leader, Parks and Recreation

Elvick Previlma, Animal Control Officer I, Police Department

Jimmy Wells, Field Technician Trainee, Utility Systems Department

Human Resources Spotlight

Human Resources hosts Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day on April 23

This national event was a wonderful success, made possible through the collaboration and support of many City departments, including the City Manager's Office, Communications, City Attorney's Office, Public Works, Police Department, Utility Systems, Office of Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation and Facilities.

We welcomed approximately 133 children, all of whom seemed to truly enjoy their day experiencing the important work our City teams do. Planning for next year's event is already underway, and we look forward to making it even better!

Upcoming Trainings

June 11: Leading Today's Workforce--Rewards & Recognition

June 12: Make the Choice to be Healthy

June 16: Supervisor Ready! Launch Series for Emerging Leaders – Time Management

June 17: Munis 101

June 18: Powerful Presentations: Speak for Success

June 24: Personnel Expectations & Managing Performance –Lab Capstone

June 25: Building Genuine Leaders--Giving & Receiving Feedback Effectively

June 26: Debt & Habits to Improve Financial Awareness

HR Statistics

April 16-May 20		YTD
New Hires	13	56
Total Applications Rec'd	748	3,870
Job Requisitions Received	16	86
Jobs posted	37	162
Internal Promotions	6	27
Reclassifications	7	43
Personnel Change Forms Processed	303	1,510
In Person New Hire Orientation	18	49
Life Scan Participation	51	51
Total Training Sessions	4	30
Total Training Attendees	54	1,364
Water Cooler Site Visits	17,068	49,033
Employee Benefits Site Visits	1,461	4,928
PSL Forward Training Site Visits	1,004	5,191





City staff honored for assisting resident with compassion, dignity, character

We're proud to recognize Port St. Lucie Police Officer Dalton Howard and Human Resources Customer Service Specialist Donna J. Schmitt for their exceptional compassion and dedication to our community.

When a resident facing a difficult personal situation came to City Hall seeking help, Donna and Officer Howard immediately stepped up. Together, they ensured the resident's essential water service remained active and connected the family with additional support resources.

Their kindness, empathy and willingness to go above and beyond reflect the very best of public service. We're grateful to have team members who lead with heart and make a meaningful difference when it matters most.





KEEP PORT ST. LUCIE BEAUTIFUL



Adopt-A-Street spotlight

The Sandhill Chicks organized a Pop-Up Cleanup of their own, giving a natural area on SE Tiffany Avenue a much-needed refresh. At their mini cleanup, these two volunteers collected eight bags of litter and garbage from the site, equal to an estimated 120 pounds!

These two incredibly dedicated volunteers joined the Adopt-A-Street Program just last year and, in addition to their adopted streets and park, they have become regulars at the KPSLB Pop-Up Cleanups and the yearly Community Cleanup in April. With buckets and litter grabbers at the ready, these two have collected several pounds of litter from our City streets and green spaces since they joined the KPSLB volunteer program.

Thank you for your determination and dedication to keeping our city clean, green and beautiful!



Working together to curb cigarette butt litter

A special thanks to our newest partners in the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program:

- Just Dogs Spaw
- Mozzarella's Pizzeria
- Fast Am Services
- TG2 Travel
- Babalu's Cuban Cafe
- Rooted Zen Healthcare
- Tail-Gators Brews & Grill
- Kindness Animal Hospital
- Reprographic Solutions Inc.





KPSLB Appreciation Night a win for food bank, Adopt-A-Street volunteers!

On May 22, KPSLB hosted its annual Appreciation Night at Clover Park, where fans donated non-perishable food items in exchange for complimentary tickets to the game.

In total, the Treasure Coast Food Bank collected a record 1,018 pounds of donations, which will create 1,221 meals for their programs!

Before the game, KPSLB recognized this year's Golden Grabber award winners on the field, including Kings Isle Ping Pong; The McKennas; PSL Crosstown Running Club; Glenn Magrane, The Neumanns; and Pick Me Up Trash. These volunteers went above and beyond this past year, making an enormous impact in their neighborhoods and communities!

The Adopt-A-Street volunteer program has been active in Port St. Lucie for 34 years and currently has 104 active groups.



Adopt-A-Street groups, The McKennas; Kings Isle Ping Pong; PSL Crosstown Running Club; Glenn Magrane; The Neumanns; and Pick Me Up Trash.

Game highlight: Brian C., center, of Parks and Recreation, threw out the first pitch.

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Latest Pop-Up Cleanup caps off KPSLB's year-long initiative for America's 250th

On May 16, Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful hosted the final Pop-Up Cleanup of its year-long initiative, getting our City ready to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday. Since March 2025, KPSLB has been fulfilling its commitment to a cleaner, greener city with our dedicated volunteers leading the way.

At the 2025 Citizen Summit, KPSLB asked residents where they would most like to see a mini neighborhood cleanup. In response to their suggestions, and through our partnerships with Parks and Recreation, the Love Your Block Grant and Naturally PSL, KPSLB hosted six Pop-Up Cleanups during this time, collecting litter (and the occasional misplaced shopping cart) from all across the City.

At our most recent Pop-Up Cleanup at Veterans Memorial Park at Rivergate, KPSLB:

- Made new friends who recently relocated to PSL
- Connected with a group doing their cleanup in memory of a loved one, a frequent volunteer who was passionate about keeping Port St. Lucie clean and beautiful
- Saw several familiar faces from our Adopt-A-Street program and City departments



In total, 30 volunteers collected 106 pounds of litter from surrounding roadsides and green spaces!

KPSLB wants to thank volunteer City Ambassador Susan, who helped run the event!

To date, 220 volunteers participated in KPSLB's Pop-Up Cleanups and collected 582.5 pounds of litter! KPSLB is grateful to the many volunteers who have spent so much time caring for our communities and keeping our City clean and beautiful.

KPSLB looks forward to meeting new volunteers and seeing those familiar faces at our future cleanups.

KPSLB extends its deepest gratitude to our volunteers, for dedicating their time and energy throughout the years, to ensuring we live in a clean, green city and for keeping Port St. Lucie beautiful!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8-July 31:

Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Camps

June 14:

PSL Green Market

June 16:

Senior Expo

June 19:

Juneteenth: A Celebration of Unity

June 27-28:

Natural Wellness Expo

Event Center Visitors: 114,498

Event Days: 245 (as of May 29)



Upcoming Events

MIDFLORIDA Card Expo & Community Trade Night

Join us for the Treasure Coast's biggest and best trading card and memorabilia expo!

The MIDFLORIDA Card Expo & Community Night takes over the Event Center with 230-plus vendor tables, Pokemon and sports memorabilia, opportunities to buy, sell and trade cards and collectibles, food trucks and concessions, and much more.

The Expo is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14.

After the show Saturday, come out for a night of drinks, food and lots of fun with the community. The event will include live performances by The Dew Boys, Mims, The Poke Gangsta, Oliver Fox, Grippa and more! The Community Trade Night After Party is 6-10 p.m. Tickets start at \$5.

What you may have missed!

Haitian Flag Festival

The Treasure Coast Cultural Foundation hosted the 12th annual Haitian Flag Day Festival on May 18.

One of the biggest festivals on the Treasure Coast, it included Haitian, Caribbean and American food, arts and crafts, vendors, a grand parade and live music and performances featuring DJ Jaydot, Willymix and more. The event was family-friendly and open to all ages and nations.

Coastal Championship Wrestling: Destiny Awaits

Wrestling's biggest stars returned to Port St. Lucie on May 9 with Destiny Awaits, one of many annual CCW events, for a packed house.

The evening's match card included a tag team championship match between The King's Court and Monster Mosh; women's championship match between Kristin Blaze and WWE ID's Valentina Rossi; "Big Trouble" Ben Bishop vs. WWE ID's Mike Cunningham; Cha Cha Charlie & Jackal Stevens vs. Veritas & Agony; and the cruiserweight championship match between Marvin Cruz and Severen with Invidia.

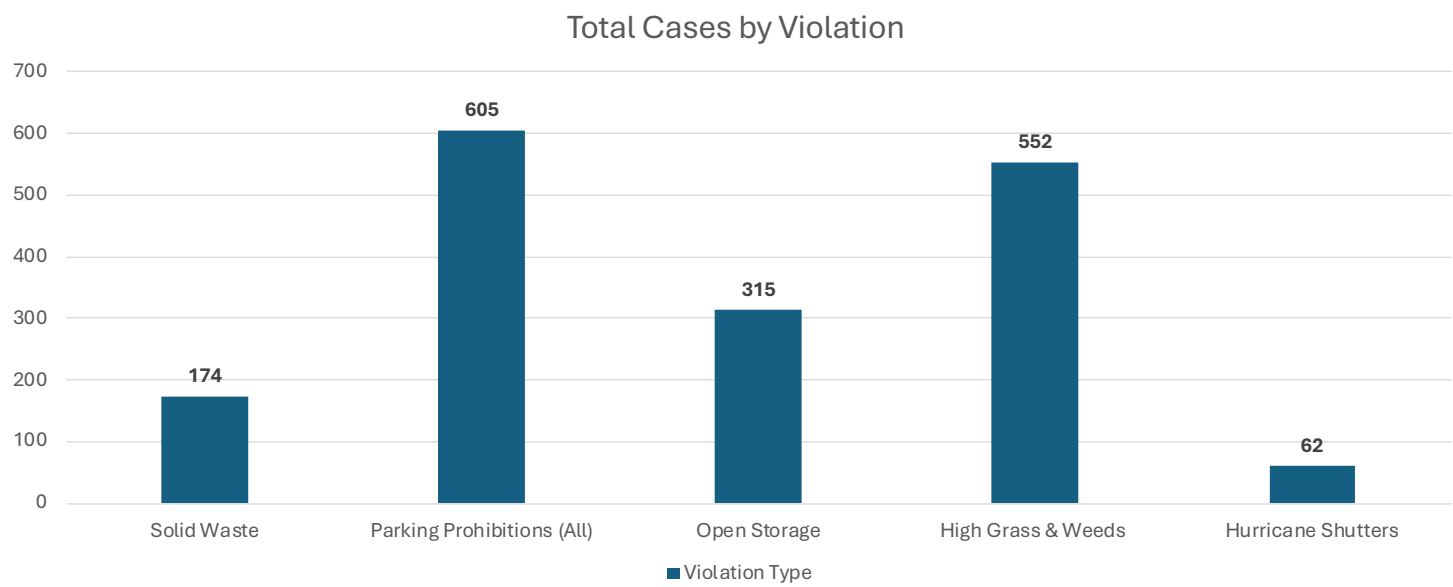
CCW returns to the Event Center on July 25 for its annual summer "Game of War" event.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Top 5 Code Compliance Violations | April 19-May 23



NSD Solid Waste Code Case Data | April 19-May 23

All Code Cases Opened	2,021
Solid Waste Cases Opened	174 (8.6% of all code cases opened from 4/19 to 5/23))
Percentage of Solid Waste Cases in Compliance	90.6%
All Active Code Cases	2,263
Active Solid Waste Cases	98 (4.3% of total active cases)

City reconvenes 2026 AHAC meeting

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) reconvened for 2026 to continue its role in reviewing policies, procedures and Incentive Strategies Report that impact the cost and availability of housing within the City of Port St. Lucie.

During the meeting, new AHAC members were officially installed, and the board selected its 2026 leadership, including a Chairperson, Vice Chair and Pro Tem. The committee will continue working to recommend actions and initiatives that encourage and facilitate affordable housing opportunities while protecting long-term property value appreciation.



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Code Officer Matt Williams receives positive recognition



"I'm not sure how to show my appreciation for Code Enforcement Officer Matt Williams. He truly needs to know how much he assisted our community with his commitment to the businesses in our community on U.S. 1.

"Our property had accumulated several violations unintentionally and unknowingly. We, Oasis Professional Center, 8980 S. U.S. 1, was able to diligently comply with all violations.

"To be totally honest, it was because of Officer Matt. He was easy to communicate with and available for any inquiries. His responses and clarification of the site plan to the landscaping company allowed for a smooth process to be able to come into compliance.

"He is very dedicated and takes pride in Port St. Lucie's businesses and community appearances. I am very grateful he was able to clarify and manage our violations enabling us to come into compliance. Matt cares about his; our community and we are a better community because of this attitude and convictions.

"Please let Officer Matt know he was very much appreciated for his time and dedication in helping our property, Oasis Professional Center, a medical office be able to come into compliance with our violations.

"All owners and the Board members would like to thank and acknowledge Matt for his service at this time. We very much appreciate his commitment."



Community Programs Division visits Mustard Seed Ministries

"A very big thank you to the City of Port St. Lucie's Neighborhood Services Department for taking the time to visit with us today and learn about the work happening at Mustard Seed Ministries.

"We had a great conversation about the challenges many local families are facing right now and the importance of strong community partnerships in helping meet those needs.

"It's always encouraging to spend time with people who care about making a difference and strengthening our community. Working together, we can bring more help, hope and support to your St. Lucie County neighbors who need it most."



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

Bid Opportunities, Recent Bid Awards

Week ending May 29

Bid #	Description	Status
20260198	Northport In-Line Booster Pump Station Improvements	Active Bid Opening: 06/24/26
20260208	Maintenance Services for Industrial Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)	Active Bid Opening: 06/17/26
20260197	Electrical Supplies and Equipment, Purchase and Delivery	Active Bid Opening: 06/17/26
20260201	Sodium Hypochlorite Delivery	Active Bid Opening: 06/04/26
20260069	Replacement Roof Community Center	Awarded to: Rack'D Roofing & Construction LLC
20250143	Design-Build Services for the Discovery (Formerly Known as Rangeline) Water Treatment Facility	Awarded to: Jacobs Project Management Co.

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.

Did you know? OMB surplus auctions offer great deals!

Have you ever wondered what happens to City vehicles and equipment once they're no longer needed?

The City's Fleet Department teams up with Purple Wave, a reputable online auction platform, to sell surplus vehicles and equipment. These auctions are open to the public, giving everyone the chance to buy high-quality used items such as cars, trucks, electronics, office supplies and more at prices far below retail.

Every item is sold to the highest bidder, with no reserve price, making this an exciting opportunity for residents. For more information, visit <https://www.purplewave.com/> or click [here](#).

Formal Procurements sent to Council

May 1-31	Period	Year to Date
Amendments	4	33
Awards	2	22
Co-Ops / Piggybacks	1	28
Sole Sources	0	11
Other: Contract Adjustments	2	10
Other: Ordinance Change	0	0
Other: Resolution	0	0
Surplus	0	3
Total	9	107



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES & INNOVATION



Strategic Planning Workshop

On May 4-5, City Council held its annual Strategic Planning workshop, a two-day session dedicated to shaping the City's priorities for the upcoming year.

Facilitated by Alexis Baum and Tim Fife, the workshop provided Council members with an opportunity to review the status of ongoing projects, discuss emerging needs, and refine their long-term vision for the community.

This year's workshop also incorporated human-centered design techniques that City staff has adopted through training with the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University. These techniques support the City team's efforts to better center the needs of residents as the Council prioritized focus areas based on the feedback of thousands of residents gathered through this year's National Community Survey and the Citizen Summit.

The updated Strategic Plan is being drafted by the Strategic Initiatives & Innovation Team and will be brought forward for adoption at a City Council meeting in July.

Port St. Lucie seeks federal Opportunity Zone designation for key corridors

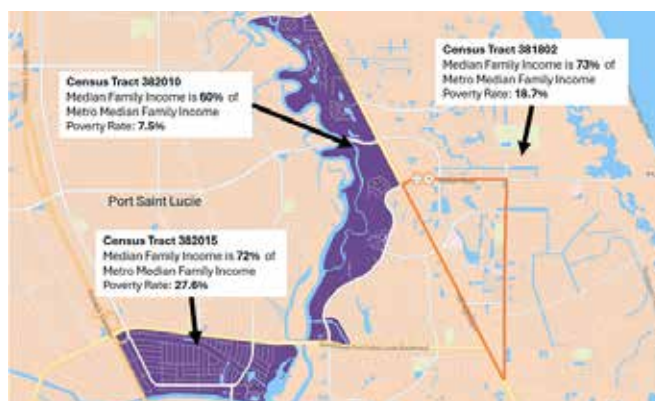
The City nominated three east-side census tracts for Opportunity Zone designation as part of the State of Florida's 2026 selection process.

These nominations, which include areas along Port St. Lucie Boulevard, the U.S. 1 and Veterans Memorial Parkway corridor and the Walton & One mixed-use redevelopment, reflect longstanding community priorities to revitalize aging commercial corridors, expand job opportunities and attract new private investment. Each tract presents indicators of economic distress, including slower commercial reinvestment, aging properties, elevated poverty levels and significant gaps between local and regional median family incomes.

To prepare competitive submissions, the Strategic Initiatives & Innovation team worked closely with the Florida Department of Commerce to clarify the nomination process, refine required documentation and ensure that each application demonstrated strong alignment with state and federal Opportunity Zone criteria and goals.

Port St. Lucie now will compete with other Florida communities for a limited number of Opportunity Zone nominations. If selected, Florida will formally advance the City's proposed census tracts to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which will make the final designations by the end of 2026.

Securing Opportunity Zone status would help direct private capital to historically under-invested areas, accelerate long-planned revitalization efforts and support the community's vision for a more economically resilient east side. With strong public engagement, detailed planning and clear investment potential already in place, the City is well positioned as the state's review process moves forward.





Port St. Lucie champions critical projects in Washington

This May, Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo and CRA Director Jennifer Davis traveled to Washington, D.C. to champion Port St. Lucie’s top infrastructure and public safety priorities with federal partners. Their visit included impactful meetings with the Office of Sen. Ashley Moody, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Office of Congressman Brian Mast, where the delegation presented updates on major city initiatives and advanced requests for continued federal partnership.

The trip was coordinated by the Strategic Initiatives & Innovation team in collaboration with its federal lobbyists, who organized the discussions and ensured a unified city advocacy message across all meetings. In addition to discussing the City’s BUILD grant application to improve the Village Green Drive Corridor, the delegation used the opportunity to highlight two priority projects now supported by Congressman Mast: the California Boulevard Phase 3 Corridor Study & Design, which aims to address congestion, safety challenges, multimodal access and community connectivity along a critical north–south route; and the Acquisition of Specialized Armored Vehicles to enhance the Police Department’s ability to respond safely and effectively during high-risk incidents.

Port St. Lucie continues to solidify its reputation at the federal level as a collaborative, forward-leaning community ready to deliver impactful improvements for residents and businesses.



Love Your Block Academy at Johns Hopkins

Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager/Chief Innovation Officer, joined members of the Communications team at the Love Your Block Academy at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, learning new techniques and developing a strategy to expand the Love Your Block model developed in Whispering Pines to other neighborhoods.





Bloomberg Fellowship completion and the PSL story

During the first week of May, Port St. Lucie's Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow Nikki Zheng made her final trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to share the City's impact story.

Nikki is part of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative's City Hall Fellowship Program, a transformative investment that places select Harvard graduate school alumni directly into city halls across North America to serve as change agents and drive lasting resident impact. The program fully funds the fellows' salaries for two years and hosts four intensive convenings to provide specialized training and foster collaborative storytelling across participating cities.

Nikki presented her fellowship journey, centering on her work with the Naturally PSL: Green Spaces and Places initiative. An audience of academic thinkers, local government practitioners and fellow cohort members heard how Port St. Lucie is rewriting its environmental narrative through resident-driven conservation.

The story of Naturally PSL is a City-wide collaborative effort rooted in innovation, park investments, collective stewardship and community storytelling. From launching the Naturally PSL Land Bank to protect more than 280 acres of future parkland, to turning invasive plant species removal into an engaging community stewardship day, the team has intentionally invited residents to be co-creators of this movement at every step of the process.

As part of their final curriculum, fellows explored the concept of transferability, studying systems-thinking frameworks to ensure successful pilot programs can be scaled, integrated and sustained within a wider municipal system.

To keep this momentum moving forward, Nikki will officially transition into a permanent role with the City of Port St. Lucie upon completing her fellowship in September. Joining the Strategic Initiatives & Innovation team as a Civic Designer, she will work to design impactful city programs and processes, helping ensure that human-centered design principles and deep community engagement remain at the core of city services and program.



Rooted in actions: Youth Council Naturally PSL Subcommittee

The Port St. Lucie Youth Council's Naturally PSL Subcommittee concluded its project and final report through the Youth as Solution program supported by National Youth Leadership Council.

A team of four youth leaders, led by subcommittee Chair Roslyn Tran, who also was named the 2026 Naturally PSL Stewardship Award winner of Emerging Youth Leader, and adult advisors Nikki Zheng and Stephanie Vernot, planned a tree-planting event participated by other youth in the community to directly address environmental challenges brought on by the City's growth.

The team began their journey by reviewing resident feedback from the past Citizen Summit community engagement data. They noticed a recurring theme: residents deeply cared about the loss of the local tree canopy, which raised the team's concern over rising temperatures and reduced air quality.

However, taking on a major urban forestry project was not easy for our youth leaders. As part of a final reflection, Roslyn reflected on the hurdles the team faced: "The most challenging part of participating in this program was, as youth, figuring out how we could meaningfully contribute to our community. At first, we were unsure whether we could actually make a real impact as students, and it took several meetings and discussions for us to gain confidence, narrow down the issue we wanted to focus on, and develop a plan of action."



After conducting three separate on-site planning workshops to map out a neighborhood green space, the subcommittee hosted a massive hands-on community tree-planting event. Backed by 16 adult contributors and a partnership with a city arborist from Samson Tree Services, the event brought together approximately 45 neighbors, City staff and volunteers.

Together, they not only took part in the removal of invasive plant species in a neighborhood green space, but they also planted 10 native trees, including pines, maples and red cedars. The arborist used the opportunity to teach communities proper planting techniques and explain the benefits of the trees. For Roslyn and her team, the moment their months of preparation turned into tangible action was unforgettable: "My favorite memory from this experience was the moment our team planted a tree together and named it 'Selena.' It stood out to me because after months of planning, meetings and preparation, it was incredibly rewarding to finally see our ideas come to life in a real and meaningful way."

The direct impact of the project touches roughly 30 local families who live immediately adjacent to the newly restored green space. The collaboration forged stronger connections across the City, bringing together Parks and Recreation, Communications and the Naturally PSL initiative to provide the tools, tents, and land approvals necessary for success.



While the Youth as Solution program cohort is wrapping up, the subcommittee's work in this neighborhood is far from over. The team was recently awarded a new grant through the Love Your Block program to build a custom birdhouse and a community bench in the green space, ensuring they will continue to maintain and beautify the area throughout the coming year.

As Roslyn noted when looking back at what her peers achieved: "It's never about your age; it's about your passion and what you want to do for your community. It's never too young to start, and it's never too old to finish."



Department awards and recognition

● **Home Rule Hero Award:** The Florida League of Cities honored four Port St. Lucie leaders, including Deputy City Manager Kate Parmelee, with the 2026 Home Rule Hero Award for their advocacy during the Legislative Session. Parmelee played a key role by sharing strategic insights, data, and real-world examples that helped elevate the city's priorities to state lawmakers. Her leadership strengthened the case for Home Rule and highlighted the importance of local decision-making. Together, the award recipients ensured that Port St. Lucie's voice was strongly represented at the state level.

● **Innovation Happens at City Hall**

Recognition: Across the country, cities are becoming powerful centers of innovation, and Port St. Lucie is honored to be recognized as a leading example of this national movement. Route Fifty recently celebrated PSL in an article highlighting the city as a model of "America's most important innovation in city government." By listening closely to residents through efforts like the Citizen Summit, the City continues to shape data-informed, people-centered solutions that reflect community priorities, such as expanding access to parks and nature. PSL is grateful for this national recognition and proud to stand alongside other forward-thinking cities that are redesigning government around the lived experiences of the people they serve.



State Legislative Advocacy

Florida House and Senate leaders reached a final deal on the state budget securing support for several of our priority community projects. The City of Port St. Lucie has three projects included in the final state budget, an unprecedented number.

This progress reflects the hard work, advocacy and collaboration of our state legislative delegation, our Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council and our legislative team.

Project	Amount	Sponsors	Line #
Hogpen Slough HPS-60 Water Control Structure	\$500,000	Trabulsy	1766A
Rangeline Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility – Class 1 Deep Injection Well	\$1,000,000	Harrell & Overdorf	1766A
Smart City Policing – Drone as First Responder Program	\$750,000	Overdorf	1333

These investments represent meaningful investments for our City, supporting public safety innovation, infrastructure resilience, water quality and quality of life.

The City team also engaged state leaders in Tallahassee with the Florida League of Cities on the Special Session on Property Taxes.

Recent grant awards

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

- **FL Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS):** Urban and Community Forestry - Inflation Reduction Act: Funding in the amount of \$44,000 for the SE Lyngate Drive and Veterans Memorial Parkway Tree Planting Project to restore shade, improve drainage, and strengthen neighborhood character.
- **Children's Services Council:** Special Designations: Funding in the amount of \$9,910 for Angel Sense wearables GPS devices to better locate and protect individuals prone to wandering. The program aims to reduce search times and lower the risk of injury or death among vulnerable individuals.



Recreation

Enchanted Tea Party

Once upon a time in Port St. Lucie, a magical Enchanted Tea Party was planned for all little princes and princesses!

Our princesses and princes will arrive June 24 at the Community Center for a morning filled with laughter, music and sweet treats. Guests will sip "tea" (apple juice), enjoy delicious cookies, dance and sing along and gather close for a magical story time. Come dressed in your royal best and create enchanted memories that will last forever.

The event is 10:30-11:30 a.m. and cost is \$5 per person.

Daddy Son Game Night

Grab your Player 2 (Dad!) and get ready for a night packed with friendly competition, high-fives and nonstop fun. From classic board games, group competitions to arcade style showdowns, it's all about teamwork, laughs and making unforgettable memories together. Game on!

When: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 13

Where: Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.

Cost: \$15 per person

Atlantis Chess Club Juniors

A fun, structured chess class for ages 6-12 where students learn the game, build strategy, solve puzzles and grow in focus and confidence.

When: 6-7:45 p.m. every Friday, starting June 5

Where: Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.

Cost: \$80 monthly

DADDY SON GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 6-8 P.M.

\$15 PLUS TAX PER PERSON ADULT & CHILD

Community Center
2195 SE AIROSO BLVD.
▶ TICKET CODE: DSGN26 ▶ TICKETS AVAILABLE MAY 13

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13: Daddy Son Game Night, 6-8 p.m., Community Center

June 24: Enchanted Tea Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Community Center



Movement is for everyone, and everybody deserves the opportunity to shine.

Solo

EXPRESSION

EVOLVING DISABILITIES

An inclusive dance class for all abilities, led by Anthony "Solo" Harris. Build confidence, coordination and creativity in a supportive space where everyone grows at their own pace.

\$30 per participant
\$105 per month
Activity #800096

Every Saturday
9:30-10:30 a.m.
Community Center
Ages 7-adult
Participants will be supported at their individual level of ability.

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Dance for All Abilities

This inclusive dance class is designed for individuals of all abilities to build confidence, coordination, creativity and self-expression through movement. Led by Anthony "Solo" Harris, founder of Solo Expression and an experienced educator with more than 20 years of teaching adaptive dance, this class creates a positive and supportive environment where every participant can grow at their own pace. Participants will improve motor skills, rhythm, focus and social interaction while experiencing the joy of dance. No prior experience is necessary — just a willingness to move, learn and express yourself.

When: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays, starting June 6

Where: Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.

Cost: \$105 monthly or \$85 drop-in

Cuban Dance Social

Feel the rhythm and spirit of Cuba! Join Cuban dance professional Yusell Garcia Gomez and author Cheri Shanti for a lively cultural experience. Learn cha cha chá, Son Cubano, casino, rueda, rumba and more.

When: 2-4 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month, starting June 7

Where: Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.

Cost: \$20

Ages: 15 and older

Summer Camp now open!

This year's program will be hosted across four locations, including the MIDFLORIDA Event Center, Manatee Elementary, Southern Oaks Middle School and Oak Hammock K-8 to best serve families throughout the community.

Our team of 51 trained and enthusiastic camp staff members is fully prepared to welcome campers for a fun, safe and activity-packed summer. Each site will offer a variety of recreational programs, educational activities and engaging experiences designed to create lasting memories for every participant.

We look forward to an exciting and successful camp season!



Sports camps

Specialty sports camps start the week of June 8! This year, we're offering basketball, pickleball, volleyball, lacrosse, girls flag football, soccer and M&M Sweeties. Cost is \$100 per week.

Young Engineers Camp

Young Engineers Camp registration is open! Keep your child learning, creating and having fun all summer long with hands-on STEM activities.

Campers will explore:

- Mechanical engineering and building
- Coding and programming (AlgoBrix, C or python)
- Robotics projects
- Teamwork, creativity and new friendships

When: 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Where: Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.

Cost: \$150 per week; \$85 drop-in



MONDAY-THURSDAY

MINSKY GYM SPECIALTY SPORTS CAMPS

\$100 per person, per week.

WEEK	DATES	9 a.m.-noon	2-5 p.m.
WEEK 1	JUNE 8-11	Basketball (ages 7-15)	Pickleball (ages 7-14)*
WEEK 2	JUNE 15-18	Basketball (ages 7-15)	Lacrosse (ages 5-17)
WEEK 3	JUNE 22-25	Basketball (ages 7-15)	Volleyball (ages 10-17)
WEEK 4	JUNE 29-JULY 2	Girls Flag Football (ages 8-18)	Soccer (ages 7-12)
WEEK 5	JULY 6-9	Basketball (ages 7-15)	Volleyball (ages 10-17)
WEEK 6	JULY 13-16	Basketball (ages 7-15)	Volleyball (ages 10-17)
WEEK 7	JULY 20-23	Basketball (ages 7-15)	Volleyball (ages 10-17)
WEEK 8	JUNE 27-30	Basketball (ages 7-15)	M&M Sweeties (ages 4-17)

750 SW DARWIN BLVD.

*Pickleball costs \$120 per person.

JOIN THE FUN!
Develop skills, make friends and enjoy a summer of sports!



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June 11-Aug. 7
Registration is OPEN!

YOUNG ENGINEERS SUMMER CAMP

Keep your child learning and creating all summer long with hands-on STEM activities!

Wednesdays-Fridays
9 a.m.-noon

\$225 **\$85**
— Weekly — — Drop-in —

Community Center
Ages 5-13

Instructors:
Rodney Plancher & Patrice Astralaga

NO CAMP:
Wednesday, June 10 or Friday, July 3
Weeks 1 and 4: weekly fee reduced to \$150

Activity #800095

Campers will EXPLORE:

- Mechanical Engineering & Building
- Coding & Programming (AlgoBrix, C or Python)
- Robotics Projects
- Teamwork, creativity and new friendships



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Fitness

Two new Precor upright bikes and a Precor elliptical have been added to the Fitness & Wellness Center at MIDFLORIDA Event Center and a new Precor upright bike also has been added to the Community Fitness & Wellness Center. These updates keep our facilities modern, safe and clean, and provide members with reliable workout options.

The fitness team continues with its team building and unwavering support of each other's goals and ideas by participating in multiple 5K and 10K races together in 2026.

In April, Mike Donovan completed his first 10K, and in the same race, Jill Souza took first place overall! Bre Gustave, Jenesis Rahming and Angie DeGuida achieved personal bests. For the fitness team this is about more than running; it's about showing up for each other, reaching goals and building a community rooted in mutual respect and encouragement.

Every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m., the community comes out to enjoy the fresh air at The Port District with the Walking Club! Led by Demetris Collins, our Parks and Recreation coordinator, this program is open to everyone, regardless of fitness level. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the fresh air, connect with others and get some exercise before the day heats up.



FREE PROGRAM



Tuesdays
WALKING CLUB

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Open to all fitness levels, this one-hour group walk is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, stay healthy and meet new people.

Just lace up and step out with us!

2454 SE WESTMORELAND BLVD.
Participants meet at the banyan tree.



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ENCHANTED TEA PARTY

Join us for a tea party with sparkles, stories and royal fun.

Little princes and princesses are encouraged to wear their royal attire and enjoy princess visits, storytelling and activities.

Wednesday JAN. 28	Wednesday MARCH 25	Wednesday JUNE 24	Friday AUG. 28
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Check-in at 10 a.m.
10:30-11:30 A.M.
 Community Center
 2195 SE Airosa Blvd.

AGES 1-5 ♥ \$5 PER PERSON
 Adults & children

Register online or in person.
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Summer Camp staff get training

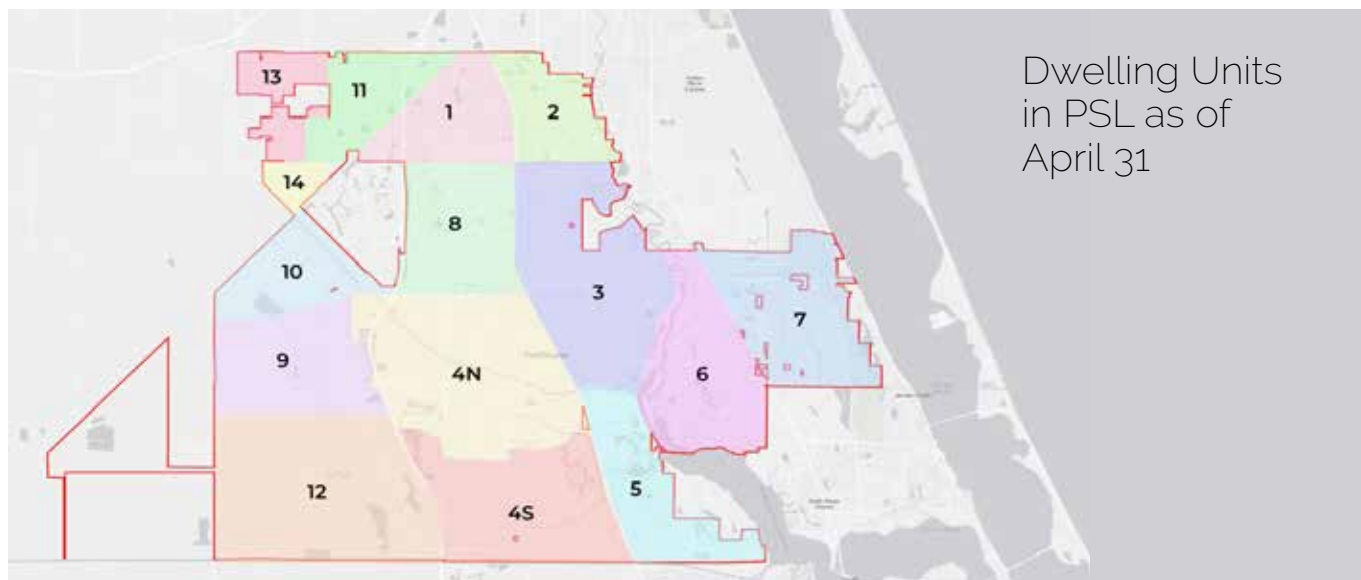
On May 15, Parks and Recreation hosted its annual Summer Camp staff orientation at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.

This training session brought together all 51 members of the 2026 summer camp team, including new and returning staff. The orientation focused on preparing the team for a safe, engaging and successful camp season.

Staff received training on camp policies and procedures, child supervision standards, emergency protocols, daily program expectations and customer service best practices. The session also provided an opportunity for team building, interaction across camp sites and alignment on the department's mission to deliver high-quality recreational experiences for the community's youth.



PLANNING AND ZONING



PLANNING AREA	BUILT SINGLE FAMILY UNITS	BUILT MULTI-FAMILY UNITS	TOTAL BUILT UNITS	APPROVED UNITS	REMAINING UNITS TO BE BUILT
1	4,105	948	5,053	5,760	707
2	3,109	616	3,725	4,112	387
3	18,446	1	18,447	20,210	1,763
4N	18,806	677	19,483	22,435	2,952
4S	13,282	26	13,308	15,296	1,988
5	3,495	585	4,080	4,785	705
6	4,789	1,346	6,135	6,506	371
7	6,140	2,267	8,407	9,532	1,125
8	5,369	1,661	7,030	7,523	493
9	4,797	3,186	7,983	11,092	3,109
10	3,264	1,014	4,278	7,200	2,922
11	717	73	790	4,000	3,210
12	5,236	856	6,092	22,410	16,318
13	0	0	0	0	-
14	575	0	575	579	4
TOTAL	92,130	13,256	105,386	141,440	36,054



Tree of American Dreams

On May 8, the City of Port St. Lucie celebrated the dedication of the Tree of American Dreams sculpture by Geoffrey Smith. Delivered through the City’s Art in Public Places (AIPP) Program, the installation reflects the City’s ongoing work to elevate public spaces and enhance community identity. Planning & Zoning staff supported the Economic Development Council by coordinating event logistics, safety and invitations with regional partners.

The artwork also highlights the City’s strong partnership with the Sansone Group, as a major contributor to the buildout of the City’s Jobs Corridor.

The dedication of the Tree of American Dreams stands as an example of how the AIPP program continues to enhance Port St. Lucie’s sense of place, support cultural identity and contribute to the City’s long range vision for quality development and economic growth.



PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE



Congratulations, Class 184!

It was a big celebration for Law Enforcement Academy Class 184, along with family and friends, during graduation and swearing-in ceremony May 21 at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.

This was another excellent collaboration between the Port St. Lucie Police Department and the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex to host another PSLPD-only academy class.

These 22 officers soon will begin the four-month field training program before beginning their solo assignments.





Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Florida

The Port St. Lucie Police Department proudly joined the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Florida on May 9 alongside the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, the Fort Pierce Police Department and the incredible athletes who inspire this mission every year.

More than a run, this event represents unity, perseverance and the power of community. Together, we help raise awareness and support programs that empower individuals with intellectual disabilities across Florida while reinforcing a simple truth: every person matters.

It was an honor to stand beside these athletes, cheer them on and carry the torch for inclusion, respect and opportunity.



Honoring our school crossing guards

We proudly recognized the dedicated men and women who serve as our School Crossing Guards on May 28 during the annual PSLPD School Crossing Guard Awards Luncheon.

Their commitment to the safety of our students each and every day does not go unnoticed. Rain or shine, they are out there protecting our community's most precious cargo and helping ensure our children arrive to and from school safely.

PSLPD wins 3 awards at 2026 FRAF Awards Ceremony

The Port St. Lucie Police Department is honored to have been recognized May 27 at the 2026 First Responders Appreciation Foundation (FRAF) Awards Ceremony, an event that celebrates excellence, professionalism and dedication among public safety agencies across Florida.

This year, agencies competed in 14 award categories recognizing outstanding service, bravery, investigations and lifesaving actions. PSLPD is proud to have taken home three of the 14 awards presented.

- Detective Diane Astrella: Detective of the Year
- K9 Officer Corey Krecic: Life Saving Award
- Master Sgt. Erik Levasseur: Valor Award

These recognitions reflect the hard work, commitment and courage demonstrated daily by the men and women of PSLPD in service to our community.



PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works celebrates 25 years of APWA accreditation

Public Works is proud to announce its seventh American Public Works Association (APWA) reaccreditation, marking a milestone of 25 years of continuous APWA accreditation. The department made history in Florida on July 20, 2001, by becoming the first accredited Public Works agency in the state and the seventh in all of North America.

The APWA Accreditation Program distinguishes agencies that exceed nationally established management practices in the Public Works industry. This prestigious recognition celebrates the dedication and daily efforts of the department's staff to uphold the highest standards of service and professionalism.

The original push for accreditation in 2001 was led by Larry Thacker, then director of Public Works, and John Gonzalez, deputy director and accreditation manager. Their goal was to professionalize the department, spotlight best practices and ensure staff accountability. Achieving accreditation not only brought national recognition but also positively impacted the City's bond ratings. Port St. Lucie's Public Works Department was the first City department to earn accreditation, setting an example for others to pursue similar professional benchmarks.

Since the initial accreditation, the department has voluntarily adhered to APWA's rigorous standards, seeking reaccreditation every four years: 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022 and most recently in 2026. The latest reaccreditation was led by Colt Schwerdt, Public Works Director, and Valerie Delgado, accreditation and performance manager, who guided the department to achieve a perfect 100 percent compliance score. The review notably highlighted the City's traffic calming policy for its transparent approach and effective blend of engineering analysis and community engagement.

Looking forward, Public Works remains dedicated to developing innovative, data-driven solutions that will continue to shape Port St. Lucie's future and maintain its reputation for excellence in public service.

Public Works is storm ready

Public Works' Drainage Division works diligently throughout the year to maintain swale drainage, rights-of-way, waterways and City-owned canals. Alongside routine upkeep, the division completes new projects annually to enhance drainage infrastructure and ensure our community is ready for incoming rain events and storms.

When a storm is on the horizon, Public Works springs into action. Teams immediately inspect major drainage structures, grates, outfalls, catch basins and canal crossings across the City. Continuous monitoring of water levels at control structures, those that ultimately release into the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, keeps the City prepared for heavy rainfall. Crews remain on standby and on call during significant rain events, staying up-to-date with weather and rainfall information from the South Florida Water Management District. This proactive approach is crucial to minimizing flooding risks and protecting residents.





Reaching out to residents for future sidewalk projects

Before embarking on sidewalk projects, the City of Port St. Lucie is committed to engaging residents through proactive outreach.

Public Works staff meets with affected homeowners one-on-one to discuss the proposed project, answer questions and address any concerns about impacts to their property. This personal approach ensures each resident receives clear information about construction timelines, access changes and the benefits the new sidewalk will bring to their neighborhood.

These meetings provide an opportunity for residents to share feedback about their properties and unique circumstances. By listening to individual concerns, staff can make adjustments where feasible and minimize disruptions. This collaborative process strengthens trust between the community and the City, helping projects proceed smoothly from planning to completion, ensuring residents are updated and included every step of the way.

Through this dedicated outreach, Port St. Lucie demonstrates its commitment to transparent communication and considerate project management, reflecting the Public Works Department's focus on service and community partnership.

Roadway Resurfacing Projects

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The Capital Improvement resurfacing goal for FY 25/26 is 18.95 miles with 17.25 miles completed to date. Residents will be notified in advance of resurfacing.

Sandpiper Bay (West):

Complete

Lyngate:

Complete

Northport Village

(North):

Complete

Torino (E. Torino)

North:

Complete

Floresta Pointe (East):

Complete

Hidden Oaks (West):

Complete

Rosser Reserve/Gatlin

Pines:

Complete

Sandhill Crossing

(Tiffany):

Complete

Hidden Oaks (Import):

Pending schedule





National Public Works Week

Each May, communities across the nation come together to celebrate National Public Works Week, shining a spotlight on the essential services and innovations that keep our cities running smoothly. This year’s theme, “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community,” reflects the deep commitment of Public Works teams to building vibrant neighborhoods where residents can thrive.

The Public Works Department plays a vital role in shaping our community, from the visible work of road construction to the often unseen but equally important maintenance of underground infrastructure. Every project, whether highly noticeable or quietly foundational, strengthens the connection between dedicated service and the people it benefits. These ongoing efforts lay the groundwork for a flourishing city, ensuring residents enjoy safety, convenience, and opportunity.

During National Public Works Week, Mayor Shannon Martin honored the department with a special proclamation, recognizing the dedication and hard work of our employees. Staff members also attended a training and appreciation event, celebrating their contributions and commitment to continuous improvement. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all Public Works professionals who work tirelessly every day to enhance our community and make Port St. Lucie a better place to live.



Village Green update to residents in Spanish Lakes

The City of Port St. Lucie is moving forward with improvements to Village Green Drive, and the latest designs, shared during the May 21 Spanish Lakes neighborhood meeting, highlight a safer, more connected corridor for residents.

The project addresses long-standing concerns such as speeding, crash history, sidewalk gaps and limited pedestrian and transit access, all of which directly affect the Spanish Lakes community.

Updated plans include wider shaded sidewalks; protected bike lanes; improved crosswalks; a nearby transit stop; and redesigned access at Camino de Entrada. Central to the design is an extended “peanut shaped” roundabout that reduces conflict points, calms traffic, improves access to U.S. 1 and creates new opportunities for public art. These features are the result of years of community driven planning, including surveys, walking audits and multiple public meetings.

The project team is at the 60 percent design stage, with 90 percent plans expected in September and final completion by the end of 2026. Construction timing still is being finalized, but the City has committed to maintaining access to Spanish Lakes throughout the process and will share detour information ahead of any work. Residents also previewed public art themes under consideration for the new peanut shaped roundabout, including concepts inspired by nature, community, transformation and PSL’s identity.

Feedback from the meeting will continue to shape the final design as the City works to create a safer, more attractive gateway for the neighborhood.

Fertilizer usage

As we enter the summer rainy season, it is a good time to remind residents that in 2014, City Council passed a fertilizer ordinance regulating landscape practices and uses of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus. No fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus (phosphate) shall be applied to turf or landscape plants from June 1 to Sept. 30 each year.

Excess nitrogen and phosphorus pollute our local waterways. These nutrients cause harmful algae blooms that can turn our river green, raise its toxicity and lower the oxygen levels possibly leading to fish kills. The treatment to remove these nutrients costs taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Fertilizer and landscape debris are nutrient sources that you can control to prevent these occurrences.

Improper use of fertilizer and poor landscape practices could allow nutrient pollution to leach into ground water, or wash into the storm drainage system that eventually flows to the North Fork of the St. Lucie River and the St. Lucie Estuary, one of the most diverse estuaries in the world.

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



FIRST TO RESPOND LAST TO LEAVE



PUBLIC WORKS

SUPPORT IN WEATHER EVENTS & UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES



YEAR-ROUND

Mitigates floods and maintains the City's infrastructure in preparation for weather events or other unforeseen conditions.

- Improves outdated infrastructure projects.
- Monitors water control structures to ensure there is adequate storage available for rain events.

BEFORE A STORM

Clears storm drains and grates to allow water to discharge.

AFTER A STORM

- Clears roadways
- Assesses damage
- Removes debris
- Restores utilities
- Manages emergency traffic



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School is out! Safety on the roadway and in construction zones

As the school year comes to a close, children and teens will be spending more time outdoors, walking, biking and playing in neighborhoods and parks. This increase in activity means drivers and parents must be extra vigilant to keep kids safe. Motorists are encouraged to slow down in residential areas, obey posted speed limits and watch for children at crosswalks and intersections.

Parents should remind their children about the importance of looking both ways before crossing streets and avoiding distractions like phones or headphones when near traffic. Additionally, construction zones present unique hazards, so children should stay away from active work sites, obey posted signs and never attempt to enter restricted areas. Wearing bright clothing and using sidewalks whenever possible can help kids remain visible to drivers.

Families should talk about safety measures, including what to do in the event of emergencies or encountering unfamiliar situations. By working together and staying alert, the community can ensure a fun, safe summer for all children as they enjoy their break from school.

Safety tips for flooding and rain events

As we enter the rainy season, it's important for everyone to stay safe and informed. If flooding occurs, avoid walking or driving through flooded areas. Water currents can be unpredictable and it's often difficult to judge the depth from the surface. Now is the time to make a plan: know your flood zone, consider purchasing flood insurance and help prevent flooding by keeping storm sewers, inlets, ditches and basins clear of debris. Never dump or throw anything into these drainage systems.

For more safety tips and information on storm preparedness, click [here](https://www.cityofpsl.com/publicworks).

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Remembering those who served

The City of Port St. Lucie welcomed residents, veterans, elected officials and community leaders to Veterans Memorial Park on May 25, for its annual Memorial Day Service honoring the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States.

The ceremony brought the community together in remembrance and gratitude, recognizing the sacrifices made by generations of military service members and their families.

The service began with patriotic music performed by the Port St. Lucie Community Band under the direction of Dr. John Southall, followed by an invocation from Thomas Kennelly, U.S. Navy veteran and chaplain of American Legion Post 318. Mayor Shannon Martin welcomed attendees and reflected on the importance of Memorial Day as a time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the nation's freedoms.

Members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 566 presented the colors, and attendees joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. The program also featured an Armed Forces Medley and a community rendition of "God Bless America" performed by the Port St. Lucie Community Band.



Retired U.S. Army Maj. Frank Castro of VFW Post 8058 served as the guest speaker, sharing reflections on the significance of Memorial Day and the enduring responsibility to remember and honor America's fallen heroes. Additional remarks were provided by retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Manny Anon Jr., who introduced the guest speaker and recognized dignitaries and special guests in attendance.

One of the ceremony's most moving moments was the tribute to comrades lost during the past year, followed by the placement of wreaths and flowers by veterans and veterans service organizations. The solemn observance continued with a 21-gun rifle salute conducted by Marine Corps League Jack Ivy Detachment 666 and the resounding of taps, honoring those who gave their lives in service to the nation.





Attendees also looked to the skies for a special flyover made possible through the support of St. Lucie County Sheriff Richard Del Toro and the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

The City extends its appreciation to the many veterans organizations, community partners, volunteers and participants who helped make the event possible. Their continued dedication ensures that the legacy of our fallen service members is remembered and honored by future generations.

As Memorial Day serves as a reminder of the true cost of freedom, Port St. Lucie remains committed to recognizing the courage, sacrifice and service of the men and women who gave everything for their country.



Mark your calendars, Port St. Lucie!

The City of Port St. Lucie invites residents to continue celebrating community, culture and patriotism at two upcoming events.

Join us for the City's annual Juneteenth Celebration on Friday, June 19, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. This free community event will commemorate the significance of Juneteenth through live entertainment, cultural experiences, educational exhibits and family-friendly activities that honor freedom, resilience and African American heritage.

Then, mark your calendars for an evening of patriotic entertainment, family activities, food vendors and community celebration at Port St. Lucie's annual Freedomfest on Saturday, July 4, from 5-9 p.m. This year's event will feature a headline performance by Max Weinberg, legendary drummer and bandleader, with opening entertainment by Girlfriend Material. The evening will culminate with a spectacular drone show and fireworks display, lighting up the night sky in celebration of our nation's 250th birthday.

For those looking to elevate their Freedomfest experience, a limited number of VIP tickets are available. The Freedomfest VIP Experience offers guests access to an exclusive outdoor hospitality area featuring a shaded cooling lounge, VIP priority parking, complimentary barbecue fare, two complimentary beverages and family-friendly activities. VIP tickets are \$75 for adults and \$35 for children.

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Tickets can be purchased at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center box office, scanning the QR code or clicking [here](#). Residents are encouraged to purchase early, as availability is limited.

UTILITY SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

Superhero Science Day at Palm Pointe K-8

On May 18, the Utility Systems Department's Assistant Manager of Community Outreach Rachael Witt had the privilege of presenting to Palm Pointe K-8's fifth-grade students, ahead of their State Science Assessment.

Through a mission to become Water Heroes, students learned:

- Where our drinking water comes from
- How water gets cleaned and delivered to our homes
- What happens after we flush
- How to defeat the Clog Monster
- How small actions can help save HUGE amounts of water

Most importantly, they learned that protecting water is something everyone can do! One hundred and ninety five students took the Water Hero Pledge and promised to help save and protect one of Earth's most valuable resources: water!

