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**“Port St. Lucie is a safe, beautiful
and prosperous City for all people
– your hometown.”**

The City is led by a five-member elected Council, which sets policy and determines the long-term vision for the City. The Council appoints a City Manager to handle the daily business affairs, and a City Attorney to provide legal advice. This system is called a Council-Manager form of local government. Each Council member has one vote, including the Mayor, so legislative authority is equally spread among all five members.

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BEEP, an Autonomous Vehicle Program.



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Strategic Goals



The City's Strategic Plan is the guiding document that the City Council and staff use to fulfill a strategic vision to be a safe, beautiful and prosperous City for all people. The entire organization is focused on carrying out the strategic plan, which is updated every year based on citizen input through the annual Citizen Survey and Citizen Summit. An essential part of bringing the plan to life is measuring performance through objective indicators and reporting those results back to citizens.

In the City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report, we will 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" will indicate the strategic goal that each project, program or event advances, as everything that we do at the City of Port St. Lucie aligns with our Strategic Plan.

For more information, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com/strategicplan.



Safe, Clean & Beautiful



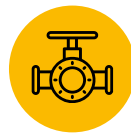
Vibrant Neighborhoods



Quality Education for All Residents



Diverse Economy & Employment Opportunities



High Quality Infrastructure & Facilities



Culture, Nature & Fun Activities



High Performing City Government Organization

Highlight of the Week

High Quality
Infrastructure
& Facilities



BEEP; an Autonomous Vehicle Program

As part of the Tradition, Southern Groves and Western Groves Communities, Mattamy Homes, the master developer for these communities, will be implementing the Tradition Trail throughout these communities. In which the Tradition Trail is intended to provide an alternate mode of transportation within these communities. As part of the Tradition Trail, Mattamy Homes will be incorporating an autonomous vehicle program known as BEEP into the communities; with the first planned BEEP route connecting the Manderlie subdivision off of Community Blvd to the Tradition Town Square off of Meeting St.

To better plan for the integration of autonomous vehicles with the traditional modes of transportation commonly seen on roadways; the City Manager, Chief of Police and Public Works Deputy Director attended an on-site visit to the Lake Nona development known as Tavistock; to observe the existing BEEP program already in use and open to the public.



Strategic Plan Highlight

2020 Multimodal Plan

Mobility continues to be one of PSL's biggest challenges since its inception as a community built without a traditional roadway network and sidewalk infrastructure, and therefore a long-term critical area of focus in the Strategic Plan. In the 2020 National Community Survey™ The overall ease of travel in Port St. Lucie received ratings lower than national averages. Further, several other aspects of Mobility in Port St. Lucie continued to be lower than the national averages, including evaluations for most modes of travel (by foot, public transit and bicycle).

When asked, in their own words, to identify the top three priorities the City should focus on, topics relating to Mobility were by far cited the most often. The City Council prioritized development of a Multimodal Plan in the Strategic Plan as a result of this important feedback from residents.

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Half-Cent Sales Tax Projects



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

St. Lucie West Boulevard Intersection Improvements

- Construction starts in FY 25/26 for California Boulevard.
- California Boulevard widening from St. Lucie West Boulevard to Crosstown Parkway: Construction starts in FY 25/26.

Sidewalks

- **Torino Boulevard** (California Boulevard to Cashmere Boulevard; Villa Vizcaya to Midway Road): Construction is currently underway.
- **Torino Boulevard** (California Boulevard to Topaz): Construction is currently underway.
- **Delwood Drive** (Torino Boulevard to Winterlakes Park): Construction is currently underway.

Repaving

- Gatlin Boulevard: Repaving starts in FY 26/27.

Adaptive Traffic Signal Implementation

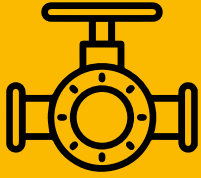
- Adaptive Traffic Signal Implementation along Port St. Lucie Boulevard starts in FY 27/28.
- Adaptive Traffic Signal Implementation along Crosstown Parkway is complete and fully functional.



[CITYOFPSL.COM/SALESTAX](https://www.cityofpsl.com/salestax)

Stay up to date on all Half-Cent Sales Tax Projects.





High Quality Infrastructure & Facilities



Floresta Drive Improvements

www.florestadrive.com

Southbend Boulevard to Elkcarn Waterway (Segment 1):

The contractor is installing a water main along the east side of Floresta Drive. The team has been working with residents in this area, notifying them and knocking on doors in advance of activities.

Periodic lane closures will take place along Floresta Drive. Please use caution driving through the work zone. Lane closures will not be permitted 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the weekends.

The contractor will start working on the water main on the west side of Floresta Drive starting at the future pond site on Port St. Lucie Boulevard.

The contractor installed drainage structures and pipe, crossing Essex Drive.

Upcoming construction activities include:

- Utility coordination and relocation
- Drainage activities along Chapman Avenue
- Set outfall drainage box on outfall at pond 1 near Essex Drive
- Drainage activities at pond 2 near Port St. Lucie Boulevard
- Excavation at pond areas
- Drainage/outfall activities

Elkcarn Waterway to Crosstown Parkway (Segment 2):

Design is underway. Segments 2 and 3 have been combined and are being designed together. The plans are currently 60% complete and are progressing towards 90%.

Torino Boulevard Intersection Improvements

Construction for the California Boulevard and Cashmere Boulevard roundabouts is now complete. All lighting components have been installed and the meters have been set by FP&L. The lighting is now fully functional.

Landscaping & Beautification

U.S. 1 landscaping and beautification starts in FY 20/21.

1PSL System



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Your **24/7** City Hall

What is 1PSL?

1PSL is your 24/7 City Hall. This all-in-one system allows residents to connect with the City either via mobile app, phone or web portal. Residents can use 1PSL to request services, ask questions, pay bills, 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.

Visit www.cityofpsl.com/1PSL for more information.



Call 772-871-1PSL

Call a 1PSL Navigator 24/7 at 772-871-1775 (1PSL). After hours calls are answered by Police Service Aides. For all emergencies, call 911.



Download App

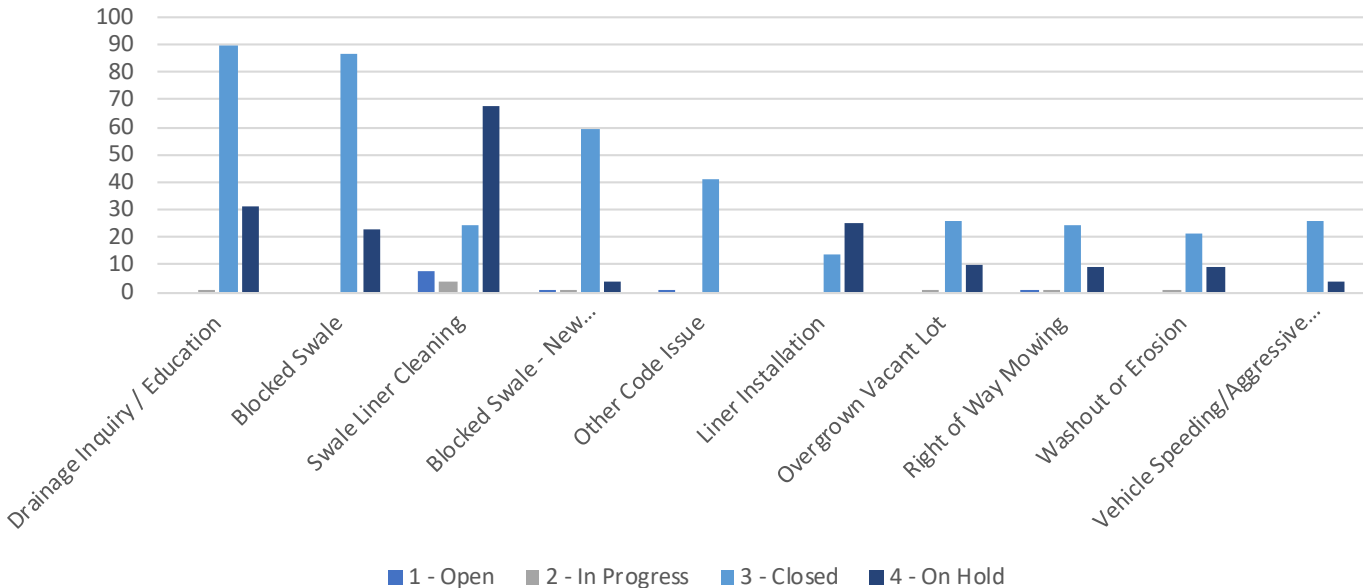
The 1PSL mobile app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.



Web Portal

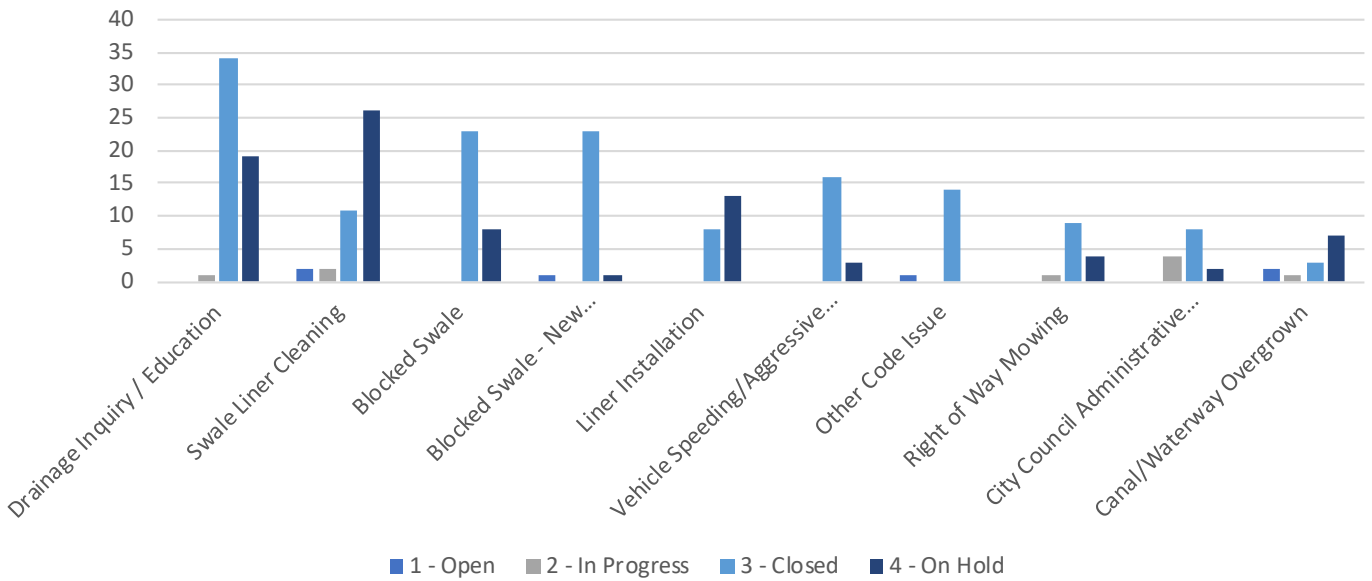
Residents can use 1PSL without downloading the mobile app by visiting the 1PSL Web Portal.

Top 10 Requests Sept. 30 to Oct. 29, 2020

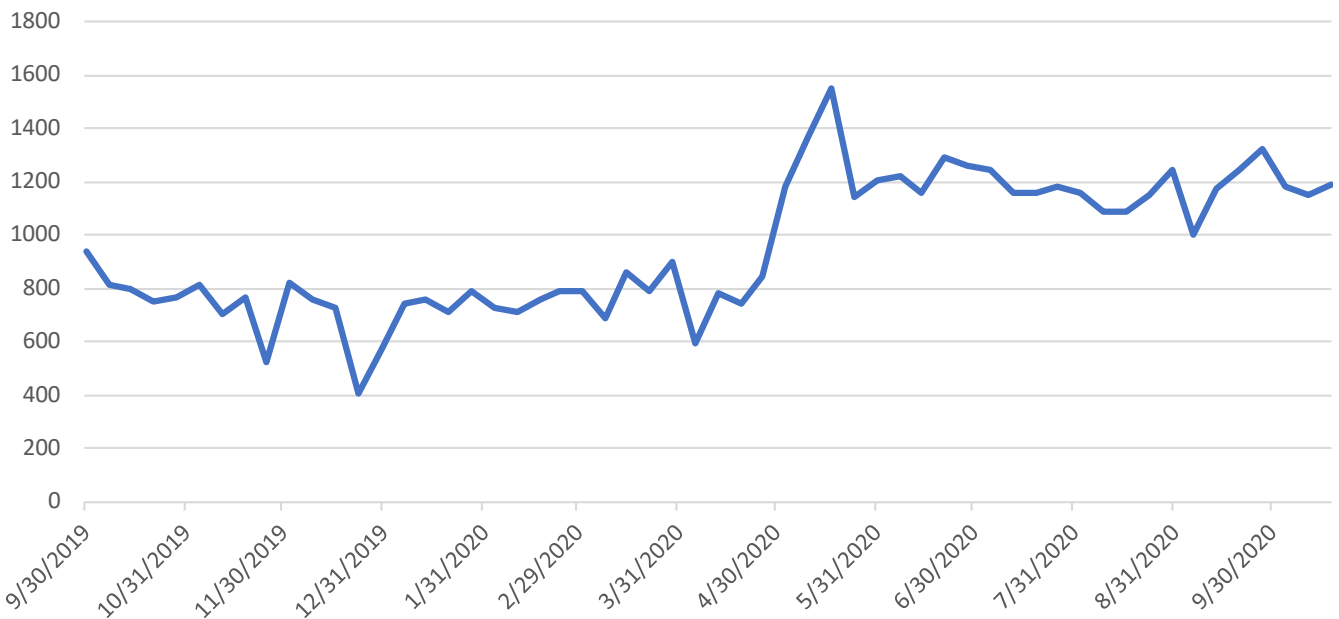




Top 10 Requests Oct. 16 to Oct. 29, 2020



Call Totals



Building

Diverse Economy
& Employment
Opportunities



Building Highlights

- The next stakeholder meeting with window/door contractors is Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.
- Construction of the new EV charging stations in front of Building B will start in the next week.
- Permit lobby wait times have been less than 5 minutes, on average.

Building Activities

	Oct. 16-27, 2020	2020	2019	2018	2017
Permits Issued	1,861	45,246	41,504	39,899	32,020
Single-Family Permits Issued	180	3,108	2,722	2,200	1,518
Certificates of Occupancy Issued (SFR)	101	2,509	2,711	1,824	1,382
Number of Inspections Completed	5,233	134,526	137,302	115,073	84,510
Number of Plans Reviewed	683	16,875	13,978	13,559	10,352
Number of Permits Applied for Online	973	22,741	18,395	13,421	8,346

Commercial Certificate of Occupancy

- Cool Beanz, Interior remodel: 11200 SW Village Pkwy, #103

Commercial Permits

- Discovery Plaza Buildings 1 and 2, Shell buildings: 11570 and 11590 SW Village Pkwy
- Popeyes, new restaurant: 9025 SW U.S. 1

Crosstown Commons



Communications



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Government Organization

City celebrates Government Week with virtual Youth Town Hall

To celebrate Florida City Government Week (Oct. 19-25), the Communications Department teamed up with the St. Lucie County School District to put together a virtual Youth Town Hall.

Students from four Port St. Lucie schools -- Morningside Elementary, Southport Middle, Port St. Lucie High and Somerset College Preparatory Academy -- submitted a total of 56 videos, asking seven City employees about how their local government works.

Each school's session was 30 minutes, which limited the number of questions that could be answered, yet it still allowed the panelists enough time to interact with four schools during the two-hour event. Through Microsoft Teams, students at all four schools watched as their questions were answered live from Council chambers.

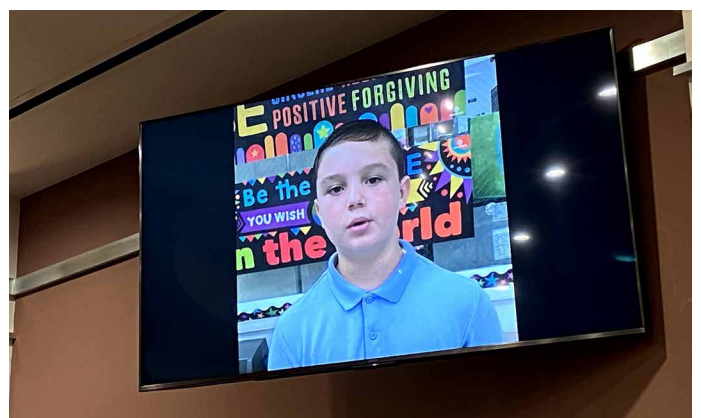
Panelists included: Councilwomen Jolien Caraballo and Stephanie Morgan; Mayor Gregory J. Oravec; Assistant Police Chief Richard Del Toro; Communications Director Sarah Prohaska; Utility Billing/Connection Support Manager Gina Linsley; and Community Outreach Coordinator, Parks & Recreation, Robert Chenier.

City leaders were thoroughly impressed by the students' open-ended, relevant questions that led to a meaningful dialogue.

Each class' session was uploaded to the City's YouTube channel, so students throughout Port St. Lucie could watch and learn about how their local government serves its citizens. Photos and video links were shared on the City's social media platforms, too.

Watch the videos here:

- [Southport Middle](#)
- [Somerset College Preparatory Academy](#)
- [Port St. Lucie High](#)
- [Morningside Elementary](#)



Successful census outreach campaign ends; City surpasses 2010 response rate



High Performing
City Government
Organization

The City started planning its census outreach campaign in the Fall of 2019, led by the City Manager, through a Census Coordinating Group.



Here is a recap of the City's achievements:

- Coordinated with Robyn Cryer, census partnership specialist
- City-wide Proclamation at Council meeting (photo above)
- IT set up computers in lobbies of several City buildings so residents could take the census.
- IT also created signatures for every City employee's outgoing email that contained a message to fill out the census.

Dedicated Webpage: www.cityofpsl.com/census

- Developed and managed a new census webpage
- The census page received 7,553 pageviews between Jan. 1 and Oct. 29. Pageviews are defined as the total number of times a piece of content was viewed during a certain amount of time.
- The census page received 6,834 unique pageviews as well. Unique pageviews represent an aggregate of pageviews generated by the same user during the same session.

Contest & Video

- Developed a local contest where residents take a photo to show they completed the census and they would be entered to win a prize. Weekly winners received a \$25 gift card and monthly winners received a pair of Little River Band tickets at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.
- Produced an in-house video for the census contest
- In 28 weeks of running the contest from April 1 to Oct 1, the first four weeks we only selected one winner each week and the rest of the time we picked four winners each week for a total of 100 winners with 632 residents entering the contest.
- Winners (only) came from 28 out of 35 neighborhoods across the City. A lot of neighborhoods had one, two, three, four, five or even six winners. Tradition had the most winners with 14 and Sandhill Crossing had 10.

CENSUS RESPONSE RATES

The City started planning a census outreach campaign in the fall of 2019, led by the City Manager, through a Census Coordinating Group. The team's success can be seen through the City's high-response rate:

73.9%

PORT ST. LUCIE

67%

UNITED STATES

66.3%

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

63.8%

FLORIDA

Social Media (#CensusSunday posts)

- Designed 30 in-house social media graphics, created especially for local issues such as COVID-19, supporting local businesses, thanking first responders, 30-day countdown, etc.
- 35 social media posts targeting different, engaging topics
- Announced winners of the census contest weekly, while reminding residents to enter the contest.
- Developed a "Census Translates into Dollars" flyer and made corresponding social media posts based on projects that were or will be paid for by federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grants Program. (Received a lot of engagement on these posts and positive feedback)

PSL TV

- Interviewed census' Robyn Cryer on PSL Living
- Contest video aired for six months
- Announced the importance of the census on The Agenda
- Recorded and set up an on-hold message on City phones that played for four months.



2020Census.gov

Marketing Materials

- Seven e-blasts for our contact list, reaching about 400,000
- Distributed 15,000 flyers at events, pre-COVID-19
- Placed pull-up banners in the lobbies of City Hall, the Police Department, the Community Center & MIDFLORIDA Event Center
- Displayed A-frame boards at City locations and low-response areas
- **Yard Signs:**
 - » Set up at COVID-19 testing sites and food distributions; coordinated with KPSLB during tree giveaways
 - » Set up at St. Lucie County schools so parents dropping off or picking up their children read them
 - » Set up outside MIDFLORIDA Event Center
- Design and developed Utility inserts
- Published census column in iCARE Community magazine

Public Meetings & Announcements

- Coffee with the Mayor: Census pull-up banner prominently displayed along with a Mayor's message, and the Mayor interviewed Robin Cryer
- TV-20 slides during City Council meetings that read, "While you wait, take the census"
- Recorded two census radio public service announcements in three languages, English, Spanish and Creole, and shared it with our local radio stations.

Low-response Areas

- Neighborhood Services went door-to-door with flyers in the low-response areas.
- Neighborhood Services placed temporary signs (both A-frame and yard signs) in the low-response areas.
- Emailed/called the property managers in low-response complexes, including East Lake Village, Tiffany Club Apartments, East Lake Village, Ranier Lakes, Sail Pointe Apartments, Fountains of St. Lucie and Midport Place
- Mayor sent a letter to low-response areas, informing residents about the importance of filling out the census

Message Boards

- The Saints Golf Course's display board read, "Use your Senses. Fill out your census."
- Public Work's Veritable Message Boards (VMB):
 - » Set up VMB's at COVID-19 testing sites
 - » Set up VMB's throughout the City for 16 weeks
 - » **Group A:**
 - Southbound NW East Torino Parkway, South of Conley Drive
 - Southbound Selvitz Road at Nassau Lane
 - Eastbound St. Lucie West Boulevard and NW Peacock Boulevard
 - Westbound SW Prima Vista Boulevard and Airoso Boulevard
 - » **Group B**
 - Westbound Crosstown Parkway at Interstate 95
 - Eastbound Crosstown Parkway (Permanent Message Board)
 - Eastbound Crosstown Parkway at I-95
 - Eastbound Tradition and Village parkways
 - » **Group C**
 - Westbound Village Green at Walton Road
 - Eastbound Green River Parkway and Melaleuca Boulevard
 - Northbound Bayshore Boulevard, north of Crescent Avenue
 - East of U.S. 1, so lowest-response areas would be covered north and south
 - » **Group D**
 - Southbound Tulip Boulevard
 - Village Parkway and Becker Road (southwest corner)
 - Northbound Port St. Lucie Boulevard at Becker Road
 - Northbound Southbend Boulevard at Becker Road

Community Redevelopment

High Quality
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& Facilities



Trailblazing in western Port St. Lucie!

Tradition Trail will provide residents and visitors alternate means of travel in the western part of Port St. Lucie by way of walking, biking or Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV).

Unique to some of the other projects underway in the City, the Tradition Trail system supports three of the City's Strategic Plan goals: Safe, Clean and Beautiful; High Quality Infrastructure and Facilities; and Culture, Nature and Fun Activities.

Guidelines are being developed to successfully implement the trail system(s) to include City Council approval of the trail location(s) within City rights-of-way, trail alignment with the City's Beautification Policy and to ensure minimum requirements are met regarding the City's infrastructure needs. With the Southern Grove Master Plan well underway, a draft Tradition Trail alignment has been contemplated and will be integrated into the final Master Plan presented later this year.

Public Input Needed!

City Center: Small Area Plan (November 17, 2020 at 6 p.m.)

The City is in the process of developing a Small Area Plan for City Center, a 46-acre property anchored by the city-owned MIDFLORIDA Event Center and includes an outdoor stage, 800-space parking garage, and a waterfront trail with paved bicycle/pedestrian paths. The development of a Small Area Plan represents an effort by the City to develop an updated vision for City Center. The City is seeking input through a survey and a public information meeting to identify the type of development and investment that residents, businesses and visitors would like to see at City Center. Small area planning provides local stakeholders with a chance to contribute to the development of plan recommendations.

[Take the Survey](#) and [Register for this Virtual Meeting!](#)

A recording of the meeting will be available to view on the City's website after November 17. For more information, visit www.cityofpsl.com/citycenter.



Emergency Management

Safe Clean
& Beautiful



COVID19 Testing Mission

On Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday Oct. 24, the City supported a Florida Department of Health and Florida Division of Emergency Management-led walk-up mobile testing site. The state was deployed to Sandhill Crane Park on Friday and Whispering Pines Park on Saturday.

On Friday, 200 residents were tested, and on Saturday, 252 residents were tested.



Stay vigilant and stay safe

As we continue to see increasing positivity rates of COVID-19 statewide and locally, it is important to stay vigilant and continue to follow CDC and Department of Health guidelines to minimize the spread. The Division of Emergency Management is continuing to monitor the situation and the health and well-being of City staff and residents is its No. 1 priority.





Human Resources

Training & Development

The first of three cohorts of the Public Works Drainage Division completed the PSL Forward Innovation Academy with Brian Elms and Phillip Corsi. Each member generated and implemented an innovation to combat the immense amount of recent weather events and queries regarding blocked swale and drainage inquiries/education.

Focusing on problem-solving, process mapping and identifying waste, standardizing work to ensure reproducibility across positions and organizing work spaces to increase efficiency, the PSL Forward Innovation Academy training will continue with the second cohort of the Public Works Drainage Division undertaking the virtual training Nov. 2 to continue the forward momentum.

Living Well in PSL Wellness Program

A total of 396 (40.7% of those eligible) employees participated in the FY 19-20 Living Well in PSL Wellness Program.

Employees received an incentive between \$25 and \$500 (totaling \$124,325) for participating in all or part of the follow activities:

- Completion of a Health Risk Assessment and Biometric Screening
- Achieving a target number for a health biometric (BMI, blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure and nicotine use) or completing an alternate standard of completion
- Participating in nutritional counseling and/or walking, running, cycling, etc. distances of a minimum of 5K
- Exercise participation 12 days per month
- Participating in education seminars on a variety of wellness topics

HR by the Numbers

October 17 - 30, 2020



- New hires started: 12
- Total applications received: 328
- Job requisitions received: 14
- Jobs posted: 21
- Visits to the Water Cooler: 6,396
- Personnel change forms processed: 112



City of PSL honored as a 2020 Best Place to Work

The City of Port St. Lucie was recognized as one of the “Best Places to Work” in St. Lucie County – the thirteenth year the City has earned this prestigious honor.

Port St. Lucie Human Resources staff accepted the award on behalf of the City at the 19th Annual St. Lucie County “Best Places to Work” Awards.

Read more on page 32.



Welcome to the City of Port St. Lucie's 2020 Virtual Health & Benefits Fair!

Each of the answers from the questions below can be found in the vendor's video on PSL's Water Cooler. Listen to each video to find the correct answer, fill it in and submit your responses by **Friday, October 23rd** to Sarah.Burt@gehringgroup.com. Each correct answer will earn you (1) entry into the prize drawings that include gift cards, gift baskets, promotional items and much more! You can earn up to a total of 20 entries max. *Please do not share answers with your colleagues.*

Virtual Benefits Fair

This year's Employee Benefits Fair went virtual! Twenty vendors provided educational videos for employees through the City Water Cooler and scavenger hunt cards were provided for the employees to answer a question from each video for a chance to win a prize. Another vendor provided a virtual trivia game to test the employee's knowledge of the plans offered. The Virtual Fair was on the City Water Cooler 24/7 from Oct. 12-15.

Employees who participated and are eligible for the Wellness Program will receive an incentive. Human Resources collaborated with Communications and IT departments, along with our agent, Gehring Group. Seventy-nine employees watched a total of 1,275 videos and 49 employees played the Retirement Trivia Game.



Welcome to the City!

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



Nicolas Collaz,
Maintenance Worker,
Parks & Recreation



Christopher Sanders,
Civilian Traffic Investigator,
Police



Juan Verdial,
Animal Control Officer,
Police



Brooke Duarte,
Utility Connection
Support Specialist,
Utility Systems



Juan Pastrana,
Code Compliance Specialist,
Neighborhood Services

MIDFLORIDA Event Center

Culture, Nature
& Fun Activities



FY 2020/2021

Attendance: 16,558

Event Days: 67



MIDFLORIDA Event Center to become home of Florida Sports Hall of Fame

In partnership with the City of Port St. Lucie and Treasure Coast Sports Commission, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame Foundation is moving its Hall of Fame to the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. The Port St. Lucie City Council approved a five-year lease agreement with the Foundation authorizing use of up to 1,800 square feet in the Event Center.

Attracting more than 50,000 visitors annually, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame includes 55 memorabilia exhibits from some of the biggest sports stars ever known; including legendary NASCAR drivers Bobby and Donnie Allison; National Hot Rod Association legend “Big Daddy” Don Garlits; golfer Doug Sanders; tennis great Chris Evert; football legend Bob Griese; and more. Tiger Woods, Pat Riley and Alex Rodriguez headlined the 2020 Florida Sports Hall Of Fame Induction Class. Special memorabilia

from individuals and teams include photos, videos, uniforms, apparel, sports equipment, trophies and more.

“We think that the Hall of Fame will take the Event Center to the next level as a must-see destination and will help us fulfill our community’s strategic plan for the future, which includes enhancing and showcasing Port St. Lucie as a unique place with cultural, natural, and recreational activities and amenities,” said Mayor Greg Oravec.

In addition to the availability of this new attraction for residents and visitors to enjoy, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame will create many opportunities for the City.

“Sports tourism drives visitor spending,” said Rick Hatcher, executive director of the Treasure Coast Sports Commission and vice president, president-elect of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, noting the positive impact the Hall of Fame will have on the

City’s tourism product “To have the Florida Sports Hall of Fame located in Port St. Lucie is a home run!”

“This is a significant marketing opportunity for the MIDFLORIDA Event Center and City of Port St. Lucie,” said Linda McCarthy, Director of the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. “To be the “official home” of the Hall of Fame will elevate the image and reputation of Port St. Lucie as a tourism and event destination and increase public engagement with the center.”

The Florida Sports Hall of Fame will open at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center in February. Hours of operation will be announced soon. Admission will be free.

Art in the open air

Thousands of residents turned out for the Port St. Lucie Arts & Crafts Festival produced by Patriot Productions. More than 200 booths lined the Event Center's front parking lot, each with a unique display of talent and creativity. Plus, with a kid's zone, it was the perfect family affair. Attendees raved about the event across social media. The Port St. Lucie Arts and Crafts Fair is returning to the Event Center in January.



The Golden Ticket

Straight out of the Roald Dahl classic, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (later adapted into the major motion picture, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"), our Emerald Ballroom was transformed into a candy lover's paradise Saturday, Oct. 23 for a fundraiser benefiting Suncoast Basset Hound Rescue, a very special breed of man's best friend. The Golden Ticket Auction raised funds for medical care of basset hounds under Suncoast's care.

Testimonials



"A huge THANK YOU to the MIDFLORIDA Event Center. Linda, Meredith and the entire team are amazing. From the day we signed our contract to the day we moved out of the event; I have experienced the utmost professionalism. This event has historically been held at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center (aka PSL Civic Center), and we will continue to be faithful patrons. Additionally, we will promote and praise the Event Center as the No. 1 place to host large and small events here on the Treasure Coast."

**Dana Trubusy, Chief Executive Officer,
Treasure Coast Business Summit**

"I wanted to say Thank You to your staff, IT/Sound and Pat. They were absolutely phenomenal. Everyone enjoyed the food, and the catering company did a fabulous job as well. We are a very small nonprofit organization, so all the help you guys did this year working through the pandemic was amazing! We truly appreciated everything and everyone!"

**Anita Fischer, President, St. Lucie
Human Resources Association**

Neighborhood Services



Vibrant Neighborhoods



City University update

Even though we moved City U to a virtual platform this year, students still were able to enjoy tours outdoors at the City's Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Riverwalk Boardwalk and the Botanical Gardens. A series of socially distanced outdoor tours were scheduled together with a great Waste Pro Recycling, Public Works and Utility Systems heavy machinery and truck demonstration. We appreciate all of the students who participated and thank our colleagues who collaborated. Happy Graduation City University, Class of 2020! Learn more about City U by visiting www.cityofpsl.com/cityu.

Waste Pro Trunk or Treat

On Thursday, Oct. 29, Waste Pro hosted a trunk or treat for all of its employees and their families for a great evening of fun. There were hot dogs, snacks, a Kona Ice Truck and plenty of candy. Waste Pro even decked out a recycling truck with spooky decorations for the Halloween festivities.





BEFORE



AFTER

Bridge Plaza beautification

After working in partnership with local property managers, Code was able to see Bridge Plaza return to a beautiful piece of commercial property, free of all violations.

Handled primarily by Code Specialist Fisher and Commercial Property Specialist Rouselle, several violations, including damaged lighting, litter and damaged fencing, needed to be addressed. Local property managers were able to secure local contractors to remedy the violations and within a few months, quickly bringing the property into compliance.

Code would like to thank the Bridge Plaza property management team for helping achieve the City's goal of being Safe, Clean & Beautiful.



BEFORE



AFTER

Parks & Recreation

Culture, Nature
& Fun Activities



Announcements

- Karate has resumed at the Community Center
- Esports Season 3 has begun. We are now offering two new game titles - PGA 2K21 and Fortnite.
- Adult Softball fall season playoffs have started.
- Community Garden Club will start on November 3, 2020
- Rock Steady Boxing Program will resume on November 16, 2020

Parks Updates

Parks Capital Improvements Underway (Update)

- The City-approved playground contractor has started the demolition of the two approved projects at Sportsman's Park and Charles E. Ray Park. Crews are in the process of installing drainage at Charles E. Park playground area that will correct years of drainage issues during heavy rain events. Preparations for the installation of surfacing and play equipment at both parks will be underway shortly once elevations and curbing heights have been established.
- The existing concession building at Whispering Pines Park has been completely removed. The approved contractor has already started to install stem walls and are preparing for electrical and plumbing routes.
- The long awaited shade structure has been installed over the playground area at Woodland Trails Park. Additionally, the large dog compound of the dog park there will be expanded in the coming weeks to provide more activity space for the larger dogs.

Recreation Updates

- Youth basketball returns! Instructional Basketball League begins on November 10th. Junior Basketball league will begin with meetings and evaluations in early November. Practices will begin in late November.
- New Homeschool Program at the MIDFLORIDA Event is going well with more participants expected to enroll for November.

Upcoming Events



Community Center

- Nov. 6: Parks & Recreation Department New Employee Welcome Program
- Nov. 9-10, 16, 17: Skywarn Training
- Nov. 10: FOPE Meeting
- Nov. 18: Health U (Conversations on Mental Health) - Depression
- Nov. 20: Parks & Recreation Leadership Academy

McCarty Ranch Preserve

- Nov. 7: Bonfire Hayride

MIDFLORIDA Event Center

- Club Med Volleyball Rental every Tuesday and Friday

The Port District

- Nov. 12: River Nights



THE SAINTS GOLF COURSE

AT PORT ST. LUCIE

Golf course continues with major improvements to the conditions of the facility

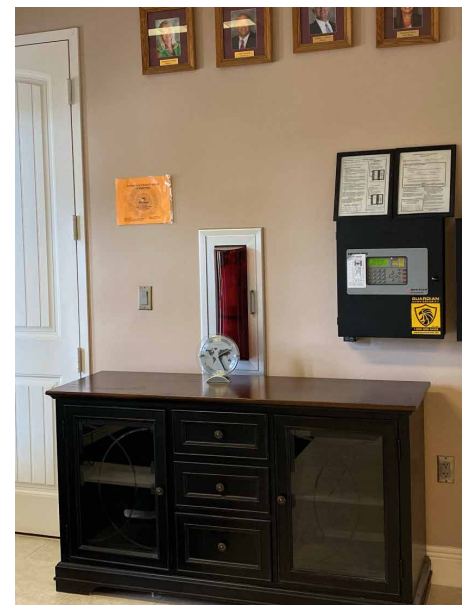
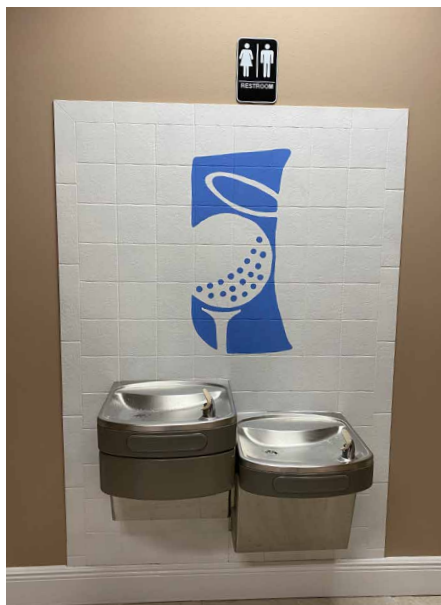
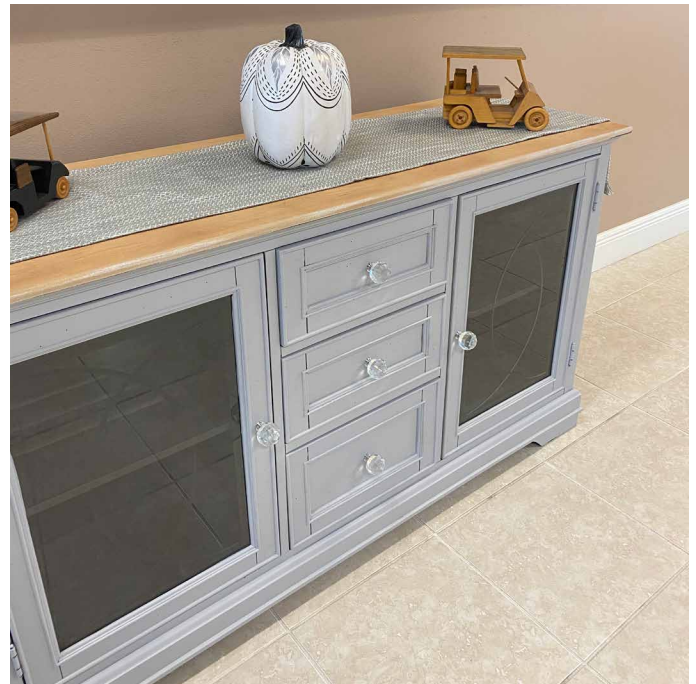
Extensive golf course maintenance projects continue to address conditions of the course, with special attention being given to the greens, fairways and tees. Also, improvements are being made to the restaurant and kitchen, which includes sealing brick pavers on the enclosed patio area, painting in the kitchen and grill room, and cleaning/painting the floor in kitchen storage area.

Group play begins to expand as winter visitors arrive:

- Monday - 22 groups
- Tuesday - 9 groups
- Wednesday - 20 groups
- Thursday - 18 groups
- Friday - 19 groups
- Saturday - 12 groups
- Sunday - 9 groups

Announcements

As of October 27, 2020, we have installed safety partitions in all golf carts and are requiring all golfers to ride two per cart. For an additional fee golfers can ride solo. Golfers are encouraged to don facial coverings when riding in golf carts.



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City of Port St. Lucie 2020 Multimodal Plan

On Oct. 19, 2020, the City Council adopted the City of Port St. Lucie 2020 Multimodal Plan. The plan aspires to address deficiencies in mobility by providing a vision for improving future conditions, performance and accessibility of transportation infrastructure and services that enhance the mobility and economic competitiveness of Port St. Lucie.

The Multimodal Plan is structured as follows:

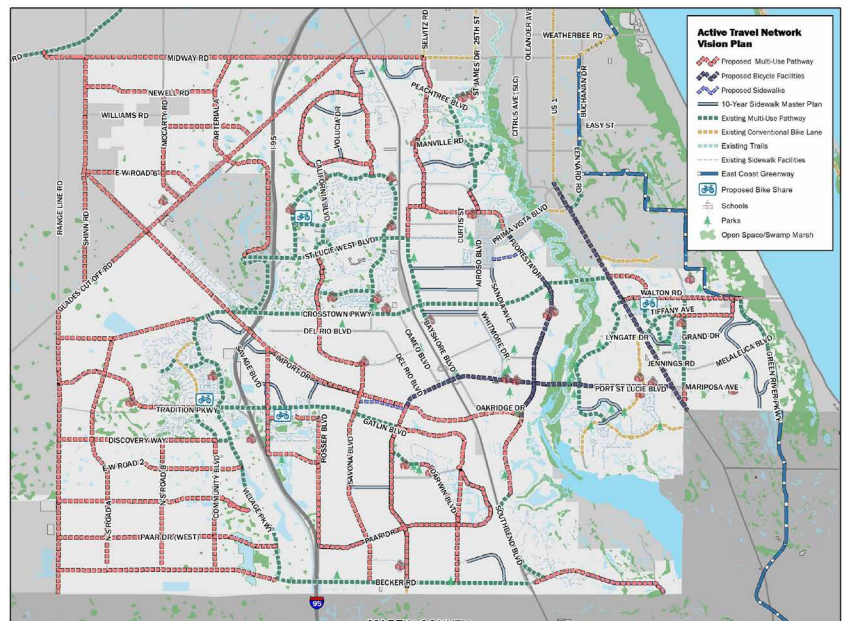
- Overview: Background, coordination and public input analysis
- Guiding principles: Existing policies and documents guiding multimodal development
- Emerging trends and best practices: Precedents in multimodal planning how to's
- Accessibility and connectivity analysis: Existing conditions assessment
- The Multimodal Plan next steps. Project and policy recommendations
- Recommended project list: Tailored multimodal projects for Port St. Lucie

The Multimodal Plan envisions a network of strategic corridors suited to serve the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists and other micro mobility users. An important feature within the plan is the Active Travel Network. The Active Travel Network indicates facility types such as multi-use pathways, bicycle lanes and sidewalks to effectively connect every neighborhood in Port St. Lucie.

For more information visit www.cityofpsl.com/multimodal.



Learn how it aligns with our City's Strategic Plan on page 5.



Police

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District 1



The Caravan for Prayers is a group of ministers and churches that come together to offer prayers for law enforcement agencies in St. Lucie County. The Caravan for Prayers stopped by the Port St. Lucie Police Department, providing support for our agency's men and women.



On Oct. 27, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., Port St. Lucie Police Officers responded to the area of NW St. James Boulevard and NW Helmsdale Way about a vehicle submerged in a nearby lake. Police officers determined the driver of a 1984 sports car lost control and plunged into a lake. Initially, the driver was unable to escape until he found a multi-tool and was able to break his window, swimming safely to shore. A tow truck driver was summoned with the vehicle wholly submerged and unable to be seen from the shore. The tow truck driver swam into the lake, attempting to find the car. The driver became exhausted, and he was unable to swim back to shore. He yelled for help as he struggled to stay afloat. Officer Corona quickly removed his gear and swam out to the tow truck driver. Officer Corona reached

the man with a ResQ Disc and held onto him as Officer Druga pulled them safely to shore. The driver was transported to the hospital as a precaution because of inhaling water. If not for the quick actions of Port St. Lucie Police Officers Druga and Corona, this story may have had a different ending.

District 2

Case Number 2020-19834: On Oct. 2, 2020, three subjects entered a shooting center on NW Concourse, where they worked together to steal two Glock handguns from a display case. A B.O.L.O. was generated, and two of the subjects were identified. A warrant was issued for one of the suspect's arrest Oct. 8, 2020. During the early-morning hours of Oct. 15, 2020, Martin County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. The wanted suspect was the driver of that vehicle and was taken into custody. He is currently on felony probation stemming from a previous weapons offense. He remains in custody on the warrant and violation of probation. The investigation is ongoing.

Case 2020-14848: U.S. Marshals arrested an 18-year-old male after criminal investigation division detectives determined he was sharing pornographic videos with children in his neighborhood. The suspect is currently incarcerated in the St. Lucie County Jail, awaiting trial.

Special Investigation Division Detectives concluded a one-month-long cocaine-dealing investigation by stopping and arresting a man for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, illegal use of a two-way communication device while in the commission of a felony. After serving a search warrant at his residence (parents' home) on SE West Snow Road, he also was charged with possession with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of paraphernalia. Post Miranda, the subject stated he lost his job and started selling drugs in March after the

COVID-19 pandemic because he could not find a job. The subject stated he started selling in April to pay his bills and made enough money to pay his bills, but he could not precisely say how much money he made. Seven and a half grams of cocaine was recovered on his person at the traffic stop.

District 3

Case Number 2020-00348: During the initial investigation, latent prints were recovered from the burglarized vehicle on SW Pierson Road. The prints were processed and compared to a male subject, who was positively identified. Multiple attempts to contact the man were unsuccessful. The male suspect has not attempted to contact C.I.D. detectives to explain why his palm print was found on a vehicle that was burglarized in the City of Port St. Lucie. Warrant applications were approved for the suspect's arrest, and on Oct. 17, 2020, he was arrested in Volusia County and held on a \$40,000 bond. The crimes he committed were burglary to a conveyance and grand theft. Among the items stolen was the victims' agency issued equipment with a total cost of items stolen of \$1,750.

Case Number 2020-12476: Criminal Investigation Division Detectives investigated a child pornography case in response to a cyber tip received by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (N.C.M.E.C.) The N.C.M.E.C. tip reported that a software company contacted them regarding potential child pornography seen on their service. After a lengthy investigation, a search warrant was executed on the subject's residence located on SW Jarmer Road. The suspect was interviewed and admitted to the possession of child pornography. He was charged with 25 counts of F.S.S. 827.071(5a) possession of child pornography and one count of F.S.S. 847.0137(2) transmission of child pornography by electronic device.

Case 2020-19423: Detectives arrested a 20-year-old man for robbery with a firearm and aggravated assault with a gun. The suspect was part of a trio that robbed a customer who was purchasing cannabis from him at SW Macao Avenue and SW Winslow Avenue. Several shots were fired at the victim, who was not injured and was able to escape. The suspect was identified by detectives and taken into custody. He is awaiting trial in the St. Lucie County Jail.

A truck accidentally struck a power pole, causing it to fall, on the 2000 block of SE Camilo Street on Oct. 14. At least two power poles fell and needed to be repaired. Thankfully, no injuries were reported. If you lived in the area, your power was most likely affected. A small portion of SE Camilo Street was blocked off for a few days, so FP&L could make the necessary repairs to the power line.

In Other News

The Port St. Lucie Police Department's Special Investigations Division recently added four positions to the Gang Unit, bringing the total number of detectives to five and one newly appointed Gang Unit sergeant who will oversee the daily operations.



The Port St. Lucie Police Department welcomes four new officers Monday, Oct. 26, 2020. Please help us welcome Officers Brent Crawford, John Laviano, Aline Martins and Natalie Mastrangiola. Also, Officer Jamie Byrne, Detective Joshua Saffomilla and Detective Christopher D'Angelo were promoted to sergeant's rank Oct. 26, 2020. Congrats and well deserved!



Police Department School Resource Officer Steve Camara called in a few back-up officers Oct. 27 at Somerset Academy St. Lucie. You won't find many children here who didn't enjoy seeing Bodhi and Blek. Did you know that each of our K-9 vehicles is equipped with Ace K-9 Hot-n-Pop? Suppose the interior vehicle temperature reaches 90 degrees. In that case, the windows roll down, an exhaust fan turns on, lights and sirens turn on and phone calls are automatically placed to the officer and station.

Crossing Guards



Crossing guard Sanaa Foster at Crosstown and California boulevards encourages and instructs students in safe crossing procedures and following her instructions. These students were rewarded with Police Department footballs, pens and 7-11 Slushie coupons!



Crime Prevention

Congratulations to Gretchen Raziela for being asked to speak at the Florida Crime Prevention Conference at Hutchinson Island Marriott. Gretchen also has been working with our fantastic volunteers to have our candy bagged for the Street of Treats on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center.

Parks



On Oct. 15, our park officers participated in the food distribution at Clover Stadium. More than 400 cars were served.

On Oct. 23 and Oct. 24, park officers provided security for the COVID-19 testing at Whispering Pines and Sandhill Crane parks.

On Oct. 24, Officers Knaggs and Dailey assisted with the waste collection event held First Vehicle Services on Thornhill Drive.

Sergeant LaGrega and Officer Cimino did a little work on the police playhouse, getting it prepared for Marine Wraps to put the finishing touches on the inside.

Traffic Unit

Three of our motor unit officers were certified to participate in the dignitary protection escort. Congratulations!



Police Upcoming Events

- **Care Closets:** Funds collected will be used to provide food/hygiene products/books and police swag to our schools in Port St. Lucie.
- **Dodge A Cop-Urban Air:** Children will compete against officers in a game of dodgeball. Proceeds will benefit the purchase of new golf carts for our School Resource Officers. May the best school win! Coming in January 2021.
- Dec. 5: Festival of Lights and fireworks, MIDFLORIDA Event Center
- Dec. 9: Shop with a Cop at Walmart on U.S. 1 in Port St. Lucie
- Dec. 12: Fill the Fence Toy Distribution. The location and time are to be determined.
- Dec. 16: Shop with a Cop virtual event at Target in Tradition



Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) Upcoming Events

- **Karate Program:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6-8 p.m.
- **Boxing Conditioning:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
- **Wrestling Conditioning:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
- **Baton Clinic at the P.A.L. building:** Saturdays, noon-5 p.m.
- **Marching Drumline:** Sundays, 3-5 p.m.

On Nov. 28, 2020, at 10 a.m., the Men at Arms, in conjunction with Port St. Lucie Police Athletic League, scheduled a toy run to give back to the community. All proceeds and toys will be distributed to local children and PATCHES. If you are interested in attending, meet the Men of Arms motorcycle riders at Sandhill Crane Park, 2355 S.E. Scenic Park Drive. A brief safety speech will be given before the ride starts. The admission to join the ride is \$10 for a single rider and \$15 for a rider with a passenger, including lunch. Unwrapped toys are accepted.

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Fairgreen Crossing Traffic Calming

A public information meeting was held in September 2019 to present the conceptual traffic calming plan. Those attending expressed concerns about cut-thru traffic and speeding throughout the neighborhood. Based on input from the residents, the design engineer developed a new and expanded study area to include Salvatierra Boulevard, Fairgreen Road, Cadima Street and a portion of Galiano Road. The City sent ballots to residents to gauge their interest in the proposed plan. Council then gave direction to implement the traffic calming plan as presented. The project is complete.

For more information regarding traffic calming, including the Fairgreen Crossing project, visit www.cityofpsl.com/trafficalming.

City University

The Public Works Department's Drainage and Traffic Operations Divisions participated in City University by supplying heavy equipment for the participants to explore. The operators of the equipment also were present to address any questions generated during the exhibit. The equipment present was a boom truck, typically used to repair street lights and traffic signals, a "Vac" truck, which is used to vacuum out debris and sediment from drainage structures and baffle boxes and a "Swampmeister," which goes where no other equipment can go and cleans out wet and muddy drainage canals.

Construction Projects

Hegener Drive Phase 1 Extension: Project design kick-off meeting was held June 17. The BUILD Grant for construction was not awarded; still awaiting response for EDA Grant. Ninety percent (90%) design plans have been reviewed by City staff. A meeting has been scheduled with the design team to discuss the City's comments. Task 4 (100%) design plans deadline remains Nov. 5.

Sidewalk Projects

www.cityofpsl.com/sidewalks

Paar Drive (Savona Boulevard to Daemon Street):
Construction is underway.

Street Paving Projects

www.cityofpsl.com/repaving

The street paving goal for FY 20/21 is 32.9 miles, with 3.49 miles completed to date. There are no street paving projects scheduled at this time.





Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful



Safe Clean & Beautiful

KPSLB Announcements

City University: The Public Works Department and Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful participated as presenters in the City's fall session of City University on Oct. 28, 2020. Georgette Beck, KPSLB program supervisor, shared information about KPSLB programs, and Rick Perkins, project manager/warehouse, and Dan Giesey, manager, survey/mapping, talked with residents about the Public Works Department.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Litter: Denise Sawyer, a reporter for WPEC 12/CBS 12 News, contacted the Communications Department and Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful to talk about how PPE litter has impacted our City. Arrangements were made for Georgette Beck, KPSLB program supervisor, to meet with Ms. Sawyer along one of the routes being cleaned by a Litter Crew staff member. The news team met Larius Williams from the KPSLB Litter Crew. A Go-Pro was placed on his Gator to learn more about what our Litter Crews do daily and to see what kind of litter items they come across. Ms. Sawyer shared with Ms. Beck that "Larius is a pro." The story is expected to air Saturday, Nov. 7 during the late-night news segment.

New Committee Member

The City's Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful (KPSLB) Committee is pleased to announce a new committee member has been selected. KPSLB welcomes Maney Gale. We are pleased she has decided to become dedicated in serving as a highly involved committee member for KPSLB. Her appointment began in October, and she will serve on the committee for two years. There are now nine current committee members: Fred Knaggs; Jenny Tomes; Judith Sekscenski; Carl Whaley; Nicole Hricik; Bethany Partlo; Charles A. McLain; Christine Rudy; and Maney Gale. Many thanks to them for their hard work, participation and support this past year with our past events and activities. KPSLB continues to value the commitment, expertise and involvement of our other members as well.

The Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful Committee's mission is to improve our quality of life through education, beautification and litter control. We are a working committee, highly involved in events throughout the year, along with enthusiastically promoting beautification of the City through various programs, including an annual Cleanup Day, the Adopt-a-Street program, anti-littering education campaigns and many more initiatives.

The Committee meets at 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. The meetings are open to the public. The Committee complies with Florida Sunshine Law provisions.

Upcoming Events

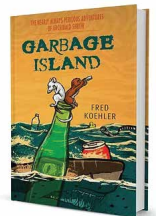
Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful
AMERICA RECYCLES DAY
Virtual Presentation
Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, 6-7 p.m.

Our special guest speaker is Damon Carson, founder and president of Repurposed Materials. Damon Carson brings a unique, fresh take on the perennially hot topics of sustainability and Zero Waste. The repurposing concept will stimulate the creative juices among attendees about how to find a second life for waste.

Join us and learn all kinds of fun ways to recycle objects of all types!

America Recycles Day (ARD), a Keep America Beautiful national program, is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Each year, on and in the weeks surrounding Nov. 15, thousands of communities across the country participate by promoting environmental citizenship and taking action to increase and improve recycling in America.

Visit our Facebook page (@cityofpsl) to enter our contest to win a copy of Fred Koehler's children's book, "Garbage Island."



RSVP at <http://bit.ly/ARDkpslb20>

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America Recycles Day: Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful invites residents of all ages to join us for our first America Recycles Day virtual presentation. The presentation will be 6-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. The registration link to RSVP is <http://bit.ly/ARDkpslb20>. Join us for a unique, fresh take on the perennially hot topics of sustainability and Zero Waste. Residents also will hear from the KPSLB and NICE (Neighborhood Improvement & Community Engagement) programs. For more information, call 772-873-6312 or email kpslb@cityofpsl.com.

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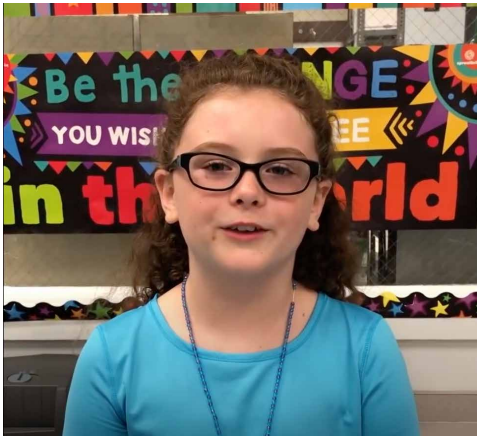
New partnership protects our sewer system

Almost 50 gallons, or 380 pounds, of used cooking oil was collected at the Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful (KPSLB) Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Tire Amnesty Day in October. Utility Systems first partnered with KPSLB at its last collection event in March, where 43 gallons, or 333 pounds, of used cooking oil was collected. The Communications Department does a fantastic job promoting this event, and the results are clear when comparing the increase in collected cooking oil. Thanks to this multi-department partnership, our collection increased by 16%!

Keeping household fats, oils and grease, also known as FOG, out of the kitchen sink helps to protect the integrity of the City's vast sewer system, which includes more than 1,000 miles of sewer main. When FOG enters pipes, it cools and forms blockages, which prevents wastewater from flowing efficiently. It builds up over time and collects other flushed debris. The clogs create backups and damage infrastructure, and ultimately, wastewater cannot be properly processed and treated to make reclaimed water, which is used for irrigation.

If you missed KPSLB's biannual collection event, you still can help protect our sewer system and the environment all year by properly disposing of your household FOG. You can wait for it to cool and scrape it out of the pan and into the trash, or pour it into a can or container to store it for future use. If you don't plan on using it, you can drop it off at the collection site located at the St. Lucie Solid Waste Baling and Recycling Facility. These simple changes can make a huge impact.





Utility Systems answers student questions

Utility Billing and Connection Support Manager Gina Linsley served as one of seven panelists who participated in Florida City Government Week with four local schools. Students from Somerset College Preparatory Academy, Port St. Lucie High School, Southport Middle School and Morningside Elementary School asked pre-recorded questions, and the panelists answered them live in the Council Chambers.

Gina was asked by Morningside fourth-grader Shelby about the number of employees it takes to efficiently send bills to more than 78,000 customers. Charlie and Callie, seventh-graders at Southport Middle School, asked Gina if there were programs for residents who can't pay their bills and also asked her to explain how billing and customer service operate.

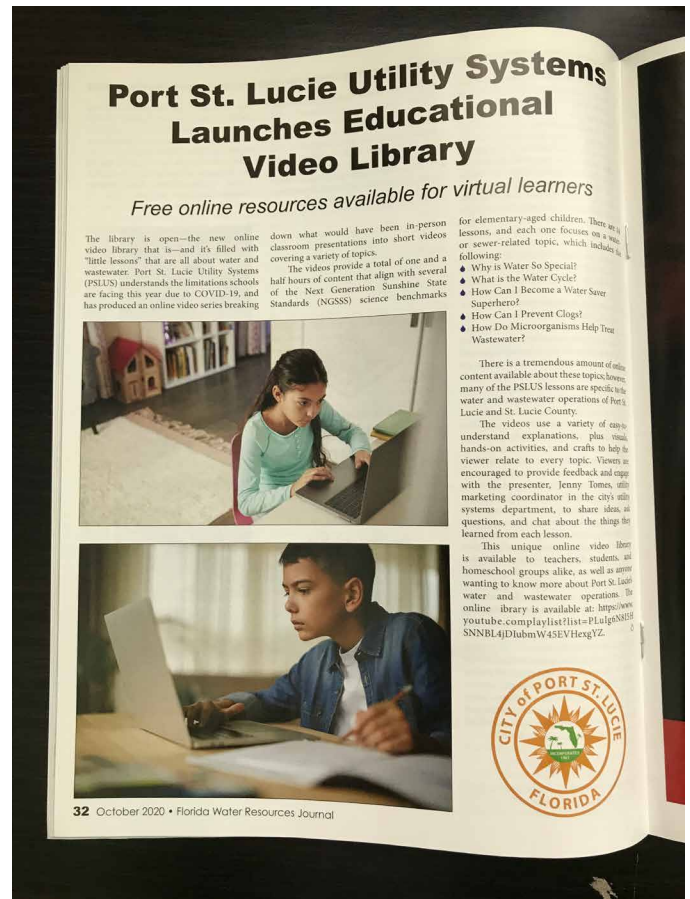
The panelists were impressed by the students' smart, relevant questions about how their local government works.

Watch Gina answer those questions here:

- Morningside Elementary: <https://youtu.be/hHFGyi7WHJo>
- Southport Middle: https://youtu.be/1aJyyDUy_gk

Trade mag features "Little Lessons"

Port St. Lucie Utility Systems snagged the centerfold of the October edition of the Florida Water Resources Journal, the official publication of Florida Section of the American Water Works Association, Florida Water Environment Association and Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association. The article features the new online video library called "Little Lessons," which launched at the beginning of the school year. These free educational videos easily complement any lessons relating to water and wastewater and can be used by educators, teachers and homeschool groups, or anyone else who wants to learn more about Port St. Lucie Utility Systems.



Feature Story

High Performing
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Organization



The City of Port St. Lucie honored as a 2020 Best Place to Work

PORT ST. LUCIE – The City of Port St. Lucie was recognized as one of the “Best Places to Work” in St. Lucie County – the thirteenth year the City has earned this prestigious honor.

Port St. Lucie Human Resources staff accepted the award on behalf of the City at the 19th Annual St. Lucie County “Best Places to Work” Awards.

“If 2020 has taught us anything, it is that complacency is not an option and resiliency is key as we anticipate and meet the changing needs of our workforce and organization as a whole,” said Assistant Human Resources Director Natalie Cabrera. “Our employees are the organization’s greatest asset and the driving force of all that

we do in HR as we continue to implement the City’s organizational vision of a high-performing government organization.”

The St. Lucie County Human Resource Association commissioned Personnel Dynamics Consulting of Fort Pierce to calculate turnover rates, growth percentages, employee development spending, promotion percentages, insurance packages and retirement plans; a total of 37 different measurements to determine the St. Lucie County’s Best Places to Work.

This program is free to all St. Lucie County employers. Participating companies were required to answer a 40-question survey about their organization.



The City of Port St. Lucie was one of 12 employers in St. Lucie County who were honored with this award this year. The St. Lucie County Human Resource Association cited these reasons the City, with 1,073 employees, is considered one of the county’s Best Places to Work:

- Averaged \$1,949 per employee on Training and Development (Survey Average: \$1,198)
- 89.1% of the employees enrolled in Health Insurance Program
- 100% of the employees enrolled in Voluntary Contribution Retirement Program
- 41 Paid Days Off after one year of employment
- The Employee Health Clinic is free to city employees and dependents who participate in the City's health insurance plan. Services provided range from routine wellness/office visits, medical/emergency care, x-rays, and medication the clinic carries. There are three locations to choose from; two of which are open 7 days a week.
- Geo-fencing marketing is used to advertise to college recruits about our company as they complete their degrees. Digital analytics show where our brand is well-received.

