

City of Port St. Lucie Youth Council 2023-2024

A Year in Review



Youth Council Members

- **Chair:** Victoria Zaravelis, Somerset College Prep
- **Vice Chair:** Enrique Rosario, St. Lucie County Boys and Girls Club Representative
- **Chair Pro Tem.:** Keisha Youyoute, Tradition Prep High School
- Ethan Pruitt, Mosaic Digital Academy
- Aileen Martin-Santa, Treasure Coast High School
- Daniela Rosario, Lincoln Park Academy



Project Team



Sarah Prohaska, *Director of Communications*



Stephanie Vernot, *Community Engagement Manager*



Kate Parmelee, *Deputy City Manager for Strategic Initiatives & Innovation*



Sabrina McLeod, *Grants & Strategic Initiatives Project Manager*



Carly Fabien, *Deputy City Attorney*

How It Started



On April 10, 2023, the **Port St. Lucie Youth Council** was **approved**.



In May 2023, the City **recruited students** based on recommendations from St. Lucie County Schools, Boys & Girls Club, and the Roundtable of St. Lucie County.



Sworn in July 2023 and began meetings.



Youth Council Leadership Established and worked on **PSLinLights, the Citizen Summit, and our Community Service Project** for this year.

Key Accomplishments

Attended and participated in the All-America City Awards Competition in Denver, CO.

June 2023

Hosted a booth at PSLinLights.

Dec. 2023

Hosted a booth at the Citizen Summit

Feb. 2024

Aug. 2023

Attended the Florida League of Cities Youth Conference in Orlando, FL.

Jan. 2024

Attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee, FL.

Apr. 2024

The Florida League of Cities Community Service Project Contest Submission



All-America City Awards Competition in Denver, Co

Florida League of Cities Youth Conference in Orlando



PSLinLights

What's one thing you wish you could see more of in PSL?

- Sports
- Escape Room
- Arcades
- Arts (painting, pottery, culinary)
- Shopping Center
- Other



Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee



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City of Port St. Lucie Citizen Summit



What can the City do for teens?

	Adult	Kids	Total
More teen oriented events	79	6	85
Hosting mental health forum	68	3	71
Educating teen traffic safety	41	3	44
More presentations at schools	18	3	21



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Florida League of Cities Community Service Project Contest



Teen Programming and Events with Parks and Recreation

- **Advertise:** Morning Announcements, flyers to handout, Instagram
- **Summer bash:** water slides, cookout feeling, music, snow cone, -- specifically teens getting together.
- **Recurring event topics:** arts, pottery, creative writing, open mic night, talent showcase – specifically for teens.



What's next..

- Youth Council Application Opens on May 1, 2024-June 14, 2024
- Parks and Recreation End of the School Year Teen Event on May 30, 2024



Youth Council Proposed Application Questions

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Youth Council and how did you learn about it?
2. List the current extracurricular or volunteer activities you take part in?
3. What are you passionate about? How do you get others to share in that passion?
4. What interests you most about local government?
5. Have you had disciplinary actions (referrals, suspensions) and if so, please explain why and how you've grown from it.
6. Tell us anything else you want us to know about you.

With request for 1 recommendation letter.

Staff Recommendation: Move that the Council approve the recommended Youth Council application.

Thank You!

