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Main Street Volunteers Make a Difference

Serving as president of Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., now my fourth term, I always look forward to the opportunities Main Street Fort Pierce has for the upcoming year. With the renovation completed on the 1895 Platts-Backus House which is our ‘new’ office, we have a wonderful historic downtown building.

I want to thank all of the Main Street Fort Pierce Board for the support and encouragement they give staff and for the many volunteer hours they supply throughout the year. We are fortunate that we have a working board that has experienced little turnover over the years and has a cooperative, can-do community spirit. The beginning of a highly productive year is ahead of us!

For Main Street to continue with its efforts we need people like you that will support, sponsor and work the many events hosted by Main Street. It is hard to believe that Main Street Fort Pierce hosts 28 events per year — twelve Friday Fests, two Wine Tastings, nine Coffee With the Mayor events, the Annual Sights and Sounds on Second holiday event, Cowboy Golf, the Fort Pierce 4th of July Celebration, the Sandy Shoes Festival and the Reverse Raffle. With only two Main Street full-time and two part-time staff members and the volunteer board of directors, we manage to organize quality community events each month in downtown Fort Pierce.

Several years ago, former Main Street Marketing Coordinator, Joanne Davis initiated the idea of local groups volunteering at Friday Fest by serving sodas, beer and selling tokens for three hours. What’s in for your group to volunteer? The answer is, by partnering with Main Street any approved non-profit has the ability to raise money for their fundraising purposes. Groups accept tips and many have generated hundreds of dollars just for helping out at Friday Fest. This is a fun, social, community-oriented activity that can assist your favorite charity. If you are interested or need additional information, contact Pam Gillette at 466-3880. She can provide you with all the details.

Whether it’s Friday Fest or another event, please let us know. If you are limited on time and enjoy party planning details, give us a call. We need your assistance in the Main Street office, event planning committees, etc. A call is all you need to do to get involved in your community. You will have fun, meet new friends, maybe learn some new skills and have the satisfaction of knowing you make a difference.

Join us. You will be glad you did. I hope to see you soon!
MAIN STREET AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Calendar

Dine, Shop and Enjoy Beautiful, Historic, Downtown Fort Pierce!

Friday, June 6: Friday Fest — 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

Wednesday, June 11: DBA Artwalk — 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Association, 465-7080, www.fortpierce-fl.com.

Friday, June 27: Classic Car Cruise-In — 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Association, 465-7080, www.fortpierce-fl.com.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Ft. Pierce Farmer’s Market — Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to Noon; Marina Square on Melody Lane; Market Manager, 940-1145.

Arts and Crafts Show & Sale — Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north of downtown Fort Pierce Library, 460-5124.

Fort Pierce Bike Night — Thursdays, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.; 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce; Yellowfin Grill & Raw Bar, 468-7071.

Fort Pierce Jazz Jams — 7:00 p.m.; Fort Pierce Community Center; $2 Admission; Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5124.

RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT

The Original Tiki Bar — 461-0880; Music by “Barely Broken,” Sundays, 3 to 7:00 p.m.


DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE LIBRARY

For information, please call 462-2787 or visit www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us.

Young adults in grades 7–12 are invited to enter the Fort Pierce Branch Library’s WrestleMania Reading Challenge, running now until Aug. 1.

SUNRISE THEATRE

For information, please call 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

MANATEE OBSERVATION AND EDUCATION CENTER

For information, please call 466-1600, ext. 3333 or visit www.manateecenter.com.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

For information, please call 462-1795 or visit www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us/museum.

FORT PIERCE COMMUNITY CENTER

For information, please call 462-1792.

Basic Dog Obedience Classes: St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation Department will host Basic Dog Obedience Classes at the Fort Pierce Community Center starting Monday, June 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. Classes will be held every Monday through June 30. The cost to participate is $100 for the five-week session. Treats will be used to lure and reward dogs, so be prepared to bring lots of small, soft treats each week. To register call Becky Douglas at (772) 971-0924.

HEATHCOTE BONTANICAL GARDENS

For information, please call 464-4672 or visit www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org.

June 5 to August 14: Heathcote Kids Garden Group Heathcote Kids Junior Master Gardening Program and Pioneer Garden summer session meets Thursdays 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. $5 fee for 11-week session, plus $16 for optional text book.

BACKUS GALLERY & MUSEUM

For information, please call 465-0630 or visit www.backusgallery.com.

Premier Exhibitions

May 27 to July 19: Fragile Nature: Photographs by Joel Sartore — Ever wonder what it’s like to go “On Assignment” for National Geographic? Photographer Joel Sartore takes the viewer on assignment with the world’s greatest magazine. It’s a journey into the natural world across much of North and South America, from jaguars and macaws to gray wolves and grizzly bears. In plain talk Sartore details why species become endangered, what are their chances of recovery, and most importantly, what we all can do to help.

May 27 to July 19: Carlton Ward: Images of Natural Florida — Carlton Ward Jr. regularly produces images for Smithsonian, National Wildlife, Africa Geographic, and Outdoor Photographer. He is an environmental photojournalist from Clearwater, Florida, with graduate training in ecology and anthropology. Through his photographs, he aims to promote conservation of natural environments and cultural legacies. Lecture by Carlton Ward and film on Joel Sartore: Saturday, May 31, 1:00 p.m. Admission $5.00.

FORT PIERCE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

For information, please call 370-6162, ppearson@fppd.org

The Fort Pierce Police Athletic League is looking for volunteers for their new PAL Center. They need a boxing coach, greeter, music/light person, and a minor (light duty) repair person. If you have a few hours each week to help local at-risk youth by assisting this worthwhile organization please contact Master Officer Paul Pearson at 370-6162 or e-mail ppearson@fppd.org. The Fort Pierce PAL Center is located at 1401 N. 2nd Street in Fort Pierce.
Waterfront Charrette Ideas & Solutions

by Anne Satterlee

With coffee in hand and ideas in their head, many residents and business owners participated in the Saturday, March 15th Downtown Waterfront Charrette, which kicked off the week long planning activity. Approximately 100 people attended the five hour event held at Historic City Hall. Many participants had also taken part in other planning activities that the City of Fort Pierce hosted over the past 10 years.

It was not only a one day event, but a week long exercise for interested individuals to drop by the Sunrise Theatre to discuss their wishes and desires for future development along the water over the next 20 years. The team of planners were busy during the week drawing up details of what residents wanted.

The charrette was facilitated by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the City of Fort Pierce. Participants and the professional planners were impressed by the ideas and with the City’s already improved infrastructure, streetscapes, historic buildings and public buildings which seem to add more to the discussion.

After the Saturday kick-off event, the ideas presented by the groups had a similarity to their vision along the waterfront. As we have heard from years, the lack of parking was seen as a drawback for visitors to spend more time in the downtown area and a lack of specialty food and dining establishments. While the City of Fort Pierce has been public sector-driven, it was suggested that downtown’s economy will require public-private partnerships to invest in downtown. We are seeing this today with several large private developments and we are hopeful this trend will continue.

The removal of the old King Power Plant on Indian River Drive offers an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Several citizen groups that participated in the event loved the idea of creating a San Antonio-type dining and entertainment district strung along both sides of Moore’s Creek and the plant site itself could be used as an entertainment/hotel site.

Marina Square, which was completed some six
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years ago, continues to be a key venue for special events and almost everyone agrees that this space should be maintained as a open space for public events and pedestrians. Fisherman’s Wharf has the potential to become a mixed-use marine related district which specific businesses, retail and restaurants.

Discussion focused on the historic neighborhood districts of Edgartown, Fort Pierce’s first neighborhood, and Rivers Edge to the south along Indian River Drive. Both areas feature historic residential houses that are in need of preserving, many have been or are beginning to be restored to their original splendor. Veteran’s Memorial Park on Indian River is being redesigned by the City of Fort Pierce. The conceptual design plans will allow the area to be utilized to its full potential.

Whichever of these ideas make it to the finish line, there’s no doubt about the excitement and enthusiasm here for constructive change. The City’s future is bright and challenging but offers so much to our residents and it does make a difference in our community that we all enjoy.

✔ Keep Public Access to the Water
✔ Maintain and Enhance Marina Square
✔ Various Hotel Sites
✔ Develop Fisherman’s Wharf as a Mix of Marine Uses
✔ Preserve Historic Districts and Structures
✔ Build an Entertainment District in the H.D. King Plant Site
✔ Conference Space
✔ Solve the Parking Problem
✔ Continue Moore’s Creek Linear Park
✔ Enhance Veteran Memorial Park
✔ Varied, Authentic Architecture
✔ Train Station and Water Taxi
✔ Bring People Downtown, Not Just to the Waterfront
✔ Prepare for Court House Expansion
✔ Keep Restaurants Open!
Main Street Fort Pierce Named Florida Main Street Program of the Month

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Secretary of State Kurt S. Browning announced today that Main Street Fort Pierce has been named the Florida Main Street Program of the Month for May 2008. Programs are selected for this award based on their participation in the Florida Main Street Program. With a population over 40,000, the City of Fort Pierce is also home to another of Florida Main Street’s affiliated communities, the Lincoln Park district.

One of the first Florida Main Street programs, Main Street Fort Pierce was designated in 1988. Since that time, Fort Pierce has benefited from over $135 million in public and private reinvestment, gained 88 new businesses, and created over 400 jobs. Designation of Main Street Fort Pierce as Program of the Month comes as the organization reaches a milestone, celebrating its 20th Anniversary on May 7.

“Main Street Fort Pierce is a shining example of the success of the Main Street approach to downtown revitalization,” said Secretary Browning. “This organization’s achievements show that the Main Street Four-Point Approach is a valid and useful economic engine for Florida communities.”

Fort Pierce was originally the site of a United States military outpost during the Second Seminole War. Although the fort itself was abandoned at the end of the war in 1842, settlers began moving to the area in the late 19th century. The City of Fort Pierce was incorporated in 1901, in what was then Brevard County. A coastal community, Fort Pierce’s early economy was largely driven by the fishing industry, but citrus and cattle farming soon became lucrative in the area. The city enjoyed an era of prosperity shortly after railroads reached the city limits, bringing new residents and allowing the export of commodities. St. Lucie County was founded, out of Brevard, in 1905, to include Fort Pierce and nearby towns, although the area had been referred to as “Santa Lucia” as early as the late 1500s, during the period of Spanish occupation. Today, Fort Pierce remains a key economic and transportation hub for South Florida, served by the Florida Turnpike, Interstate 95, and the Atlantic Ocean. Modern educational and research facilities, including Indian River Community College, the $6 million Smithsonian Institution Research Center, and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, also serve the area. In addition to the current restoration of the historic Platts/Backus House, Main Street Fort Pierce’s many successes include: the complete renovation of the 1925 City Hall; the complete renovation of the 1,200 seat Sunrise Theater, which has become a regional performing arts center; and construction of the Manatee Observation and Education Center.

Florida Main Street is a technical assistance program of the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State. The Bureau conducts statewide programs aimed at identifying, evaluating, and preserving Florida’s historic resources. Main Street, with its emphasis on preservation, is an effective strategy for achieving these goals in Florida’s historic retail districts. Since 1985 the Bureau has offered manager training, consultant team visits, design and other technical assistance, as well as the benefit of experience gained by other Florida Main Street Programs. More than 90 communities across the state have received historic preservation and downtown revitalization assistance from Florida Main Street since the program was initiated by the Department of State in 1985.

Statistics provided by local Main Street programs reflect the positive change that has occurred in local program areas over the past 23 years. Public and private reinvestment in local program areas has exceeded $1.8 billion. New construction and rehabilitation projects (many projects involving historic buildings) total more than 12,800. In addition, there have been more than 9,000 businesses started and expanded, and more than 13,000 new jobs created.

To learn more about Main Street Fort Pierce, contact Doris Tillman at 772.466.3880 or visit the organization’s Web site at www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.
There's a new shop in Downtown Fort Pierce that is dedicated to stamp sales and stamp collecting. **Treasure Coast Stamps** is located at 133 North Second Street. Whether you are a true philatelist or just a hobbyist at heart, this is a place you must check out.

Ralph Chapin opened the store recently after selling a business. He was born in Port Elizabeth, South Africa and has lived in Fort Pierce for fifteen years and has been active in the Port St. Lucie Stamp Club since moving to the area.

After selling his last business, Chapin and his wife thought about moving to be closer to their children in San Francisco and Tuscon, Arizona, but in the end could not resist South Florida's sunshine and lush green landscape.

“We loaded the pets in the back of the SUV and headed west on I-10 to visit and see what it was like,” he recalled. “But after having a grand time visiting the children and going to the Grand Canyon and doing all the things you do when you go out west, we came back and sat down on the front porch and looked at each other, and my wife said, ‘Maybe we should stay here.’ And I said, ‘Dear, you made the decision!’”

Chapin’s store is in full swing, featuring roughly 50,000 stamps from just about every country on the planet — with about another 200,000 stamps in the back room. Chapin’s inventory only accounts for about 1/3 of all stamps ever issued, he said.

There are hundreds of recognized stamp-issuing countries, who issue stamps that feature various landmarks and points of interest of their given country. **Treasure Coast Stamps** showcases a wide variety of stamps issued...
by the United States, but also stamps from just about every other stamp-issuing country from China to Bulgaria to Trinidad and Tobago.

Historically, stamps go back to 1846, when the first one was issued in Great Britain. Along the way, stamps have become historic because of where they have been issued.

Stamps issued in former international states that are no longer in existence are rare and deemed exotic by collectors. They range in value anywhere from less than one dollar up to thousands of dollars.

Chapin’s challenge is organizing his inventory in such a way as to be accessible to a collector and their needs and desires, as some collectors like mint condition stamps, while others prefer cancelled stamps, historic stamps, special edition stamps, stamps from out of the way countries, and everything in between.

“It is amazing — people chase everything,” Chapin said. “I am a true generalist in the sense of trying to serve everyone’s needs.” Treasure Coast Stamps is the only retail stamp store anywhere on the Treasure Coast. The nearest stamp stores after Treasure Coast Stamps are in Palm Beach County and in Palm Bay.

President Harry Truman was known for being a stamp collector, and there are several stamps that show him in

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the process of collecting stamps. Great Britain’s Queen Elizabeth has a royal stamp collection, but King George was the Royal Family’s true collector. There have been a number of other prominent collectors over the years that have driven the price of stamps through the ceiling on the rare material, according to Chapin.

Chapin has been a lifelong collector. “My older sister received a stamp collecting kit for Christmas one year. She fiddled with it, decided she didn’t like it, and then gave it to me, and that’s what got me started,” he recalled. “I’ve always enjoyed the graphics, the artwork, and the engraving of stamps. I truly enjoy it, and I’ve met so many nice people through this hobby.”

Treasure Coast Stamps is more than a shop. It’s a place for collectors and those with interest to go and share stories and interact with each other. There is even a reference library containing specialized books, catalogs, and other specialized materials, which collectors can come in and look through free of charge.

Many stores tend to be disappearing in today’s world, as many use the Internet for shopping, but Chapin recognizes the need to support downtown business districts and feels his store brings a unique quality to Downtown Fort Pierce.

“Many collectors tend to be married, and in most cases, their wives really have no interest in stamp collecting,” he said. “The gentlemen come in here, and often spend several hours, while their wives shop downtown.”
City of Fort Pierce Celebrates Memorial Day & 4th of July with Patriotic Lights

From “God Bless America”, to “Those in Peril on the Sea”, to some rousing, foot-tapping John Phillips Sousa “Washington Square”, Marina Square will come alive with over 100,000 red, white and blue lights during the next six weeks. The patriotic light display is synchronized to music and transforms trees and plants into moving artistic creations.

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) is sponsoring the patriotic light display beginning Memorial Day and running through the 4th of July holiday. The light show will run May 26 — July 7, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. nightly. The City of Fort Pierce is proud to offer this unique, free event to the public for the third year. Come and enjoy all of your favorite patriotic tunes and the beautiful light display.

Wrapping up this patriotic season is “Stars over St. Lucie”, a 4th of July Celebration. This year the 4th of July falls on Friday Fest and Main Street Fort Pierce, along with the City of Fort Pierce, have a special evening planned for you.

“Stars over St. Lucie” will be held at Marina Square and Melody Lane at 5:00 p.m. with extended hours till 9:30 p.m. There will be entertainment on the Community Stage and Jeff Brown, from Clear Channel Radio, will also be at “Stars over St. Lucie” entertaining the crowd with karaoke and Top 40 music.

Bring the kids to “Stars over St. Lucie.” Paragon Entertainment, www.paragoninflatables.com, has teamed up with Main Street Fort Pierce to provide children’s activities during “Stars over St. Lucie.” Children’s activities include a giant obstacle course, a 19-foot slide and a bounce house located in front of the library. Arts & crafts vendors will line up in front of the Indian River in Marina Square.

Make sure you bring your appetite when you come to “Stars over St. Lucie.” The food variety includes Greek, Caribbean, barbeque ribs & chicken, seafood, Americana, and various snack items.

At 9:00 p.m. the night sky will light up with a firework spectacular, provided by Pyrotechnico. This year’s fireworks are sponsored by The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA).

Admission to “Stars over St. Lucie” is FREE and there is always plenty of food, music, and activities for all ages!

For your parking convenience, the new City Parking Garage is open for FREE parking during the event. Entrance to the parking garage is located on Avenue A.

Yearly sponsors of Friday Fest and “Stars over St. Lucie” includes: Budweiser, Coca-Cola, the Tribune, the Press Journal, Paragon Entertainment, Reliable Poly Johns, WAVE Country 92.7, OLDIES 103.7, STAR 94.7 and the City of Fort Pierce.
Sand and Shells

by Camille S. Yates

If you haven’t stuck your toes in cool, wet sand and felt the ocean waves lapping against your ankles, you don’t know what you are missing. There are many areas in Fort Pierce where you are able to experience being massaged by sand and waves.

Stand along the shore of the Indian River at the old Fort Park on Indian River Drive where the Ais Indians roamed hundreds of years ago. The Ais ran barefoot in the sand to spear fish in the clear lagoon waters. Or get a good work-out trudging along the ocean sand dunes like Jonathan Dickinson and his shipwrecked crew did in the 17th century trying to escape hostile natives.

As rocks erode, tiny pieces break away forming sand. Sand is transported by wind and water and deposited in the form of beaches, dunes, sand spits, sand bars and related features. Both the color and composition of sand varies depending on the local rock sources and conditions. The bright white sands found in tropical and subtropical coastal settings are from eroded limestone and
may contain coral and shell fragments in addition to other organic or organically derived fragmental material.

Some places have sands that contain magnetite, clays, chlorite, glauconite, or gypsum. Sands rich in magnetite are dark to black in color. The chlorite-glauconite bearing sands are typically a green color. The gypsum sand dunes of the White Sands National Monument in New Mexico are famous for their white color.

In some areas, the beaches contain sand that is course and sometimes difficult to walk on. Most of this sand is made of seashells. A seashell is the common name for a hard, protective outer layer created by a marine organism or sea creature. In addition to seashells, there are also several different types of non-marine animal shell in the natural world.

Seashells are very often found in beach drift, which is deposited along strandlines on beaches. These shells are often washed up empty and clean, the animal having already died, and the soft parts having rotted away or having been eaten by other creatures.

Most seashells are made by marine mollusks. A mollusk is an invertebrate, a soft-bodied animal that has no backbone. Crabs, insects and jellyfish are also invertebrates but they are not mollusks. Mollusks have a soft body that is divided into three parts, a head, a body and a foot. Most mollusks have a shell that they build to protect their soft body. The shell is composed of calcium carbonate, in the form of calcite or aragonite crystallized out in an organic matrix. Calcium carbonate in mollusk shells can take different crystalline forms, one being nacre, otherwise known as mother of pearl.

Other kinds of sea animals have exoskeletons or shells which may be found on the beach. These include invertebrate...
remains such as crab shells, horseshoe crab shells, and sea urchins.

Large amounts of shells sometimes form sediment, and over many years, can become compressed into limestone deposits.

Throughout history, humans have used shells for many different purposes. Shell amulets were once thought to ward off ill health, infertility or bad luck. Shells have also been ground up for use in potions and for various medicinal uses throughout history. Today the shell, its living flesh and by products are being studied and used in many areas of medicine.

Shells of many types and from many different kinds of animals have been popular as human adornments. They are often used whole and drilled so that they can be threaded like a bead, or cut into pieces of various shapes.

The uses have included pendants, beads, buttons, brooches, rings, and hair combs. Small pieces of colored and iridescent shell have been used to create mosaics and inlays which have been used to decorate larger items such as boxes and furniture. Large numbers of whole seashells, arranged to form patterns, have been used to decorate man-made grottos.

So, next time you are roaming the beaches of Fort Pierce, take some time to examine the small particles of sand or admire shells made by sea creatures.
Downtown Hero – Mark and Joyce Kobbe

by Camille S. Yates

Mark and Joyce Kobbe are a “can-do,” “git-er-done,” duo who enjoy lending their time and talents to a variety of community organizations. For the last 3 years, they have helped raise funds to improve downtown Fort Pierce by volunteering for Main Street.

This lively duo has been going strong for a long time. Sixteen years ago, Joyce was visiting her sister in Lake-wood Park. Her nephew was at a pool party a couple of blocks away and asked her to come over. The party happened to be at Mark’s house who asked her out the next night. They’ve been together ever since.

If you’ve ever bought a token at Friday Fest or downed a cold beer, then you’ve probably seen Mark and Joyce. “I like to greet my repeat customers and meet new ones,” says Joyce. “When they first come to buy their tokens, I recommend that they start with 20. Often, the people who buy only ten come back later to get more.”

Mark enjoys the water, boats, and friendly atmosphere that downtown Fort Pierce offers. He also likes interacting with representatives of various non-profit organizations who help distribute beverages at the Main Street booth. “I pour the beer and try to keep the supply going for the volunteers to hand out. It’s fun and fast-paced,” he says.

In addition to volunteering at Main Street’s Friday Fest, the Kobbes have also helped out at the Main Street Annual Wine Tasting and the Sandy Shoes Festival. “We stay after the guests have left to help break everything down and take out the garbage,” the dedicated couple explains.

The Kobbes also devote much of their time to the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. “After my Mom died of cancer a few years ago, I decided I wanted to help others fight cancer,” says Joyce. The relay is an 18 hour event that begins on Friday night at 6:00 and runs until the following Saturday at Noon. Last year, Mark was grilling hot dogs at 3:00 a.m. for those who were walking into the wee hours. Joyce was a Team Captain, and had 24 of her family members, who came from all over the country, walk in the Fort Pierce event.

Both Mark and Joyce are avid supporters of youth baseball, too. Their three sons, John, Tony, and Nick all play baseball. Mark has been a coach for 8 years for Little League, Junior League, or Travel Baseball. Joyce helps by staffing the concession booth.

On the cultural side, Joyce volunteered at the 2008 St. Lucie County Fair. “I registered photos and art for the exhibits. It was great to see the talent that our local people have,” she says.

Mark and Joyce do all of their volunteer activities in addition to holding two full time jobs and raising three kids. Mark has worked at Fort Pierce Utilities for 17 years and Joyce works at the City of Fort Pierce’s Clerks Office.

Believe it or not, they also have some spare time for hobbies. Their favorite thing to do is to take the family out in the woods riding four-wheelers. They also like to spend time on their boat and catch a fish or two. Joyce is involved in photography and eventually wants to learn how to play golf. Mark laughs at Joyce and says, “I have no urge to play golf!” Well, I guess that’s one thing that this energetic couple won’t be doing together.
Friday, May 9, 2008, marked the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Renaissance on the River, which features luxurious condominiums, retail, and professional space in historic Downtown Fort Pierce.

Guests of the event enjoyed cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and music pool-side on the Terrace Level. The Renaissance marks a unique opportunity to live, work, and play in Downtown Fort Pierce.
New Director Appointed at Indian Hills Golf Course

by Gary Gillette

Fort Pierce City Manager Dennis Beach announced in April the appointment of Mr. Greg Martzolf to the position of Director of the city owned and operated Edward G. Enns Indian Hills Golf Course. Mr. Martzolf possesses twenty years experience as a golf professional. Greg has thirteen years involvement with golf operations and six years in the area of golf education. He was recently employed by the Professional Golf Association (PGA) of America as the Senior Manager/Member Education. Greg also holds the designation of PGA Master Professional in both Golf Operations and General Management.

Greg was born in Indianapolis, Indiana but his love for golf has landed him various jobs around the country. He presently resides in Port Saint Lucie and is pleased to call the Treasure Coast his home.

Outside of golf, Greg’s hobbies revolve around his involvement with his family which keeps him very busy and he loves spending time with his children. He has been married to his wife Brenda for seventeen years and has two children, Margaret (12) and Maxwell (5). Greg shared a story about Margaret hitting a hole-in-one on the practice par three course at the PGA Golf Club when she was six years old. She also loves softball, piano, and the steel drum. Maxwell loves to play tee-ball and plays golf from time to time.

With the course newly renovated in 2005, players of all skill levels have enjoyed the new layout and design, totaling 50 thousand rounds played per year. Greg says the course is still growing and he plans to make it the best it can be. Construction is underway for the new maintenance building and plans for the new club house are being pushed to get started. Once the club house is finished it will a great place to get a bite before and after your round. Greg stated that the club house is not just for golf, it will be a perfect place for wedding receptions, business meetings, and corporate functions.

Greg was excited to mention that Indian Hills Golf Course has started the Junior Golf Club of the Treasure Coast for young golfers aged 10 to 17. The tentative schedule has been set up starting June 10th through July 17th with an awards banquet July 20th. The junior golf club will hold clinics and structured play. Groups will be formed by age and playing ability. Call Greg at 465-8110 for more information.

For most of us that love the game of golf, our only involvement with the golf course may be strapping down our clubs and grabbing that beverage at the turn. With the appointment of Greg there will be a whole new way of thinking at Indian Hills. Greg is surrounded by a knowledgeable staff and employees that are willing to serve this community. Their Mission Statement reads: “We aim to provide a warm and welcome atmosphere on an outstanding public golf course for the residents and visitors to enjoy.”
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For Summer Fun, the Library is the Place to Be

by Carol Johnson

If you’re looking for some FREE children’s activities during June and July, then you need to check out what the Downtown Fort Pierce Branch Library has in store.

For more information, please call Ms. Sally at 462-2812 or 462-1615. Their summer events are as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 17** — No Program
- **Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.** — Sean Driscoll & the Story Ship to be held at the Ft. Pierce Community Center
- **Friday, June 20, 10:00 a.m.** — “Toddler Time”
- **Tuesday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.** — “Pre-K Jamboree”
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2:00 p.m.** — Puppets to Go: “Frog Prince”
- **Friday, June 27, 10:00 a.m.** — “Toddler Time”
- **Tuesday, July 1, 10:00 a.m.** — “Pre-K Jamboree”
- **Wednesday, July 2, 2:00 p.m.** — Mr. Brian & The Boppets
- **Friday, July 4** — Library Closed
- **Tuesday, July 8, 10:00 a.m.** — “Pre-K Jamboree”
- **Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.** — Steven Knight & Nifty Puppets
- **Friday, July 11, 10:00 a.m.** — “Toddler Time”
- **Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.** — “Pre-K Jamboree”
- **Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.** — To Be Announced
- **Friday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.** — “Toddler Time”
- **Tuesday, July 22** — No Program
- **Wednesday, July 23, 2:00 p.m.** — Salty Sue, “The Pirate Lady”, Show & Party
- **Friday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.** — “Toddler Time”

All Wednesday programs meet in the library meeting room, unless otherwise indicated.

See you there!
Recipes by the Diva

Alfresco Dining Just Tastes Better

Somehow, food always tastes better outdoors. Whether you’re heading to the beach, park, lake or just the back yard, pack up these foods for a fabulous “take-out” meal.

Grenadine Iced Tea

4 cups fresh brewed iced tea
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice (1 to 2 lemons)
1/4 cup grenadine
Ice, for serving

In a large ball jar (or other transporting container), mix together the tea, lemon juice, and grenadine. Pour over ice when ready to serve. Serves 4.

Seven Layer Salad

6 cups Romaine lettuce, torn
4 hard boiled eggs, sliced
1 box thawed frozen peas
1 can water chestnuts, sliced
1/2-1 pound bacon, fried and crumbled
1 cup cheese, shredded
Salt and Pepper to taste

Layer in large glass bowl place 3 cups of the lettuce in bottom of large bowl; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Layer egg slices over lettuce in bowl and sprinkle with more salt and pepper. Continue to layer vegetables in this order: peas, water chestnuts, remaining lettuce, crumbled bacon, and shredded cheese, along with light sprinklings of salt and pepper. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream and sugar; spread over top, spreading to edge of bowl to cover entire salad.

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Cover and chill 24 hours or overnight. Garnish with green onion and a little paprika. Toss before serving. Serves 10-12.

Ham Salad on Biscuits

2 tubes of large biscuits, 6 pieces each (from dairy aisle)
1 pound cooked ham, diced
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded & deveined, finely chopped
½ cup olives with pimento, chopped
3 ribs celery, from the heart, finely chopped
4 scallions, finely chopped
2 Tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
½ cup mayonnaise, just enough to bind salad
2 Tablespoons prepared Dijon mustard
3 Tablespoons dill pickle relish
Salt and black pepper to taste


Coconut Pecan Bars

¾ cups Crisco
¾ cup confectioners’ sugar
1½ cups flour
2 Tablespoons prepared Dijon mustard
1 Tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ cup chopped pecans
½ cup coconut flakes


Orange-Lemon Icing

Mix 1½ cups confectioners sugar, 2 Tablespoons butter, melted, 3 tablespoons orange juice and 1 teaspoon lemon juice until smooth. Spread on top and cut into bars. Makes 12 bars.
History and Delectable Dining at the P.P. Cobb General Store & Deli

Focused on bringing a healthy fare to downtown Fort Pierce, Yuko Weisser owner of the PP Cobb General Store & Deli is doing just that. A light breakfast includes a large number of fresh homemade muffins. My favorites are the Cranberry Orange and Blueberry. The warm croissants are wonderful, try the Asiago Cheese croissant – worth every one of the calories! For those with a heartier appetite feast on the Yuko Bird Nest Breakfast (organic egg and prosciutto ham baked on Canadian bacon in the nest of puff pastry) or treat yourself to one of her succulent breakfast sandwiches.

My lunch group enjoys Yuko’s amazing food at least once a week. Our favorites are the Pulled Chicken Salad - one of the best I’ve eaten; Butt Load Quesadilla (warm flour tortilla loaded with grilled vegetables, cheese and chicken); Italian Panini Sandwich (provolone cheese,
prosciutto ham, bell pepper, onion with sun dried tomato mayonnaise); and the Cuban Panini Sandwich.

There is always a soup of the day. I love soup, so I won’t steer you wrong in trying the Roasted Pepper & Sweet Potato Soup or the New England clam chowder – all made fresh daily.

Oshitashi Salad (Japanese Green Bean); Hijiki Seeweed & Dikon Radish and Seafood Pasta are among her specialties. Here is where Yuko’s Japanese heritage really shines.

Yuko also features an entrée of the day; this could be stuffed cabbage, shiitake mushroom & chicken sticky rice balls, crab cake in puff pastry, salmon sautéed with a daikon ponzu sauce or a number of other succulent creations.

You can always count on her fresh baked cookies: Chocolate chip, peanut butter, lemon snaps, chocolate chip cashew nut, almond sugar, and so many more to choose from.

Yuko is extremely proud of the 117 different kinds of beer she carries. Mix and match a 6-pack to sample some unique international brands. The store has a variety of wines, gourmet sauces and locally produced soaps and gifts.

The P.P. Cobb General Store is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They are open on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for Bike Night and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They are located in the P.P. Cobb Building at 100 Avenue A in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. Parking is available in the rear of the building.
Membership
Main Street Fort Pierce

As Fort Pierce Main Street begins its 20th successful year, it is undertaking an aggressive Membership Drive. “The Next Big Thing” campaign took off in May, 2006. Please consider becoming a Main Street Member.

Membership in Main Street Fort Pierce is open to anyone interested in helping preserve our unique heritage. Our goal is to encourage and assist in keeping Downtown Fort Pierce a vibrant shopping and business district for future generations.

We invite you to share your expertise and contribute toward making Fort Pierce Main Street a success in historic preservation and revitalization. Donations to Fort Pierce Main Street, a 501(c)3 corporation, are tax deductible.

Complete the form below and join our growing group of committed members. By joining Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., you are supporting the economic well being of the entire community.

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Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., a 501©3 not-for-profit corporation, has encouraged and participated in the revitalization efforts of downtown Fort Pierce for the past 20 years. The efforts of many have paid off. Downtown Fort Pierce is now recognized as one of the most desirable locations to live and work on the Treasure Coast, as well as, in the state of Florida.

The Main Street program was created by the National Trust of Historic Preservation in the early 1980s. The program was designed to revitalize the historic commercial districts that were threatened to extinction by urban sprawl. The four-step Main Street approach is used by over 1,600 communities across the United States and its model has been studied internationally.

The success of Main Street Fort Pierce over the past 19 years is due to the faithful commitment of current and past members of the Main Street board of directors, the City of Fort Pierce, local community organizations, local businesses, and general public support. Currently, the program consists of fourteen volunteer board members and two full-time employees. During its existence, Main Street Fort Pierce has held approximately twenty-six downtown promotional events each year, educated public school children about the history of the area, won numerous local, state, and national awards, restored historic buildings including the Sunrise Theatre, recruited businesses to the downtown area, held downtown charrettes to encourage the public participation in revitalization efforts, created outdoor art programs, and helped fund an award winning image campaign along with the Downtown Business Association, the Community Redevelopment Agency, and the City of Fort Pierce.

Membership Benefits:
- Subscriptions to Main Street Focus and Website Links to Focus On-Line
- Advance Notice and Invitation to Special Events
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Busy Times at the City Marina

A “perfect storm” of events the weekend of May 3rd resulted in a busy and fun time for many locals and visitors in and around the Fort Pierce City Marina. The regularly scheduled farmer’s market on Saturday combined with the Fort Pierce Boat Show and the Offshore Big 3 fishing tournament, both held at the marina, drew a triple whammy crowd of folks having fun in the sun in downtown Fort Pierce.

Held on the green between the marina and the library and along the seawall south of the marina, the Saturday farmer’s market with its associated art and craft displays always draws a big crowd. There you can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, seafood and a variety of prepared meals or any number of art and craft offerings created by skilled local artisans.

This particular weekend the Fort Pierce Boat Show shared the area with the farmer’s market. The portions of Avenue A and Melody Lane that abut the marina were filled with dozens of boats. Watercraft, from kayaks to huge offshore competition fishing boats, were on display. A number of slips in the marina contained larger cabin cruiser type crafts too large to be brought by trailer. Thousands of visitors got to look at, climb into and ask questions about whatever size boat they might be interested in. A big seafood cook off was held with Mayor Bob Benton heading a panel of judges that tasted and scored the entries “Iron Chef” style under a tent right next to the marina.

To complete the mayhem the Offshore Big 3 fishing tournament was held out of our marina on Friday and Saturday. A grandstand was set up adjacent to the marina for the weigh in and awards on Saturday. I saw people grabbing their bleacher seats as early as two hours before the ceremony was scheduled to begin! The Offshore Big 3 is sponsored by and raises funds for the Hibiscus Children’s Center. Now in its 22nd year, Hibiscus provides help to families and children in the quest to prevent child abuse and neglect.

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The crowds were huge. Parking was scarce from the south bridge to the overpass. (If you didn’t know the new multi-story parking garage adjacent to city hall is now open, free, and just 2 or 3 blocks walking to almost any downtown venue.) Everyone seemed to be having a great time. An unusually busy weekend event wise but just another great example of the many fun and varied activities that are being added to our downtown area all the time. Hope you were one of the many who got to enjoy these great events. Be sure and keep up with what’s coming up soon, there’s always something new right around the corner in downtown Fort Pierce.