Friday Fest
presented by Main Street Fort Pierce
January 9th in City Marina Square
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Volunteers Needed in 2015

by Sue Dannahower

Happy New Year! The Board & Staff of Main Street Fort Pierce looks forward to an exciting year in 2015. Our volunteers are awesome. We are working on the Bev Smith’s Automotive Taste of the Sea & Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival to be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Numerous chairpersons and volunteers are needed. Please call the Main Street office (772) 466-3880 to volunteer for this event. Share the love, ask your friends to volunteer! Main Street has over 30 events each year that are designed to bring people to downtown Fort Pierce. We couldn’t accomplish this without our volunteers.

Our loyal members are an important part of our organization. If you are not a member I urge you to join today. For as little as $25 per year you can be a part of this exciting organization. There’s much to be done planning, designing and implementing projects and we can’t do it without you! Your personal involvement and membership commitment will help Main Street Fort Pierce accomplish goals, set new ones, and support downtown’s economic wellbeing, revitalization and cultural vibrancy in the very heart and soul of our local community.

To all of you I wish a healthy and prosperous 2015!

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January, 9, Friday: Friday Fest — 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Music & Entertainment by Anderson Council; Main Street Fort Pierce, 460-3880; www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

January 14, Wednesday: Art Walk at Art Bank — Art Mundo Open Studio, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., The ArtBank at 111 Orange Avenue; Artmundo.org@gmail.com; 766-0021, www.artmundo.org.

January 16, Friday: Coffee With the Mayor – 8:00 a.m. at Fort Pierce Yacht Club, 700 Indian River Dr.; Sponsored by Waste Management, 460-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

January 23, Saturday: Dine, Shop and Enjoy Beautiful, Historic, Downtown Fort Pierce!

January 25, Monday: Artistic Flavors of Mexico; Tickets: $45/39/$20 (student)

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February 1, Friday: The Children’s Theatre presents Barnum Tickets: $40/35/25

February 4, Monday: Treasure Coast Newspapers/TCPalm.com. Thank you to everyone who voted for us and also to the Treasure Coast Newspapers Choice Awards for “Best St. Lucie/Special Events/Festivals.”

Due to the first Friday falling on a holiday weekend we are moving the January Friday Fest to the following week, Friday January 9, 2015.

Anderson Council will be performing at the January Friday Fest. Anderson Council has played for Fort Pierce Friday Fest every January for many years and is a great band to bring in the New Year. They are a five-piece cover band and play a variety of music for all ages. The band members are: Bill Few on Guitar; Diane Few, Vocals and Keyboards; Robert Biegel, Bass Guitar; Joe Cabral, Drums and Vocals; plus Rocky Shimpane, Guitar and Vocals. They play classic and new rock music featuring songs by Pink Floyd, Foreigner, Eagles, Collective Soul, Pat Benatar and many more. Anderson Council has entertained the Treasure Coast for many years.

Jeff Brown, from iHeartMedia’s WAWV 92.7 & OLDIES 103.7, will also be at the January Friday Fest entertaining the crowd with Top 40 music.

All in Fun Inc., has teamed up with Main Street Fort Pierce to provide children’s activities during Friday Fest. The children’s activities include a giant slide and a bounce house. Faces will be painted by Masquerade Expressions. 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 Friday Fest. The food variety includes Greek, Carribbean ribs & chicken, seafood, American, and various snack items. Admission is always free at Friday Fest and there is always plenty of food, music, and activities for all ages! The City of Fort Pierce Parking Garage is open and free for your parking convenience!

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

Friday Fest – January 9, 2015 – 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Fort Pierce City Marina Square
Melody Lane and Avenue A in Fort Pierce
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Yearly Sponsors of Friday Fest includes: All in Fun, Budweiser, iHeartMedia’s WAWV 92.7 and OLDIES 103.7, Coca-Cola, Park’s Rental, DYER Chevrolet of Fort Pierce, Ocean Chiropractic & Health Center, Reliable Polyn Johns, Treasure Coast Newspapers/TCPalm.com.
Today's Market hosts over 60 vendors and over 4,000 attendees on any given Saturday throughout the season. The vendors treat everyone like family, making this a delight to return to every Saturday. We continue to expand our vendor and entertainment diversity to appeal to the unique palate of our patrons. Be sure to like us on Facebook to keep up with all that’s happening at the Market.

Both our vendor and entertainment diversity provides a venue for the sale of produce or products to residents and visitors of St. Lucie County and the surrounding areas, and to encourage commerce, entertainment and trade in downtown Fort Pierce. Today the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market provides a diversity of local products and our market has maintained a balanced mix of quality vendors that sustain the unique character of St. Lucie County and the surrounding areas. The Market encourages commerce, entertainment and trade in downtown Fort Pierce. The Market strives to display the city’s history, uniqueness, and charm to enhance St. Lucie County. The Market has maintained a balanced mix of quality vendors that sustain the unique character of a Farmer’s Market.

The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market is committed to providing healthy fresh foods and horticultural products to St. Lucie County and the surrounding areas, and to encourage commerce, entertainment and trade in Downtown Fort Pierce. Come and enjoy the many pleasures of what a real farmers’ market brings to your community. Take part in the celebration. It’s a Saturday morning tradition!

On January 24, 2015, the Market will celebrate its 18th anniversary with delicious cake from Importico’s Bakery served by the dedicated volunteers of the Market Board. A specially designed limited edition Market bag will be available for sale. In addition to the free cake, patrons will be treated to the spectacular sounds of the renowned Big Coque Band, crooning the classics from the American songbook in his very own style of classic rock, Texas blues and greasy funk. The fabulous Victor Roso Orchestra, making its debut for this very special occasion, features some of the best musicians in Florida and will provide a truly memorable show for the occasion. Continue the celebration — it’s a Saturday Morning Tradition!

Some of the historic facts will include the early pioneers, the Highwaymen who trained under Beanie Backus; Zora Neale Hurston, a writer and philanthropist; Sara Memorial Chapel (owned by City Commissioner Rufus Alexander); Granny’s Kitchen, who’s owner Hassie Russ, started serving her food in 1965; the Lincoln Theater which was built in 1948 by Dr. Clem C. Benton and pharmacist Harry Center; the Moore’s Creek project, and much more.

Tours leave at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and space is limited to 26 riders. Cost is $10 per person. To sign up for a tour please call Main Street Fort Pierce (772) 466-3880.

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Harbor Bank is Back in Downtown Fort Pierce

by J. Hal Roberts Jr., President, Chief Operating Officer Harbor Community Bank

We’re coming back downtown, and we’re excited about it! Actually, Harbor Community Bank has had a branch downtown since we acquired it and three other Grand Bank & Trust branches two years ago. Now, though, we're moving 10 people, including eight of Harbor's top executives, to the downtown offices after some light remodeling is completed.

Harbor Community Bank’s rapid growth, not only in our Treasure Coast core market, but with the acquisitions of banks in Palatka, St. Augustine, Central Florida and Highlands County, allowed us to outgrow our administrative center at 2222 Colonial Road. Harbor was the fastest-growing among the 51 Florida-based banks with at least $500 million in assets in 2013. When the acquisition of Bradenton-based First America Bank receives stockholder and regulatory approval, Harbor will have almost $1.4 billion in assets and 37 branch offices in 14 Florida counties.

As a result of our growth, we’ve leased space next to our downtown branch at 200 S. Indian River Drive in the building best known as the Historic Fort Pierce Hotel. Mike Brown Sr., chairman of Harbor Community Bank and the HCBF Holding Co., comments he is excited to see the return of the company’s executives to the downtown area. He further said it will help us stay more involved with downtown businesses and will allow us more convenient access to the restaurants. "Our team was located in the Downtown Fort Pierce area for many years at the former Harbor Federal Savings Bank," Brown said. "With the growth of our company and the need for additional space, we were fortunate to find a location accommodating our needs as well as support our commitment to the downtown redevelopment effort. We are committed to many markets, however, the downtown Fort Pierce and Main Street program continues to hold a special place in our hearts."

Longtime Fort Pierce resident Brenda Kenney has been manager of the downtown branch for nine years, seven of them with Grand Bank and two with Harbor. She said she has noticed the increase in downtown banking activity in the past couple of years. "Since we became a part of Harbor we have seen a lot more people coming in wanting to bank with us," Kenney said, adding that transactions at the branch are up 40 percent from a year ago.

Some remember the building when it was the Fort Pierce Hotel. One couple told her they were married on the staircase that's still there. The New Fort Pierce Hotel, built on 12 acres of land dredged up from the river bottom, opened on Thanksgiving Day 1917. The old hotel building, which served as Coast Guard officers’ quarters during World War II, is a stop on one of the Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past Historic Walking Tours operated by Main Street Fort Pierce. "They say there’s a ghost in this building," Kenney said. "Though the doors open on windy days, I haven’t seen any ghosts and they're not touching the money."
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2nd Street Bistro – Second Anniversary
by Pam Gillette

Good food, good friends and a good time are always waiting for you at the 2nd Street Bistro in downtown Fort Pierce. The restaurant offers specials for their customers with a new experience and different cuisine daily. These characteristics are why the 2nd Street Bistro is the place to come every day of the week.

2nd Street Bistro has become popular for their different daily specials: Mondays – All You Can Eat Fish Fry; Tuesdays – Taco Tuesday; Wednesdays – Burger & Trivia Night; Thursdays – Bike, Greek & Football Night; Fridays – Fireball Night with Live Music; Saturdays – Sizzling Saturdays – Sports and Ladies Night from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and Sundays – Funday Sunday with sports and fantasy teams.

2nd Street Bistro will begin their second year in downtown Fort Pierce this month. Owner, Gary Sofen, new general manager, Jeff Groth, and assistant manager, Jamie Mundy have over 50 years combined of restaurant experience. They want you to come to 2nd Street Bistro and take advantage of the good food, good service and their great menu specials. Jeff told me that they are making a few changes to the menu by adding some exotic flavors like buffalo, frog legs, and alligator while keeping the core favorites of the restaurant.

On Sunday, January 11, 2nd Street Bistro will hold a 2nd Anniversary Party and Customer Appreciation Day! The party starts at 4:00 p.m. and runs until 8:00 p.m. There will be a free appetizer buffet, drink specials, live music, prizes & giveaways. The grand prize, a free trip for two to the Bahamas aboard the Palm Beach Princess, is waiting for one lucky winner!

While you are at the 2nd Street Bistro, check out “The Hideaway.” “The Hideaway” is a private party room available for your next event. The banquet room holds 60 people and is great venue for birthday parties, weddings receptions, business meetings, showers, special events or family get-togethers. 2nd Street Bistro offers off-site catering with their mobile food truck.

2nd Street Bistro has something for everyone from great food, the best happy hour in town, early bird specials and much more. Check out their website at www.2ndstreetbistro.com for upcoming specials, parties, or information.

2nd Street Bistro is located at 122 N. 2nd Street in downtown Fort Pierce, phone: 772-293-9191.

Trew & Sons Jewelry Serves the Treasure Coast for 30 Years
by Pam Gillette

After 30 years on the Treasure Coast, Trew & Sons Jewelry will be closing their doors in March of 2015 to retire and spend more time with family and friends.

Owners Philip (Pip) and Claudia Trew met in Saudi Arabia, married in England and moved to Fort Pierce (Claudia’s home) 33 years ago. They have two sons, Noel and Brian. Upon moving to the United States, Pip began his career in the jewelry business and for the last 30 years has been serving the Treasure Coast.

Pip purchased a franchise called Gold-n-Gifts in 1985 and moved into the Orange Blossom Mall. Fourteen years later he changed the name of the business to Trew & Sons and made the move to downtown Fort Pierce. Pip loves the hometown feel of the downtown area, getting to know his neighbors and the flexibility not offered in a mall. His customers have enjoyed coming to the downtown location.

Trew & Sons is a small family store that offers customers unique jewelry and repairs. Along with on-site gemologist, Debra Fletcher, who has been with Pip for 23 years, the business takes pride in providing custom pieces, nautical jewelry, wedding sets, pearls, estate items, colored stones and shipwreck coins. Debra said, “One of my favorite things is to see the end result of our custom work and seeing the faces of our clients when they receive their special unique piece of jewelry.”

Over the years Pip said they have seen many changes in the business, but he maintains a loyal base of repeat customers who enjoy the personal service and friendly atmosphere of the store. Pip says, “Our customers have become more than customers, they are our friends and Debra and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our loyal customers and tell you that we will miss you all.”

Trew & Sons is located at 220 Orange Avenue in downtown Fort Pierce. The store is offering 25% off all merchandise with larger discounts closer to closing time. The store is open Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is closed Saturdays and Sundays until March of 2015. For more information, please call 466-6010.
Robert seems to have found his passion. What started as a hobby about nine years ago turned into a profession and a good business. Initially self-taught, his friends and other skilled artists like Chris and specialty artist Ray Balbuena, helped him along the way. He works hard and has already received four significant awards and appeared in five magazines. Born and raised in this area, he attended Central High School and was a gifted baseball player and catcher on the 2000 State Champion Post 358 American Legion baseball team. He’s worked a wide variety of jobs in his young life and has many unique skills. He even attended Culinary School. But he now feels he’s found his calling and a business he thoroughly enjoys.

There’s far more inside Last Dragon to choose from than just the body art. The three artists all display other mediums including sculptures, plaques, paintings, drawings and carvings. Robert showed me his intricate carved chess pieces, impressive for the patience and skill it requires. But to me, someone new to this unique art form, the body art was most intriguing. There are many designs to choose from or simply bring your own. These artists can transfer any design onto your own personal body canvas.

The guys tried hard to convince me to get a tattoo. It was tempting. As a career sailor, I almost feel incomplete without a personal body canvas.

As a career Navy man, I’ve seen my share of tattoos, an art form once reserved mostly for sailors and other rough crowds. But this has certainly changed today and tattoos, or body art, are now quite popular. It seems everyone sports one, either hidden for private viewing or prominent and sometimes widespread. As many as I’ve seen, I’ve never seen one created up close, with the needle buzzing, the colorful ink flowing and the art work taking shape. That changed recently when I stepped inside Last Dragon Tattoo at 212 N. 2nd Street in downtown Fort Pierce. There I met owner and artist Robert Ramuntuch and his assistant tattoo artist, Chris Maise. Chris was hard at work on a young sailor, coincidentally home on leave from the Navy, adding to his growing array of striking tattoos. As I watched his design take shape, I came to better appreciate the term “body art.”

Robert, a martial arts practitioner for many years, chose the name Last Dragon from a movie of the same name. It’s a tribute to Bruce Lee, who became what many consider the greatest martial artist ever, having overcome many obstacles and defying countless naysayers. To Robert, the name symbolizes triumph and success, through hard work and perseverance, over what many see as insurmountable challenges.

He’s put that philosophy to work and has done a terrific job refurbishing the interior of his shop, a small two-story building over 100 years old with a Fort Pierce historic sticker on the front door. For nearly fifteen years the store sat vacant so there was a great deal of electrical, plumbing and interior work required for code and ADA compliance and visual appeal. Robert, highly skilled in many areas, did most of the work himself beginning in September. He refurbished and lacquered the wide pine paneling giving the interior back its warm, historic appeal. I was impressed by the attention paid to health and safety to safeguard clients and artists, to meet and exceed strict Health Department standards and maintain their license.

The artists were friendly and engaging and proud of their work and their profession. They were obviously proud of their own personal body art too. Both Robert and Chris sported almost full coverage and did many of their own. Now that takes special skill! Robert explained some of his visible art. On his left shoulder was a man parachuting, a tribute to his grandfather who was a proud member of the Army’s 82nd Airborne, Green Beret Lou Rantus. On his left arm was the unmistakable image of Al Capone, his distant relative. Other scenes depicted events in Al’s high profile life. We talked briefly about Al’s visits to the local “Antique Shop” north of town on US-1, then a favorite stop on his trips to Miami. Legend says it was then a favorite stop on his trips to Miami. Legend says it was then a popular “spuck easy” and bordello. Obviously Big Al wasn’t shopping for antiques!

Contact the shop at 772-801-5914, by e-mail at lastdragon tattoo@aol.com, or visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lastdragontattoo.
“Sounds of Christmas” Winners of the 26th Annual Sights and Sounds Festival & Parade

Photos by Mary Anne Ketcham

1st Place Best St. Lucie School Entry — St. James Daycare

1st Place Float — Fort Pierce Yacht Club

1st Place Best Music Performance/Marching Band — St. Anastasia Royal Ram Band

1st Place Best Governmental/Public Agency Entry — Fort Pierce Utilities Waste/Water Department with Santa

1st Place Best Dance/Cheer Group — True Crew Dance Company

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Fort Pierce Yacht Club Hosts Annual ‘Trim the Tree’ Party

by Roy Whitehead

Each year, as the holiday season approaches, the Fort Pierce Yacht Club chooses an organization devoted to the welfare and betterment of young people of the Treasure Coast. This year, parents and children involved with the Oak Hammock K-8 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program were invited to share with Club members the spirit and joy of the Christmas season at its traditional “Trim the Tree Party.”

The youngest children entertained the gathering with “The Gingerbread Man,” performed in sign language and with props. The older children also provided a song and other entertainment in sign language. This was a unique show, interesting and educational for those not familiar with signing and the difficulties of those having to cope with hearing difficulties.

One purpose of this traditional party at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club was to offer assistance to the Oak Hammock K-8 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, which is working with thirty children in St. Lucie County. The Club was introduced to the program and its needs by member Lillie Taylor, a friend and acquaintance of Felicia Bruce, a strong advocate for the program, who has family members with hearing problems. Ms. Taylor is an artist who, over several months, painted and sold several works of art to assist the fund raising effort.

In addition to Ms. Taylor’s efforts, the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and its membership made a contribution to the program. A check was also presented to the program by another supporter, Thrivent Financial. Recognizing the funds being raised were for the purchase of electronic items needed to assist the program’s children, retailer Best Buy agreed to sell them at cost. A local artist, Zard Tomkins, is contributing her time and talent to the making of a video of the evening’s events.

This annual Fort Pierce Yacht Club event is looked forward to by its members as one of the highlights of the Christmas season. While the intent is to assist and support worthy organizations, they feel they are rewarded by having an opportunity to share food, fun and an evening with unique and interesting young people.
Happy New Year and Auld Lang Syne
by Don Beiter

“Will drink a cup of kindness, then for auld lang syne,” are the lyrics we all sing as the ball drops and Father Time is ushered out by the New Year’s Baby. Auld lang syne translates loosely to ‘times gone by,’ and reminds us that friends and memories from the past won’t be forgotten. As professional musicians, many of the members of the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society have helped thousands of New Year’s revelers celebrate the end of the old and ring in the hopes and dreams that come with each New Year. If you stop and think about it, there’s hardly a celebration ever that isn’t punctuated by music. There’s something about music that touches us all so deeply and viscerally that just a few notes of a certain song can transport us back to another time in our lives or bring a lump of emotion to the base of our throat.

Music can soothe, inspire, motivate, agitate, excite, or cause us to fall in love, and it can intensify any emotion. Children who are taught to play musical instruments fare better academically, especially in studies like math and science, and studies have shown that musical training physically helps develop the left side of the brain – that’s the part that’s known for processing language. They also learn standards and how to take responsibility for mistakes, and they learn self-discipline, the importance of practice, and teamwork. In short, learning about music helps you learn about life. That’s something we’ve strongly believed at the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society for 19 years, and it’s why we work hard all year long to provide music for the Treasure Coast and raise money for scholarships for promising young musicians all throughout our St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties.

As volunteers and professional musicians, we believe in the power of music and the importance of passing along a legacy of music to students. That’s why you’ll find volunteers from the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society working all year long, donating their time, talent, and treasure to help ensure that there are always plenty of terrific opportunities for music here on the Treasure Coast. It’s also why we encourage individuals to put a small donation in the hat we pass around to help ensure that there will be scholarships for bright, promising young musicians who want to learn more about music. And it’s why we’re so grateful to the Treasure Coast for supporting our mission and enjoying the music we share every Tuesday evening at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre in historic downtown Fort Pierce, and every other Wednesday evening at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. It’s why you’ll often see us up and working hard on weekend mornings at the Jazz Market Arts and Crafts, where we combine the smooth sounds of jazz and blues and the cool treasures and gems, right by the water’s edge in historic downtown Fort Pierce, just close enough to feel the Indian River breeze along Melody Lane.

Whether or not you believe in New Year’s Resolutions, we hope you’ll believe that ‘auld acquaintance’ really should not be forgotten and never brought to mind. We hope you’ll believe in a legacy of love we call music. And we hope that, like us, you’ll support our concerts, events, and activities throughout the year by your patronage and generous applause. Let’s drink a cup of kindness, then, to auld lang syne. To learn more about Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, please visit www.jazzsociety.org, or call 772-460-JAZZ.

Ninety-two-year-old Ronnie Hulick sits in for a tune.
Make New Friends — Volunteer!

by Holly Theuns, Executive Director, Art Mundo

What are the benefits of volunteering your time at a local organization — Art Mundo, for example?

It’s good for your mind — you make new friends; widen your social circle; have a chance to keep your problem solving skill set sharpened; use established skills in new ways and maybe learn a new skill — Facebook anyone?

It’s good for your health — studies have established a strong relationship between people who volunteer and health benefits. Volunteers have lower mortality rates, greater functional abilities and lower rates of depression than those who do not volunteer.

It’s good for your community — by becoming active in your community you can effect positive change, help your local not-for-profit organization stretch their dollars by volunteering your services, and bring much needed experience and expertise to a group who may not have professional paid marketing, fund raising or financial people on staff.

It’s also really fun. Just ask Miriam DeWaal, Art Mundo’s volunteer coordinator. DeWaal assigns volunteers to the tasks that Art Mundo needs help with — things like pouring wine at Art Walk, selling advertising space in our event programs, working with the artists to make decor for events or putting stamps and mailing labels on post cards. We have a job for anyone who wants to volunteer their time.

Volunteering doesn’t have to take a lot of time to make a difference. Studies show adults reap the health benefits with as little as 100 hours a year, or about 8 hours a month. That small amount of time can help Art Mundo, a not-for-profit community arts organization, to fulfill their mission to create a world of possibilities through education, exhibitions and public outreach programs in the contemporary arts. Art Mundo is a supportive and creative environment providing people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunities to create, study and present art, nurturing artists’ careers all stages of development and servicing the community’s art and cultural needs by expanding public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of art.

One way to volunteer at Art Mundo is to join one of our committees. Each committee meets once a month for about an hour and only asks for a few more hours of your time each month. We would like to expand our committee membership. Please take a look at some of our committee opportunities below and see if it one of them might be for you.

Education — this committee is responsible for developing classes and workshops that help Art Mundo fulfill their mission statement.

Exhibits — the Exhibits Committee decides what our audience is going to see hanging in the gallery from month to month, and they are also responsible for the ever-popular monthly Art Walk events.

Public Relations — the Public Relations Committee markets Art Mundo events and communicates our message to the community.

Fund Raising — the Fund Raising Committee looks for fun and creative ways to raise money to fund our mission.

Another way to volunteer at Art Mundo is to contact the office at 772-466-1010 and complete a volunteer interest form. Your information will be given to Miriam DeWaal and she will contact you to discuss Art Mundo’s needs and your availability.

Snowbirds are welcome! We are busier in the winter when you are in town so we need more volunteers that time of year. But we have fun fulfilling our mission twelve months of the year.

One immediate need is for volunteers to staff the welcome desk in the underground hallway, greet visitors and answer questions. The hours on this are from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Two volunteers are needed to staff the desk each day. Call the office at 772-466-1010 if you are available to fill a greeter spot for a few hours a month — and make some new friends!

Art Mundo is a center for creative expression located at 111 Orange Avenue in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. The Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday nights until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are closed on Sunday and Monday.

Please visit our website www.artmundo.org to find out about upcoming shows, calls to artists, classes, special events and opportunities to volunteer. Our phone number is 772-466-1010.

Forty working artists share the refurbished bank headquarters building with us. Come and see the artists at work and visit the third floor galleries.
Treasure Coast Coffee Traders: A Great Cup of Joe
by Jim & Brenda Eaves

Treasure Coast Coffee Traders is a local artisan small batch roaster. Our Arabica coffee beans are High Mountain shade grown, handpicked and hand sorted for best quality. They are then imported green to our roasting room on the Treasure Coast where we manually custom roast only the best Arabica coffee beans in 25 lb. micro roasts. This insures freshness and a never bitter taste, which other big batch roasters cannot provide. We supply our fine coffees to coffee shops, restaurants and specialty shops on the Treasure Coast...

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Tech Bytes: Overheating Computers

by Michael Lewis

Most people do not realize that computers need adequate airflow to cool themselves and to run efficiently. We see both desktops and laptops that are literally full of dust by the time they get to us. When computers reach a temperature threshold they will turn off to protect internal components from damage. However, when a computer repeatedly does this it can cause motherboard and or CPU damage. Make sure you place your laptop on a tray or large book when using on a bed/couch to allow for proper airflow. If your computer is running hot or shuts of randomly, this is a good indication that you may be overheating. You may be able to check the fan intakes for dust, if those look good take your computer to a professional before the problem gets worse. Good luck and safe computing.

Mike's Downtown Computer Repair is located at 207 Orange Ave., Suite E in Fort Pierce, Desk: (772) 448-8153, Cell: (772) 480-3427

Treasure Coast Coffee Traders has become a destination for our Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market customers who crave a fresh-roasted great cup of coffee. We are glad to take the time and effort to French Press hot and cold press iced, a variety of cappuccinos, lattes, mochas, iced coffee or just a great cup of medium, dark or double-dark roasted Arabica coffee from origins around the world.

We really love that our customers appreciate our taking the time and effort to provide the best coffee experience. Join us at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market for a savory Saturday morning experience, drinking in the beauty of the waterfront, listening to good music, enjoying quality artisan foods, and meeting interesting people. We’ll have a great cup of Treasure Coast coffee ready for you by the water fountain, at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market, a Saturday morning tradition.
Seasonal Fishing in Fort Pierce
by Larry Benning

Inshore — The cooler weather has arrived and the fish are moving into deeper water. The Nor’easters are starting to blow, which doesn’t help either. I have had luck the day before a big blow. If you need to go fishing and the wind is blowing try the leeward side of the river; fish will normally move toward cleaner water.

Don’t forget to check in the deep mangroves like Blue hole, The Old Inlet, Hole-in-the-Wall and Queens Cove. Although it’s shallow, it’s out of the wind and gets direct sunlight. Occasionally you’ll find big red fish or trout back there.

Snook has been a little slow but I have heard of some keeper grouper on the big ledges both north and south.

Offshore — Offshore is another matter altogether — if you can go safely, go. The mangroves will be on the move. They’re always fun, a six-pound mango has plenty fight.

Remember, December is the last month for grouper. Grouper is closed from January to May. If you can get a bait through the amber jacks your chances are very good that you’ll hook and big Gag.

Winter sailfish should be starting to show up. They really seem to like the choppy water. The old ballyhoo, skirted or not, is still a great bait.

Remember, sailfish do not slam your bait. You need to be paying close attention and when you see it striking, drop your bait back. You’ll know if he picks it up by the increase in line spooling off. Count to ten and start setting the hook moderately multiple times.

Inshore bars should start producing good catches of sheepsheads soon. The last sheepshead we caught was over ten pounds; he fought and ate well. If you can find a good school, you’re in for a good day’s fishing. Remember your bag and size limits.

If you’re like me and have trouble remembering all the fishing regulations try loading the Fishing Rules App to your phone. It certainly helps me.

Good luck and catch ‘em up.

Recipe Corner
by Sue Dannahower

Mediterranean Hummus Dip

This dip is yummy, pretty and healthy to satisfy our New Year’s resolution to eat less calories — and get skinny!

½ head iceberg lettuce, finely shredded
1 large container (Sam’s) Red Pepper Hummus
8 ounces Feta Cheese, crumbled
12 Kalamata olives, seeded and cut into quarters
2 Plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
1 English Cucumber, diced
1 bunch Green Onions, finely sliced
1 bag Pita bread, cut into 8 pieces each
1 bag Pita Chips

Place shredded lettuce on the bottom of a medium service piece, top with hummus. Sprinkle Feta, tomatoes, cucumber, olives & green onion slices. Serve cold with fresh pita bread wedges and pita chips.

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