The Fort Pierce Inlet is considered one of Florida's best all-weather inlets, and its close proximity to the Bahamas make the marina the perfect choice for boaters up and down the east coast.

The islands were set up to make a Mosaic Habitat Creation: 1.26 acres will serve as an area for oyster recruitment, 1.55 acres for a mangrove habitat, 8.12 acres for sea grass recruitment, 4.55 acres for a coastal dune habitat, 6.27 acres for an artificial reef habitat and a shoreline preserve for birds and wildlife.

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Join Us As We Begin Our 27th Year in Downtown Fort Pierce

by Sue Dannahower

I am eager to serve my 2nd term as President of Main Street Fort Pierce. I’ve been volunteering for Main Street for over 10 years and on the board for 9 years. I have had the opportunity to watch the fundraising efforts and renovations for the Sunrise Theatre and the Platts/Backus house. I know the incredible impact this organization has had on our community.

Main Street Fort Pierce has an unbelievable Board of Directors who are passionate in the mission of this organization. Main Street members, sponsors, partners, city and county officials, volunteers and the general public attended our Annual Meeting in May. Everyone helped us celebrate our 27th year of making a difference in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce.

Our historic tours have seen more than 700 folks in seasons one and two. We began with the Historic Trolley Tour of Downtown Fort Pierce. This season we added the Historic Trolley Tour of Lincoln Park and Backstage Tour of the Historic Sunrise Theatre.

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. 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 downtown community. We strive to make Fort Pierce a shopping, business and entertainment destination.

We love our volunteers. If you are looking for a way to get involved with your community please come find out what we are all about. Main Street has over 30 events each year that are designed to bring people to downtown Fort Pierce or to raise money for projects that enhance the downtown area. Do you like to work at events? Upcoming events include the Fourth of July “Stars over St. Lucie” celebration and the “Margaritaville” Reverse Raffle in August.

We have a great year planned and I look forward to working with our long-time supporters as well as those who make this the year you get involved with Main Street Fort Pierce.
**Calendar**

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

**June 1, Monday:** The Cake Lady’s 1st Monday Girls Night Out — Learn cupcake decorating techniques. All materials included; wine and appetizers. Please register in advance. $35 per person, all inclusive. The Cake Lady Custom Cakes, 207 Orange Avenue. 772-282-9129.

**June 5, Friday:** Friday Fast — 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Music & Entertainment by The Doo Wop Guys; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

**June 10, Wednesday:** Art Walk at Art Mundo Open Studio — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; to include Art Art Walk at Art Mundo www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

**June 11, Thursday:** Bike Night — 2nd Thursday of every month; Located at the Fort Pierce City Marina between Cobb’s Landing and the Original Tiki Bar; live music; originaltikibar.com or 461-0880.

**June 15, Tuesday:** Tai Chi Classes: Every Tuesday 9 a.m. with Tai Chi instructor, Charlie Ottesen; $10 per person. For more information, please call 462-3474 or visit www.artmundo.org.

**June 15 to June 19:** Missoula Children’s Summer Camp: Peter and Wendy; Camp cost $125; Performance on June 19 at 7:00 p.m., tickets $10.

**June 16, Saturday:** Amazing Grace School of Dance Presents: Esther — For Such a Time as This; 5:00 p.m.; tickets $15-$20.

**June 16, Saturday:** An Evening with David Crosby; 7:30 p.m.; tickets $50/$49.

**June 20, Tuesday:** Weight Watchers Meetings — Every Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.; cost: $75; 772-464-4672

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**June 20, Tuesday:** DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE LIBRARY — 2nd Wednesday of every month is Art Walk 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Anytime Fitness; 461-2348.

**June 20, Tuesday:** Welcome to the Water — 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Downtown Fort Pierce; artmundo@artmundo.org or call (772) 466-1010.

**June 20, Tuesday:** Jazz & Blues Society, 460-1145, www.jazzsociety.org or call (772) 460-JAZZ.

**June 20, Tuesday:** Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society’s Annual Music Scholarship Presentation; For more information visit www.jazzsociety.org or call (772) 460-JAZZ.

**June 20, Tuesday:** FORT PIECE JAZZ & BLUES SOCIETY — 5:30 — 8:00 a.m.; Comedy Corner Presents: Frankie Paul/Shannon Hot Tickets $15.

**June 21, Wednesday:** Every Tuesday — Jazz Jam at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

**June 21, Wednesday:** Every Saturday — Jazz Market in Downtown Fort Pierce (Arts & Crafts), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**June 23, Friday:** For more information, please call 462-0530 or visit www.artmundo.org.

**June 23, Friday:** Heathcote Botanical Gardens — For information, please call 464-4672 or visit www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org.

**June 25, Sunday:** This is an ambitious resident engagement and education strategy that aims to increase recycling participation and reduce contamination of recyclables.

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**June 28, Wednesday:** Here’s how it works: Recycling bins will be selected and inspected at random once per week. Bins containing 100% recyclable items will be marked with a green tag which enables that household to be entered in a drawing to win $100 cash!

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Fort Pierce City Marina Economic & Environmental Impact

by Pam Gillette

The City of Fort Pierce is excited to introduce the community to the new and revitalized Fort Pierce City Marina. On Saturday, June 13, 2015 the city will celebrate Welcome to the Water — National Marina Day with the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the newly renovated Fort Pierce City Marina at 9:00 a.m. at Marina Square.

The Fort Pierce City Marina has been the center of commercial and recreational activities along the waterfront for nearly a century. Today, Marina Square is home to a new state-of-the-art marina and a location that holds over 140 free events each year. With the new marina renovations the City of Fort Pierce is perfectly positioned to become a waterfront destination with great economic and environmental impact.

“The Marina serves a purpose for the boats, increases tourism for the City of Fort Pierce, and helps as an economic generator for the City of Fort Pierce” says Dean Kubitschek.

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The Fort Pierce City Marina is located in the heart of the historic downtown on the Indian River Lagoon. After two back-to-back, devastating hurricanes in September 2004, at a cost of $30 million to the marina alone, the Fort Pierce City Marina embarked on a unique construction project to restore the marina back to a state-of-the-art facility with an island protection system.

The City of Fort Pierce did not want to just restore the marina but they wanted to provide a storm protection system against future damages and at the same time create natural habitats to enhance the integrity of the Indian River Lagoon. In February 2012, after considerable research, environmental testing, and design modifications, construction began on the 12 islands and one peninsula structure – Phase 1 of the project.

Phase 1 was the storm protection islands. This part of the project was approved and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In August 2009, the Department of Environmental Protection gave state approval for the islands and in September 2010, the Army Corps of Engineers issued the permits. In December 2010, the Fort Pierce City Commission approved the plans and permits to begin construction of the islands.

The storm protection islands primary objective is the protection of the downtown waterfront and the marina, but the islands will also provide a strong impact to the environment. No public access will be allowed on the islands so the islands will serve as an area for oyster recruitment, a mangrove habitat, seagrass beds, coastal dune habitat, artificial reef habitat and shoreline preserve for birds and wildlife. The new island design will allow boaters to navigate the facility easier due to the reduction in the current flow and make dockage easier into the floating slips.

Phase 2 of the project was to replace the docks lost in the hurricanes. The City of Fort Pierce awarded the contract of the Unifloat Concrete Dock System to Bellingham Marine. In 2014, Bellingham Marine began construction of the 137-slip concrete floating dock system, gangways and observation docks. Their work also included the installation of water, electrical, cable TV, fire, lighting, fencing and pump-out systems.

Eleven years later the City of Fort Pierce has a beautiful marina with innovative floating concrete docks and an island protection system that is perfectly positioned to meet all the needs of our waterfront community. With the upgrades and additional dockage the new marina is projected to bring a strong economic impact to the City of Fort Pierce; making downtown Fort Pierce a boating and waterfront destination.

Fort Pierce City Marina Restoration Project
by Pam Gillette

Devastation at Fort Pierce City Marina following Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004.

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**Mayor’s Message**

City Celebrates Success and Plans for the Future

by Linda Hudson, City of Fort Pierce Mayor

In late April, the City Commission spent two days on strategic planning. As the newest member of the Commission, it was enlightening to review what the City has accomplished since its last strategic planning endeavor in 2011. Some projects complete or nearly complete include: cleaning up the King Power Plant, increasing youth recreational activities, developing a citizen’s academy, and completing the A1A improvements, the Jetty Park and Roundabout. This year the Marina improvements will be complete with island protection and new and additional dock space. The city implemented single stream recycling, and increased residential recycling 100%. The Melody Lane Fishing Pier and Veteran’s Park are funded and designed. An energy-efficiency study and improvements include new streetlights that improve energy while reducing crime. The City will sponsor a Highwayman Heritage Festival in the fall of 2015 to showcase the new Highwaymen Heritage Trail. These are just a few of many projects that improve our city.

The commission discussed what we hope to achieve in the near future, in five years and in fifteen years. Our immediate goals include a clear path to rounding out the city’s borders to the north, west and south, concentrating on commercial properties that bring in revenue. As a commission, we agreed that a master parking strategy is critical for city success. While crime reduction is a priority all over the city, it is particularly crucial for the neighborhoods affected by gang and gun violence. Economic development remains a top priority, including port development and reducing unnecessary hassles for new and existing businesses. Commission and staff will also address employee compensation, including salaries, benefits and turnover, especially in the police department.

Challenges further into the future loom also for the City of Fort Pierce. Capital improvement funding has been non-existent for multiple years, so that aging infrastructure, buildings and vehicles have been minimally maintained. The Commission must find revenue to improve streets all over the city. Most city vehicles need replacing, including our police cars. The commission agreed that enterprise funds such as the golf course and theatre are successes, but must move toward more self-sustainability. Economic development success can be enhanced through eliminating obstacles for business growth, collaboration with the county toward port development, moving the wastewater treatment plant, and better relationships with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority.

Our strategic plan, including goals, objectives and actions, with completion times, will be available online. It is my goal to make sure that every action of the Commission and staff can be measured against the plan we have set for the future of Fort Pierce.
The Treasure of Our Treasure Coast — The Treasure Hunters

by Michael “Captain Mike” R. Howard

“Today’s the Day”

Any story about the 1715 Spanish Treasure Fleet disaster is incomplete without mention of those colorful treasure hunters who spent years and personal fortunes searching for the lost ships and their beguiling hidden treasures. These lost ships refused to give up their gravesites and treasure without great effort and persistence. Once a wreck is found, the hardest part lays ahead; finding and recovering the treasure, with no guarantee that treasure lies buried under the more visible ballast rocks, encrusted cannons, and other subtle clues of a wreck site.

Underwater work is extremely difficult with a host of unique hazards and challenges. New methods of searching often had to be devised by these intrepid treasure hunters. Only those willing to stay the course locked in a firm belief they would eventually “strike it rich” and would emerge as successful icons of this difficult and fascinating business.

Kip Wagner of Sebastian might well be considered the Father of our Treasure Coast Treasure Hunters. Kip passed away in the 1970s but not before lighting the fuse for the flurry of treasure hunting along our coast. He also spawned other greats such as Mel Fisher, who went on to greater fame and fortune with his spectacular Atocha discovery in 1965. Kip was hooked and his treasure hunting ventures in a compelling 1965 article for National Geographic eventually “strike it rich” and would emerge as successful icons of this difficult and fascinating business.

Ironically, it was a 1955 hurricane that turned Kip into a committed Treasure Hunter. Finding a Spanish Piece of Eight, or Reale, tweaked his curiosity and motivated him to buy a surplus military metal detector. This led to the discovery of the Spanish Galleon Atocha. But it was Kip’s curiosity and persistence that launched the local gold treasure fever that continues today.

There are many other dedicated treasure hunters who have worked our Treasure Coast wrecks. Many got their start with Mel Fisher decades ago. Pat Clyne worked with Mel for years on the Atocha, all in all, a 16-year search. One of Pat’s most memorable finds was while fanning away sand from a silver bar when suddenly part of a gold chain appeared. As he pulled, more connected chains appeared, revealing 15 connected gold chains totaling 100 feet in length. It was so heavy he needed help to get to the surface and completely forgot the silver bar.

Treasure hunter Eric Schmitt and his family’s Booty Salvage Company recently found gold pieces worth half a million dollars, five solid gold rings and most intriguing, a gold Catholic Communion piece destined for the Vatican in 1715. Ironically, it fit into a gold frame piece found 25 years earlier by another treasure hunter. Carl “Fuzz” Fismer also once worked for Mel Fisher off our coast. Now in his mid-70s, Fuzz is currently a motivational speaker regaling audiences all over the country with his inspirational style and message and tales of his treasure hunting the world over. Let’s hope he’ll be here for the many commemorative events this July.

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Although Mel lost a son in a tragic boat accident in 1975, he dedicated his efforts forward to his son, eventually discovering the Atocha treasure 10 years to the day after his son’s death. Mel passed away in 1998 but in life he maintained an unmatched optimism and belief that they would eventually hit the mother lode. His persistence, belief and dedication finally convinced the stingy Treasure Gods to give up some treasure in 1985 when Mel’s now iconic quote “Today’s the Day” finally came true with his discovery of the Atocha off Key West. Even the lowest estimates of his Atocha treasure state its value at over $400 million.

Many no doubt recall our own local Fort Pierce resident Demostene “Mo” Moline, another co-worker with Mel Fisher. Mo passed away in 2011 but was much admired and a highly successful treasure hunter. He is credited with first identifying the 1715 Spanish wreck, the Nuestra Senora de las Nieves.

I’m sure I’ve left out other iconic treasure hunters who plied these Treasure Coast waters, some probably still out there searching. But we’ll learn more about them in the coming months leading to the July 31st, 300 Year Commemoration and the many events planned for that special day.

Note: The Indian River County Libraries and the Friends of the IRC Library in collaboration with the 1715 Fleet Society will be presenting commemorative events to include displays, book signings, music, children’s programs, speakers/lectures/video and more. For additional information and a schedule of events, call 772-770-5060 x5 or x4130, or e-mail genealogy@irclibrary.org or mwagner@irclibrary.org.

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The New Art Walk – Just Around the Corner

by "Captain Mike" Michael R. Howard and the Art Mundo Creative Writers Group

Art Walk, the exciting and ever-changing monthly downtown Fort Pierce art gallery / open house, may soon feature several more galleries and art venues for art enthusiasts and interested patrons. By fall, Art Walk promises to showcase as many as six venues which should attract significantly more visitors downtown on these special second Wednesday events each month.

Art Mundo — Center for Creative Expression, long the lone participant, will continue its ever-changing and vibrant monthly art theme and exhibitors for Art Walk. Additionally, Mr. Steve Tarr, an exciting new owner who is keen on improving and expanding the Fort Pierce downtown art scene, recently bought their building. Steve immediately began a much-needed "facelift" on the building housing Art Mundo at 111 Orange Ave. It will soon standout with a sizzling new exterior. Decorative awnings and a new building logo will highlight the exterior and showcase this building as a downtown focus for the arts. Look for the snappy new exterior logo — The One Eleven Building — sure to draw attention and lure visitors in to see all the artists in Art Mundo.

Eager to join the monthly Art Walk festivities is The Art House, opening June 10, at 108 N. 2nd Street. Your next Art Walk must include a stop here. This dynamic new gallery is chock-full of talented and enthusiastic artists of all mediums. As owner and CEO "Mickey" describes it, "It's a unique, one-stop art gallery, where you can simply enjoy the art or buy it, print it, have it framed, packaged and shipped, all in one visit. It's a brave venture and an interesting new approach for a gallery to offer so many different services and such a variety of art. The Art House will also include art education, an international exhibit space, changing featured artists and events, sculptures, live models, studio rental space, consignments and a print shop. One additional service will be their Tourist Concierge Department. This will offer tourism a one-stop location to access information on all local events and venues, a first in this county.

Mickey emphasized her mantra for The Art House saying, "This gallery is about the artists, a special place to showcase their talent, skill and abilities." As I looked around at the buzz of activity, work being done by the artists themselves, I sensed the excitement and passion pouring into this endeavor. It will take a full article to showcase all the gifted artists there as well as its special owner. So look for more on this exciting new addition to the downtown art scene in a future Focus issue. Also look for their special Grand Opening event in late June.

By fall, Art Walk will also include the Back Room Gallery at Zelmo’s and the long established Treasure Coast Art Association gallery and studio, both located opposite each other on Avenue A. Your Art Walk adventure must include a stop at both galleries. You're sure to find a broad selection of art by many local artists and for sale at reasonable prices. Or simply enjoy the broad selection of interesting art, such as the Art Association’s special Quilt Art Exhibit continuing through June.

Finally, one exciting addition to Art Walk will be the preeminent A. E. Backus Museum of Art. Kathleen Fredrick, their long serving Executive Director, is excited to rejoin Art Walk when they re-open early fall. The Backus Museum adds an essential element to Art Walk, which is sure to continue bringing additional energy and vitality to our special Sunrise City! What more could visitors want than six unique and exciting art venues to enjoy along with a fun evening in beautiful downtown Fort Pierce. From Art Mundo and The One Eleven Building, they're all "Just Around the Corner."

SUMMER ART WALK DATES: June 10, A Different View; July 8, Treasures; August 12, Tidelines. All Art Walks are from 5 to 8 p.m.

April Coffee With The Mayor
sponsored by BlueBird Educational Foundation

Neighborhood Gems Award Recipients
Brenda Rubio & Jose Alvarez Terrazas
1001 Gatewood Ave.
Salvador & Sara Luna
814 Palm Ave.
Leona & Jesse Knight
1812 S. 29th St.

May Coffee With The Mayor
sponsored by HANDS of St. Lucie County

Main Street Fort Pierce Annual Meeting

Surprise! Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson reacts as “Mayor for the Day” Dr. Shamsheer Singh issues a $10,000 matching donation challenge to the community to benefit HANDS of St. Lucie County.

Dr. Andrew Passeri, Ph.D., Executive Director of HANDS of St. Lucie County, speaks to the crowd at Coffee With the Mayor, singing the praises of HANDS and its accomplishments and community impact.

Holly Theuns along with Danielle Kabbedbo (l to r) from the local Wells Fargo branch.

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Holly Theuns (right) is the first recipient of a “Facade Grant” for her house/studio on Second Street which was built in 1905. Danielle Kabbedbo (left) presented a check for $10,000 to Doris Tillman (center) as matching funds for the “Facade Grant” program.

Sydney Liebman, Kelly Leiby, Melissa Kitzi, Lori Spoor and Dr. Andrew Passeri

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For the third year in a row Art Mundo is pleased to host the art exhibit “A Different View” in partnership with VSA FL, the State Organization on Arts and Disability. VSA and Art Mundo have something in common — both not-for-profit organizations believe that art is for everyone, regardless of your age, color, religion, political viewpoint or disability. Making art, seeing art and talking about art connects us all and makes us better human beings.

The “A Different View” show brings to Fort Pierce seventy works of art by artists from all over Florida, in a variety of mediums and subject matter, that all share one thing — they all communicate something the artist or artists, saw or felt and wanted to share. All of the works in this show are examples of people triumphing over something that gives them “A Different View,” whether it be Multiple Sclerosis or Cerebral Palsy; a spinal cord injury, any sort of physical, emotional or intellectual challenge they may face.

Every work of art has a story and I would like to share just a few of the stories I know about some of the artists represented in this show. Katie Howard of Vero Beach started out as a rank beginner a few years ago in an Art Mundo Oil Painting 101 class taught by George Love. Katie didn’t have good muscular control over her brush and did some really abstract work in the beginning but with hard work and a good teacher, Katie has progressed to winning awards and selling her work. Be sure and check out two pieces from her “A Cherry on Top” series in this show. Howard’s work makes you smile.

The late Patti Butterbrodt of Volusia County was injured in an auto accident and became a quadriplegic a month before she was to graduate from high school. To strengthen her neck muscles to allow her to use a mouth stick to operate a computer she began working with watercolor. Rani Merens, also from Volusia County, has Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and is in a wheelchair, but that doesn’t stop her from taking art classes at the Gateway Center for the Arts in DeBary, Florida. Her work in this show, “Midnight Blue,” was created in oil with amazing talent. The subject matter is reminiscent of the Old Masters — a sensuous nude viewed from the rear, draped in diaphanous fabric, and is executed by the same hand that has trouble signing her name.

The students of Heidi Popp from the Brevard Achievement Center’s Cogswell Street Studio are exhibiting work executed in acrylics — palm trees — in many variations; an octopus, rooster, duck, toucan, bugs and “Got Moo?” of a cow. I love them all!

There is so much great art in this show. You have to come and see it. Most of the work is also for sale. It means a great deal to artists, classes, special events and opportunities to volunteer.

With the beginning of each Atlantic Hurricane Season (June 1 to November 30), we are once again reminded of the devastating, deadly and costly regional hurricanes we have lived through, heard of, or read about.

“In the Eye of the Treasure Coast’s Hurricane History,” a special exhibit covering 300 years of tropical storms and their impact on our past and present, opens Saturday, June 20th at the Bud Adams/Cobb Cultural Center in downtown Fort Pierce.

Focusing on the Hurricane “Eye” theme, the exhibit will include portrayals of early pioneers’ eyewitness accounts, “I remember” interviews of local residents, and dozens of historic Eye of the Camera photographs. Local literature and artworks inspired by historic hurricanes, such as Zora Neale Hurston’s “Their Eyes Were Watching God,” will also highlight the exhibit.

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Love, JAZZ Community: Missing a Beat!
by Don Bestor

It’s hard to render a stage performer speechless, but that’s exactly what happened last month, as Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society was recognized as an Exceptional Non-Profit in the Arts by 211 HelpLine at the Jewels of the Treasure Coast Awards. Eight-time Emmy Award Winner Michael Williams of WPTV News Channel 5 was the keynote speaker, and the room was filled with representatives from many of the area’s non-profit organizations. Before they even announced the winners of the awards, I took a minute to look around the room at all of the individuals and groups who work hard all year long to help improve conditions in our community. It was pretty moving – I mean, we all know there are volunteers and organizations that try to help out with children, seniors, pets, and emergencies, but to be sitting in a room surrounded by individuals and teams of people who donate their time, talent, and treasure helping others and sharing of their bounty was pretty awe-inspiring. For Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues to have been nominated was a thrill, but to hear our name called as an Exceptional Non-Profit in the Arts was quite a surprise for all of the volunteers at our table. So even though many of us make our living in front of an audience and are not fazed by the footlights, this was a moment that rendered us speechless.

All of us at Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society work together as a family, all year long, to bring opportunities for great, professional, and cutting-edge jazz and blues performances. We believe strongly and passionately in this very American art form, and we don’t mind sharing our talents and dedicating a portion of our time to giving back to the community in the form of performances, master classes, and raising funds for the musicians of the future to further their music education. Chances are pretty good that someone helped each one of us along the way in our path towards music, so we are happy to do the same for the next generation without seeking attention or spotlight to validate our efforts.

However, when it happens, just as it did last month at the 211 Awards, we were as humbled and happy as we are when we hear a student like Austin Routten, wailing away on his tenor saxophone during an on-stage audition for a Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society scholarship. We were touched by the support from the community in much the same way as we are every year when Tom and Kathy donate $1,000 earned exclusively through extra hours spent at work specifically to fund the education of an up-and-coming young musician. We are warmed inside just as we are when we see Pat Horan or Joanne and Ron break into a spontaneous dance as we play a favorite tune during our weekly jazz jams at the Black Box. No, we didn’t ask to be honored, and we certainly didn’t expect it. But we are grateful for the opportunity to share our passion and our music with music-lovers from all over St. Lucie County and the Treasure Coast, and with your permission, we’ll continue to share for as long as you allow us and support our efforts. Speaking of our efforts and support, if you’d like to learn more about our scholarship program, Summer Jazz Camp, or how to support the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, please visit www.jazzsociety.org, or call 772-460-JAZZ.
Inaugural Waterfest held at Jaycee Park

by Roy Whitehead

Sunday, May 3, was a beautiful, sunny spring day at Jaycee Park in Fort Pierce, with cool, gentle breezes wafting in from the ocean over the beaches and the park. A perfect day for the first Waterfest at Jaycee Park, hosted by the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and the City of Fort Pierce.

The park was filled with children and adults taking advantage of an opportunity to try out a sailboat, kayak or paddleboard at no charge. The Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation and volunteer skippers provided the sailboat rides, and Lisa’s Kayaks provided canoes, kayaks and paddleboards for those wanting to try their hand with them.

Some 650 young people and adults signed up for the chance to get out on the water, either by sail on a skippered boat or on one of Lisa’s watercraft for a solo experience. For most, these on-the-water activities were a first. The youngest sailor was a three-year old child riding with a parent, and the eldest were two ladies in their eighties.

This event was planned primarily to give residents of Fort Pierce and the surrounding area a chance to learn what water related activities are available by offering free access to various kinds of watercraft for a day. It was estimated that 90% of those taking advantage of the opportunity never had the chance and never would have participated in these water activities if not for this event. This was very rewarding for the many volunteers and participants.

The Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation provided food and beverages and the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society entertained the crowds with outstanding music. Sponsors and co-sponsors of Waterfest at Jaycee Park were the Fort Pierce Yacht Club, City of Fort Pierce, Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation, Lisa’s Kayaks and the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society. A Fort Pierce Marine Patrol boat was also present with two officers to ensure water safety and assist with any emergencies; fortunately they were not needed. Fort Pierce Public Works representatives at the park went out their way to assist with efficient handling of trash.

Information about sailing activities and summer sailing classes can be found at www.TreasureCoastYouthSailing.com and at 772-333-6531 or 772-465-7720.

Information about Lisa’s Kayaks can be found at www.getoutsideanddosomething.com and at (772) 216-2820.

FPUA Appoints New Director of Utilities

Fort Pierce Utilities Authority recently announced the appointment of Clay Lindstrom as FPUA Director of Utilities. Mr. Lindstrom replaced FPUA’s director, Bill Thiess, who retired in early April. FPUA operates Fort Pierce’s municipally owned electric, natural gas, water and wastewater utility services.

Lindstrom has been at Lake Worth for 4½ years and his responsibilities there have included management of the water and wastewater utilities, electric transmission and distribution, Customer Service, and power generation. He has served on the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) Board of Directors and All Requirements Project Executive Committee during his tenure at Lake Worth. He also has represented Lake Worth at the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) and currently serves as FMEAs Vice President. Prior to coming to Lake Worth, Clay was a long-term employee with Mid-American Energy Company.
The Time Has Come for a Summer Cleanse
by Kathleen Fredrick, Executive Director

I don’t know about you but I can’t seem to figure how we went from winter to summer in the blink of an eye. I realize that spring in Florida is brief, but this year it was shorter than a 1960s mini-skirt. As I write this, the thermometer reads 91 degrees and it is still May. Clearly, spring has sprung and has left the building. Summer has come to stay and stay and stay.

If you were planning to do some spring-cleaning, you are too late. However, it is never too late for a summer cleanse. I am not referring to one of the dietary cleanses that are so popular today. There is no need to consume vast amounts of wheat grass juice or water flavored with cider vinegar. The type of cleanse I am recommending is better for the closet than the colon. Once completed, you will feel better and so will your home.

While it is hotter than the devil outside, is the perfect time to take a cleanse. Having “enough stuff” provides a sense of security. Too much stuff is just a burden. While I was washing all the MANY items in my china closet I realized that I am hanging on to things I never use and some I do not even like at all.

This past weekend I began my summer cleanse. Here is my system: a pile for things I never use; a pile for things I never really liked; a pile for things that no longer fit (that is a really big pile); a pile for things I am tired of looking at, cleaning, moving, etc. I am getting so good at this cleanse business that perhaps I should try minimalism. Well, then again, maybe minimalism is too big a lifestyle change for me. You know, old dog new trick – that sort of thing. Either way, I am getting rid of stuff and I am going to get a tax-deduction for my efforts.

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because I’m donating my piles of treasure to the A.E. Backus Museum’s annual fundraiser, the Another Man’s Treasure Sale, and you should too.

Think about it, how many handbags or belts or earrings do you really need, or even want? How many sets of dishes do you actually use? Why is your garage full of you-know-what while your car is parked out in the hot summer sun? These are profound questions and they demand answers.

I have been reading up on this cleanse business and I found these helpful hints to this purge business and I... continued from page 25

then you probably don’t need it. Get rid of it and open up some space in your home.

Purge, Purge, and Purge Again.

Too much stuff in too small a space can never be organized. In the same way the less you have, the less you have to keep up with.

Donate Unused or Gently Used Items to the A.E. Backus Museum. The Backus Museum collects donations for its annual Another Man’s Treasure Sale all year long. The sale is only a few months away and our collection drive has gone into full swing. We gratefully accept single items and entire estates. The Museum seeks all manner of housewares, linens, fashion accessories, jewelry, decorative objects, fine art, not-so-fine art, picture frames, Grandma’s china, Aunt Mary’s hat collection, furniture, Uncle Bill’s fishing rods, tools, sporting goods, small boats, gizmos and gadgets galore. Just remember, it is a Treasure Sale, not a trash sale. Please, no clothing, Tupperware without lids, glass trays left and gadgets galore. Just remember, it is a Treasure Sale, not a trash sale. Please, no clothing, Tupperware without lids, glass trays

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The Subway® menu is sure to have something on it that you will love. Don’t forget to order one of their famous chocolate cookie dough pieces for dessert. They are delicious!

Subway in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce is located at 116 N. 2nd Street Suite 101 (772) 577-4070. Their hours of operation are: Monday to Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; and Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The well-known Subway® brand is the world’s largest submarine sandwich chain in the world. They are the leading choice for people seeking a quick, nutritious meal. Local Subway® franchise owner, Mark Floyd, recently established a downtown Fort Pierce store at 116 N. 2nd Street, Suite 101. Subway® is recognized for its healthier menu options and for its quick meal prep. Now local employees with timed lunch hours or folks on their way to one of the many nearby outdoor recreational spots will be able to get in the downtown store to grab a bite anytime of the day and every day of the week.

Mark owns four Subway® franchises St. Lucie County. His son and son-in-law help manage the businesses. The Fort Pierce restaurant is open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner and after Sunrise Theatre performances. They offers catering, boxed “Lunches-to-Go,” giant Party Subs (3-12 feet in length), the new chopped salad, soups and hot out-of-the-oven pizza! Mark has been in Fort Pierce for over 38 years. “I’m glad to be in Fort Pierce — it is a gem,” states Floyd.

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**Tech Bytes:** Using System Restore / Time Machine

by Michael Lewis, Mike’s Downtown Computer Repair

Your Computer/Apple has an automatic backup feature that is seldom used. However this feature can save you if you accidentally caught a virus or a program has crashed your computer. To access System Restore on Windows OS click the start button, and in the search box type System Restore. If you are prompted for a password enter it and continue. Select restore my computer to an earlier time from the choices, now choose a date before the problems occurred. Hit next and it will restart your computer and attempt to recover it to the date you selected.

For Apple OS you need to enable a feature called Time Machine, you also need an external hard drive or Time capsule device to backup to. Once Time Machine is enabled you will be able to open the clock in the upper right corner and select different times to restore from. Good luck and safe computing!

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**Recipe Corner**

by Sue Dannahower

I made these desserts for our “Kick Your Ass” BBQ last month. Doris Tillman opened her home to Ken and Debbie Langley and their guests for a sumptuous BBQ lunch and tour of her farm. The Banana Pudding is from former board member Wanda Sapp.

**Chocolate Trifle**

1 package Devil’s Food Cake
2 packages instant chocolate pudding
1 container whipping cream
1½ cups milk
1 cup Kahlua
5 Heath Bars, crushed

Make devil’s food cake as directed. Let cool. Make chocolate pudding using ½ cup milk and 1 cup Kahlua. Chill. Whip the cream without sugar.

Teer cake into bite size pieces. Layer as follows: cake, pudding, whipped cream, Heath Bars. You should have enough to layer three times. Serves 10.

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**Banana Pudding**

1 5-ounce box Banana Cream Instant Pudding Mix
1 8-ounce sour cream
1 8-ounce Cool Whip
2 cups whole milk
4 bananas
2 packages of Pepperidge Farm Chessman Cookies

Mix the first four ingredients in a bowl for about five minutes with electric mixer. Layer your dish starting with the cookies, bananas, and then the pudding mix. Repeat as necessary. Refrigerate for an hour. Serves 10.

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