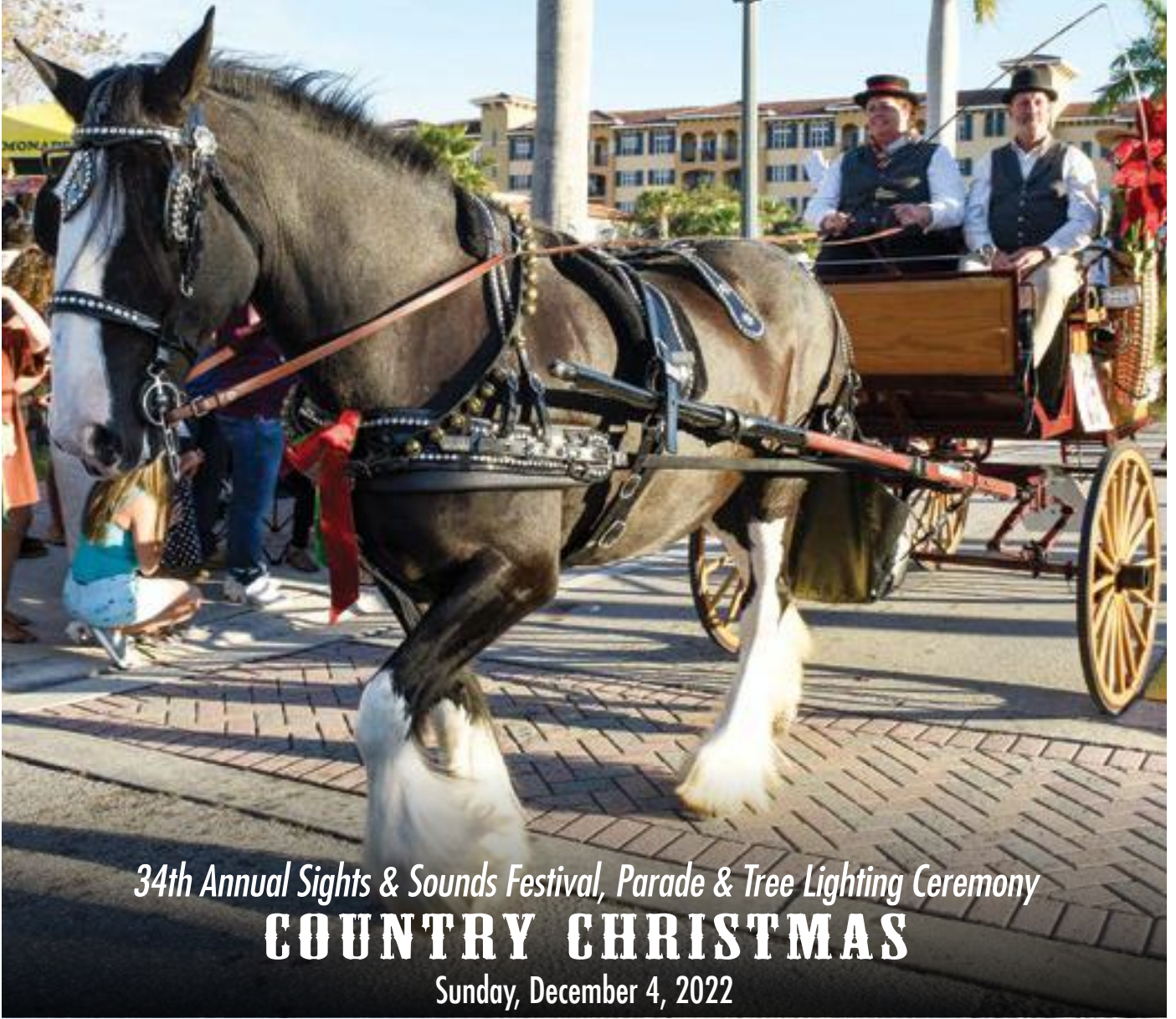




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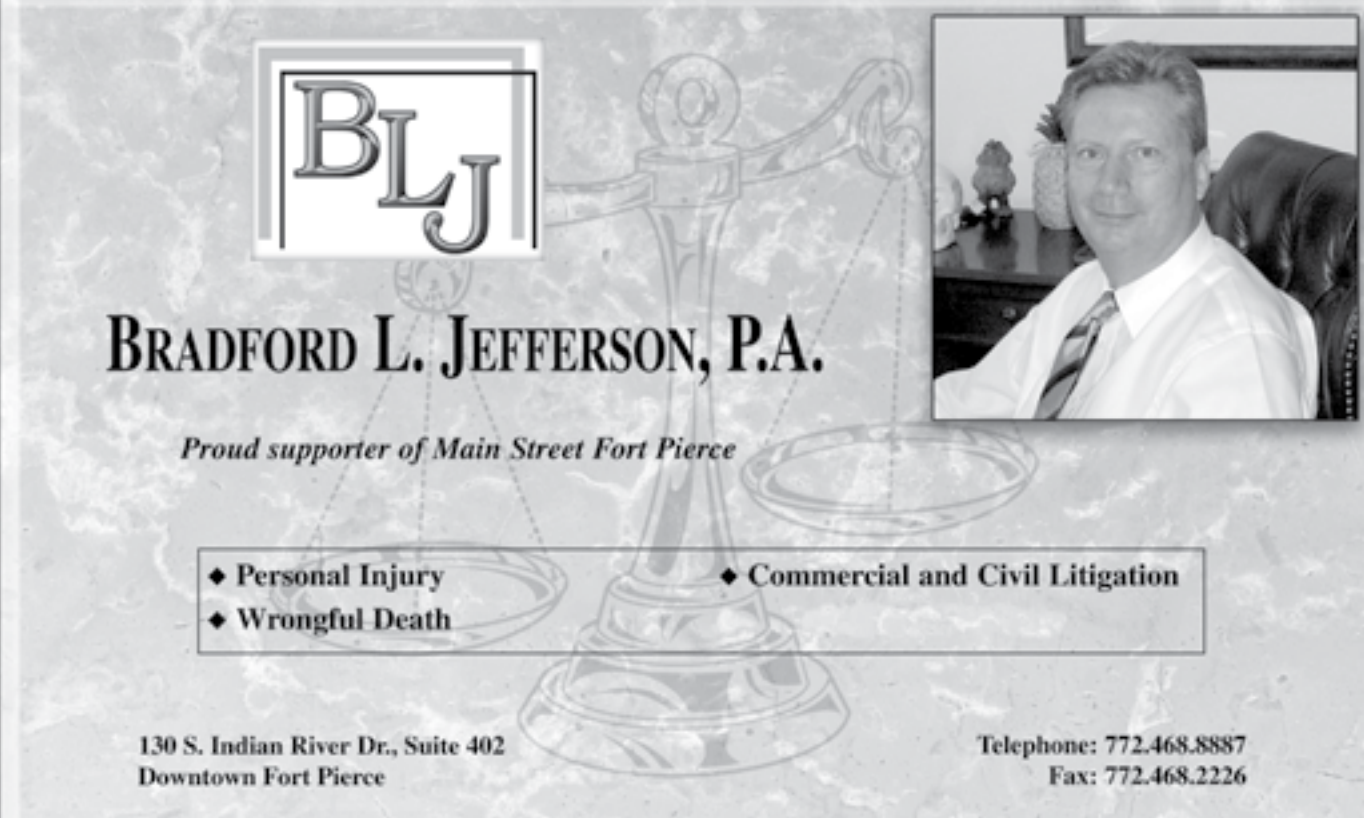


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Main Street Fort Pierce Continues its Commitment to Revitalization

by Donna Sizemore



In this article I'd like to follow up on the November issue of the *Focus* and finish out the year talking about *Main Street's* approach to our community's revitalization using the four points approach of *The Main Street Approach: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization*. In this article we will finish the year out discussing the remaining two of the four points, *Design* and *Promotion*. These two approaches often come hand in hand.

DESIGN supports a community's transformation by enhancing the physical and visual assets that set the commercial district apart. *PROMOTION* positions the downtown or commercial district as the center of the community and hub of economic activity, while creating a positive image that showcases a community's unique characteristics. <https://www.mainstreet.org/mainstreetamerica/theapproach>

Below are only a few examples of how *Main Street* uses design and promotion in the transformational process:

Main Street Fort Pierce purchased the **Sunrise Theatre** building and began renovation in 1997 then in 1999 purchased the entire property. *Main Street* donated the Theatre to the City who has now taken over the daily operations.


Main Street worked with St. Lucie County to achieve a library grant for the construction of a \$2,500,000 library in downtown Fort Pierce.

A great example of how *Main Street* enhanced downtown Fort Pierce while showcasing the community's unique characteristics can be seen by the murals in historic downtown. *Main Street* organized the *St. Lucie Mural Society* to create these incredible murals. A most recent event was the *Fish Fence* activity, which was an ongoing event that lasted over a two year period. If you drove by the **King's Landing** project on 2nd Street, you saw all the brightly color painted wooden fish. This fence was designed by a plethora of people of all ages and showcased the communities' unique characteristics through color and design.

Speaking of unique characteristics through color and design, please mark your calendar for December 8th and join Colleen Nash Becht and Rosalie Knoelke Arnold for a holiday art show at the **Backus House**. Visit *Main Street's* website to buy a ticket for a chance to win one of Colleen's original paintings and click on the calendar to view all the events for December, <https://mainstreetfortpierce.org>.

As we close out the year, I'd like to thank all our volunteers that have helped us throughout this year. *Main Street Fort Pierce* couldn't do what we do without you.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! ❖



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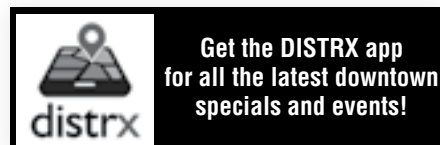
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Calendar

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MONTHLY EVENTS

December 2, Friday: *FRIDAY FEST AT MARINA SQUARE* — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; live music by *Dave & The Wave*; sponsored by Cobbs Landing and Little Jims restaurants; **Please remove all vehicles from the permitted Friday Fest road closure area (Marina Way & Melody Lane) by 2:00 p.m.;** Facebook—Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; mainstreetfortpierce.org.

December 4, Sunday: *34th ANNUAL SIGHTS & SOUNDS FESTIVAL, PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY* — *Sights & Sounds On 2nd Festival*, starting at 10:30 a.m.; *Sights & Sounds On 2nd Parade*, starting at 4 p.m.; *Sights & Sounds On 2nd Tree Lighting Ceremony*, following the Parade, located in the roundabout at Avenue A & Indian River Drive. See schedule and additional information in this issue of *Focus*.

December 16, Friday: *COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR* — 8:00 a.m. at the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**, 700 N. Indian River Dr.; *Sponsor* — **South State Bank**; Facebook—Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; mainstreetfortpierce.org.

December 16, Friday: *ARTWALK* — 5 to 8:00 p.m.; Various studios and shops open throughout the downtown area; artstlucie.org.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesdays: *Wednesday Green Market & Food Co-Op* — rain or shine 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., Downtown Marina Square; 971-8480.

Saturdays: *The Jazz Market* — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north side of the Downtown Fort Pierce Library; Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5299, jazzsociety.org.

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

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Tuesdays: *Jazz Jam at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre* — 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; 460-5299; jazzsociety.org.

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Common Ground Vineyard Church; 460-5414, commongroundvineyard.com.

First Church; 464-0440, firstchurchfp.org.

Fort Pierce Haitian United Methodist Church; 940-6728, haitianmethodist.org.

Notre-Dame Mission Catholic Church; 466-9617, notredamecc.com.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church (*founded 1893*); 461-5009 mystandrews.org.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Bud Adams Gallery of Historical Photographs
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2nd Floor of P.P. Cobb Building

Fort Pierce Police Athletic League
772-370-6162 • fortpiercepal.com
Volunteers needed: 772-466-0606

Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society
772-460-5299 • jazzsociety.org

Fort Pierce RiverWalk Center
600 North Indian River Drive
772-489-6473 • cityoffortpierce.com

Heathcote Botanical Gardens
772-464-4672
heathcotebotanicalgardens.org

Manatee Observation & Education Center
772-429-6266 • ManateeEducationCenter.org

National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum
772-595-5845 • navysealmuseum.org

St. Lucie County Marine Center
772-462-3474
stlucieco.gov/marine_center

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772-462-1795 • stlucieco.gov/history

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DECEMBER 7: NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
DECEMBER 12: GINGERBREAD DECORATING DAY
DECEMBER 13: NATIONAL HORSE DAY
DECEMBER 15: NATIONAL CUPCAKE DAY
DECEMBER 16: NATIONAL UGLY SWEATER DAY
DECEMBER 17: NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
DECEMBER 18–26: HANUKKAH, FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
DECEMBER 21: DECEMBER SOLSTICE
DECEMBER 22: NATIONAL COOKIE EXCHANGE DAY
DECEMBER 23: FESTIVUS
DECEMBER 23: NATIONAL PFEFFERNUSSE DAY
DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 26–JANUARY 1: KWANZAA
DECEMBER 30: NATIONAL BACON DAY

Main Street Fort Pierce is Proud to Host Artists Colleen Nash Becht and Rosalie Knoelke Arnold for a Special Holiday Art Show & Sale



Come join Colleen Nash Becht and Rosalie Knoelke Arnold on December 8, 2022, for a holiday art show! This art reception is located at the **Platts/Backus House**, 122 A.E. Backus Avenue, and will be held from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Chances to win an original Colleen Nash Becht watercolor *Orange Bloom*, valued at \$4,000, are available for purchase on the *Main Street Fort Pierce* website, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

Each year Colleen chooses an artist who has never shown their work before. Rosalie Knoelke Arnold is 90 years young and paints with enthusiasm each and every day. As a young girl, Rosalie's family moved next door to A.E. Backus in downtown Fort Pierce. Every day after school Rosalie went over the "Beanie's" house and painted in his studio, now known as the home of *Main Street Fort Pierce*. Rose later received an art scholarship to the University of Miami but her father would not allow her to attend telling her that she had to stay home and work in the family jewelry store. Rosalie has been working

in **Sweet's Jewelers** nearly her entire life. At the age of 84, Rosalie once again picked up a paint brush and there is no stopping her now!

Fine water colorist artist, Colleen Nash Becht grew up on Florida's Treasure Coast. Her talent and eye for creating photo-realistic paintings of the region's coastal life has garnered and continues to garner her domestic and international awards.

Colleen's watercolors are intricate and detailed, often hyper-realistic renditions done at close range. She is especially talented at capturing illumination from organic sunlight, showing how the light dances upon a subject. Her subject matter ranges from native tropical flora, still life fruits, and wildlife to commissioned portraits and her latest obsession, small wooden boats.

Her work is collected and sold in galleries from Palm Beach to San Francisco; and in coastal towns around the world. Collectors range from billionaires and celebrities to local fishermen and school teachers, with many of them owning original pieces.

This is a show not to be missed! Mark your calendars today. ❖

We are Bringing Back the TIKI YIBE Here at Cobb's Landing!

Since the teardown of the beloved "Tiki Bar" in the summer of 2019, residents and visitors alike have been reminiscing and hoping for a new tiki to be built at the **Fort Pierce City Marina**. Although **Cobb's Landing** has a smaller tiki bar and dining room, we have decided to build a larger tiki area and recapture the downtown tiki atmosphere that we lost in 2019.

The new tiki structure will be 1,800 sq. ft. and cover the existing **Cobb's Landing** patio area along the west side of the **City Marina**. The new addition is being built by **Seminole Tiki Huts** with construction starting November 7th and expected to be completed by the first of December. Longtime Fort Pierce resident and **Cobb's Landing** owner Donna Qvarnstrom, "We are always thinking about bettering our community and improving the downtown Fort Pierce area; evolving and growing with the times and making this area a "must-see Florida destination" for everyone." We will continue to be a family-friendly restaurant with live music seven days a week, serving the best American Cuisine and Craft Cocktails in the downtown area of Fort Pierce. ❖



Mayor's Message

City and FPRA Programs Support Small Business

by Linda Hudson, Mayor, City of Fort Pierce



Our city emphasizes helping small businesses succeed in a variety of ways. Here are just a few of them.

The city has continued to support an impact fee moratorium within the **Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency**

(FPRA) boundaries.

The **Infill Lien Reduction Program** promotes reinvestment and revitalization of vacant infill properties by providing the property owner relief from the liens levied prior to their ownership

in exchange for the development of that vacant parcel. Via development agreement, the soft costs associated with city liens will be waived and 50% of the hard costs may be refunded in accordance with the

agreement. There will be specific time parameters associated with obtaining building permits and completing construction to be eligible for the refund. This program will be available on an individual basis.

The **FPRA** has been funding school resource officers in C.A. Moore and Dan McCarty Middle School, but is now funding a downtown police detail during busy times.

The **FPRA** funded commercial façade grants and interior up-lift grants for small businesses in the **FPRA** boundary.

The **FPRA's** newest program is the **Targeted Corridor Paint Program**. The intent of the **Targeted Corridor Paint Program** is to support the revitalization of the commercial corridors in the **FPRA** district by stimulating private investment in improvements that enhance the appearance of buildings and properties and eliminate blight.

The first phase concentrates on Orange Avenue. The Program offers financial assistance in the form of a reimbursable grant up to \$1,000 toward the cost of exterior paint and paint supplies. The funds will be disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit one (1) grant award per property. The program

closed November 3, 2022. To be eligible for this program the property must be located on the Orange Avenue corridor within the **FPRA** District (between 33rd Street and Melody Lane).

The **FPRA** also supports Main Street Fort Pierce and Lincoln Park Main Street in their missions to improve business in their respective boundaries.

For over a decade, the City and the **Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency** (FPRA) have had minimal funds to support local businesses because the lion's share of **Tax Increment Funds** (TIF) were needed to pay down debt. It is a welcome change to be able to support our local small businesses with these and other programs. ❖



Tiny Magnificent Auction

Every school year, teachers reach into their own pockets to purchase items for their classrooms and students in order to make the curriculum more interesting and exciting for their students.

The **Fort Pierce Art Club** recognized this devotion to creativity by teachers and created the exciting, collectable **Magnificent Miniature Masterpieces** silent auction. This year will be the club's third year. One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to local schools to help the art teachers purchase items they need for their students.

This year's participants include a total of 90 students from the following high schools: Central High, Lincoln Park Academy, and Westwood. Each school will be presented with a \$500 check at the Saturday, December 18, celebration for their arts programs in addition to cash prizes to the winning students and local artists.

The **Fort Pierce Art Club 2022 Magnificent Miniature Masterpieces** is open to all artists wishing to participate in this

worthy cause. Details on how to enter are available on Facebook @fortpiercartclub and at www.fortpiercartclub.org. Entry fee is \$10. The deadline is December 5, 2022. Artists may pick up entry forms which include a 3" x 3" canvas and easel to enter at several locations listed on the website as well every Monday at the club's art programs, **Art on the Porch** and **Art After Work**.

The 2022 silent auction starts on Wednesday, December 14 through Friday, December 16 in the **St. Lucie Cultural Alliance Vault** located at 111 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during **ArtWalk** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The auction concludes on Sunday, December 18, with a celebration and awards for the winning artists and student artists and the final purchases of miniatures by the public from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in **Harmony Music Lounge's** gallery located at 116 Avenue A, Fort Pierce.

All proceeds go to local schools and to scholarships at **Indian River State College**. The **Fort Pierce Art Club, Inc.** is a 501(c)(3) and donations to the club are tax deductible in accordance with the tax laws.

Please direct questions and requests to fortpiercartclub@gmail.com or call 772-579-1529. Names of past event artists and winners are on www.fortpiercartclub.org along with past event sponsors. ❖



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COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 4, 2022

🎵 SIGHTS & SOUNDS ON 2ND FESTIVAL 🎵

10:30 a.m. – Outdoor Sunday service by the **Common Ground Vineyard Church** at intersection of Orange Avenue and 2nd Street

Stage 1 – Orange Ave. & 2nd Street

- 1:00 p.m. – *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society*
- 1:30 p.m. – *Santa* arrives in fire truck
- 1:45 p.m. – *Borras Dance Company*
- 2:30 p.m. – *True Crew Dance*

Stage 2 – North 2nd Street near **2nd Street Bistro**

- 1:00 p.m. – *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society*

Santa will be at the *Sights and Sounds Festival* to take requests and photos with children. Other children’s activities include: free children’s activity booths from area nonprofits, a “Build a Downtown” Lego brick area, face painting, and entertainment from local dance groups & musicians.



🦌 SIGHTS & SOUNDS ON 2ND PARADE 🦌

Organized & sponsored by the Sunrise Kiwanis
Grand Marshal – **Tom Perona**

The *Sights & Sounds Parade* starts at Tickle Tummy Hill on Second Street at 4:00 p.m. It will travel south to Orange Avenue; turn east on Orange, and north on Indian River Drive concluding at the **River Walk Center**.



🎵 SIGHTS & SOUNDS ON 2ND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY 🎵

Immediately following the parade will be the lighting of the holiday Christmas Tree located in the roundabout at Avenue A & Indian River Drive. The *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society* will play holiday jazz music before and after the tree lighting.

After the tree lighting, stay around for the “The Holiday Lights Spectacular” in Marina Square on Melody Lane. “The Holiday Lights Spectacular” is presented by the City of Fort Pierce. The light show consists of over 100,000 lights synchronized to holiday music and is a must see for both locals and out-of-town guests. The lights and music will run from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. daily until January, 2023.



For 34 years, *Sights & Sounds on 2nd* has brought residents and visitors together to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season in Fort Pierce.



For more information call *Main Street Fort Pierce* at 772-466-3880 or visit www.mainstreetfortpierce.org

Free parking: *City Parking Garage* at Orange Avenue and Depot Drive; *County Parking Garage* at 2nd Street and Boston Avenue; parking lot on South Indian River Drive between Orange Avenue and Avenue A; parking lot on North Indian River Drive between AE Backus Avenue and Avenue D. ❖



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212 N 2nd St.
(772) 801-5914
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131-B N 2nd St.
(772) 519-3760
- Sailfish Brewing Company**
130 N 2nd St.
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411 N 2nd St.
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100 S 2nd St. #204
(772) 801-5729
- Rizzo's Tobacco Emporium**
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223 Orange Avenue
(772) 461-0655
- Lisa Jill Allison Art Gallery**
111 Orange Avenue, 2nd Floor
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'Tis the Season

by Meredith Bennett

How do Floridians even know winter is coming if the weather is balmy? Do palm trees shed their fronds? Our seasons are much more subtle than those up north. When I start to notice a golden hue around me as the sun gets lower in the sky, I know autumn is approaching and winter is not far behind. I really love the golden hour; it reminds me of a Maxfield Parrish painting. This is the time of year the squirrels scurry in search of nuts and we scurry through the months of November and December at warp speed.

Because I work retail, I start the holiday hustle before the goblins say Boo! But, I still refuse to play Christmas carols before Halloween. After recovering from a turkey coma, I start addressing my beach-themed holiday cards from the **Vanishing Mermaid** gift shop. I try to have them finished by the time we have our annual Christmas Parade because, once they light up that tree downtown I can't slow down. As the buyer for "the mermaid" I will be spinning like a dreidel.

Even if I feel a little stressed, I do know a great way to have that Maxfield Parrish glow in my day-to-day. I help others. I help them find just the right gifts for their family and friends. If we are all good at something this is my super power — *shopping!* Of course, I have a favorite store to shop in. One that puts an emphasis on conservation and helps a good cause!

Have you ever visited the **Vanishing Mermaid** at the **Manatee Center** in downtown Fort Pierce?

I like to refer to it as a little shop full of Florida whimsy. Not frivolous, most items definitely have a purpose, but whimsi-



cal. Do you have a tea lover in your family? How about giving them a manatee tea infuser? Do your friends enjoy a good bottle of wine? Pair that bottle with the perfect bottle holder, one that looks just like a sea turtle. For that guy or girl who has everything, I bet they don't have manatee socks!



Come to the **Vanishing Mermaid** the next time you are downtown. We are well stocked and waiting to help you find that perfect gift. I have even been known to give a virtual tour of the gift shop by cell phone! Or you could visit our webstore at www.vanishingmermaid.com. The best thing about shopping at the **Vanishing Mermaid** is knowing that the proceeds benefit the **Manatee Observation and Education Center!** That should put a little glow in your heart. ❖

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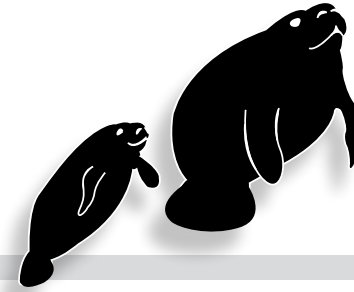
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The Manatee Center December Events

MOEC is open Tuesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
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Saturday, December 3, 10, 17, 24 at 2:00 p.m.
Fin-tastic Fish Feeding

Come meet the fin-tastic fishes of the **Manatee Center** and learn how they swim, eat and live. Free with paid admission.

Monday, December 5, 12, 19 at 9:30 a.m.
Guided Kayak Trip

Start your week off right and join the **Manatee Center** for a guided kayak tour! We've partnered with **Lisa's Kayaks**, based out of *North Causeway Island Park* in Fort Pierce, to offer guided kayak tours on the beautiful *Indian River Lagoon*. Look for wildlife, meet a mangrove, and learn about the *Indian River Lagoon* on a ninety-minute paddle led by a **MOEC** naturalist. The cost is \$30 per person and includes kayak, paddle, and safety gear. Registration is required. Please call 772-429-6266, option 3, or e-mail Education@ManateeEducationCenter.org for more information or to register.

Tuesday, December 6 at 10:30 and 2:30 p.m.
Homeschool Workshops

Homeschool days are an opportunity for individual homeschoolers to experience hands-on learning. All classes are geared for students ages 6 to 12. Cost is \$5 per student. Registration is required. Call 772-429-6266, option 3, to register.

Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.
ManaTales Storytime

Nurture your child's natural curiosity about nature through this free Mommy-and-Me style program. Each session will focus on a new nature theme and includes a story, craft, and more! Some classes feature live animals! Fun for preschoolers.

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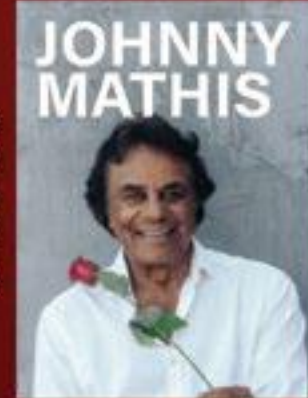
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Love, JAZZ Community: A Quarter Century of Music

by Don Bestor



All of us at *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society* are still a little dazed and finding it hard to believe that we're just about to finish our twenty-fifth anniversary celebration and begin 2023 as our 26th year of providing live music, scholarships, master classes, entertainment, and culture to Fort Pierce and indeed, all the Treasure

Coast. Who could have imagined a quarter of a century ago that our rag-tag little group would continue to grow and add incredible talent, unmatched dedication, and an audience that includes the entirety of the community? We are profoundly grateful to the community and are committed to continuing our mission to serve the community we love and call home.

Last month, we hosted a 25th anniversary luncheon at **Tutto Fresco**, where members and supporters of *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society* celebrated 25 years and renewed our commitment to our mission and our goals. As we've said for 25 years, "It is all so simple ... provide great music performed by great players, always respect and consider the people who support the effort, throw in some funds so as to continue this, and voila! You have the ingredients necessary to fulfill our mission."

And that mission is equally simple and straightforward. "The mission of the *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society* is to promote the growth, appreciation and performance of Jazz and Blues — two great American Music Art Forms — through annual scholarship awards, educational workshops, clinics and master classes, weekly jazz jams, tri-annual *Waterside Blues Festivals*, *Mardi Gras* and *Jazz Week* celebrations and community outreach programs."

As president of this fine organization of professionals, I give you my word that in 2023, the *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society* will forge ahead to accomplish and achieve our many worthwhile goals ... expanding educational programs, musical forums, social events, City support and awareness, promoting



Crystal Samuel and Doretha Hair Truesdell

artistic culture and last but not least, a very *big* warm smile from those who have learned to enjoy our traditional *Jazz Jams!* Is that all there is? *Absolutely not!* That's where everything begins! We shall continue to work diligently to make things entertaining, fun and interesting at all our upcoming and ongoing events.

If you'd like to join the party and support our mission, why not become a member or gift a membership to a spouse, neighbor, colleague, friend, or family member today? We'll even gift wrap the membership materials to help make your holiday shopping easier, and of course we'd be delighted to welcome you into our musical family. You can reach us by phone at 772.460.JAZZ (5299) or via e-mail at info@jazzsociety.org. ❖



Kathy Blanton, Commodore Forest Blanton, Pat Robertson



Barbara Gilbert and Dave Damon

After 12 Years of Faithful, Dedicated Service to the City of Fort Pierce as a City Commissioner, Tom Perona will Retire on December 5



Tom was elected as a City Commissioner District 2 for the City of Fort Pierce in 2010. Prior to his election, he served eight years on the **Fort Pierce Utilities Authority**. His service has also included the following Boards: *St. Lucie County Fire District, Fort Pierce Parking Committee, Lincoln Park Main Street,*

Sunrise Theatre Advisory Board, Fort Pierce Retirement Board, Treasure Coast Education, Research, and Development Authority, Florida Municipal Power Association, Roundtable of SLC, and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. In addition to government boards, he has also served on the *Dale Cassens School*

Advisory Board, Kid's Crossing Park Board Member and Foreman in both 1993 and 2013, the *St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, Fort Pierce Civil Service Appeals Board, Parks Committee, Fort Pierce Landlord Association* and the *American Cancer Society of St. Lucie County.*

During his term as a City Commissioner, Tom is most proud of the city's growth and economic prosperity which he links to the vision, implementation and accountability to the City's Strategic Plan; transforming the City's image regarding transparency, crime and safety and the accessibility to elected officials; his advocacy for animals and the city's TNVR and Spay and Neuter programs; and the overall commitment of the city to work cohesively and respectfully with each other and our surrounding community partners.

Most recently, Tom served as the project director for the *Community Build All Needs All Access Playground* at **Jaycee Park** as a member of the *Fort Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis Club*; raising funds, coordinating volunteers and being onsite throughout this monumental project.

Tom has been an owner, manager and partner in several businesses during his time in St. Lucie County. Tom is married to his lovely wife Kathy, has four grown children, four beloved grandchildren with one on the way; he loves marathon training and competing, swimming, cycling and kayaking in his spare time.

We wish him well in his retirement! ❖

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Celebrating the Fun and Joy of Giving and Sharing

by Robynn Holland and Diane Korbey, FPYC

Both November and December are busy months filled with community activities celebrating the fun and joy of giving and sharing, and the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club** (FPYC) is honored to be a part of many of these activities.

Congratulations to the **Fort Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis** and the **City of Fort Pierce** for their outstanding job to “Rebuild the Kids

Park at Jaycee Park.” For six-plus glorious days, people built, sweated, laughed, and ate together as they shared in something very special for the community. The new park is fabulous and will be used by children and families for decades to come. The work force was comprised of hundreds of volunteers and these volunteers were fed by donations from dozens of restaurants from Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County. What a wonderful, amazing experience it was, and the **FPYC** was proud to be a part of this great initiative through member volunteers who built, donated food, served food, and made monetary donations. The **FPYC** is grateful to be a part of this amazing, giving community. If you would still like to donate you can go to: <https://kidsparkatjayceepark.com/>

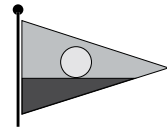
The **FPYC Foundation** delighted members and guests at their elegant *Sunset Soirée*, Saturday, November 5th, a benefit to raise money for “Chart Your Course” an



opportunity for 100 students from the St. Lucie School District on February 23, 2023. In conjunction with the **FPYC** and the St. Lucie School District, the **FPYC Foundation** is organizing the first **Marine and Maritime Career Expo** for the school system to encourage students to consider the opportunities in the maritime industry, marine industry, and environmental-science related fields as they set their eyes on their future and life goals.

The benefit featured the Miami Musical Sensation, Anthony Corrado, an amazing vocalist, and musician, who entertained on saxophone, clarinet, flute, guitar, didgeridoo, and flugelhorn, as members and guests danced and sang the night away. Supported by various sponsors, the event raised sufficient funds to offer the expo at a minimum cost to industry participants.

The **Christmas Boat Parade** will be held December 10th and will be a fun night of lights glittering off the waters of the Indian River. Bring the family out and enjoy the boats decorated for the holiday season. After the **Boat Parade**, visit the **Holiday Lights Spectacular** in Marina Square on Melody Lane, presented by the **City of Fort Pierce**. The light show consists of over 100,000 lights synchronized to holiday music. This special event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily through January.



Sara Jane & Company – Look, Leap, Love

by Dale van der Lugt

Sara Jane & Company is the newest addition to **The Galleria of Pierce Harbor** and after three short months has already made their “pink” impression on our historic downtown. You’ll find them behind the pink and white striped awning at 119 Orange Ave.

Expanding from an online presence to a family-owned and run brick-and-mortar location has been a labor of love for owner Stacy Annone. She’s always had a strong retail background and after growing bored as a stay-at-home mom, and leading a fast-paced corporate life before, Stacy started a small group on Facebook. At first just sharing a picture of a cute outfit she had found; she quickly saw an interest from her friends and family and the beginnings of **Sara Jane & Company** were born. Stacy had become accustomed to shopping in small boutiques while on the road traveling for business and adored this form of shopping versus malls. Quickly, her Facebook Group grew to 1,000 members, the course she had mapped online always being her goal.

Fast-forward three years later, her daughter announced she wanted to major in business; would Stacy please open a boutique and allow her to learn from it? Opening quietly in early



August, Stacy and her family set up shop and started building a presence in their boutique and growing the online group to now 2,400 members. Setting small goals at first and achieving them rapidly, they expanded to three more goals and then two more, always attaining them quickly and reaffirming the decision to open their flagship store in Stacy’s hometown.

On November 4th, the ribbon cutting for the official opening of **Sara Jane & Company** took place. Stacy tells me she’s happy to be out of her garage and is loving meeting new people, introducing them to her online group, growing the business, and finding she still has a footprint in this place she was born and raised! What can’t be found in the store might be acquired through the website and vice versa.

Sara Jane & Company can be found online at www.sarajane.com, @sarajane&company on Facebook and @sarajanecompany on Instagram. ❖

FPYC ... continued

FPYC has as part of its mission to encourage fun on the water through racing events and educational courses. October’s **Women’s Trophy Race** was a great sailing and celebratory event! There were five competitors on the start line, with a woman at the helm for the entire race. A special thank you to Carl Fitz for adding boats from Harbortown to the start line – it greatly added to the enjoyment and the competition. There was one competitor with an all-female crew, Sunday II – and Sunday II placed first, with Denise Sherman, Linda Sampson, Victoria Westphal and Diane Korbey aboard. Congratulations ladies!

In addition to racing, the **FPYC** offered two educational courses in November: one was on Navionics, and the second was “Getting Off the Dock,” a course to help boaters get off the dock and start cruising. If you would like to join in on the sailing or other **FPYC** activities go to: <https://www.fortpiercenyachtclub.com> for more information.

The **FPYC** continues to host the **Manatee Center’s Lunch and Learn** program on the 2nd Friday of the month from noon until 1. (<http://www.manateecenter.com/>) as well as *Coffee with the Mayor* on the 3rd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. ❖

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Where I am From and Where I am Going

by Lisa Jill Allison, Lisa Jill Allison Art Gallery



I grew up in New Britain, Connecticut, in the exact center of the state. It was a large town compared to Fort Pierce and a small town compared to the capitol city of Hartford. It hosted Stanley Works Tool and Dye, where I worked one summer, Central Connecticut State College, which has now graduated to a State University and a potpourri of small businesses, bars, pool halls and restaurants. New Britain also had some of the most inviting public parks a child could imagine. Rolling hills dotted with ponds and foliage of great variety awakened my love of our earth. Mulberries off the bush, apples plucked from low limbs and cherries, staining fingers red, were seasonal favorites.

Nature was my longing, my home, my nest, my respite from what my childlike heart knew was a bit of insanity in the world, as I watched the news footage of wars, crime and hunger. I could not then, and in all honesty still cannot comprehend man's inhumanity against man. I became acutely aware of moments of blissful peace and clung to them like Rose clung to the floating door in the Titanic.

There are two moments in my childhood that are etched in all of my senses and are often the foundation for my way in the world even now. As a child, my bedroom was on the second floor. From one bedroom window I could see the green patches of the neighborhood yards. From the other bedroom window, I viewed the park across the street, home to a small grove of birch trees which are often featured in my paintings. Summer evenings found the windows open, capturing a light breeze. This evening I was heading off to bed. The sun was kissing the day goodbye, my bedsheets had been line-dried just that afternoon, neighbors had enjoyed the cool of the evening to mow their lawns and the sweet scent of fresh cut grass wafted through my bedroom. Dinner had been baked chicken and potatoes, green beans, fresh milk and something sweet for dessert. My belly was just full enough. All of my senses were embraced in loveliness and the world felt just right, there was nothing that I lacked or desired at that moment beneath the covers, drifting off. Life was good.

The second moment again involves being held in the perfect place. We were at my grandfather's cottage on a lake in Columbia, Connecticut. It is nestled in the countryside and the ideal place to escape the summer heat of the Connecticut valley. It is a sleepy little lake dotted with cottages, row boats, sunfish sailboats, an occasional vintage motorboat and lots of ducks. My four siblings and I shared a bunk style bedroom in this postage stamp of a cottage and the strict rule was no stirring until mom and dad were awake. As the family early bird, I spent many a daybreak watching the lake come to life. One such morning unfolded like this ... que the light fog lifting off the lake, the birds chirping and a family of ducks; momma and her proud little ducklets all neatly lined up behind her, silently paddling by. The mossy scent of daybreak, the light chill of the evening past, and the gentle stirring of human and animal life coming into a new day was so profoundly beautiful to my little self, it has imprinted my soul forever. It taught me that despite what goes on around us, there is beauty and there is hope. All of this I felt as a child.

This brings me to where I am going. I have the privilege of making art for a living. I get to talk to people every day about beauty, hope and safety. My paintings are my words. I share that despite what goes on around us, there is a strain of "something" that runs deep. When we seek it and find it, it connects us to something akin to my childhood moments of pure contentment, bliss, awe, and beauty. I have been able to make a space of respite from the world, a space with no thorns, just roses. So, come visit. Escape and indulge, even if just for a moment. ❖

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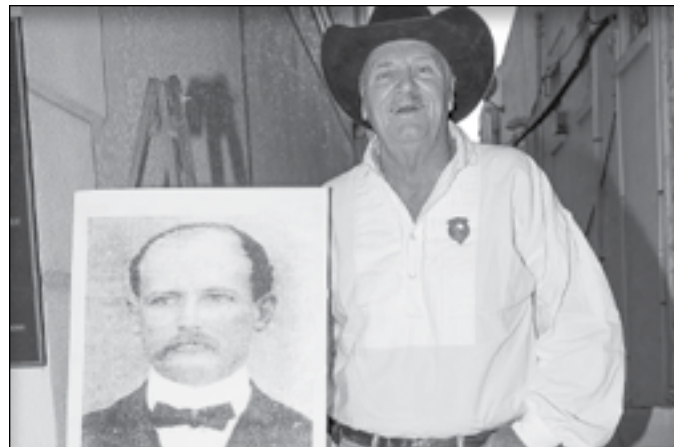


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Wishing for More Fishing!

by Captain Bo Samuel, Pullin Drag Charters

Cold fronts are moving through and the hurricane season is over so we know the fishing will be heating up. Unfortunately, the cold fronts bring a lot of windy conditions and rough seas so if conditions are looking good, seize the day! This is a fantastic time of year to look for migratory fish like cobia, tripletail, and mackerel. Sailfish are also more abundant now and can be caught at about 80 feet and further out.

The powerful pelagic cobia are moving south and highly prized by all anglers as a great fight and a delicious dinner. They are fast growers and can get up to 100 pounds so be prepared with medium to heavy tackle and a strong gaff. They are also known to be aggressive feeders so will take almost any bait from mullet, shrimp, and blue crabs to artificials. Look for them skimming the surface around buoys, wrecks, and floating debris for your best chance at a cobia dinner.

You can still target snook the first of December but the season closes December 15th through January 31st. If the ocean is too rough, snook fishing the Fort Pierce Inlet and around mangroves, bridges, and docks is a good alternative. Try using live mullet, pilchards, or pinfish with a tight drag as these smart line-siders will try to break your line on any nearby structure.

The photo this month is of Richard on a recent charter with a great red grouper catch. It was also his birthday so he enjoyed a fresh grouper dinner to celebrate!

Remember your local bait and tackle shops like **Little Jim Bait & Tackle** and **DeBrooks Fishing Corner** for stocking



stuffers and Christmas wishes. Gift certificates for salty charters are always a hit for your favorite angler! If you talk to Santa, tell him all I want this season is to keep *Pullin Drag!*

Thanks, and hope you all have a Merry Christmas! ❖

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Great Aunt Ceil's Aniseed Cookies by James Taylor



Ingredients

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| 6 eggs | 3 tsp Aniseed Oil |
| 5 Cups Flour | 3 tsp baking powder |
| 3 Cups Sugar | 1/2 tsp salt |

Instructions

Beat eggs until light and fluffy with a silky texture. You can use a mixer or by hand. Then gradually add the sugar while continuing to mix. Add in the aniseed oil, salt, and baking powder. Continue mixing until thoroughly combined. Gradually add in the flour, one cup at a time. Spoon out onto a lightly greased baking sheet to your desired size. I usually do a heaping tablespoon. Makes about a 2-bite cookie.

Bake at 325° for 25 minutes or until straw colored. Let cool and enjoy!

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