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18th Annual Historic Ghost Walk October 26th & 27th

Matt Samual as Steamboat Captain Bravo

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall!

by Donna Sizemore



The cooler days are just ahead and just in time for *Main Street's* Fall festivities beginning with the **Ghost Walk** on October 26th and 27th. This event often sells out so hopefully you already have your tickets! If not, you can keep abreast of all the activities in Downtown Fort Pierce by visiting www.Mainstreetfortpierce.org.

As I mentioned in September's issue of the *Focus*, *Main Street's* events are wonderful, however, they are a very small portion of what *Main Street* is all about. The *Main Street* program was originally created by the *National Trust for Historic Preservation* and each of the nationwide affiliates strategize their community's revitalization using the four points of *The Main Street Approach*[™]: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization. Economic Vitality (development/restructuring) involves analyzing market forces to develop long-term solutions to revitalization. New businesses, creative use of space, and sharpened competitiveness are outcomes of a more vital business district. This is all part of a national movement.

Let's look at some examples of the impact that *Main Streets* have had on Economic Development, nationally, since 1980. According to research, \$95.33 billion has been reinvested; 314,421 in buildings rehabilitated; 717,723 jobs created, and 161,036 businesses started. (From Mainstreet.org) Very impressive numbers!

Some notable and larger examples of the impact *Main Street Fort Pierce* has made at a local level are listed below:


Purchased the historical **A.E. Backus** home in 2005 and completed restoration in 2007 with grant funds.

Purchased the **Sunrise Theatre** building and began renovations in 1999. The theatre reopened in 2006. *Main Street Fort Pierce* donated the Theatre to the City who now handles the daily operations. The project received over \$2.7 million in state grants, \$8 million in government funds, and over \$2 million in private donations.

Managed the *Florida Inland Navigation District* grant for the City of Fort Pierce and raised \$150,000 in private donations to build the **Manatee Observation and Education Center (MOEC)**. MOEC is operated by **Fort Pierce Utilities Authority** and sees over 75,000 visitors per year. The value of this project was over \$350,000.

Collaborated with St. Lucie County to achieve a library grant for the construction of a \$2,500,000 library in downtown Fort Pierce. The library reopened in July 1999.

All of this can't be accomplished without community and organization which we will talk about next month. In the meantime, please go to our Facebook page (Mainstreetfortpierce.com) and tell us what *Main Street Fort Pierce* means to you. Your comment might be published in the November *Focus*. We'd love to hear from you. ❖



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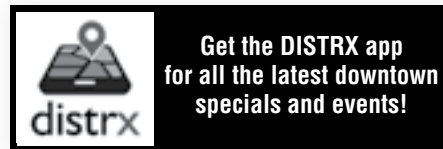
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Calendar

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MONTHLY EVENTS

October 1, Saturday: DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE OKTOBERFEST — 12 to 11 p.m.; www.sailfishbrewingco.com; See page 11.

October 7, Friday: FRIDAY FEST AT MARINA SQUARE — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; live music by **Dave and the Wave**; FPUA displays; 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.

October 21, Friday: COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR — 8:00 a.m. at the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**, 700 N. Indian River Dr.; **Sponsor — St Lucie County Tourism**; Facebook—Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; mainstreetfortpierce.org.

October 21, Friday: ARTWALK — 5 to 8:00 p.m.; Various studios and shops open throughout the downtown area; artstlucie.org.

18TH ANNUAL HISTORIC GHOST WALK

October 26, Wednesday — 3 tours available; **October 27, Thursday** — 2 tours available; reservation required, for tickets or more information visit mainstreetfortpierce.org/ghost-walk-2022. See schedule on page 11.

October 29, Saturday: NIGHT OF THE THIRSTY DEAD — 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.; www.sailfishbrewingco.com; See page 12.

October 31, Monday: TRICK OR TREAT ON 2ND STREET — 5 to 7 p.m.; Facebook—Notions & Potions Candles and More; See page 5.

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.

LIVE MUSIC DOWNTOWN

Wine Down Wednesday
Fort Social in the Galleria on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 6 to 8 p.m.
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Pierced Cider
[Facebook @piercedcider](https://facebook.com/piercedcider)

Cobbs Landing
cobbs-landing.com

Bottom's Up Public House
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121 Tapas on the Water
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429-6266 • ManateeEducationCenter.org

DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE LIBRARY

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SUNDAY DOWNTOWN CHURCH SERVICES

Current service times may be effective by Covid-19 please call or lookup online for current information.

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

A.E. Backus Museum
772-465-0630 • backusmuseum.com

Bud Adams Gallery of Historical Photographs
772-462-1795
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

St. Lucie County Regional History Center
772-462-1795 • stlucieco.gov/history

OCTOBER: COUNTRY MUSIC MONTH

OCTOBER 2: INTERNATIONAL BLESSINGS OF THE FISHING FLEET DAY

OCTOBER 4: NATIONAL TACO DAY

OCTOBER 6: NATIONAL MAD HATTER DAY

OCTOBER 8: NATIONAL FLUFFERNUTTER DAY

OCTOBER 9: INTERNATIONAL BEER AND PIZZA DAY

OCTOBER 11: SOUTHERN FOOD HERITAGE DAY

OCTOBER 12: FARMERS DAY

OCTOBER 16: NATIONAL BOSS'S DAY

OCTOBER 18: NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE DAY

OCTOBER 18: NATIONAL PRAYER DAY

OCTOBER 25: INTERNATIONAL ARTIST DAY

OCTOBER 27: NAVY DAY

OCTOBER 31: NATIONAL KNOCK KNOCK JOKE DAY

Plein Aire Painters of the Treasure Coast Art Show & Sale

Thursday, November 10th | 5 p.m.–8 p.m. | Platts/Backus House | Main Street Fort Pierce Office | 122 A.E. Backus Avenue

Plein aire painters of the Treasure Coast is a group of artists that meet once a week at a park, preserve or recreational area around Fort Pierce.

While there, they spend a minimum of three hours painting scenes that appeal to them. They frequent these locations every season yet find a new piece of beauty to capture.

As part of the plein aire discipline, a painting should be near completion after one sitting. The exercise produces an explosion of spontaneity, expressed in form, color and light depicting the feel and depth of the landscape.

In this show, these paintings were done at fifteen different locations around Fort Pierce. From ocean to river to lake, from savanna to pine barren to wetland, and from populated to remote. Maybe, you've seen them painting at your favorite place.

The two Plein aire artists featured at the November 10th Platts/Backus House art show and sale will be Diane Mesagno and Lori McNamara.

Diane Mesagno. Diane Mesagno was born and raised in New York and graduated from the New York Institute of Technology with a degree in Architecture. Before starting her career in architecture, she studied sculpture in Austria.

Since moving to Florida, she devotes her time and energy to the disciples of Fine Art; oil an acrylic painting,

sculpture and murals. Her recent work depicts Florida land and seascapes painted plein aire.

Lori McNamara. Lori McNamara was born in Fort Pierce and still lives in her old home on Indian River Drive. She loves to paint the natural beauty of Florida and going to all the wonderful parks and beaches of Fort Pierce.

She is the leader of *Plein Air Painters of the Treasure Coast* and organizes their paint-outs. Lori's work may be seen at <http://lorisart.blogspot.com>. The *Plein Air Painters of the Treasure Coast* may be seen on their Facebook group page: Plein Air Painters of the Treasure Coast.

This is an art show not to be missed. Come view and potentially own a piece of Florida captured forever on canvas by these talented artists. ❖



Lori McNamara at the Fort Pierce Jetty.

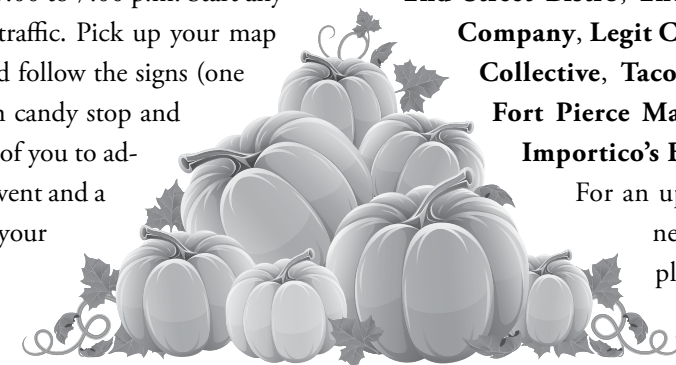
Annual Trick or Treat on 2nd Street Family Event, Monday, October 31st

Bring the family to Downtown Fort Pierce for **Trick or Treat on 2nd Street** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Start anywhere and follow the one-way traffic. Pick up your map at any participating location and follow the signs (one way walking traffic). Go to each candy stop and then wait for the group in front of you to advance. This is a family-friendly event and a great place to see and be seen in your Halloween attire!

Participating businesses: **Varsity Sport Shop,**

The Cake Lady, Dunkin Donuts, Notions & Potions, 2nd Street Bistro, 2nd Street Art, Sailfish Brewing Company, Legit Cuts Barbershop, Florida Hemp Collective, Taco Dive, Chic & Shore Things, Fort Pierce Marina, Crabby's Dockside, and Importico's Bakery.

For an updated list of participating businesses and more information please visit the Facebook page – **Notions & Potions Candles and More.** ❖



Mayor's Message **Meet Fort Pierce Pioneers at Ghost Walks**

by Linda Hudson, Mayor, City of Fort Pierce



Ghost walks offered by *Main Street Fort Pierce*, are a popular annual event in our city. On Wednesday, October 26 and Thursday October 27, you can meet some of our most interesting Fort Pierce pioneers.

Edwin Binney came for the winter in Fort Pierce, built a home and invested in land. He was the creator, along with his cousin, Harold Smith, of the **Crayola**, used by millions of children over the century. You can meet his ghost on the South Second Street Tour, along with A.E. Beanie Backus, our native landscape artist. You'll visit the 100-year-old **Sunrise Theatre** and meet Charles Miley, long time newspaper editor and columnist.

Sheriff Dan Carlton is memorialized with a plaque on Second Street, where he was shot and killed by Marshall D. J. Disney. Meet him on the North Second Street Tour, along with the gun-toting, jail-breaking, bank robbing Ashley Gang, who were killed and placed on display to show the people of Fort Pierce that they were, in fact, dead. Pioneer citizen, lawyer Charles T. McCarty was also shot by a man who was resentful about a land deal.

Ghosts on the *Waterfront Tour* include Second Seminole War Lt. Col. Benjamin K. Pierce, who built the military Fort

Pierce. Peter P. Cobb, came to Fort Pierce in 1883, worked for the canning company, then he worked for, and later bought, the general store from Benjamin and Annie Hogg. Today the original building is known as the **Peter P. Cobb Building**. South Bridge is also named for Cobb. The original name of Fort Pierce was *Cantown*.

On Thursday, meet early physician, Dr. Clyde Platts and his wife, Clara Kingsley Platts and Alfred and Lucinda Lagow, the pioneer couple who submitted the plat for Edgartown in the late 1880s. Zora Neale Hurston, the Harlem Renaissance anthropologist and author comes alive, as well as Alfred Hair, the talented founding artist and entrepreneur of the *Florida Highwaymen*. Scottish born Annie Hogg and husband Benjamin Hogg, were early settlers who established a trading post and store. Harry Hill, photographer for Flagler's railroad and a beekeeper is also on this tour.



Platts & Family

On the *Peacock Arts District Tour* meet former Florida Supreme Court

Judge Alto Adams, and former Governor, Fort Pierce native Dan McCarty, who was elected in 1952, but died early in his first term on September 28, 1953.

Tours are \$12 and advance registration is required. Tours last about one hour and featured stops may change. For more information, visit <https://mainstreetfortpierce.org/> or call 772-466-3880. ❖

Oktoberfest on 2nd Street Block Party – Saturday, October 1st

Bring on autumn and pull out the lederhosen! It's time for one of Downtown Fort Pierce's most popular celebrations of fall and all things Bavarian — **Oktoberfest on 2nd Street Block Party** in Downtown Fort Pierce from 12:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. hosted by **Sailfish Brewing Company** and **2nd Street Bistro!**

Among the festival excitement is the **2nd Street Stage** featuring live music from popular local bands throughout the day, *Oktoberfest* games with Downtown prizes, *Kinderfest* with a bounce house, kids games and other activities for youngsters and families, and a *Vendor Village* featuring local artists and craftspeople.

Live music on the **2nd Street Stage** schedule: *Chemistry*, 12–2 p.m.; *Sandman Sleeps*, 3–4 p.m.; *East Harbor*, 5–7 p.m.; *Killbillie*, 8–10 p.m.

Look out for special *Oktoberfest* beer releases from **Sailfish Brewing Company** and enjoy a liter in the **Beer Hall on 2nd Street!** **2nd Street Bistro** will feature German foods and a full bar on the street.

Enjoy plenty of kid-centric activities — show the kids how to chicken dance and treat the family to some authentic German food. It's the perfect afternoon for everyone.

Free admission to the street party; free parking in Downtown City Parking Garage between Marina Way and Orange Avenue, west of the railroad tracks. No outside drinks, food, or outside coolers. ❖



The Fort Sunset Menu

Choose one from each course
No Substitutions Please

Course 1
Gulf Shrimp Cocktail
Roasted Pepper Hummus platter

Course 2
Smoked Gouda & Roasted Tomato Risotto
Small House Salad

Course 3
8 oz Filet Mignon 54
Served with Garlic Mashed

Herb & Boursin Scottish Salmon 36
Pan seared & finished in the broiler with
an herbaceous onion glaze. Served over arugula &
sauteed quinoa with a red pepper-tomato crust

Half roasted chicken 32
Mushroom Marsala Demi & Toasted Farro

Shrimp Scampi Linguine 30
Gulf Shrimp sautéed with garlic tomatoes, white wine &
lemon butter. Tossed with linguine

Course 4
Strawberry shortcake

The Fort Steakhouse
Sunset Menu Hour
5pm-6pm

The Fort Social
Early Dinner Hour
4pm-6pm

The Social Early Dinner Menu

All Entrees come with a choice of House
Salad or Soup

No Substitutions Please

Shrimp n Grits 24
Shrimp & Andouille Sausage sautéed with
Roasted Pepper & Tomato Butter sauce Served over Pimento Cheese Grits

Pan Seared Salmon 29
Served over Quinoa, Arugula & cherry Tomatoes
Topped with Honey Cream sauce & Pistachio crumble

Steakhouse Mac n Cheese 20
Filet Tip Topped with Smoked Gouda Beer Cheese sauce & Pasta. Finished
in a Broiler with Burnt Cracker topping & our Steakhouse sauce

Chicken Kebabs 20
Two grilled Kebabs served over cherry tomato
Pesto Cheese Crumble Artichoke & Sauteed rice topped with Tzatziki sauce

Classic Social Burger 18
American cheese, lettuce, tomato,
onion, pickles, special sauce. Served with French Fries

Hunter's Lasagna Bolognese 22
Blend of Elk, Bacon & Wagyu Beef slow cooked with
Calabrese Sausage, Fire Roasted Tomatoes
Layered on Lasagna with Ricotta, arugula, Spinach, Parmesan &
Mozzarella. Finished with Truffled peccorino

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Frank-n-Steins in the Fort – October 13th

by Crystal Samuel, Secretary, Lil Feet of St. Lucie

Lil Feet of St. Lucie has a new twist on their annual dinner and art auction this year — *Frank-n-Steins Oktoberfest Art Auction* and we are hoping the community will join us for this fun monster bash with brews! The date is October 13th and begins at 5:30 p.m. at the River Walk Center downtown. The St. Lucie County Firefighters Benevolent will provide a frighteningly delicious “Oktoberfest” style dinner. Beverages will be provided by **Hop Life Brewing** and **Southern Eagle Distributing**, plus scary good dessert by our very own **Cake Lady**, Staci Dunn.

A&G Concrete Pools has graciously agreed to be the Grand Event Sponsor again this year and they have been a very generous supporter since the beginning. Art and Sandee Allen, along with Travis and Genia Leonard, have big hearts for children and the **Lil Feet** mission “to provide new shoes to children in need so they can run, play, and learn in comfort and with dignity; allowing them to focus on performing, rather than their circumstances.”

Other kind sponsors include the **Fort Pierce Lions Club**, **St. Lucie Sheriff's Office**, **Dunn's Kids Foundation**, **A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery**, **Colonial Metalworks**, **Stifel Melville Wealth Management Group**, **Pye Barker Fire & Safety**.

As in previous years, the auction, with Fire Board Commissioner, Chris Dzadovsky, as auctioneer extraordinaire, features talented local artists who take old bunker boots, helmets, and fire extinguishers and turn them into one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Anita Prentice is making another beautifully framed mosaic for this year's memorial piece to honor the life and legacy of Deputy Chief Bob Richard. A fabulous new addition this year, is a surprise piece created just for the event, by New York fashion designer, Sabre Mochachino! This special creation will certainly be a fashion statement. Plus, we are also excited to share that there are a few amazing pieces created by local school students.

Lil Feet became a 501c3 in 2018 and was originated by firefighters who responded to an alarm at a local daycare center and saw children in great need of new shoes. Working in partnership with local youth agencies and through the generosity of the community, **Lil Feet** has been able to provide thousands of pairs of shoes and socks to children in St. Lucie County.

Reservations to the **Lil Feet Frank-n-Steins Oktoberfest Art Auction** are \$35 per person or \$60 for a couple and includes dinner and drink tickets. For more information or to RSVP, please call Brenda Stokes of the St. Lucie County Fire District (772) 201-2490. Oh, and we can't forget that music will be provided by the **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society!** Now you really should attend and do the monster mash at the monster bash! ❖

▼ Jeff Logan, Brenda Stokes, Carrie Samuel, and Chris Dzadovsky.



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Tickets for 18th Annual Historic Ghost Walk – October 26th & 27th

by Joanne Blandford

Fort Pierce is one of the oldest communities in south Florida. It has weathered many storms both literally and economically throughout the years. In 1988, concerned citizens, city officials, business owners, private investors and other stakeholders applied to have Fort Pierce added as a designated *Main Street* community. One of *Main Street Fort Pierce's* (MSFP) first goals was to develop events that drew people back to downtown. Another goal was to preserve the historic stories and structures within downtown. The *Annual Historic Ghost Walk* was created to meet both of these goals.



Even though the word “ghost” is in the name of this event, it is not based on paranormal events. There is a reason for this — the true stories of downtown Fort Pierce and the people who used to walk its streets are far more fascinating than the made-up ghost stories you may have heard about.

There are so many stories to be told that *Main Street Fort Pierce* has added an additional tour to this year’s event. If you are new to the area or a lifelong local, this is a great opportunity to learn or relearn some the history of the community you live, work, and vacation in.

The development of south Florida paralleled the development of the western states in the late 1800s. This area was hard to reach prior to the railroad arriving in 1894. Many of the early American families that settled in the area came to start

new businesses, for their health or to escape their past and start anew. The lush wilderness and proximity to the ocean provided both rich bounties and harsh realities to the Victorian age pioneers that relocated here prior to air conditioning and mosquito control.

The *Annual Historic Ghost Walk* would not be possible without the help of over 100 volunteers. Each walking tour includes a volunteer guide and has eight stops where volunteer “ghosts” play the role of a figure from the past to tell their story. Tours last approximately one hour, and comfortable footwear is recommended as they take place on sometimes uneven terrain.

For tickets and tour information please visit: <https://mainstreetfortpierce.org/ghost-walk-2022>.

Tours leave every 15 minutes from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Reservations are required and tickets usually sell out prior to event. Tour tickets are \$12 per person. ❖

Historic Ghost Walk Tours Schedule

Wednesday, October 26th Tours

North 2nd Street Tour

Architect of the Florida Boom era – William Hatcher
 Florida East Coast Railroad & Henry Flagler
 Ashley Gang
 Fee Family & Fort Pierce Bank Building
 Woman’s Club & Library
 Sheriff Carlton
 Charles & Elizabeth McCarty
 Will Tucker

South 2nd Street Tour

Boston House — Bill Jones
 Courthouse Tales
 Edwin & Alice Binney
 Doc Anna — Pioneer Doctor
 A.E. “Beanie” Backus
 Sunrise Theatre
 Charles Miley

Waterfront Tour

St. Andrew’s Church
 Cora Stinkney Harper & Daughters of the American Revolution
 1715 Fleet & Treasure Hunters
 Lt. Col. Benjamin Pierce
 Fort Pierce Hotel & the Tyler Family
 World War II & Frogman
 Steamboat Captain Bravo
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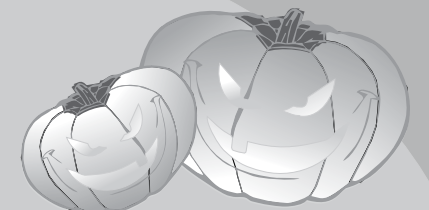
Thursday, October 27th Tours

Edgartown Tour

Historic Edgartown Neighborhood just north of Downtown Fort Pierce
 Dr. & Mrs. Platts
 Zora Hurston
 Mrs. Lagow & Mrs. Bell
 Local fisherman — Mose Metzger
 Coral House Edgartown Gossip
 Alfred Hair & the *Highwaymen*
 Annie Hoag
 Harry Hill & Henry Flagler

Peacock Arts Tour

Orange Avenue — Avenue A
 Train Engineer — Daniel Knowles
 1st United Methodist Church
 Churches of Orange Avenue
 Mary Ann Carroll of the *Highwaymen Artists*
 Historic Post Office
 Alto Adams & Federal Courthouse
 Historic Arcade Building Soda Shoppe
 Dan & Olie McCarty



Night of the Thirsty Dead is Back for the 5th Year

Join **Sailfish Brewing Company**, **2nd Street Bistro**, **Cobb's Landing**, **Pierced Cider**, **Crabby's Dockside** and **Bottom's Up Public House** for the best Halloween Party on the East Coast!

On Saturday, October 29th, we're celebrating the *Night of the Thirsty Dead* with our spooky friends and the biggest Halloween Costume Contest *cash prize* the Treasure Coast has ever seen — *again!*

There will be live music, Halloween inspired drinks, DJs; all at your favorite haunts. Come celebrate the *Night of the Thirsty Dead* in downtown Fort Pierce.

Halloween Costume Contest Prizes — \$5000 in cash prizes: 1st place, \$2,500; 2nd place, \$1,500; 3rd place, \$1,000! Contest information and rules: must be 21 or older to enter; must have ID and face must be visible during ID check; must purchase pub crawl ticket to be considered for Final Top 21; ticket includes event wristband and 6 drink tickets (1 ticket per venue); must check in between 7:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. to participate in costume contest.

Check in will take place at **Sailfish Brewing Company**, **2nd Street Bistro**, **Cobb's Landing**, **Bottom's Up**, **Crabby's Dockside** and **Pierced Cider**. Please have your ticket and ID ready for check-in as it will help move the lines quickly. Ticket purchase does not guarantee purchase into Costume Contest finals.

Each venue will have a judge on site that will nominate three costumes. All nominees will be approached by a judge, asked

to fill out an entry card, have photo taken, and identified with a "nominated" pin. You must be nominated to be a participant in the final contest. If you have not been nominated, you are not part of the final contest. All nominees must check in at the **Hideaway at 2nd Street Bistro** by 11:00 p.m. The final contest begins at 11:15 p.m.!

****Disclaimer**** Ticket purchase does not guarantee purchaser entry into the final contest at **The Hideaway at 2nd Street Bistro**.

For the official rules and to purchase tickets, please visit the events page at www.sailfishbrewingco.com or the Facebook Pages of **Sailfish Brewing Company** and **2nd Street Bistro**. ❖



Eat, Drink, and Be Scary for the Return of the *Backus Boo Ball* — the Halloween-themed Benefit for the *Backus Museum*

The Boo is Back! The **A.E. Backus Museum's** favorite Halloween-themed benefit event returns on Saturday, October 22, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the Museum's *Outdoor Mural Plaza*. **Backus Boo Ball** tickets are \$50 each and are available online at www.BackusMuseum.org, or at the Museum at 500 North Indian River Drive in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce during regular hours.

"*Boo '22*" is the signature masquerade party with artsy-funky fun for adults. All attending ghosts and ghouls will be considered for the *Costume Contest* in one of seven categories including: Scariest ("Ultimate Nightmare"), Prettiest ("Wicked Beauty"), Funniest ("Scared Silly"), Most Original ("Unique Freak"), Best Couple ("Gruesome Twosome"), Best Classic Halloween ("Chiller Thriller"), and of course the *People's Choice Award* rounding out an ominously delightful night. Cash prizes will be awarded this year, so come dressed in your spooktacular best.

Those who prowl the *Outdoor Mural Plaza* as the wolfsbane blooms and the moon is shining bright can plot to participate in the new "*Creature Feature*" *Silent Auction* with a host of special Jack-O-Lanterns and pumpkins created by famed local artists. And if not a vampire, attendees can create special memories and capture their souls on film in *Dorian Gray's Photo Booth*. Complimentary heavy munchies can be washed down by the fine selection of potions, poisons, and brews available at the cash bar. Scare away your troubles and enjoy live music by *Jesse and The Thieves* to get your Boo on in style ... it will be a bloodcurdlingly boo-tiful bash for all. The **Backus Boo Ball** is inspired by the artist A.E. "Bean" Backus's legendary Halloween parties. In those days, younger friends of Backus were deputized to stage and host highly-anticipated gatherings every year that terrified and enchanted hundreds of guests. The **Backus Boo Ball** is inspired by that long ago

tradition, and is today a classy return to a fun Halloween-themed party at the Museum for grown-ups.

It's time to eat, drink, and be scary to benefit the **Backus Museum!** Tickets are \$50. Get your tricked-out disguise ready for your treats, but tickets are limited so get them before they're gone. Check online at www.BackusMuseum.org/boo-ball or call the Museum at 772-465-0630.

The **2022 Backus Boo Ball's** Presenting Sponsor is **Boyd Law / J. Curtis Boyd, PA**; Costume Contest Sponsor is **John Jacobs Construction, Inc.**; and Live Music Sponsor is **Presutti's Italian Subs**. Zombie Sponsors are **Abernethy Law Group**; **Michaels Stores, Inc.**; **Paul Jacquelin & Sons, Inc.**; and **Seacoast**

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The **Backus Boo Ball** is a rain or shine event. Your frightful exploits at the Boo benefit the work of the **Backus Museum**. Please check the Museum's website at www.BackusMuseum.org for updates and any public health policies that may modify these plans. ❖




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Happy Hauntings at the Sunrise Theatre

by Holly Theuns

Happy Hauntings at the Sunrise is this year's Sunrise Theatre Foundation annual gala fundraiser. The event, scheduled for Saturday, October 29th, will begin at 6:00 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, (your first drink is on us!), followed by private guided backstage history tours of the theatre. At 9:00 p.m. gala ticket holders will be shown to their front of house seats in the theatre for a showing of the cult classic movie *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. This will be a special "shadow cast" show with a prop goodie bag provided so everyone can get into the spirit of the evening. Costumes are optional — but there will be prizes! Tickets are \$125 per person and available from any board member.




The Rocky Horror Picture Show is a 1975 classic musical comedy horror film and the "shadow cast" are actors who parrot the action and use props to highlight the camp nature of the performance. In 2005, this movie was selected for preservation by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically or aesthetically" significant. I'm sure many of you have nights at *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in your past, and for others it will be a special first time. Either way, come and join the fun with the Sunrise Theatre Foundation and help support our mission to enrich the lives of children and our community by providing education and outreach through the Performing Arts. The Foundation is also raising funds to maintain the Theatre as a continuing economic engine in downtown Fort Pierce — attracting visitors to shop and dine locally, pre- and post-theatre.

For more information or to get Gala tickets, contact the Sunrise Theatre box office Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at 772-461-4775. The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 S. 2nd St. in historic downtown Fort Pierce. ❖

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It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

by Robynn Holland, Community Liaison FPYC

For many, the phrase, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood," could only mean Mr. Rogers, the host of the long-running children's program. Fred Rogers hosted the show from 1968 to 2001 and always encouraged his viewers to be good neighbors. Here on the Treasure Coast, encouragement to be good neighbors comes like a gentle breeze through the involvement of many groups. From the Mayor and City Commissioners encouragement to be ONE Fort Pierce to opportunities from service clubs, faith organizations, and other non-profits to be involved in the community, all who live on the Treasure coast have an opportunity to be a part of something larger than themselves — the opportunity to serve others and be a good neighbor.

The **Fort Pierce Yacht Club** strives to be a good neighbor, both on and off the water and they are currently involved in several community efforts. Recently the **Manatee Center's** (Manatee Observation and Education Center, MOEC) new manager Jessica Kadie Barclay reached out to the **FPYC** to host their monthly Lunch and Learn program and the **FPYC** was

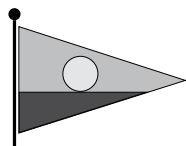


happy to do so. The *Lunch and Learn* program is held the 2nd Friday of the month at the **FPYC** from noon until 1:00 p.m. and begins October 14, 2022. The event is free and open to everyone, so mark your calendar, bring a lunch and enjoy a speaker on an ecological topic. For more information: <http://www.manateecenter.com/>

Coffee With the Mayor began again in September and is held at the **FPYC** on the 3rd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. The event is fun and a great way to meet people involved

in the community through businesses and non-profits. Mayor Linda Hudson graciously encourages organizations and new businesses to share upcoming events so more can be involved. It is an opportunity to network, visit, and be a good neighbor.

Main Street Fort Pierce is hosting their annual *Historical Ghost Walk Tour* on October 26 and 27. Tickets sell out quickly so make your plans to buy a ticket and attend. This year the **FPYC** is providing volunteers to be guides for the Waterfront Tour, as well as historic ghosts. The *Historical Ghost Walk Tour* promises to be great fun and the **FPYC** is excited to participate.



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The **FPYC** also provided a donation to support the *Historical Ghost Walk Tours*. For more information and to buy tickets: <https://mainstreetfortpierce.org/ghost-walk-2022>.

During the week of October 11 to 16 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the *Fort Pierce Sunrise Kiwanis* project "Rebuild the Kids Park at Jay-



cee Park" begins an ambitious initiative that is involving hundreds of individuals in the Fort Pierce area. Talk about being a good neighbor! This initiative will provide an amazing place for children and adults of all abilities to enjoy the park and gives residents and guests a wonderful place to visit and play. The **FPYC** has committed to provide volunteers to help with the rebuild project as well as provide a meal for the workers. Groups or individuals can participate in various ways including providing a donation, being on a build team, or helping with a meal for workers. Want to help? Be a good neighbor and get your friends, faith organization and/or neighbors involved! For more information and to join in this wonderful experience: <https://kidsparkatjayceepark.com/>.

Boating on the beautiful waters of Fort Pierce is a special privilege for those who live in the area and the **FPYC** hosts several events where the general boating community is welcome to join. **FPYC** holds monthly offshore PHRF sailboat races (a handicapping system to allow dissimilar classes of sailboats to

race against each other) which are open to the community. The first race for this season was September 3rd. These races are competitive and fun and everyone is welcome to join in. The **FPYC** Facebook page lists the dates of these events. The *Fall Regatta* is on Saturday November 12th and it is open to the public. Contact vcfleetfpyc@gmail.com for more information.

More a cruiser than a racer? The **FPYC** is holding two courses, Tuesday, November 8th from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Wednesday November 9th from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. On November 8th, The Use of Navionics for navigation will be the topic. Whether it is your primary or back-up system on your phone, it will serve you well to have a working knowledge of it and **FPYC** offers it free to the community. On November 9th, the course *5 Steps to Jump from the Dock to Cruising* will focus on preparation for getting you off the dock and to wherever you wish to venture. This course is also open to the community for a small fee of \$29.95. During the year **FPYC** also holds cruises and raft ups — again follow **FPYC** on Facebook for dates, times, and places, and join us!

The weather in October is cooling off, many of our northern neighbors return to enjoy the Treasure Coast, and it is a great time to look around, become involved in community activities, make new friends and be reminded of Mr. Rogers famous saying, "Won't you be my neighbor?". ♦

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Cat vs. Squirrel

by Lisa Jill Allison, Lisa Jill Allison Art Gallery



Each morning I strive to briskly walk or speedily cycle. I zip around my neighborhood on the road that runs its perimeter, like a gerbil on a giant wheel. It's fun and motivating to see the same folks doing their rounds each morning as well. We have the runners, joggers, walkers, walkers with a walker, babies in strollers and me. We also have a delightful array of city wildlife in the form of armadillos, raccoons, a plethora of birds including sandhill cranes, as well as a scurry squirrels and a clowder of outdoor cats.

When I ride or walk, the time is used for grooving to my favorite tunes, phone calls where the recipient does not mind my exercise induced huffing and puffing, audio books or just good old-fashioned thinking. Strict attention must always also be paid to the road. The cars are one issue, but the cats and squirrels demand equal attention. I do believe that I recently learned a valuable life lesson from these morning squirrel/cat encounters.

So, here is the cat's reaction as I speed by on my bike at up to 20 miles an hour. They may or may not even look up. The cats leisurely lounge in the middle of the road, bathing themselves, chatting as cats do, ignoring all that is around them. There is no thought in their mind to adjust their attitude to what is happening around them. Now, these are not complacent house cats. These are cats that scratch out their way of life in this dog-eat-dog world. Their life is not easy or pampered and yet there they are, as if the world is their oyster, mellow, relaxed and somewhat oblivious.

This is what happens as I approach a squirrel. Whether I am walking or biking, their reaction is the same. When I am just a spot on the horizon, heading in their general direction, they begin their frantic dance. A high alert has been sounded and the back-and-forth zig-zagging across the road begins. Indecisive, overly-reactive and traumatized are the terms that come to mind. It's a tricky situation for me as well when biking, as I maneuver back and forth endeavoring to give them as wide a berth as possible, to ensure no calamity befalls any of us. We

finally make it past each other, the squirrel left panting and exhausted. If I were to look over my shoulder, I would see the squirrel going through the same tumultuous encounter with the next passer-by.

What exactly have I learned from cat vs. squirrel? I see myself in both and seek balance. Sure, laying in the middle of the road, oblivious to all that is going on around one might seem like fun and a great way to conserve energy. Yet, this does place a certain burden on those in your path to maneuver around you and it does also turn a blind eye to the fact that some may not feel inclined to or be able to maneuver around you. Perhaps, scootching to the edge of the road, in a calm and cool cat-like way might be the best route.

Now let's look at our friend the squirrel. Enormous energy is expended in the "what might happen" scenarios. Will she go this way or that way? Will I get hit by this cyclist? Will my entire world end with this encounter? I must totally amp up, calculate nothing, and envision the darkest of possibilities. In this case, perhaps, just pausing a moment, gathering more information and then making a calculated decision on which direction to go might be a nice alternative. Action not over-reaction would be the key.

I find myself handling life both ways at times; cat vs. squirrel. I want to take good care of myself and I also want to be a pleasant person to be around. I endeavor to be an asset to society. I realize my thoughts, actions and behaviors affect all the "walkers and cyclists" I encounter in my day-to-day life. We cross paths routinely and we all have our agendas. Life may be a bit scrappy and rough around the edges as it is for the cat colony, yet, this is no cause for disregard for others. On the other spectrum, like with the squirrel, life may feel too fast; like there is too much on the horizon that is headed directly at us. Yet, this is no cause for frantic actions.

Somewhere in the middle, conscious of others and of life's twists and turns, but not overtaken by what comes our way might be best for us as individuals and best for our "neighborhood" of fellow humans. The most valuable of lessons may well be learned as the sun hugs the horizon hello, in a simple little neighborhood in a great small town. ❖

Love, JAZZ Community: Farewell, Scatman Jack

by Don Bestor

One of the most wonderful things about music is that it has the magical ability to help create friendships and memories that carry us through all the times of our lives. We hear a snippet of a melody and are instantly transported to another time and place, sometimes a moment in our lives we'd long forgotten until the music jogged our memory. One of the perks of being a musician

— or even just a music lover, comes from the memories forged when we rehearse, jam, or perform together. There may not be words to help us communicate, but the nuances of every note or even breath become syllables in a language that only other musicians understand. And one of the hardest songs to play — as well as one of the hardest words to say — is farewell.

Recently, the community lost one of its most prolific voices — one that spoke to us through the language of scat — a type of vocal improvisation using nonsense syllables and making the voice act as the instrument rather than a speaking medium. Jack Silverman, Scatman Jack, as he was known to the entire Treasure Coast and throughout the Big Apple, was a kind soul who chose to use his gifts to help others. For almost as many years at **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society** has existed, Scatman Jack was a part of our history, usually lending his voice and talent to 'front' the weekly *Jazz Jams* at the **Sunrise Black Box Theatre**. His upbeat personality and ability to work the room from the microphone was legendary, and we will miss the nonagenarian terribly.

Scatman Jack played saxophone, sang, and scatted for many years. A long-time active member of Alcoholics Anonymous, Scatman Jack would visit hospitals in his hometown of New York City and perform, often incorporating into his scats the names of patients who were also suffering from the effects of alcohol or drugs to help offer hope and healing. You might



say that his form of scatting was a precursor to the hip-hop with a message so many enjoy today. His popularity in New York City hospitals grew, as did his legacy among recovering alcohol and substance abuse users because his scatting and advice were both pragmatic and issued with a great sense of humor and unconditional love.

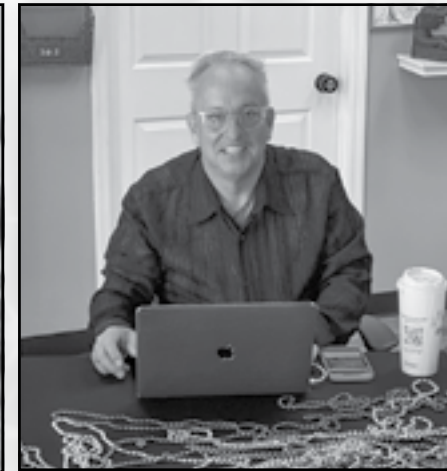
When he wasn't helping us out with his scat talents, he

played a great game of tennis. In fact, he played tennis until he reached 90. And while he didn't make a living as a musician, Scatman Jack utilized his many talents to record two albums right here in his long-time home of Port St. Lucie, and I was fortunate to be the recording engineer for both of them. When I asked him to front the *Jazz Society's* weekly Tuesday evening *Jazz Jam*, he was really excited for the opportunity to connect with so many wonderful people in the community. To say the feeling was mutual would be a real understatement, as Scatman Jack was much-beloved by all. He was a tender and sensitive soul who had the profound ability to touch everyone he met, and his absence is already being felt here on the Treasure Coast by all of us and especially by his loving wife, Pat. We hosted a memorial for our beloved Scatman Jack in September at one of our Wednesday shows at the **Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens**, and it was an evening filled with music and love — just like Scatman Jack. His memory is definitely a blessing and his contributions to our community and **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society** will continue to warm our hearts for decades to come.

As always, we welcome your thoughts and reactions, and of course we'd love to have you join our musical family. If you're not already a member, why not consider joining us today? You can reach us by phone at 772.460.JAZZ (5299) or via email at info@jazzsociety.org. ❖

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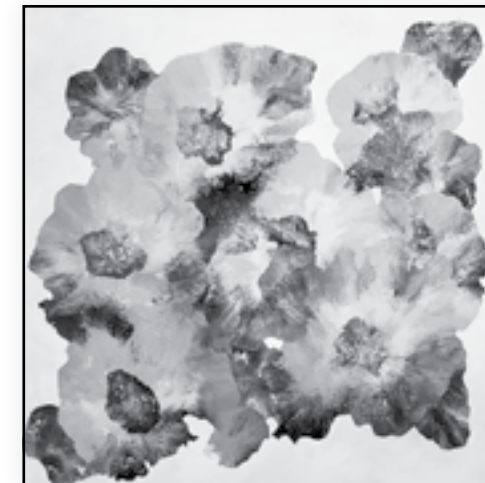
121 Tapas on the Water – Food, Wine, Art

The team at **121 Tapas**, guided by Executive Chef Angela Acosta, wishes to thank the community for the great interest in, and positive reviews of both the gourmet food and the top notch wine selection. Chef Angela is also adding more specials of the day. The team welcomes all of you to try them!

What else does 121 Tapas offer? *Art* – Art in the traditional sense as well as the art of music and dance. The art featured on the walls of the restaurant is provided by local artist Lisa Jill Allison who has her art gallery and working studio on Orange Avenue. She is in love with “color, texture and movement” and has paintings in the far corners of the world.

We all know that the wonderful town of Fort Pierce boasts amazing live music and a robust art scene. As you drive through the downtown, or over to the island, you can see many art galleries and often hear talented musicians playing live rock and roll.

As **121 Tapas** focuses on small plates of food to be shared with family or friends, which is a unique offering for the community, they also aspire to



have music and art that matches their international flare. They have featured or are featuring, the following:

Flamenco, which is an art form based on the folkloric music traditions of Southern Spain. The oldest record of Flamenco dates to 1774. UNESCO declared flamenco one of the “Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity” in 2010. The local artists featured have been Marilia Quevedo and Cristian Puig.

Acoustic Guitar, which, when played creates a vibration transmitted from the bridge, resonating and enhancing tones and providing a more rich resulting sound. The acoustic guitar player featured has been Karalyn Woulas, among others.

Baby Grand Piano, with classical music played by the talented Uriel Natero, originally hailing from Argentina and whose experience includes performer, composer and director.

Violin, sometimes known as a fiddle, is an important instrument in a wide variety of genres from Western classical

(chamber music or orchestras) and as solo instruments. Anna — as she is known in the community — has been the featured artist at **121 Tapas**.

The owner and team wish to continue to feature superb art from the community — if you are personally interested or have a referral, please write Chef Angela at chefacosta@121tapas.com. For the schedule of music and of dance, please follow **121 Tapas** on Facebook or visit the website.

For the month of October, if you enjoy a bottle of wine, the team will allow you to purchase that same bottle to take home at 10% off of the price listed on the menu. Visit soon for great food, wine and art! ❖

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Run of the Mullet

by Captain Bo Samuel, Pullin Drag Charters

Around this time of the year, local captains and dedicated anglers are looking forward to the mullet run. Schools of mullet are migrating south along the coast and this means great bait to target some highly prized trophy fish like tarpon, snook, redfish, and kingfish.

Finger mullet will definitely give you a great chance at a snook. These elusive predators give a great fight and are on most angler's bucket list. They are instantly recognizable by the black lateral line that extends on to the tail. My advice is to use a 40-pound leader with a size three hook for best results. Snook season opened in September and runs through December 14th so now is an excellent time to target this mild sweet-flavored fish. If you are fortunate enough to get one in the slot, between 28 inches and 32 inches, you will be eating like a king!

If you're looking for tarpon, using mullet is a top choice. Tarpon are powerful and acrobatic fighters so be prepared for the challenge. They are also catch-and-release only.

Offshore, we are still seeing significant kingfish action. Use mullet, threadfins, or blue runners on a slow troll and get ready for some fun. Kingfish can very quickly pull 100 or so feet of drag but that's part of the excitement. The recreational limit is two per angler per day in Atlantic waters.

Kingfish and mullet are both favored for smoked fish dip which is another delicious way to enjoy the salty groceries provided by fishing the Treasure Coast. There are a few great fish



Rick Maloy, a local great angler, holding a great snook.

dips out there but making your own is even better. Basic ingredients for a tasty dip are smoked fish, mayonnaise, scallions, lemon juice, Old Bay seasoning, and cream cheese. Give it a try and you'll see why!

All fishing rules and regulations plus licenses can be found at your local bait and tackle shops so stop by and support local businesses. You can find me at Little Jim Bait & Tackle ... unless I'm out fishing! Check out their great food and music. Want to join the fun of the mullet run? Call me and let's get Pullin Drag! ❖

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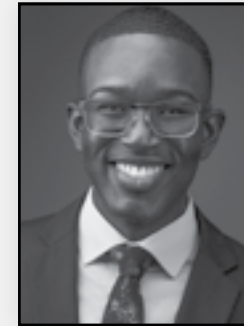
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Favorite Recipes from Main Street Board Members



Thierry Sydné's Air Fryer Stuffed Peppers

Ingredients

- 3 red bell peppers
- 3 yellow bell peppers
- 1/2 pound ground turkey
- 1/2 pound sweet Italian chicken sausage
- 1 cup cooked long grain rice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup diced onion
- 14.5 ounces canned diced tomatoes
- 4 ounces canned tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons salt, pepper, and garlic (SPG) blend seasoning
- 1 teaspoon parsley
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

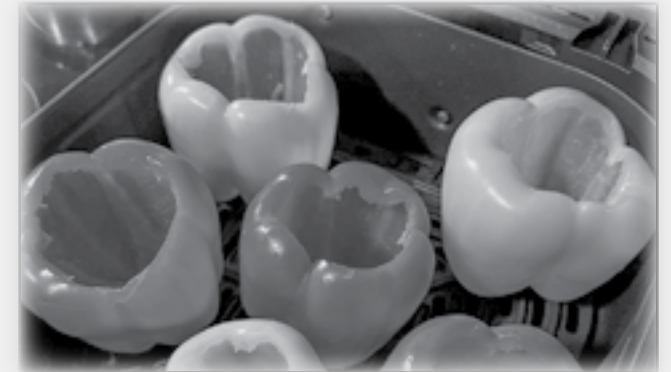
Instructions

Rinse and dry the bell peppers. Remove the tops, seeds, membranes, and ribs from the peppers. Cook the rice.

Add the ground turkey, chicken sausage, and onion to a large buttered skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir mixture until meat is browned through and onions have softened. Add the minced garlic and cook until fragrant.

Add in the cooked rice, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, SP&G blend, Parmesan, red pepper flakes, and parsley. Stir to combine.

Stuff the peppers with the skillet mixture.



Arrange the peppers in the air fryer basket, leaving a bit of space between each pepper to allow for air flow.

Air fry at 360 degrees for 15 minutes or until peppers are tender. Top the peppers with mozzarella cheese at the 13 minute mark and air fry for the final 2 minutes.

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