City of Port Orange
State of the City Address

The Port Orange City Council
&
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Hurricane Dorian – How lucky were we???
Emergency Management

We were fortunate. The Bahamas, not so much. Let’s continue to keep them in our prayers and remember that this is why we must be vigilant. Just because the last one missed, doesn’t mean the next one will.

**Why so much practice? You have to get emergency management right the first time!**

The entire COPO team is committed to our community and will be there this hurricane season and for all such emergencies when called upon for our city and its neighbors.

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**Hurricane Dorian’s Storm Track**

Hurricane Dorian became one of the Atlantic’s longest-lasting named storms and most destructive to strike the northern Bahamas. It stalled over Grand Bahama island with Category 5 winds, then raked the U.S. coast from Florida to North Carolina before veering off on a path forecast make landfall on the Canadian coast.

![Hurricane Dorian's Storm Track Map](source:noaa)
• Community Development
• Public Works
• Police
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• Administrative Services
• Finance
• Public Utilities
• Parks & Recreation
• What’s new?!?
Riverwalk Park & Robert E. Ford Trailhead is now open!

The developer for the Riverwalk project completed the 940-foot-long, 23-foot-wide segment of the City’s public trail & park as required according to the Riverwalk Master Development Agreement. The public trail and park consists of a 20’ wide paver/concrete walkway, landscaping, stormwater, walk lights, and site furnishings (benches, trash cans, bike rack, bollards).
The Down Under is the commercial area located under the Dunlawton Avenue Bridge. It is one of 5 districts identified in the Port Orange Town Center CRA Plan with proposed improvements to make the area a unique destination in the River District.

**Improvements forthcoming:**

- Murals and ground-mounted lighting on the concrete bridge;
- Site furniture
- Native, drought-tolerant landscaping,
- Master sign replacement
- Living shoreline improvements
- Repaving and striping of the shared parking.
The proposed improvements to Down Under are to build upon the recent private redevelopment in the area (DiMucci building, Hunter building, DJ's Deck, Jimmy Hula's) and improve the aesthetics and vitality of the area. Construction of a 3,700 square-foot restaurant located at 65 Dunlawton Avenue under the Dunlawton Avenue Bridge. The restaurant was opened to the public in August 2019 and created 40 new jobs. Build out cost for the restaurant and site improvements was $945,143.
Perrine’s Produce redeveloped the old Food Lion tenant space in the shopping center on the west side of Clyde Morris Boulevard, south of the Madeline Avenue and Clyde Morris Boulevard intersection. The Port Orange Perrine’s Produce location is the largest Perrine’s store and will function as their regional distribution facility for their other stores in New Smyrna Beach, Ormond Beach and Titusville. Perrine’s Produce qualifies as a Port Orange targeted business because this location will be their headquarters and regional distribution center for their other stores and will add 55-70 jobs.
Giuseppe’s Steel City Pizza: Redevelopment of the Giuseppe’s Steel City Pizza restaurant site with a new 7,132 square-feet restaurant, demolition of the original restaurant building, along with associated site improvements.

Redevelopment of this infill site has continued the improvement to the intersection of Herbert Street and Nova Road with a building that meets current architectural codes, improved landscape buffering, controlled access points for traffic management, and job creation. Over the last few years, the intersection of Herbert Street and Nova Road has seen reinvestment in the form of redevelopment.
Seagrass Assisted Living Facility

Construction consisted of a +/- 118,843 square-foot assisted living and memory care facility with 132 beds. The project is located on the west side of Yorktowne Boulevard, north of Dunlawton Avenue and adjacent to Lowe’s Home Improvement Center. The facility opened in October 2019 and is anticipated to create $1,800,000 million in payroll and 60 new jobs. Build out cost for the facility and site improvement was $11,245,913.

***This is a former city property that is back on the tax roles!!!***
Dunlawton Village The site is located at 415 Dunlawton Avenue, on the north side of Dunlawton Avenue, just east of the railroad tracks, and within the Port Orange Town Center CRA. Home to Gaff’s Realty.

• Phase I was completed in Summer 2019 and consisted of the development of a new +/- 5,570 square-foot professional office multi-tenant building and site improvements. Phase II is currently under construction.
Accomplishments

Barhydt-Turton Ave enclosed ditch to improve stormwater conveyance

Poinciana Drive inlet basin and drainage pipe repair

Sleepy Hollow drainage ditch clean up
Accomplishments

Yorktowne Sidewalk
Flooding Prevention

City Center
Pedestrian Crossing Signs
Public Works

Accomplishments

Raintree Subdivision Entrance Repair
Public Works

Accomplishments

White Acres Flooding Prevention
The construction of the police department’s shooting range began last June. Located near Pioneer Trail, the range is approximately 18 acres in size and is comprised of a rifle range, pistol range, and a tactical range. The range project, which began as a densely wooded parcel, has benefitted from teamwork and cooperation from many City of Port Orange departments.
For 2019, POPD has continued two successful school outreach programs, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and daily Walk & Talks. D.A.R.E. has proven to be a success in reaching 5th grade students with positive and relevant messaging for today’s youth. Walk & Talks have significantly increased the presence of officers on our school campus’s, leading to many positive relationships between our officers and the students, teachers, and school administrators.
Fire and Rescue

Transports

Since inception on April 15, 2019, POFR has been sent to 782 emergent dispatches with 534 transports and 282 non-emergent dispatches with 202 transports.

Response times:
• emergent calls- 6 minutes 38 seconds
• non-emergent calls- 8 minutes 5 seconds

Costs:
• Spent approximately $115,000 in labor costs related to transport from 4/15/19 to 12/1/2019.
• Received $127,967 in payments from the County, which arrive 60-90 days after the transport occurs.

“These are calls would answer anyway, now we do it with a transport unit!”
Fire And Rescue

Accomplishments

*Firefighter of the year*

**Spencer Starnes**

He gets special recognition for writing a grant request on behalf of his fellow firefighters to promote their health, safety and welfare to obtain materials that remove contaminants from firefighter protective equipment and skin. This improves the effectiveness of decontamination procedures of chemicals that fight fires contribute but contribute to higher cancer rates later in life.
The City increased its workforce by ten (10) positions, including a building inspector, an HR administrator for training, an IT Security Administrator, and additional code enforcement officers.
Information Kiosk

The GIS team developed this to assist citizens interested in relocating to our community with valuable information. In graphical format, it contains information such as the location of schools, voting precincts, and post offices. It also contains important public safety related information on shelters, evacuation routes, storm surges, and flood zones.

The page has almost 1,500 visits since it launched earlier this year.
The GIS Team partnered Community Development staff to create a real-time Development Activity Report. Options include: sorting and filtering by district, type of project, date last updated, and status.

Staff developed a QR code which can be scanned by any smartphone to open the mobile friendly version.

This web-based application was developed completely in-house with current software!
Government Finance Officers Association announced the City of Port Orange received GFOA’s *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* for its budget for 2018!

It reflects the commitment of the city staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, the city satisfied nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.
Installation of five replacement lift station panels.

The new panels were developed by an outside electrical engineer and city staff. The new panel offers better performance in an all-in-one design. Previous design had four panels onsite. This is an ongoing project to improve operating efficiency and dependability.
Infrastructure Reinvestment

Pipe Lining Continues:
10,560 liner feet of sanitary sewer lines were lined this past year. Utilizing the results from a recent I&I study (inflow & infiltration) city staff coordinated lining of sewer lines with the contractor. This is an ongoing project with a spend authority of $750,000 annually for pipe lining.
The Water Treatment Facility treated a total 2.1 billion gallons in 2018 for the residents of Port Orange, Daytona Beach Shores, and the Town of Ponce Inlet. (average of 5.8 million gallons a day!)

The Water Reclamation Facility treated a total of 2.4 billion gallons in 2018 (average of 6.6 million gallons a day!).
Replaced windows at the Historical Trust Building
Restored Southwinds fields to playable conditions by removing Nematodes
Resurfaced Airport Road Park Tennis Courts
Department offices relocated to the Dorothy L. Hukill City Center Annex
Repaved the City Center parking lot
Parks & Recreation

Other Notables

• We maintain 28 parks and facilities, 26 athletic fields, 18 tennis courts, 21 sets of restrooms, 10 playgrounds, 6 boat ramps, 12 boardwalks / fishing piers, prepare fields for over 1,750 competitive games per year, and work 25 or more special events per year.

  Other department highlights
• Senior program hours: 4,000.
• Special events offered annually: 53 events.
• Rentals for Lakeside: 205, pavilion rentals: 322.
• Total sponsorship Revenue: $45,225.

The Parks Department is responsible for the maintenance of over 475 acres of park land and is dedicated to providing our citizens with safe and well maintained parks and facilities.
So what’s new in the city???
...And what is coming???
Issues...

Yes, we stopped recycling glass!!! 😞

- Our recycler (GEL) collected it, but couldn’t resell it
- They were sending it to the dump at three times the collection cost!
- This is a reflection of changes in the world recycling market
- We continue to look for cost-effective alternatives as the market for recyclables adjusts to its realities nationally
Issues...

Yes, we stopped credit card auto billing!!! 😞

- We were **not satisfied** with our vendor’s security of your personal information after several data breaches!
- We are **obligated** to protect our water customers from identity theft!
- We are working diligently to find a suitable replacement vendor that can integrate with our new ERP software we recently rolled out in all departments citywide.
- *We appreciate your patience* as you utilize the 6 other payment methods.
• **Recapping our organization’s strategic goals...**

- Public Safety
- Infrastructure
- Quality of Life
- Economic Development
- Fiscal Sustainability
- Organizational Excellence!!!

***Coming in late 2020/early 2021... city revision of our vision - come and take part!!!***
What’s coming for 2020?

• Smart Light Signalization-$2 million project by the state DOT to improve traffic flow on Dunlawton from A1A all the way past Williamson Blvd to improve flow. First of its kind in Volusia-**Coming THIS YEAR!**
• Street Light improvement on Dunlawton between Ridgewood Avenue and Spruce Creek Road-**coming this Spring!**
• Continued pursuit of funding for traffic improvements planned for Dunlawton Avenue & Clyde Morris Blvd which include adding and extending multiple turn lanes
• Continued reinvestment in infrastructure and flood control
• Expansion of County Trail system through Port Orange along Spruce Creek Road
• More!
Goal: Septic to Sewer

2019 Goal: 100% by 2026
2020 Goal: 100% by 2026!!!

• Septic systems have negative impact on water quality and the environment
• City already has 97% of water customers on sewer service
• Conversions are continuing
Expansion breaks ground this year for the **REC Center** thanks to the ECHO Grant Funds and other grants…

- Will allow the expansion of recreation and cultural offerings to all generations
- More gym space, rock climbing wall, billiards room, art rooms, pottery, ARTHAUS, and more

**But it needs a name…**
Something on your mind? Let us know...

Pictured: Councilman Scott Stiltner, Vice-Mayor Drew Bastian, Mayor Don Burnette, Councilwoman Marilynn Ford, Councilman Chase Tramont
Thank you!