

BUILDING BUZZ



November 2017 Newsletter

ATTENTION! All city offices will be closed for Veteran's Day November 10th, and for Thanksgiving on November 23rd and 24th.

Have you checked out our Building Department webpage lately?

There you can find permit information, view a list of contractors, schedule inspections, and much more. Please visit www.pandapublicweb.cityofpsl.com

Did you know?

Online Permitting

- Have you considered our "Express Permits"? These permits are for builders who build repetitive Single-Family home models. The Building Department's current service goal for Single-Family home permits is a record breaking (5) days. The service goal for "Express Permits" is (24) hours, once all required documentation is electronically submitted to the Building Department. This will be effective on November 15, 2017.

Plan Review

- THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE 6TH EDITION (2017) IS HERE! The new building code is set to take effect on December 31, 2017. Please note: If you have any projects in the planning stages, please make sure that they are either submitted before the new code takes effect or that they meet the new building code standards.

Inspections

- NEW PROCEDURE FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENT INSPECTIONS-Effective November 6, 2017, there will be two inspections for window replacements. The first inspection that will be required will be an "in progress" inspection during the installation of the new windows. The "in progress" inspection will require access to the inside of the property to verify that the installation is being performed as required by the Florida Building Code and Manufacturer's Specifications. The second inspection required for windows will be a final inspection, this inspection will not require for the Inspector to have access to the inside of the property.
- REMINDER! Contractors/Homeowners can leave a note when scheduling his/her inspection. Notes can include, preferred time for inspection, lock box or gate codes, location of permit card, location of items to be inspection, and homeowner does not speak English.

Contractor Licensing

- Contractor's Licensing Examining Board meetings are on the second Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers.

UPCOMING STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS – RSVP to yperez@cityofpsl.com

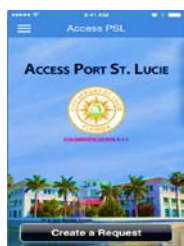
- Mechanical/AC Contractors Meeting – November 6th @ 3:00 p.m.
- Pool/Spa Contractors Meeting – December 11th @ 3:00 p.m.

These meetings are specific to each trade. Meetings last approximately an hour and provide an opportunity for our management team and the contractors to brainstorm ways to provide a higher level of customer service, expedite service, communicate and make advances to our software program. Please visit our webpage for more information and meeting schedules <https://pandapublicweb.cityofpsl.com/Files/PDF/Default/2017-stakeholder-meetings.pdf>



PANDA

PANDA is a permitting program created in-house by employees of the City of Port St. Lucie. This program allows flexibility for changes to improve our level of customer service. If you have any suggestions for improvement to this program, email tvalure@cityofpsl.com



ACCESS PORT ST. LUCIE APP

City residents can report good news, compliments, violations, concerns, etc. on our free app called "Access Port St. Lucie" available for download on the Apple APP Store and Google Play.

NEED A SPEAKER?

The Building Department has staff available to speak on topics of Building Permits, Licensing, etc. Please contact Yvette at yperez@cityofpsl.com to schedule a speaker for your next company meeting, association, club, or chapter meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- 7.0 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION on the 6th Edition of the Florida Building Code Training-This class will be held in the Building Department's training room on November 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You may register for the free class in advance at <http://jcode.com/education/port-st-lucie-7-hrs-training/>

JC Code & Construction Consultants Inc. in partnership with the City of Port St. Lucie's Building Department, is offering 7.0 hours of Florida Building Code continuing education. Funding for this training is provided by a grant from the Florida Building Commission, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) and is administered through Building a Safer Florida Inc. (BASFI) and is open to most DBPR licensed professionals.

- TCBA Bew-n-Bull will be held at the TCBA office located at 6560 US Highway 1, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952 on November 29th, at 5:30 p.m. ALL CONTRACTORS ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN!



HOW IS OUR SERVICE?

We want to hear from you! Email us at buildingadmin@cityofpsl.com to share your experience, send a suggestion or compliment a staff member.