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FPUA Customer Connections

October 2022

Public Power Week and Infrastructure Improvements

October 2-8 is Public Power Week... and we have reason to celebrate!

Like more than 2,000 utilities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community including:

- High reliability
- Customer responsiveness
- Community focus
- Economic development
- Local control

PUBLIC POWER WEEK 2022

As of the September 22nd equinox, fall is officially here, and there is much to look forward to. Pumpkin spice lattes, pies, plaid, and Public Power Week! From October 2 to 8, public power utilities across the country celebrate by helping customers and stakeholders gain a better understanding of how they can reap the benefits of being served by a hometown utility. Benefits such as affordable energy, better service, and a utility that cares about the overall well-being and growth of your community.

What is public power?

Public power utilities are not-for-profit entities owned by their communities. Across the United States, 2,011 public power utilities serve 49 million people in 49 states and five territories.

On Friday, October 7th, all Fort Pierce Utilities Authority divisions will be at the Main Street Fort Pierce Friday Fest from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Friday Fest includes arts, crafts, vendors, and music and takes place in Marina Square.

FPUA continues to make progress on important infrastructure projects. Some of these projects, approved by FPUA and city leadership, involve a two-step incremental rate increase. The last step takes effect on October 1.

PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **Electric and gas utilities.** Critical storm hardening measures and advanced metering infrastructure will help improve safety and efficiency. Once Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) is installed, customers will be able to track their utility usage and monthly bill on a real-time basis.

2. **Water and wastewater**. The long-awaited relocation project of the aging sewer treatment plant off of South Hutchinson Island is continuing its progress. Construction is expected to finish in 2024. This new plant will mean better protection for the Indian River Lagoon, more energy-effecient operations, and a reduction of the draw from the Floridan aquifer by an average of two million gallons per day.

3. **Expansion of gas, water, and wastewater services**. This expansion will allow us to increase our customer base and reduce your share of the cost to maintain the utility infrastructure.

4. **Free public WiFi at five new locations provided by FPUAnet.** This high-speed fiber internet is helping to make Fort Pierce a better place to live, work, and visit. FPUANet is committed to a better internet, faster infrastructure, and a stronger Fort Pierce. In addition, FPUAnet has plans to install free public WiFi at three additional locations over the next six months.

FIVE NEW FREE WIFI LOCATIONS

COURTESY OF FPUAnet COMMUNITY PROUD

- FPUA Admin & Annex Building
- Manatee Center
- Jetty Park
- Means Court Center
- SLC Intermodal Facility

UPCOMING FREE WIFI LOCATIONS

- Lincoln Park Community Center
- Jaycee Park
- Marina Square

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- Public Relations Specialist
- Customer Service Representative II
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Distribution Mechanic I, II or III
- Drafting Technician
- Mechanic I, II or III - Water Resrouces
- Mechanic I, II or III - Water Distribution
- Mechanic I, II or III - Water Reclamation
- OSP Fiber Network Engineer
- Systems Programmer Analyst I
- Utility Locator

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