

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE: New Port Richey Police Department Achieves CFA Accreditation Milestone

The New Port Richey Police Department had their official accreditation assessment November 18, 2025 through November 20, 2025. The assessment was completed by assessors representing the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA).

An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. Law enforcement agencies and Inspectors General in Florida can attain accredited status through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. Correctional facilities and agencies with pretrial responsibilities can achieve accredited status through the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, Inc.

The entire police department opened its doors to the CFA Assessors and provided them with access to files pertaining to policies and procedures within the agency. Every file was reviewed and checked for compliance through the CFA standard requirements during the three-day long assessment period. The assessors also spoke with multiple officers and support staff, questioning them at length about their policies and procedures, as well as their day-to-day work activities.

Upon conclusion of the assessment, the assessors recommended the New Port Richey Police Department to be accredited through the CFA. The department complied with 207 of 234 standards, with 26 standards that were not applicable to the agency. There were zero standards found to be not in compliance.

“An organization is only as good as its people and the culture within, which is why the New Port Richey Police Department



Members of New Port Richey Police Department with accreditation team.

exemplifies courage, honor, integrity, and pride,” stated New Port Richey Police Chief Robert Kochen.

This was a tremendous feat for the police department, as all of the hard work had finally come to fruition with the recommendation from the assessors.

Experience

Railroad Square & Cavalaire Square

The City of New Port Richey has completed a major improvement project in Railroad Square and Cavalaire Square designed to support local businesses, encourage walkability, and create a lively downtown gathering place. The enhanced space allows businesses to expand outdoor seating, welcomes more pedestrian activity, and creates a flexible setting for community events and celebrations.

Now, the community is invited to celebrate the grand opening of this revitalized space.

SQUARE SPECTACULAR:

Saturday, April 11 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Please join us as we experience the enhanced downtown space with an evening of enjoyable programming to include live performance by Phoenix5 and DJ Prince, and more!

FAMILY SQUARE-A-BRATION!

Sunday, April 12 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Bring the whole family downtown for an afternoon of interactive fun featuring magician Cesar Domico; dance party and special appearances and photo opportunities; and activities hosted by New Port Richey Parks & Recreation, New Port Richey Public Library, Friends of the Library, and interactive STEM demonstrations with Brainstorms NPR, Inc.

This two-day celebration invites residents and visitors to experience the revitalized Railroad Square and Cavalaire Square while enjoying entertainment and family activities, all while discovering what Downtown New Port Richey has to offer.

VISIT www.CityNPR.org FOR UPDATES AND EVENT DETAILS!

CITY MANAGER'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

There is tremendous momentum building across the City of New Port Richey, and I am proud to share several updates that reflect our continued investment in public spaces, infrastructure, public safety, and environmental stewardship.



It is with immense pride that I announce that following a rigorous three-day assessment, our New Port Richey Police Department was recommended for accreditation through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, achieving compliance with all applicable standards. This milestone reflects their unwavering commitment to excellence, accountability, and service.

On April 11, join us for Square Spectacular: the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Railroad Square and Cavalaire Square. This celebration marks the completion of a major downtown improvement project designed to create welcoming spaces for community gatherings, events, and everyday enjoyment. The evening will feature live music, a DJ, and a ceremonial ribbon cutting with city leaders as the community gathers to celebrate the revitalized squares and the continued growth of Downtown New Port Richey.

The City's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is currently seeking additional community members to serve. If you are interested in getting involved, I encourage you to learn more about this opportunity on Page 6. As our community continues to grow, responsible resource management remains essential. Modified Phase II Water Shortage Restrictions are currently in effect through July 1, 2026, limiting lawn watering to one day per week.

Together, these efforts reflect our shared commitment to building a vibrant, resilient, and forward-thinking New Port Richey.

Sincerely,

Debbie L. Manns, ICMA-CM
City Manager



HAZARDOUS WASTE & USED OIL DISPOSAL REMINDER



- 1 As a friendly reminder, hazardous waste may not be placed at the curb for regular collection. Items such as **chemicals, paint, batteries, electronics, and motor oil** require special handling and will not be collected by the solid waste hauler. Residents have several safe and convenient disposal options:
- 2 Hazardous materials may be taken to a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility, such as West Pasco Class III Landfill located at 14606 Hays Rd. in Spring Hill.
- 3 Materials can also be dropped off during the City's Neighborhood Clean-Up Day events in spring and fall. The next event is scheduled May 16 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 6131 South River Road or 5580 Frances Avenue, which is free with proof of city residency.

If you see any illicit discharges or improper disposal, please report it to Code Enforcement at 727.841.4550.

For future Neighborhood Clean-Up dates or other disposal questions, contact the Public Works Department at 727.841.4536. Help keep our community clean and our environment protected!

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD SEEKS COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The City of New Port Richey is seeking residents interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a volunteer board that helps support and strengthen recreational opportunities throughout the community.

The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board works closely with the department's leadership to promote the use of City recreational facilities and assist with planning, promoting, and supporting recreational programs and projects for both residents and visitors.

Board members bring a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives, helping to provide meaningful discussion and insight into the role parks and recreation play in the community. Members often serve as ambassadors for the City, offering feedback on initiatives and often volunteering at community events. In past years, board members have supported activities such as community cleanups and special events.

"Serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is a great way for residents to share their ideas and help shape the recreational experiences that bring our community together," said Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair David Schrader. "Our parks, programs, and events play an important role in the quality of life in New Port Richey, and community input helps ensure they continue to grow and serve residents of all ages."

Residents who are passionate about parks, recreation, and community engagement are encouraged to consider serving on the board. **Applications may be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofnewportrichey.org/Government/Boards-and-Committees.**

MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Residents,

It is an exciting season in the City of New Port Richey, and I am proud to share just a few of the ways our community continues to grow.

Downtown visitors can now track the Downtown Area Roundabout Trolley (DART) in real time. Each trolley stop features a QR code that allows riders to see exactly where the DART is along its route. With expanded stops that now include additional Main Street access, this enhancement makes exploring our downtown easier and more convenient than ever.

Our downtown business community continues to flourish. New additions like The Skinny Bean Café, Salt & Solace, Piccs Design Pool & Spa, Vino & Vibes, and Studio NPR BJJ are bringing new opportunities to New Port Richey. Even more businesses, including Curtain Call Coffee Bar and Pint & Barrel Saloon, are preparing to open their doors soon. Supporting local businesses remains one of the best ways to strengthen our community.

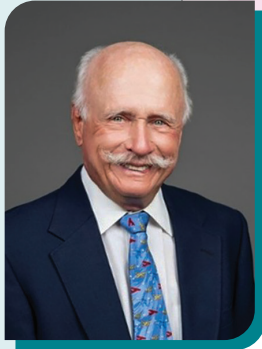
Our spring calendar is filled with events, including concerts, festivals, and more. Two large City events coming up this spring include the Summer Kickoff: Touch-a-Truck and Hurricane Expo on May 30, and the Hometown Extravaganza: America 250 Celebration on June 27. I encourage everyone to take part in these celebrations that reflect the spirit and pride of New Port Richey. See more upcoming events on Page 5.

Finally, we invite you to take part in a community contest to name two downtown parking lots. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate New Port Richey's history while helping shape the future of our downtown.

Thank you for being part of what makes New Port Richey such a special place to call home.

Sincerely,

Chopper Davis
Mayor



NEW BUSINESSES

Downtown New Port Richey continues to grow with new storefronts and experiences, and passionate entrepreneurs investing in our community. From fitness and coffee to design and specialty retail, there's something new to explore on every block. Be sure to stop by, say hello, and support local.

WHAT'S NEW?

The Skinny Bean Café – Located at 5333 Main Street, The Skinny Bean Café offers a welcoming spot to enjoy coffee, light bites, and friendly conversation. Whether you're meeting friends, fueling up for the day, or settling in to work, this cozy café adds another inviting gathering place to downtown.



Salt & Solace – Located at 5426 Main Street, Salt & Solace brings a calming, coastal-inspired touch to downtown New Port Richey. Offering thoughtfully curated goods and a serene atmosphere, it's a destination for those seeking relaxation and wellness.



Piccs Design Pool & Spa – Located at 5500 Main Street, Suite #102, Piccs Design Pool & Spa specializes in creating beautiful, custom outdoor living spaces. From pool and spa design to backyard transformations, they help turn everyday spaces into personal retreats.



Studio NPR BJJ – Located at 5412 Main Street, Studio NPR BJJ is a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu academy focused on discipline, skill-building, and community. With structured classes for all ages and experience levels, they provide a supportive environment to train, grow, and build confidence on and off the mats.



Vino & Vibes – A spot for wine lovers and those looking to unwind downtown. Located in Nick's Point off of Main Street.



COMING SOON!

Excitement continues to build with even more businesses on the way:

Curtain Call Coffee Bar – A new coffee destination preparing to make its debut in downtown New Port Richey. Located next door to Downtown Hair Lounge.



Pint & Barrel Saloon – Bringing a lively atmosphere and new gathering space to downtown New Port Richey. Located on Grand Boulevard.



Stay tuned for grand opening announcements – and thank you for continuing to support the small businesses that make Downtown New Port Richey shine.

Don't Forget to

VOTE

April 14, 2026

▶ **Mark your calendar!** The City of New Port Richey Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Registered voters within the City will elect one individual to serve as Mayor for a three-year term.

Your vote matters and helps shape the future of our community. Be sure you're registered, make a plan, and participate in the local election on April 14.

The Mayor presides over City Council meetings and serves as the official head of the City for ceremonial purposes and for the execution of legal instruments.

All voting for the Municipal Election is conducted at the Recreation & Aquatic Center located at 6630 Van Buren Street. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Help Us NAME TWO Downtown Parking Lots!

Downtown New Port Richey is full of history – from the silent film stars who once walked our streets to the local leaders who helped shape our city’s story.

Now, we need your help writing the next chapter.

The City of New Port Richey is launching a community contest to name two downtown surface parking lots:

Lot #1: Nebraska Avenue & Adams Street

Lot #2: Corner of Adams Street & Florida Avenue

We’re looking for names that reflect our historic theme – similar to existing lots like Gloria Swanson, Gerben DeVries, and Thomas Meighan – honoring people or stories connected to New Port Richey’s rich past.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Submit your proposed name for one or both lots
- Include a short explanation (2-4 sentences) describing the historical significance
 - Entries must reflect New Port Richey history
- Deadline: Friday, May 8th, 2026

Submit at:
<https://speakupnpr.org/help-us-name-two-downtown-parking-lots-contest>



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Submissions will be reviewed for historical accuracy, and winners will be selected by a selected jury of local stakeholders.

WINNERS ARE INVITED TO:

- Attend the official lot dedication ceremony
- Be featured in a Downtown NPR spotlight reel
- Receive a limited-edition “Downtown Storyteller” plaque

Become a part of shaping our City’s story.

Enter Today!



Stay on Top of Your WATER, SEWER & TRASH BILL

Managing your utility bills in New Port Richey is easy when you know your options and how to monitor usage. Here are some quick tips to help you save money, avoid late fees, and stay informed.

- Look at the digital display for total water usage in gallons.
- Watch the flow indicator—movement while all water is off may indicate a leak.

Understand Your Bill

- Water and sewer are billed based on usage, while trash service is a fixed monthly fee.
- Know your billing cycle and due date to avoid late charges.

Payment Options

- **AutoPay (Go Green):** Free, automatic, and ensures your payment is applied on time. Sign up at [citynpr.org/Bill Pay](http://citynpr.org/BillPay) Pay Bill Now Register Now.
- **Other methods:** Online portal, phone, text, Venmo, PayPal, mail, drop box, or in-person at City Hall or Amscot locations.

Monitor Your Water Usage

- Your home has a Sensus iPERL digital water meter. Even though it sends readings automatically, you can check it to track usage.

Avoid Waste and Save

- Fix leaks promptly—they can raise bills significantly.
- Simple conservation, like shorter showers and turning off faucets when not in use, can reduce water and sewer charges.

Need Help?

Best times to call for shortest wait:
Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
or 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Questions about your meter, bill, or services?
Contact the City of New Port Richey
Utilities Department at 727.853.1061.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

TIP:

Take a photo of your meter for records and compare it with your bill to stay on top of your usage.

CITY COUNCIL AS OF MARCH 2026



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Riders Can **NOW** Track the **DART!**

The Downtown Area Roundabout Trolley (A.K.A. the DART) is a beloved courtesy for visitors to Downtown New Port Richey. In case you missed it, riders can now track the DART in real time during operating hours. Each stop on the DART route has a QR Code attached to it. Therefore, you can scan the QR Code to see where the DART is on the map!

The goal of offering this real-time tracking capability is to help visitors better navigate their trips to Downtown New Port Richey by planning pick-ups and drop-offs to their parking areas.

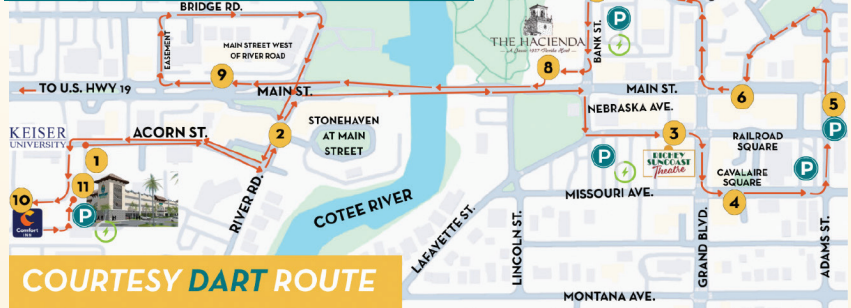
The DART hours of operation are:

- Thursday: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am
- Friday: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am
- Saturday: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am
- Sunday: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



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| 1 Start (Parking Structure) | 7 Bank Street (Sims Park) |
| 2 Stonehaven (Palm District) | 8 Hotel, The Hacienda |
| 3 Railroad Square West (Richey Suncoast Theatre) | 9 Main Street (West of River Road) |
| 4 Cavalaire Square (Missouri and Grand) | 10 Hotel, Comfort Inn & Suites |
| 5 Railroad Square East (Adams and Main) | 11 End (Parking Structure) |
| 6 Chasco Building (Main and Grand) | P Free Public Parking |
| | E Electric Vehicle Charging Station |

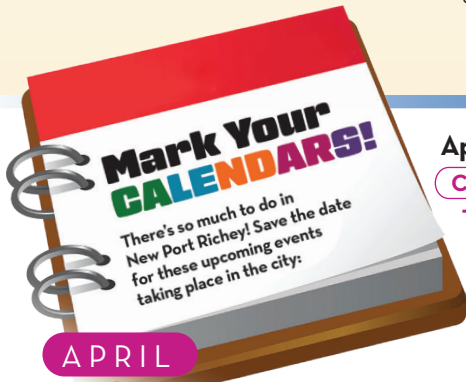


COURTESY DART ROUTE

Find more information about the DART and parking areas within Downtown New Port Richey by visiting www.CityOfNewPortRichey.org/Visitors/Parking

DART Map Update

The City of New Port Richey has added stops to the DART route to better accommodate the needs of visitors and residents. New stops include hotels (The Historic Hacienda Hotel on Main Street and Comfort Inn and Suites on U.S. HWY 19) and an additional stop on Main Street near the Chasco Inn building.



APRIL

- April 4**
Poets' Open Mic (12:00 pm - 1:45 pm)
New Port Richey Public Library (Free Admission)
- April 8**
State of the City with City Manager Debbie Manns (12:00 pm)
Sasha's on the Park at The Hacienda Hotel (\$30, www.nprmainstreet.org)
- April 11**
13th Annual Florida Loquat Festival (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)
Sims Park (Free Admission)
- April 11**
Square Spectacular: Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting (6:00 pm)
Railroad Square and Cavalaire Square (Free Admission)
- April 12**
Family Square-a-bration! (12:00 pm - 4:00 pm)
Railroad Square and Cavalaire Square (Free Admission)
- April 17**
Movie in the Park: Zootopia 2 (8:00 pm)
Sims Park (Free Admission)

April 18

Concert in the Park:
The Caribbean Chillers A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett (7:00 pm)
Sims Park (Free Admission)

April 20
Downtown Tree Walk (10:00 am)
New Port Richey Public Library (Free Admission)

April 24
Riverside Concert:
Common Ground (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
Grassin Bridge at Sims Park (Free Admission)

MAY

May 2
5th Annual Monarch Festival (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)
New Port Richey Public Library (Free Admission)

May 15
Movie in the Park:
Wicked for Good (7:00 pm)
Sims Park (Free Admission)

May 16
Concert in the Park:
The Fulcos (7:00 pm)
Sims Park (Free Admission)

May 16
Spring Neighborhood Clean Up (8:00 am - 5:00 pm)
6131 South River Road or 5580 Frances Avenue (Free with Proof of City Residency)

May 30
New Port Richey Summer Kick-Off:
Touch-A-Truck & Hurricane Expo (10:00 am)
New Port Richey Public Library (Free Admission)

JUNE

June 5
Concert in the Park:
Mullins Music's Rock Week Showcase (7:00 pm)
Sims Park (Free Admission)

June 27
Hometown Extravaganza:
America 250 Celebration
Sims Park (Free Admission)

ONGOING EVENTS

Walk and Talk
Mondays, 10:00 am
New Port Richey Public Library Courtyard (Free Admission)

Tasty Tuesdays Community Market
Tuesdays, 9:00am - 1:00 pm
New Port Richey Public Library Courtyard (Free Admission)

New Port Richey Fourth Friday Block Party
Fourth Friday of every month, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Downtown New Port Richey (Free Admission)

Beyond these events, the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center and Public Library offer a variety of opportunities for our residents to connect, learn, and have fun. Whether you want to meet people who share your interests or learn something new like a language or sport, there's something for everyone!

For more information on classes and activities taking place at the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center, please call 727.841.4560.

For more information about the New Port Richey Public Library's classes, concerts, and other special events, please call 727.853.1279.



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WATER RESTRICTIONS UPDATE: **Modified Phase II Now in Effect**

► The City of New Port Richey follows water shortage orders issued by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to help protect our regional water supply during extended dry conditions.

Due to below-average rainfall and declining water levels in aquifers, rivers, and lakes, SWFWMD has implemented Modified Phase II Water Shortage Restrictions, which are in effect February 8, 2026, through July 1, 2026. These temporary restrictions apply districtwide and are intended to reduce nonessential water use while maintaining public water supply reliability.

Lawn Watering Restrictions

Under Modified Phase II, lawn watering is limited to one day per week, including properties served by private wells.

Watering days are based on ending address numbers:

- 0 or 1: **MONDAY**
- 2 or 3: **TUESDAY**
- 4 or 5: **WEDNESDAY**
- 6 or 7: **THURSDAY**
- 8 or 9: **FRIDAY**
(also applies to mixed or undetermined addresses, such as common areas)

Allowed watering times:

- 12:01 am - 8:00 am, or
- 6:00 pm - 11:59 pm
(Properties under one acre may only use one of these time windows.)

Low-volume watering methods such as hand watering, micro-irrigation, or soaker hoses for plants and shrubs (not lawns) are allowed any day and any time.

Reclaimed Water Use

At this time, there is no change to reclaimed water watering restrictions within the City. Reclaimed water customers should continue to follow existing City guidelines unless notified otherwise.

Help Protect Our Water Supply

These measures help ensure a sustainable water supply for our community and the region. Residents are encouraged to follow their assigned watering schedule and use water efficiently.

For additional details, residents may visit SWFWMD's Water Restrictions page at www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/business/epermitting/district-water-restrictions or the City of New Port Richey's Water Conservation page at www.cityofnewportrichey.org/Residents/Services/Water-Conservation-Tips/Water-Restrictions for local guidance.