

# PSL Historical Pioneer News



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Dear Port St. Lucie Historical Society Members,

I hope you are enjoying the start of summer. It's been extremely hot, but we still have the beautiful Florida sunshine.

I am sure you would like to know what is happening at the Historic Homes. It's been a long time coming, and I can tell you we are very excited to have a new museum. But there are little things slowing us up, but we are getting closer to the finish line and it won't be long before you can visit the new Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center.

Many things have been going at the site, in preparation for the City's June 15th opening of Pioneer Park and Port-Fest. Workers have been planting, painting, mulching, paving and doing everything else to ready the site for the Grand Opening.

At the Peacock Lodge, (future museum), there are a number of outdoor items that still need to be addressed by the contractor for the City to be able to issue a final Certificate of Occupancy, including repairing the parking lot that has been used as staging for Pioneer Park and some other minor things. However, we have been issued a "loading permit", which allows the Society to move our furniture and archives into the building and to begin setting up the inside. This has been a slow, painstaking process, but it's been ongoing for a few weeks.

We are still waiting for Wi-Fi to be installed, as well as window treatments. Furniture and display cabinets need to be moved in and then we need to build our exhibits. But the most arduous task is sorting through the many boxes of collectibles and items that have been donated over the years, and to organize and inventory them. We are getting there, and hope to be announcing an official opening day very soon. Please be patient a little bit longer and watch for that email announcement!

If you would like to help, go to page 5 and see what we need help with, and maybe you would like to volunteer to assist us. We welcome any and all assistance.

Best regards,

*Patricia Christensen*

Chairperson



*Photo courtesy of Christine Fenerty*



## Port Fest—June 15th

It's time to put the PORT in Port St. Lucie! Come out on Saturday, June 15th for the inaugural Port Fest event from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dive into free family entertainment at the City's newest park located along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

Stop by the car show between 10 and 3, hosted by the Port St. Lucie Historical Society at Lyngate Park, where food and beer will be available for purchase. There will also be prizes and raffles. If you own a classic car, register to enter your car, beginning at 7:30 am at Lyngate Park. After the car show, hop over to The Port on West-

moreland Blvd., where the iconic banyan tree is located and stay to enjoy the one-of-a-kind Pioneer Park Playground and park amenities, food truck delights, and live entertainment, including sand sculptures, aerial acts, bubble artists, face painting, and more!



The PSL Historical Society will host a booth where you can join the Society and become one of an exclusive group who will hold the title of "Founding Members of the Museum". There will be raffles for both the adults and

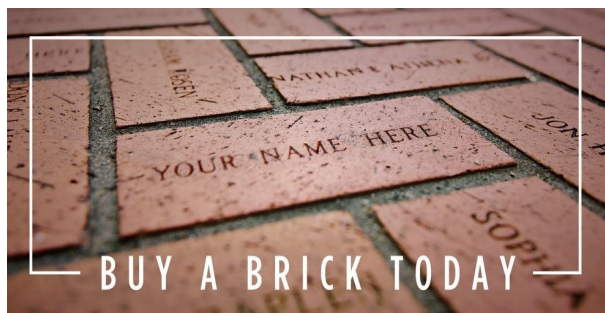
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Thanks to our members who continually support the Port St. Lucie Historical Society in so many ways!!!!

## GIVE A BRICK ... IT WILL LAST FOREVER

As "The Port" takes shape on Westmoreland Boulevard, and the restoration of the historic homes began, the Port St. Lucie Historical Society took on a brick paver project to build a plaza between the two historic homes. The purpose of the project is to make the Society more financially sustainable, especially with the museum and education center opening sometime in 2023.

Be sure the names of your family, friends or firm will be cemented into Port St. Lucie's history. Show your pride in and support in your community. You can purchase one or more bricks



to help

build the patio between the historic homes. Engraved bricks will be installed on the plaza between the buildings. Two sizes are available at \$100 or \$200.

Ordering a brick is easy. Go to the PSL Historic Society website at [pslhistory.org](http://pslhistory.org) to complete the form.

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the kids. Stop by our booth and say HI!!!

At the end of the day, don't worry about a thing... because as the sun sets, The Wailers will take the stage, and we will all be jamming!

#### Food Trucks at The Port

- ◆ Soulful Catering Chef Wanas
- ◆ Joey's Kitchen & Catering
- ◆ Empanadas PSL Tacos Downtown
- ◆ Cheese Muenster
- ◆ Ice Cream Social

#### Throughout the day, beginning at 10 a.m.:

- ◆ Sand Sculpture Artist Dean Arscott with Santastic: All day
- ◆ Face Painting, Fairy Hair and Glitter Tattoos: All day
- ◆ 11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting by the Banyan Tree

- ◆ 11:45 a.m. Aerial Performance by Variety Entertainment
- ◆ 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Rachel the Bubble Farie
- ◆ 1 – 2:30 p.m. Dance Party with DJ Alexis Rose
- ◆ 1:45 p.m. Aerial Performance by Variety Entertainment
- ◆ 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Kelly with Palm Beach Stilts
- ◆ 3:30 – 5 p.m. Retro Radio Band

All event parking will be at MIDFLORIDA Event Center with free shuttle service throughout the day provided to the park and car show locations. The shuttles are ADA-compliant.

Boat slips will be closed at the event on June 15 for the safety of boaters and Port Fest attendees.

**Rideshare:** Dedicated rideshare areas are located on Veterans Memorial Parkway for the Classic Car Show at Lyngate Park and on SE Westmoreland Blvd for Port Fest at Pioneer Park. Look for designated signage.

We hope to see you there!!!



**FREE  
ADMISSION!**



# PORT FEST



Celebrate the grand opening of the riverfront  
Port District and Pioneer Park!

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 15, 2024**

**10 A.M.-9 P.M.**

**2454 SE WESTMORELAND BLVD.**

Enjoy a variety of family-friendly experiences, including  
sand sculpture artist, aerial performers, stilt walkers,  
jugglers, face painters, free souvenirs and much more!

Ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m.

Car show presented by the Port St. Lucie Historical  
Society at Lyngate Park, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be no parking on site. Attendees should park at  
the MIDFLORIDA Event Center, 9221 SE Event Center  
Place, and catch the free motorcoaches running in a  
constant loop throughout the event.

For the safety of boaters and Port Fest attendees, boat  
slips at the event will be closed for public use on June 15.



**FREE CONCERT BY  
THE WAILERS FROM 7-8:30 P.M.**

**FOOD TRUCKS AND MOBILE BARS**  
NO OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE ALLOWED



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[CityofPSL.com/PortFest](http://CityofPSL.com/PortFest)



## Thanks to our supports—Join Us!!!!

Thanks to everyone who have renewed their membership or joined the Port St. Lucie Historical Society since May. We now have 85 per cent of our members who renewed their memberships through May 30th, and we have also added more than 30 new members including a number of local businesses. Everyone who has joined for 2024 will be named as Founding Member of the museum. But best of all, we have extended the time to join and receive this special honor to July 15th, since our museum opening has been pushed back further than we anticipated.

As a reminder, this year you will receive some new benefits with your membership. You will be issued a membership card, the first time you visit the museum, and that allows you free admission into the museum and discounts at the Gift Shop. You will also continue to receive our newsletter and invitations to our events. For new members, you also will receive a copy of our history book "Port St. Lucie at 50", written by Nina Baranski, so if you know someone who hasn't joined, get them to visit our website soon.

But the very special benefit you receive, and it's only a one time benefit - is you will be named as one of the "Museum Founders." But, you have to act fast. Only those who have paid their membership dues or joined by July 15th will receive this benefit.

To renew or to join the Port St. Lucie Historical Society, just go to our website at [pslhistory.org](http://pslhistory.org) and fill out the membership form and pay you fees. It's that easy. You have a wide selection of membership levels, which best fits you and your budget. Don't wait, do it today!!! If you have any questions, email us [membership@pslhistory.org](mailto:membership@pslhistory.org)

The Port St. Lucie Historical Society Presents

# CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

Pride In My  
Ride



**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**

**FROM 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**LYNGATE PARK ON VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY**

**DAY OF SHOW DRIVE-ON WELCOME  
SPACE IS LIMITED! PRE-REGISTER TO  
SECURE YOUR SPOT. TENTS ALLOWED.**

**JUDGING & AWARDS  
MUSIC & FOOD ON-SITE  
DOOR PRIZES & 50/50**

**CAR REGISTRATION  
VENDOR & SPONSORSHIP  
INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[PSLHISTORY.ORG/CAR-SHOW](http://PSLHISTORY.ORG/CAR-SHOW)  
OR EMAIL DENNIS GRABHORN AT  
[DENNISGRABHORN@AOL.COM](mailto:DENNISGRABHORN@AOL.COM)  
772.323.1610**

Sponsored By:



Proceeds to Benefit the Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center



# CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK



**June 15, 2024 • 10:00AM TO 3:00PM**

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

Show Field next to Lyngate Park

Enter Park on Lyngate Drive

Load-in 8:00am to 10:00am

- Judging 12:00pm, Awards 2:00pm
- Music and Food On-Site
- Dash Plaques First 100 Register Cards
- Foreign and Special Class



## Ways to Register

**On-Line at [pslhistory.org/car-show](http://pslhistory.org/car-show)**

**or by Mail: Car Show, PO Box 7146, Port St Lucie FL 34985**

**SPACES LIMITED!**  
**DAY OF SHOW SPACE NOT**  
**GUARANTEED! REGISTER**  
**EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!**  
**TENTS ALLOWED**

**Day of Show**  
**Drive on Welcome!**  
 Cars must have a  
 fire extinguisher.  
 Vehicles may not be  
 moved before 3:00pm.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS**  
**PAYABLE TO: PSLHS**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
**PLEASE CONTACT:**  
**DENNIS GRABHORN**  
**DENNISGRABHORN@AOL.COM**  
**PHONE: 772.323.1610**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE MY CAR  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

PER CAR/CATEGORY: \$25 Preregistration by Check or Credit Card Online      TOTAL ENCLOSED:

PER CAR/CATEGORY: \$30 Day of Show Drive On by Check or Credit Card.      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Qty	Total	Category	Qty	Total	Category	Qty	Total
Stock American		\$	All Makes Modified		\$	Foreign		\$

**Special Awards:** Car that travelled the furthest to the Show and Best in Show for 1961

**Release of liability:** by participating in this event you assume all liability and by no means / reason do hold the Port St. Lucie Historical Society or anyone associated with the promotion of this event liable or responsible for any damages, loses, injuries that may be incurred. All cars must be running and drivable.

All proceeds to benefit the Port St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc. and Port St. Lucie History Museum and Education Center, a 501(c)(3) Public Charity, NFP Donations deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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## **Museum Volunteers Wanted**

If you have some time on your hands and you would like to help out at our new museum over the next few months to help us get it ready to open, or if you would like to volunteer even after the doors open, we need looking for you!

We have several areas where your expertise can be utilized. If you like to work on a computer and are familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel or Publisher, our Membership Chair and Media Chair could use your assistance and expertise.

We need photographers, writers and people familiar with social media, to assist our Social Media Chair.

Our Archiving volunteers would love to train you to assist them in archiving the many hundreds of items that we have in our collections.

If you like to organize events, or you would like to assist us in creating our exhibits.....we would like your help. Everyone 18 years or older are welcome.

Most importantly, if you love our city and our history and would like to be a part of this historic time in our history, we are willing to train you to be a docent so you can meet folks who want to know more about our history and community.

For more information, contact [info@pslhistory.org](mailto:info@pslhistory.org) or go to our website at [pslhistory.org](http://pslhistory.org) where one of our members who needs volunteers in you special field(s) will contact you.



## **You are Invited**

Come to our next Historical Society Gathering in October at Santa Lucie River Club at Ballentrae. We will have a social half-hour beginning at 5:30 PM and dinner begins at 6. Each Gathering, we have a guest speaker who will speak about a topic relative to Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County. Watch your email for more information coming in September!

## **Board Meeting Notices**

Join us at our Port St. Lucie Historical Society Board meetings. We meet monthly at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Our meetings begin at noon the LAST Tuesday of every month, not the fourth.

All our Society members in good standing are invited to attend our meetings. We are doing a lot of planning to get ready to move into our new Museum. Consider joining us and be part of this momentous occasion.

We hope to see you soon!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE  
PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



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