

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - MARCH 2024

I hope many of you continued enjoying the wonderful March weather by visiting one of our parks or the beach or partaking in one of the below special events and activities, among many others:.

- **The Spring Games College Softball** – 22 college softball teams played 68 games
- **Kite Day at R.O.C. Park** – over 500 received a free kite
- **Gulf Beaches Rotary Spring Break Waterfront Festival**
- **Great American Grunt Hunt** – held at the City Marina
- **Final Friday Music at John's Pass Bell Tower area** – thousands enjoyed the music of *K-Luv and the United Funk Machine*

The city is extremely thankful for all who reside here who continue to ensure that we provide the highest quality city services making Madeira Beach a truly wonderful place to live, learn, work, and play. We are also thankful for the thousands that visit our city enjoying our vast amenities that also contribute to the eclectic nature of our City. While we continued experiencing some additional road traffic and wait times at our stores and restaurants, I am reminded we can still enjoy our slice of paradise daily walking on our pristine sand, viewing spectacular sunsets and celestial views, or simply enjoying a peaceful fishing or other water excursion. Whatever your hobby or enjoyment, please take some time to enjoy our wonderful city and the many outdoor amenities.

Please continue reading to learn of the various April meetings, activities, and events, also listed on the City's website: www.madeirabeachfl.gov.

Unlike last year, as of this writing in early April, we still have not encountered any of the dreaded *Karenia brevis* algal blooms, the microscopic, single-celled, photosynthetic organism, a marine dinoflagellate, responsible for our 'red tides' common in our Gulf coast. Thankfully it has decided to stay away from our shorelines; hoping that trend continues.

On March 19, an election took place that only had one Charter Amendment question for Madeira Beach registered voters. We did not have an election for the Commissioners in Districts 1 and 2, as incumbents David Tagliarini (District 1) and Ray Kerr (District 2) were the only ones who qualified in each district. Subsequently, both were automatically elected and were sworn in on March 27, 2024, for another two (2) year term expiring March 2026. The charter amendment question to change the election candidate qualifying period from the first two full weeks in December to the first full week in December did not pass. The total number of votes cast: 665 total

236 votes – YES

429 votes - NO

CITY STORE

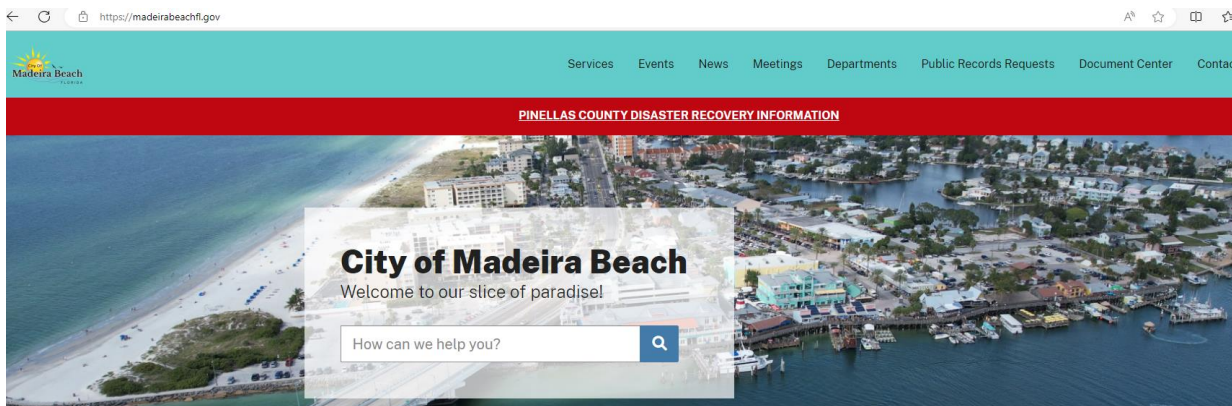
A reminder to visit our new-look City Hall 2nd floor lobby that will continue to provide various City items for sale showcasing our City pride. Please stop by Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, to view and possibly purchase one of the new City of Madeira Beach shirts, hats, photo prints, stickers, and other items. Please help us showcase our unique Madeira Beach identity by wearing or displaying one of the new items. Please also be on the lookout for a one (1) year anniversary event in the middle of March.



COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CITY STAFF

Have a question on a City service, concern on your street, observed potential traffic issues . . . Please continue to reach out to me or any City staff via the following methods/means for any City matter. We are here to provide the most efficient and effective City services for all our residents, businesses, and visitors that continue to live in and/or visit our fabulous *2 miles long and a smile wide* City we call Madeira Beach:

- City internet/web site: www.madeirabeachfl.gov



- Via email (listed on our website): rgomez@madeirabeachfl.gov
-all city employee emails are the first letter of the first name followed by last name
- On the phone (main line): **727-391-9951**
- **Robin Gomez' cell phone:** **727-580-8014**
-additional phone #'s listed on website

- In person at City Hall, 300 Municipal Dr, open M-F 8 am to 4:30 pm: to obtain a resident permit parking pass/sticker, purchase our 75th anniversary items (shirts, hats, etc), to ask a question(s), or to just say hello
- In person at City Hall Commission Chambers, for our monthly Board of Commission meetings:
 - Regular Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month
 - Workshop Meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month
 - both typically begin at 6pm

Also, please sign up to receive City of Madeira Beach emails on upcoming events, activities, meetings, etc., on our Website:

www.madeirabeachfl.gov

On home page, scroll all the way to the bottom, choose **subscribe** on the right in the HELP column

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CITY CLEAN-UPS & BEAUTIFICATION

Thank you very much to our wonderful Madeira Beach organizations that once again held a clean-up in February as well as the organization *Keep Pinellas Beautiful* for their continued support of our two clean-up organizations and over-all countywide beautification.



Trash Pirates of Mad Beach



Trash Turtles



- Trash Pirates monthly clean-up on Sat, Mar 2
- Trash Turtles & Great American clean-up on Sat, Mar 23

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, family, and friends that continue to make our community a better place to live, learn, work, and play. The pounds of trash removed at the clean-ups truly make our slice of paradise shine. The City very much appreciates all your efforts. Please continue to look forward to future monthly clean-ups.

Additionally, our City Public Works and Recreation crews continued daily maintaining our beach/sand, parks, and public rights-of-way clean and beautiful. From the daily sand raking to trash abatement to tree/greenery maintenance City staff diligently ensure residents and visitors enjoy a pristine City. Thank you to all our City staff for their continued commitment.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department now has online permitting available! Click the link below to sign up: <https://www.mgoconnect.org/cp/portal>

This will allow residents and contractors to apply for a permit online and look at the status of the permit without stepping foot in City Hall!

Reminder, the Building and Community Development Departments now have open office hours on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm, first come first served. Can't make it then? Call the City Hall to make an appointm... See more



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

As we continue with beautification work including the monthly city-wide clean-ups and enhanced recycling services, we will also continue reminding our residents, businesses, and visitors to ensure all trash/waste ends up in the proper containers particularly when visiting our sand. Also please remember: No dogs on the Sand. Fines are \$250 for littering and \$93 for dog on the sand/beach:



Beach Ordinances

Sec. 42-37 - Leave no trace

- Any unattended tent or property left on the Public Beach at night shall be deemed discarded by the owners and become the property of the City of Madeira Beach and may be removed and disposed of by the appropriate authority.
- All holes on the beach are to be filled in the same day they are created.
- Camping, bonfire, grilling and glass are prohibited.

Sec. 42-38 - Enforcement

- Violation of any provision of this article shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - ⇒ First violation: \$100.00 fine.
 - ⇒ Second violation: \$200.00 fine.
 - ⇒ Third violation: Fine not to exceed \$500.00 pursuant to F.S. § 162.22.

Sec. 10-5 – Animals banned from Public Beaches

- It shall be unlawful for any dog, cat, other animal, whether running at large, on a leash, or being carried, to be on any public beach within the city.

For more information or questions please call

Code Enforcement at 727-391-9951 X 295

Help us leave no Trace !

Sanitation-Trash Collection

REMINDER: Trash containers need to be stored somewhere other than curbside, and wheeled out to the curb for collection no earlier than 5:30 pm the day prior to collection, and removed away from the curb by sunset the day of collection. If your container is damaged or missing please contact the City of Madeira Beach Public Works/Sanitation department at 727.543.8154. The City of Madeira Beach greatly appreciates everyone's patience and participation with our current trash collection procedures designed to keep our City even cleaner.



64 Gallon Trash Container – used for residential trash collection



TRASH PICK UP GUIDELINES

Regular Trash Pick Up

The City is now utilizing a side loader garbage truck which only has one person. We will only pick up items in the can. Other items outside of the can will be considered bulk waste and will be picked up on Wednesdays.

Need a bigger can? Call Public Works to upgrade. Not sure your pick up day? Find it here: madeirabeachfl.gov/sanitation/



Bulk Trash Pick Up

Every Wednesday Public Works will provide Bulk Trash Pick Up. Have items out by 7am.

Yard Waste pile must not exceed 4ft in height and no longer than 8ft in length.

Items must be 3ft away from object like mail boxes or vehicles.

Contractors paid for service must haul all debris away

Questions?
Call Public Works
727-543-8154

A reminder that the City began utilizing a side-loader trash truck to automate residential curbside trash collection/pick-up. This means we will only have a driver and possibly one additional employee emptying the 64 gallon trash containers on the container collection days. Please remember that only the 64 gallon trash container will be emptied, any trash that does not fit in the container such as boxes, furniture, larger items, etc., is to be placed out for the every WEDNESDAY bulk/yard waste collection on Tuesday from 5:30 pm on. We understand this is a change, but do ask for all to follow the posted processes.

To verify your trash collection days, please view the trash collection map on the City's website: <https://madeirabeachfl.gov/sanitation/>

RECYCLING

Please remember the following items may be recycled:

PAPER newspaper, magazines, junk mail, computer/printer paper, catalogs, brown/white/colored paper bags, paperboard cartons, wrapping paper

CARDBOARD cereal boxes (without plastic liner), soda cartons (without plastic wrap), cardboard boxes (flattened, no larger than a 4' x 4' square)

GLASS all clear, brown, green glass FOOD and BEVERAGE bottles (must be rinsed out with no residue and lids/caps removed)

PLASTIC all plastic FOOD and BEVERAGE containers that have the Recycle symbol and a number 1 or 2 (must be rinsed out with no residue and lids/caps removed)

METAL aluminum FOOD and BEVERAGE cans (rinsed out with no residue and lids/caps removed), tin FOOD and BEVERAGE cans (rinsed out no residue and lids/caps removed), clean aluminum foil pans, empty aerosol cans

ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE: plastic bags, egg cartons, Styrofoam, pizza boxes (normally only the top/lid may be recycled if it is super clean-no cheese/grease/toppings)

ANY & ALL TRASH – please dispose of trash in appropriate trash bags and receptacles.

Thank you for recycling responsibly.

WELCOME TO WASTE PRO
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4TH WE WILL PROVIDE YOUR
WEEKLY RECYCLING COLLECTION

RECYCLE RIGHT

Plastic bottles, jugs, and glass


Metal cans


Cardboard boxes


Paper




**DO NOT use your cart
until JANUARY 4TH**
 If you do not receive your cart
between the week of December
26th-30th please contact
Waste Pro at 727-452-5278.

Cart delivery will occur the week of
DECEMBER 26th - 30th, 2022

Questions? Please visit us online www.wasteprousa.com or call us
727-452-5278.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

**City of Madeira Beach Monthly Report
February 2024**

RECYCLING STATISTICS		
MATERIAL	Tons	%
Aluminum	0.83	2.00%
Cardboard	5.34	12.80%
Mixed Glass	16.05	38.50%
ONP	4.92	11.80%
Plastic	3.29	7.90%
Tin	0.50	1.20%
Contamination	10.75	25.80%
TOTAL	41.68	

Feb 24 total recycling tons exceeded Feb 23 by 7 total tons, or a 20.2% increase!!

The City switched vendors to Waste Pro that began in Jan 2023 providing curbside residential recycling collection in 64 gallon containers.

The City of Madeira Beach appreciates all resident, business, and visitor participation in our recycling program.

Cameras throughout Madeira Beach

The below internet links will take you to live web cameras of Madeira Beach sand views – helpful to see how busy locations may be, wave action, observe the City sand rake, and/or weather conditions – take a look:

Hubbard’s Marina earth cam

<https://myearthcam.com/hubbardsmarina>

Baynews9 Camera at John’s Pass Park

<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather/bay-news-9-cameras>

Commodore Beach Club

<https://commodorebeachclub.com/resort-details/live-webcam>

GULF BEACHES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hopefully, many of you have visited our wonderful **Gulf Beaches Library** located at 200 Municipal Dr, next to Madeira Beach Fire Station 25, across the street from the Winn Dixie shopping plaza. The library offers many exceptional services from borrowing books, cd’s, museum passes to a monthly newsletter to kids/children’s programs to a writer’s group to the showing of various popular films to a book club.

A significant amount of information on programs, activities, and much more can be found at their internet/website:

www.gulfbeacheslibrary.org

Please check it out if you have not already and also sign up for their wonderful newsletter:



Sign Up for Library Newsletter

** Indicates required field*

Name *

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First Last

Email *

I agree to receiving marketing and promotional materials *

[Subscribe to Newsletter](#)

Library Hours

Mon. 10 am - 6pm
Tues. 10 am - 8 pm
Wed. 10 am - 6pm
Thurs. 10 am - 6pm
Fri. 10 am - 6pm
Sat. 10 am - 5 pm
Sun. Closed

The Library is also offering an opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick to help the Library's fundraising campaign, information below:



For questions, please contact at Richard Nagrabski
gulfbeachesbuyabrick@gmail.com or call 727-313-2952
To Order Online, Scan QR Code or visit
www.fundraisingbrick.com/gbpl/
To pay by check, complete this form & return
with payment to: Gulf Beaches Public Library
200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida 33708
Make Checks Payable To: Gulf Beaches Public Library

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Gulf Beach Publ Lib
4x8 W/Out Clipart
3 Lines-20 Char/Line

GulfBeachPubLib
4x8 W/Clipart
3 Lines-15 Char



Brick Order Deadline: July 25, 2024

MADEIRA BEACH MARKET

MADEIRA
Beach Market
eat • drink + shop • local

LOCATED AT
15000 MADEIRA WAY
MADEIRA BEACH, FL

Shop Local
Wednesdays • 10am - 2pm



MADEIRA
Beach Market
eat • drink + shop • local

WEDNESDAY
10A-2P

Please remember to visit our weekly Market on Madeira Way showcasing over 30 local vendors selling a variety of crafts, arts, clothing, yummy food selections, fresh produce, and much more. Join us on Madeira Way every Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm, until May 2024 to shop local

including many gift options. Residents and visitors alike will be impressed with the variety of items available for purchase.

PARKING

A few reminders regarding **resident** and **visitor** parking:

1. Residents can obtain up to 3 **RESIDENT PARKING PASSES** at no charge, that allow residents to park in any City of Madeira Beach lot while the lot is open as well as on streets that allow resident parking. No overnight parking is allowed at any City lot using the **RESIDENT PARKING PASS** (everyone can use the overnight parking lot areas by paying the \$3/hour fee). Property owners are also eligible to receive parking passes with a valid driver's license and vehicle registration.

2024 Resident Parking passes are available in-person at City Hall or on-line at the City's website, www.madeirabeachfl.gov. Please remember your driver's license and vehicle registration must be presented and must be valid.

2. **VISITOR PARKING** is available at all City of Madeira Beach lots and the John's Pass Boardwalk & Village on-street spaces and the lot adjacent to the VFW (entrance off 129th Ave E) by paying the hourly rate of \$3 (may pay using the ParkMobile app or at a kiosk/meter located at each lot). Overnight parking is only allowed at City of Madeira Beach lots located from 130th Ave to 136th Ave (entrances off Gulf Blvd) – not allowed at the John's Pass Parking lot and the Archibald Park Parking lot – by paying the \$3/hr rate (available for up to 7 days).
3. Please keep in mind, particularly visitors, that there are other privately-run/managed parking lots throughout our City that typically charge \$4-\$8/hour as well as the occasional \$20 - \$45 full day rate/charge. These lots are NOT owned/managed/enforced by the City of Madeira Beach.
4. To alleviate various residential street congestion due to construction sites, we will be issuing parking permits to construction workers, contractors/sub-contractors, and related vehicles/trucks to ensure they park correctly, mainly not blocking any streets (particularly for emergency vehicle access). Information is on our City website under Parking.

CITY ACTIVITY

As in prior months thousands continued to visit and along with residents enjoyed our March events including the monthly City/beach clean-ups, breakfast with the city manager; City meetings including Regular Commission meeting, Civil Service Commission, Commission Workshop, the Final Friday on Mar 29 at the John's Pass Bell Tower area; the annual Kite Day on Mon, Mar 11; the annual College Softball Spring Games held from Fri, Mar 1 to Wed, Mar 12; the Gulf Beaches Spring Break Waterfront Festival Carnival on Thu, Mar, 14 to Sun, Mar 17.

Please read below for upcoming April 2024 events including the monthly Trash Pirates clean-up on Sat, April 6; MB Fire Department and American Legion Post 273 vs USA Patriots charity softball game on Fri, April 19; the annual Hurricane & Sea Turtle Expo on Sat, April 20; an Earth Day Beach Clean-up on Mon, Apr 22; the annual Spring Old Salt Foundation, King of the Beach fishing tournament from Thu, Apr 25 to Sat, Apr 27; and Final Friday on Fri, April 26.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

- (1) **Trash Pirates monthly clean up** at John's Pass Bell Tower area and Archibald Park, Sat, Apr 6, 8 am.
- (2) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**, Wed, Apr 10, 2 pm, CITY HALL – Commission Chambers
- (3) **MB Fire Department and American Legion Post 273 vs USA Patriots Charity Softball game**, Friday, Apr 19, 6:30 pm, ROC Park Softball Field 3
- (4) **Annual Hurricane & Sea Turtle Expo**, Sat, Apr 20, 10 am, City Hall
- (5) **Earth Day, Beach Clean-Up**, Mon, Apr 22, 6 pm, **Trash Pirates, Trash Turtles, Coastal Crusaders, and Water Warriors Alliance**, various locations including Archibald, Stuart, and John's Pass Park parking lots and parks
- (6) **Big-C Monthly Meeting**, Wednesday, Apr 24, 9 am, Commission Chambers
- (7) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET WORKSHOP**, CITY HALL, Wed, Apr 24, 4 pm – Commission Chambers
- (8) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP** CITY HALL, Wed, Apr 27, 6 pm – Commission Chambers
- (9) **Final Friday, Friday, Apr 26, 6 pm, John's Pass Bell Tower area**

Thank you very much for your attention. Again, a huge thank you to all City staff that daily make Madeira Beach shine. Please let us know of any matter needing the City's attention. Stay Safe, enjoy Our Slice of Paradise !!



Building Department

City Building Official, Frank DeSantis reports that our redevelopment/economic development continues at a steady pace including several large condominium projects on-going and/or under current plan review.

- The **Schooner Resort** is under review
- **14048 Gulf Blvd – The Beach Flower**
 - ✓ Foundation complete – waiting on building permit.
- The **Tiki Docks Bar & Grill**
 - ✓ A temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.
- **15405 Gulf Blvd. Azul Townhomes**
 - Phase #1**
 - ✓ Nearing final work completion on this phase.
 - ✓ Pinellas county utilities has completed all water and fire line taps.
 - ✓ Fire hydrants are installed.
 - ✓ Water meters are set for 4-9-24 to start install. Duration 5 days weather permitting.
 - ✓ Site work to be 70% complete approx. ten days than pervious pavers can begin.
 - ✓ Landscape to follow.
 - Phase #2**
 - ✓ All elevators will be complete bldg. “B” by mid next week.
 - ✓ All doors and trim are in. Both “B” and “C”
 - ✓ Elevators are being delivered for “C” On 4-9=24
 - ✓ Site work and utilities are the same as above.
 - ✓ Pool permit is in hand with well points going in on Monday.
- **300 150th Ave. Harbor at Town Center**
 - ✓ Certificate of Occupancy has been issued
- The **Holiday Isles projects** (*The Development Order expires October 20, 2024*)
 - ✓ **555 150th Ave.** (Hampton Inn Hotel) – (*The permit #4082 expires July 1, 2024*)
Site clearing and grading work continues – expected to be complete in two to three weeks.
 - ✓ **565 150th Ave.** (31-unit building) – (*The permit #20210386 expires January 26, 2026*)
New silt fencing installed, no scheduled date to start

Permit Type Issued (03/01/2024 through 03/31/2024):

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| • SFH projects – (1)
<i>Single Family Homes</i> | • Commercial projects – (2)
<i>Remodel</i> | • Residential projects – (4)
<i>Remodel</i> |
| • Docks & Lift – (2)
<i>Replacement & Repairs</i> | • Roof – (10)
<i>New & Re-roof</i> | • Fence – (7)
<i>New & Replacement</i> |
| • Generator – (1)
<i>New Generator</i> | • Swimming Pool – (4)
<i>New</i> | • Seawall– (2)
<i>New Seawall & Cap</i> |
| • Demo Permits – (2)
<i>Demolition</i> | • Driveway/Pavers – (4)
<i>New</i> | • Deck – (0)
<i>New & Replacement</i> |
| • Windows/Doors – (13)
<i>Replacement</i> | • Mechanical E/C/O’s – (29)
<i>New AC units</i> | • Sign projects – (1)
<i>New Sign Permits</i> |
| • Electrical – (9)
<i>Meter, Panel C/O’s</i> | • Plumbing HW C/O’s – (4)
<i>Hot Water Heaters</i> | • Solar Permits – (0)
<i>New Solar Permits</i> |

Monthly Totals (03/01/2024 through 03/31/2024):

➤ **Building Department:**

1. 105 different types of permits were processed & issued.
2. \$87,935.74 Permit fees collected.
3. \$2,777,860.07 Permit estimated value or cost.
4. 211 completed inspections (average 13 +/- per day)

➤ **Building Code Compliance & Residential Rental Inspections:**

1. 11 new code compliance cases were created.
2. 8 code compliance cases being resolved.
3. 58 open/outstanding code compliance cases.
4. 5 residential rental inspections for the month of March

Community Development

Plan review time is running at about two to three weeks with less than 20 in the queue.

Staff continues providing open hours on Wednesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm and continued to respond to various questions/concerns.

A redevelopment application (RDV 2024-02) was removed from the April LPA agenda on the advice of the city attorney because the house was demolished prior to the application being submitted.

Staff has scheduled three public workshops for April. They will be held on 4/13, 4/18, and 4/20. We are doing something a little different this time and organizing round table discussions after the staff presentation in hopes of getting more community input. We are mailing invitations to all addresses in the city.

Staff is working with MGO to transition BTRs in the next month or so. Data has been submitted to MGO and we anticipate the launch to go smoothly. We are sending letters to property managers and property owners in the city to make them aware of the change and let them know that there will be more compliance requirements.

Our Community Development Engineer will be attending the Florida Flood Managers Association in Destin in April.

CITY OF
MADEIRA BEACH

**JOHN'S PASS
VILLAGE
ZONING**

PUBLIC
WORKSHOP

3 DATES

APRIL 13 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
APRIL 18 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
APRIL 20 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION COMMISSION
CHAMBER
300 MUNICIPAL DR

Parking – FY 24 revenues through March 2024

Month	Parking Meter	Parking Fines	Monthly Totals
Oct-23	235,464.24	36,881.00	272,345.24
Nov-23	187,037.59	39,142.00	226,179.59
Dec-23	161,639.03	32,960.00	194,599.03
Jan-24	177,987.57	43,720.00	221,707.57
Feb-24	243,456.12	39,046.40	282,502.52
Mar-24	405,334.81	39,465.00	444,799.81
Apr-24	-	-	-
May-24	-	-	-
Jun-24	-	-	-
Jul-24	-	-	-
Aug-24	-	-	-
Sep-24	-	-	-
Fiscal Year 2024	\$ 1,410,919.36	\$ 231,214.40	\$ 1,642,133.76

A 10% decline from FY 2023, however, March 2024 was the single highest grossing revenue month in the City's parking history.

Parking revenue from the additional \$0.50 increase that began in December 2021, designated for a new parking garage, totals:

\$1,076,864.80