



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY**

NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

August 1, 2023  
7:00 PM

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**ORDER OF**  
**BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chopper Davis at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Matt Murphy, Councilman Peter Altman, and Councilwoman Kelly Mothershead. Councilman Mike Peters was excused.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Finance Director Crystal Dunn, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Police Chief Bob Kochen, Community and Development Director Dale Hall, Technology and Innovations Director Robert Greene, Economic Development Director Rod Kirk and Systems and Services Librarian Stephanie Jones.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Approval of July 19, 2023 Work Session Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

5. Approval of July 18, 2023 Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Kelly Mothershead and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

6. Swearing In of New Police Officers – Allen Wilson and Ronnie Hadley

7. Presentation of Key to the City to John Gilliss

8 Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

Mayor Davis opened the floor for public comment. The following people came forward to speak:

- Wendy Nash, 5134 Serene Square, NPR spoke regarding the new pickleball courts being constructed at Meadows Park.
- Eddie Nash, 5134 Serene Square, NPR spoke regarding spoke regarding the new pickleball courts being constructed at Meadows Park.
- Pat Hamby, 5159 Rubber Tree Circle, NPR spoke regarding the noise levels associated with pickleball.
- Pam Buck, 5220 Rubber Tree Circle, NPR inquired about the lights at the proposed pickleball courts.
- Bertell Butler, IV, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR spoke regarding the noise issue from the pickleball courts at the RAC. He also spoke regarding the proposed public records software.
- Charles Weis, 6013 Adams St., NPR spoke regarding the proposed Development Department's proposed budget salaries.
- Leonard Biagi, 5743 Montana Ave., NPR spoke regarding the County's fire station being built west of U.S. 19 and housing and plumbing violation codes.
- Angela Addino-Napolitano, 6013 Adams St. NPR spoke regarding her code violations.
- Judith Allen, 5940 Grand Blvd., NPR spoke regarding her court hearing. She also spoke regarding flooding on Illinois and her missing documents.
- Shinikki Whiting, 5755 Indiana Ave., NPR thanked those who attended NPR Shines. She also spoke about the Juneteenth Reboot.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR spoke regarding the new pickleball courts being constructed at Meadows Park and code enforcement.

With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Davis closed Vox Pop. Councilman Altman asked about the pickleball court construction and City Manager Manns stated that the Parks & Recreation Master Plan was widely discussed and public input received. She stated she has extended an offer to meet to address resident concerns. Councilman Altman asked if construction had started and City Manager Manns stated yes. Councilman Altman stated he is suggesting we look at what is enforceable regarding law parking. Councilman Altman stated inspections should be teamwork. He then spoke regarding an old code case regarding selective enforcement. Councilwoman Mothershead stated she drives around each day and sees cars parked on lawns. She stated we have to figure out another way. Councilwoman Mothershead stated we need to have a conversation on helping to clean things up. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated that code enforcement has to fair for everyone. He stated that building codes are up to standards and heavily regulated. Mayor Davis asked City Manager Manns about the extension for Ms. Allen and City Manager Manns stated the extension was on the permit not on the violation. She stated the two are not related.

- a Speakers must identify themselves prior to speaking by stating their name and full address for the record. Speakers shall address the City Council as a whole and refrain from addressing individual members of the City Council or the City staff. Speakers shall afford the utmost courtesy to the City Council, to City employees, and to the public, and shall refrain at all times, from rude and derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments, and statements as to motives and personalities.

9 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

- a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

10 Public Reading of Ordinances

a Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2023-2280: Conditional Use for 7940 Rutillio Court

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second reading of an ordinance which would grant a conditional use for the outdoor storage of registered recreational vehicles at the property located at 7940 Rutillio Ct.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, the following people came forward to speak:

- Bertell Butler, IV, 5335 Bellview Ave., NPR asked about public comment for the consent agenda.
- Marlowe Jones, 6141 Pine Hill Rd., PR asked if this was about shipping containers and Mayor Davis replied no.

With no one else coming forward Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

11 Business Items

a Resolution No. 2023-09: Establish Tentative Millage for TRIM

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed resolution by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to establish a tentative millage rate and the date, time, and place of the first public hearing on the levy of the proposed FY2023-2024 Operating Budget for purposes of public notification under the Florida TRIM Statutes. She stated that staff is proposing that the tentative millage rate remain the same as this fiscal year's at tentative millage at 8.4500. This is due to revenues from the State not being received yet. Once revenues are received, the millage rate can be proposed to be reduced. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Davis returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Kelly Mothershead. The Motion Passed. 4-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Mothershead, Murphy Absent: Peters

12 Communications

Councilman Altman stated the FLC Annual Conference is coming up and those attending would share the information presented. He also spoke regarding the Schwettman property. Councilwoman Mothershead spoke regarding the good things happening with NPRMS right now. She stated we can accomplish good things when we work together. Mayor Davis stated good things are coming out of the RST as well. He also provided a brief history of how the parking ordinance came to be. Mayor Davis extended a thank you to Dale Webb for mowing the grass at Schwettman. City Manager Manns stated that Duke Energy is giving the city a grant for \$10k for satellite phones for emergency situations and donated a high-speed electric vehicle charging station. She thanked Council for the programs built into the proposed budgets to help homeowners who need assistance. City Manager Manns then introduced the new Parks & Recreation Director Andre Julien.

13 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Initialed: \_\_\_\_\_

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JoAnne Hall	5230 Wisteria Cir.	NPR	727-232-2185
Bonnie Roe Stica	5120 Rubber Tree Cir.	NPR	727-847-7454
Cracy L. Atee	5185 Coquina Cir.	NPR	616-240-2489
Jane Doppke	5068 Colo Plum Cir.	NPR	586-452-5682
Jerry Adler	5185 Coquina Cir.	NPR	616-240-0442
SHARON AVERY	5112 Coquina Cir.	NPR	317-370-4083
Janita Vick	5154 Serene Sq.	NPR	317-373-2021
Kathy Prater	5018 Serene Sq.	NPR	317-441-2568
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Bob Vick	5154 SERENE Sq.	NPR	317-373-2254
PAULA KNOWLES	5162 POINCIANA CIR.	NPR	727-678-9101
KEITH KNOWLES	5162 POINCIANA CIR.	NPR	727-688-7321
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Jane McAnson	5109 Coquina Cir		508-309-5329
Louaine Whalhuire	5124 Ceane Square		727-848-8979
Luella Carrasco	5120 Damsen Cir		727-232-1214
Marion Vick	6905 Florida Elm Dr		317-439-2963
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Pat Hamby	5159 Rubber Tree Cir		317-508-9015
Trancey Williams	5056 Damsen Cir		727-992-5654
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Carol Clark	5161 Serene Sq	727-843-8575
PAM Buck	5220 Rubber Tree Cr.	727-847-5282
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Christine M Prepodnik	5010 Serene Sq	w/m by permission
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**PICKLE BOARD PARK**

1 message

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Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 10:58 PM

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3 messages

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Sat, Jul 29, 2023 at 10:58 AM

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Bonnie & Bob

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Wendy

Wendy Nash <wegrow4him@gmail.com>  
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Sun, Jul 30, 2023 at 3:31 PM

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Sun, Jul 30, 2023 at 3:58 PM

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**Pickleball Courts - Meadow Dog pPark**

1 message

Cindy N <cindy.r.nygaard@gmail.com>

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Signed

Cynthia Nygaard  
Lot 152, Colony Cove  
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**Dog Park Pickle Ball Courts**

2 messages

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**PERFECT! Thank you!**

**Wendy**

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**Meadows Dog Park**

1 message

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Dear Mayor Chopper Davis, City Manager Debbie Manns, *et al*

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Renovation of the Meadows Dog Park and Construction of Pickleball Courts in close Proximity to Colony Cove Co-op

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the residents of Colony Cove Co-op, a 55+ senior community, to express our deep concerns regarding the ongoing renovation of Meadows Dog Park and the proposed construction of pickleball courts within 25 feet of some of our homes. Our primary concern revolves around the lack of communication and consultation with our community before undertaking such significant projects which have the potential to adversely affect the quality of life for our senior residents.

Firstly, the Meadows Dog Park has raised eyebrows among our residents due to its close proximity to neighboring homes. While we appreciate the effort to enhance recreational facilities, we are worried about the potential noise and disturbance that might arise from an increased number of visitors to the park, particularly when they gather close to our homes. It is essential to consider the tranquility of our senior neighborhood, as many of our resident's value peace and quiet.

Secondly, our most pressing concern is the proposed construction of pickleball courts within 25 feet of some homes. Pickleball is known to generate significant noise during game play, and construction of lighting for nighttime play further exacerbates our apprehensions. The development could lead to excessive noise pollution and disrupt the peaceful environment that our residents cherish.

Moreover, what deeply troubles us is the fact that these projects have been initiated without any notification or consultation with our community. We believe that decisions of such magnitude should involve transparent communication with those directly affected. As seniors, many of our residents chose to reside in Colony Cove Co-op for its serene ambience and safe environment. The proposed developments, if implemented without addressing our concerns, may compromise the very essence of our community.

In light of the aforementioned issues, we earnestly request the following actions to be taken:

1. Halt the construction of pickleball courts until a proper impact assessment is conducted, considering noise levels and the well-being of our senior residents.
2. Initiate a dialogue with representatives from our community to address our concerns and ensure that future decisions involving park renovations and construction are made with our input.

3. Provide a comprehensive explanation of the decision-making process that led to the implementation of these projects without prior notification to Colony Cove Co-op residents.
4. Review the proximity of the Meadows Dog Park to the residential areas and assess whether adjustments can be made to mitigate potential disturbances.

We firmly believe that an open dialogue and collaborative approach will lead to a win-win situation for both the city and our senior community. We value our relationship with the City of New Port Richey and hope our concerns are taken into serious consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt response and constructive resolution of the issues at hand.

Sincerely,  
The residents of Colony Cove Co-op

Pickleball is a game played with a paddle and ball on a converted tennis court or dedicated asphalt pad. It has become very popular in retirement resort communities and other recreation centers. Unfortunately, some developers of pickleball courts have not adequately addressed the sound produced by the impact of the hard paddle and ball which creates a sharp pop. This has led to controversy between facility owners and neighbors when new pickleball courts are planned.

Here in Arizona and elsewhere we have planned and mitigated many of these sites. We have had the opportunity to work with both pickleball clubs and home owners associations. In this post we will outline the process we have developed to evaluate the noise impact of pickleball courts and to enable pickleball to coexist with the surrounding community.

## Characteristics of Pickleball Sound

The sound produced by the impact between a pickleball and paddle is characterized by a sudden onset and brief duration, typically on the order of two milliseconds for the direct path sound. Figure 1 shows a time trace of a pickleball paddle impact measured near Phoenix, Arizona. The main part of the direct sound impulse can be seen to be less than two milliseconds followed a rapid decay and some later reverberant arrivals.

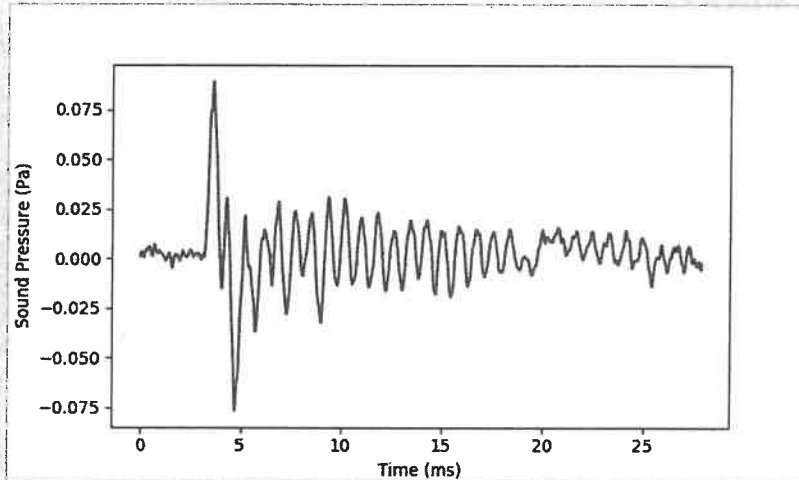


Figure 1. Paddle Impact Time Trace

The spectral content of the paddle impact is narrowband with a center frequency typically between 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz (see Figure 2). Although it does not meet most guidelines for tonal prominence such as Annex C of ANSI S12.9 Part 4 or ANSI S1.13, it does impart a vague sensation of pitch similar to a musical wood block percussion instrument. The radiation pattern of the paddle is more or less a dipole, i.e. the sound from the front and back of the paddle is of opposite polarity and cancels itself in the plane of the paddle. Therefore, orienting the courts so that the direction of play faces away from noise sensitive areas can provide some attenuation.

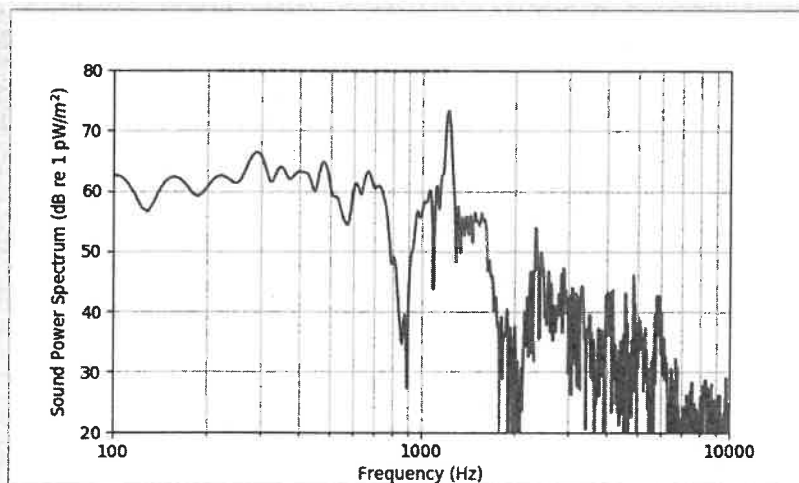


Figure 2. Paddle Impact Power Spectrum

## Measuring Pickleball Sound

Due to the short duration of the impact, averaging sound pressure level metrics such as equivalent level ( $L_{eq}$ ) and even maximum fast exponential time weighted level ( $L_{max}$ ) fall to accurately represent the perceived loudness of the impact. The fast exponential time weighting filter is a first order lowpass filter with a 125 millisecond time constant applied to the square of the acoustic pressure waveform. If a tone burst is applied to the squaring circuit and

filter, after two milliseconds the filter output will only rise to a level that is 18 dB lower than the root-mean-square or equivalent level of the input signal. Because the short impulse is being significantly attenuated by the averaging in the sound level meter, in practice it is in general not possible to distinguish pickleball paddle impacts from the background noise when measuring  $L_{eq}$  or  $L_{max}$  using an integrating sound level meter even though the paddle impacts may be identified by a listener as the primary sound source. The paddle impact sound pressure level is better represented by the sound exposure level (SEL). This involves windowing the measured sound pressure in time to include only the paddle impact and reflections from nearby surfaces. The equivalent sound pressure level of the windowed impact is then normalized to the length of the window giving a representation of the energy in the impact alone. Appropriate adjustments for impulsive sounds can then be applied to the impacts as described next.

Most acoustical standards for sound pressure levels with regard to compatible land use provide adjustment factors for different types of sound, e.g. impulsive, tonal, time of day, etc. Each of these categories of sound produces different levels of community impact and annoyance due to their temporal or spectral characteristics in comparison to a broadband sound that does not vary in level or frequency content with time. The purpose of the adjustment factors is to normalize these types of sound to a neutral broadband sound pressure level so that they can be reasonably compared to a defined sound pressure level limit or the background noise level.

ANSI S12.9 Part 4 gives criteria for assigning adjustment factors to a variety of impulsive sounds. Sounds produced by many impact processes are classified as 'highly impulsive' and assigned a 12 dB adjustment. Although not specifically enumerated in definition 3.4.1 of the standard, experience has shown that pickleball paddle impacts should be adjusted as highly impulsive sounds in order to set appropriate performance goals for abatement treatments. Inadequate abatement treatment may lead to ongoing complaints, strained relations with neighbors, legal action, the need for continued involvement on the part of authorities, additional retrofitting, and possibly demolition costs to improve the abatement later.

## Site Planning Considerations for Pickleball

Based on our experience working with pickleball facilities, courts located within 350 feet of residential structures often require abatement. Courts located within 150 feet require careful abatement design to avoid complaints.

Abatement treatments usually consist of freestanding walls strategically placed to shield noise sensitive areas from the pickleball courts. To be effective, the walls must block the line of sight to the paddles during play. On level terrain this means a minimum wall height of eight feet above the playing surface. The cost of the walls can be reduced by lowering the courts into the ground and using the excess soil to build a berm around the courts. Placing the wall on top of the berm will lower the required height of the wall itself, reducing construction costs. The wall may be masonry or a solid fence system having sufficient mass for effective sound insulation.

For pickleball courts located in the middle of a residential area with houses on more than two sides, screen walls may be required on opposite sides of the courts. When these walls are parallel to each other, reflections between them can degrade the performance of the walls significantly. In this case, sound absorbing panels may need to be installed on one or both walls to stop multiple reflections from amplifying the sound going over the walls. This can almost double the cost of the walls and may make the site financially unfeasible.

Court orientation also plays a role. More sound propagates in the direction of play than to the sides of the pickleball court. By positioning the courts so that the line of the net runs through the most noise sensitive area, a noticeable reduction in sound pressure level can be achieved at this location.

## When to Hire an Acoustical Consultant

We recommend that pickleball courts to be located within 500 to 600 feet of residential properties or other noise sensitive areas be reviewed by an acoustical engineer during the site selection phase in order to avoid choosing a site that is expensive to mitigate, results in unexpected limitations on court use, or leads to ongoing disputes with neighbors. For sites that have a water feature or golf course as part of the intervening ground between the courts and homes or for sites located in a valley, it may be necessary to consider abatement at buffer distances greater than 500 to 600 feet due to additional refraction effects created in these situations.

The abatement plan for the site should be prepared by an acoustical engineer with experience in assessing the community impact of short duration impulsive sounds such as those produced by pickleball paddle impacts. As can be seen from procedure outlined above, properly measuring sound from pickleball courts is not a simple matter of setting up a sound level meter and logging an equivalent sound pressure level ( $L_{eq}$ ). The short duration impulses produced by the paddle impacts require a detailed process of applying a metric that can accurately represent the community noise impact of the pickleball courts.

If you are in the process of planning pickleball for your site, consulting an acoustician can reveal unforeseen issues with the selected courts site or the site plan before investing tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in design and construction. Preparing a formal abatement plan can also ease concerns of neighbors about the community noise impact of the courts.



NEW PORT RICHEY — A new noise ordinance passed in November did not please residents, so the City Council is revisiting it to give it more teeth.

Complaints have continued to flood in regarding "low-level sounds," specifically bass sounds, emanating from downtown bars that rattle residents' windows, New Port Richey police Chief Kim Bogart told City Council members during a meeting Tuesday night.

Booming car stereos are another source of complaints that were not addressed in the rollout of the ordinance, Bogart said.

Since the council passed the ordinance, the Police Department has received about 80 complaints, so language has been added allowing officers to issue citations without using decibel meters. In residential areas, the ordinance sets the limit at 55 decibels from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. It drops to 50 decibels from 10:01 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. In nonresidential areas, up to 70 decibels is allowed from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The limit drops to 55 decibels from 11:01 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. The ordinance allows police officers to take meter readings from any property adjacent to a site identified by a complainant.

As a comparison, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration lists typical sound levels for a conversation 3 feet away at 60 decibels, classroom chatter at 70 decibels and a nightclub with music at 110 decibels.

The problem, however, is that decibel meters cannot pickup up the bass frequency, Bogart said. So new language in the ordinance would allow police to issue a citation if officers can hear noise that is "plainly audible from any property at a distance of 100 feet from the property line of the property which is the source of the sound between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m."

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New Port Richey, Florida. The image shows several tall skyscrapers, including a prominent one with a blue top section. A river or canal flows through the city, with a bridge crossing it. The foreground shows a mix of urban buildings, green spaces, and parking areas. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

# Monarch City USA City of New Port Richey

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New Port Richey, FL 34652

## Monarch City USA

The City of New Port Richey has boasted about being a Monarch

City USA for as long as I can remember. Yet, their policies and procedures, current code

ordinances, and Code

Enforcement Officers' lack of education in Florida Friendly

Landscaping has caused concern for long-time residents and environmentalists, such as myself.



# Monarch City USA - City of New Port Richey & Tree City posted at every entrance.



I love our city, our corner and our garden!



Unfortunately, they don't love us! :(



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Since June 2020, I have been fighting for my Butterfly Grass ... which are NOT weeds!! It is a native plant that prevents soil erosion as well as a butterfly nectar source.

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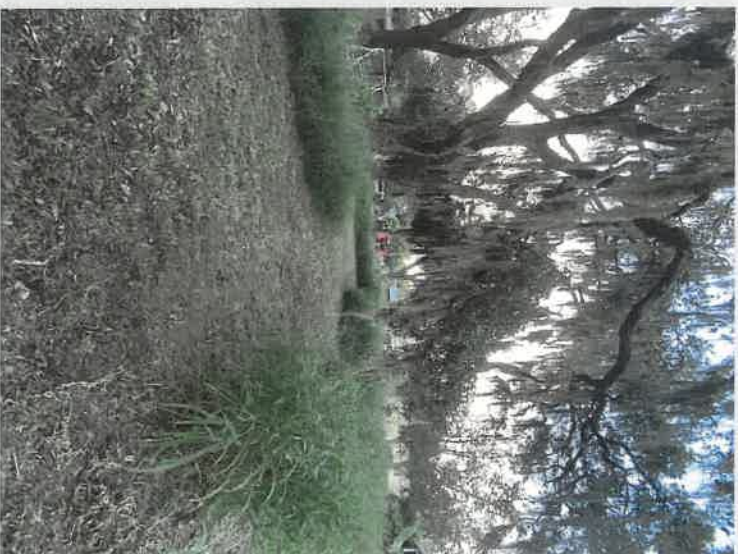
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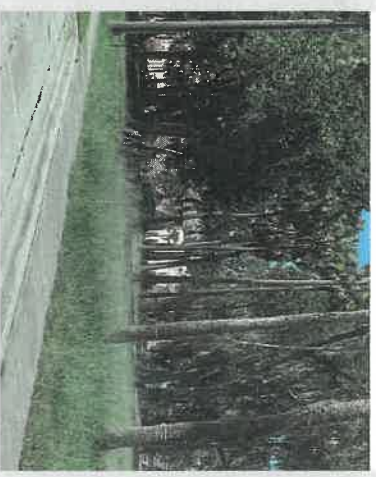
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**The City calls it a Public Nuisance, under Code Enforcement Section: 6.05.00 and wants to me to cut it down, year after year.**



In the meantime, there are others around town with true "overgrown" crabgrass and/or weeds, which is not butterfly nectar plants! Yet, they go unscathed ...

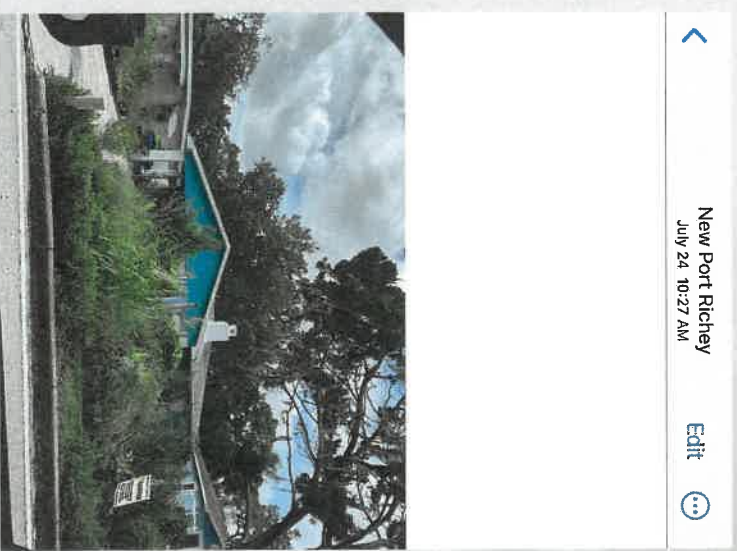


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# What makes these lawn gardens any different than mine??



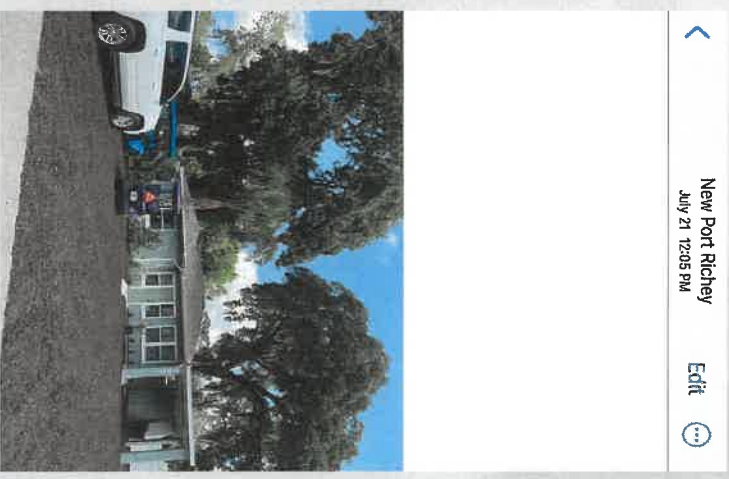
# Another issue I am having with the City of New Port Richey is .....



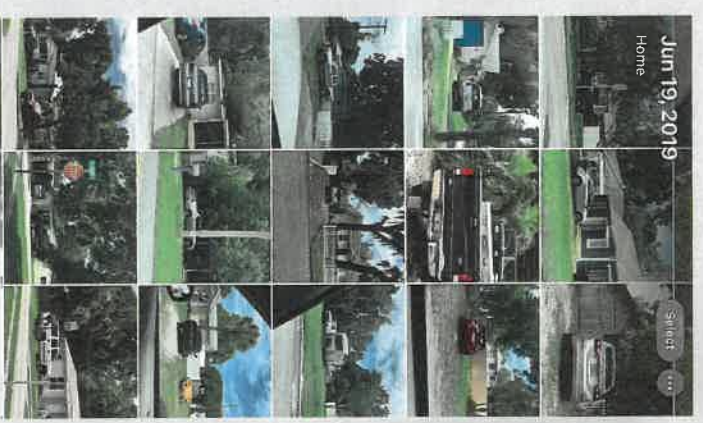
# The flooding in our streets, with no drainage and more asphalt ...



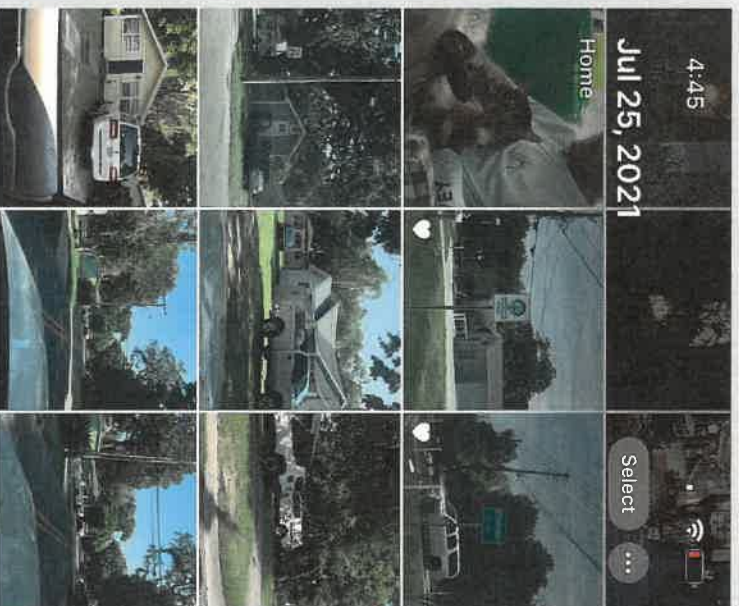
# And their "SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT" of Code 11.05.00: Off Street Parking



Here, take a look .... around town!



There's more! I have YEARS of photos!



Meyers, Judy

From: Alec Remiszewicz  
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:02 PM  
To: Debbie Morris  
Cc: Erik Jay/Tim Driscoll  
Subject: Foreclosure  
Attachments: 05-26-16-0030-12200-0145.pdf; IMG\_2493.JPG  
Follow Up Flag: Follow up  
Flag Status: Assigned

I have found another potential foreclosure. The parcel is 05-26-16-0030-12200-0145 (map and recent photo attached). It's an empty lot with a building that has been unimproved for years. It is worth \$5,250 and we have \$14,532 in bids. The neighboring owner is interested in buying, but getting the response from the owner.

Also, I had a thought on some properties that have outstanding fines, are a potential for foreclosure, but have an active owner. Similar to unpaid code fines, could we send a letter outlining our intent to file foreclosure unless payment is made? This may save us unnecessary filings and promote payments. A good example is 5810 Tennessee which was sold at tax deed in March 2021, but we still have nearly \$58,000 in fines and no payment has been made. We have spoken with the new owner, so they may be inclined to pay.

Thank you,

Alec Remiszewicz  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Office 771-232-8946  
Cell 771-307-3712



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THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY

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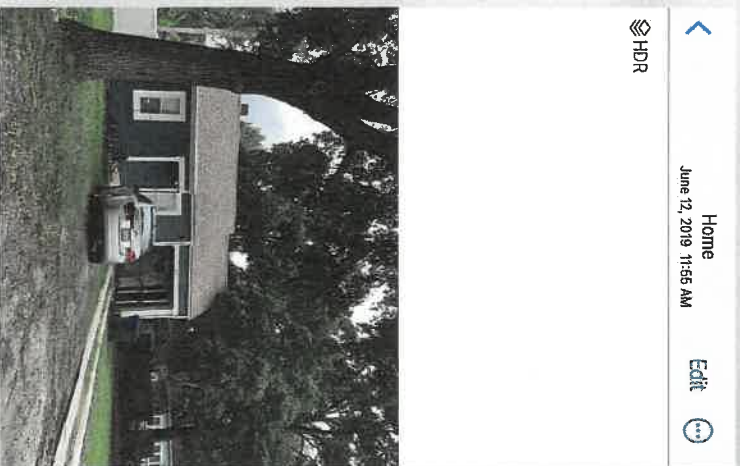
Seven (7) Years to be exact!  
That I have been violated for  
parking on my property,  
when hundreds of  
Downtown residents haven't  
been. The City "selects" who  
they will target ahead of  
time, based on this email.

I have been taken to court for violations,  
while my immediate neighbors do whatever  
they want, when they want, right next door  
to me,

year after year!

More photos upon request, I have been  
documenting this "select enforcement" since  
my first parking violation dated August 2016.

# 5801 Illinois Avenue



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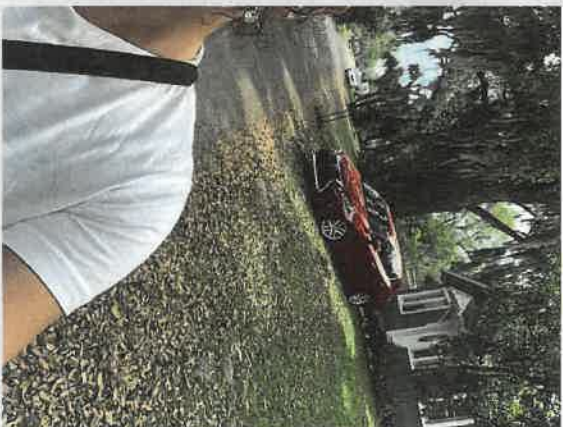
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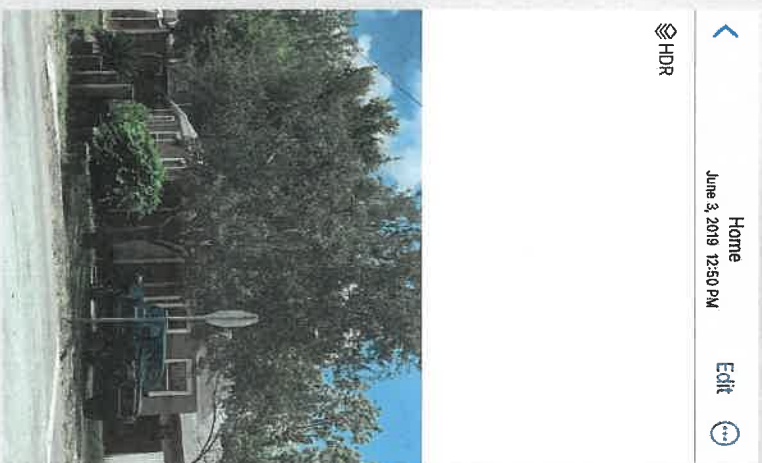
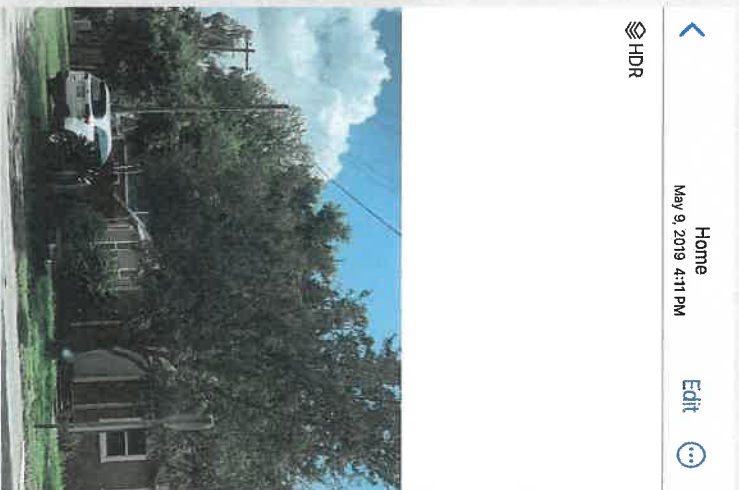
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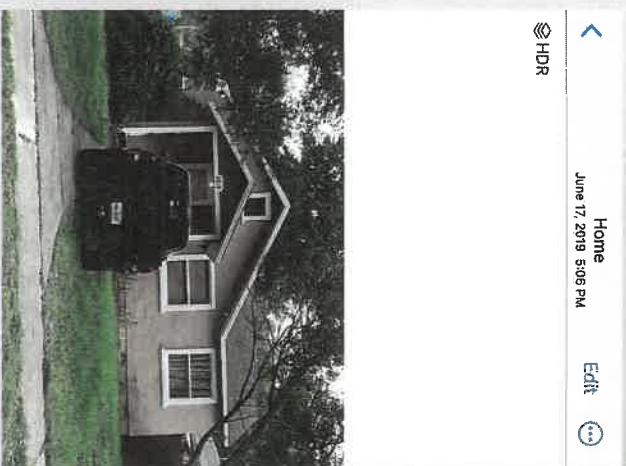
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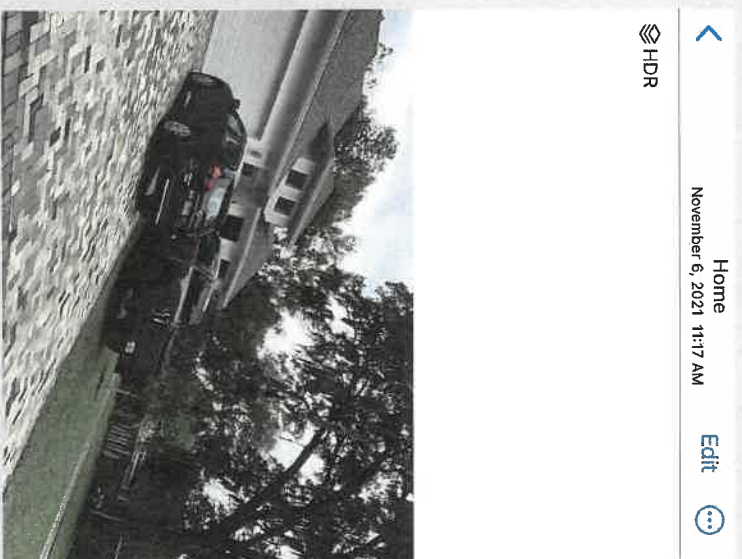
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# Even the new guy got in on it for a year! 6017 Adams Street



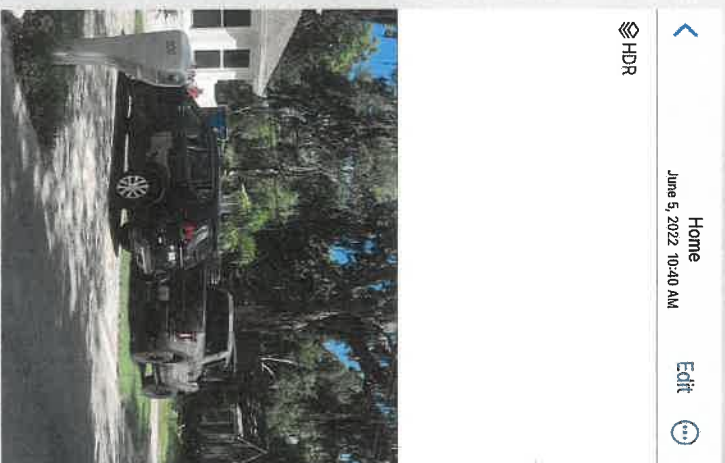
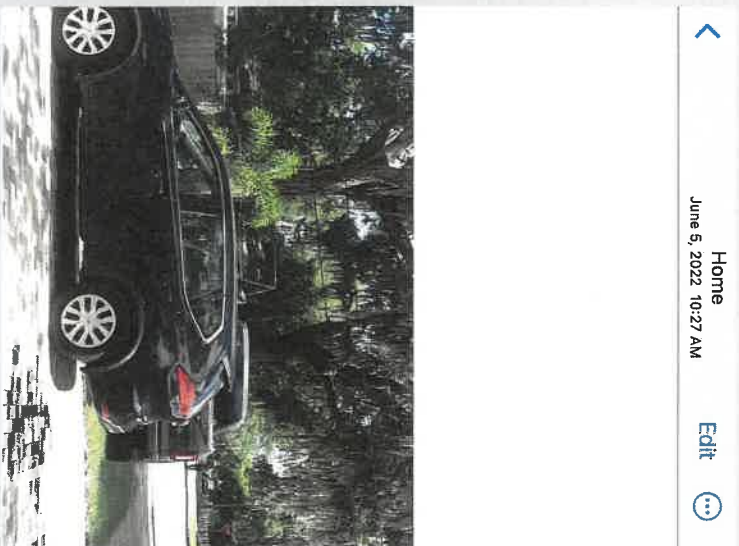
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Including our very own City Councilmen and Deputy Mayor himself, Mr. Matt Murphy!  
We were friends at one point...



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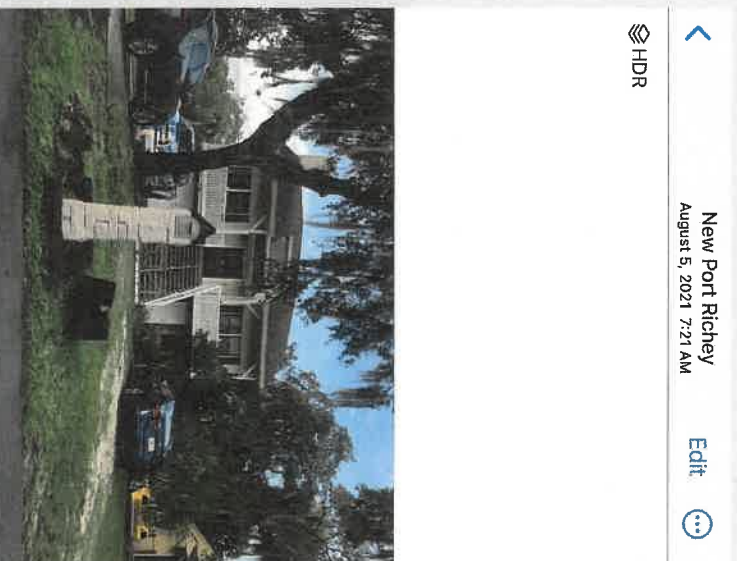


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July 8, 2021 5:04 PM

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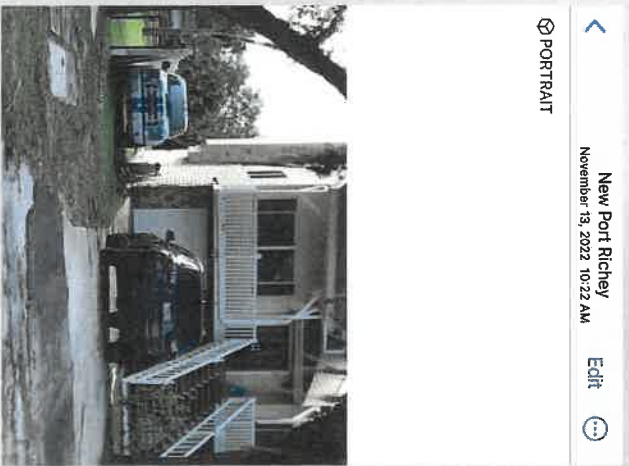
**Until Mr. Murphy's Parking Violations were constantly ignored and overlooked, year after year, how convenient!**



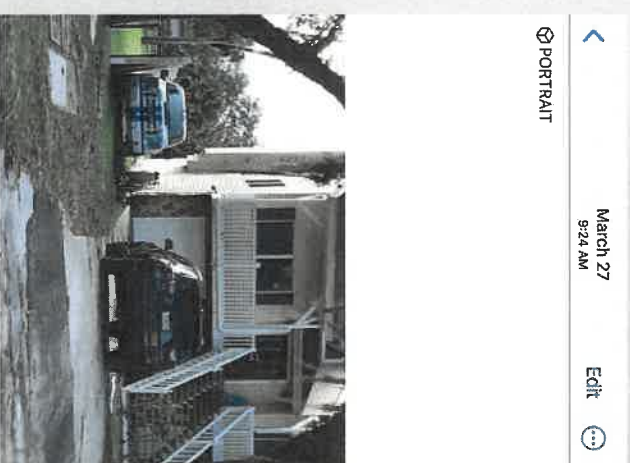
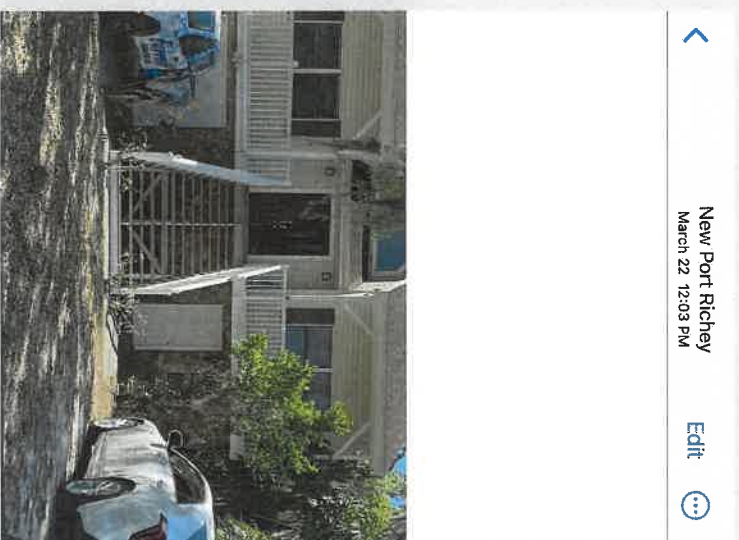
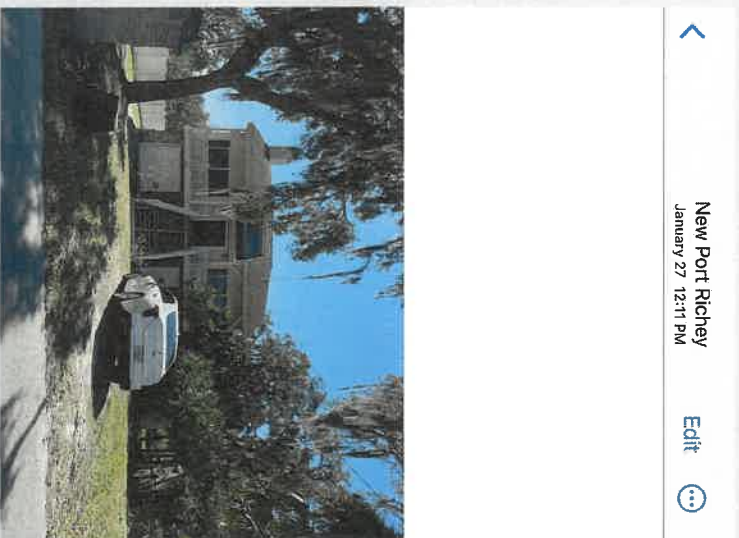
Mr. Murphy's Code Violations of 11.05.00 Off Street Parking has been ongoing for the past two years that I've been documenting since 2021.



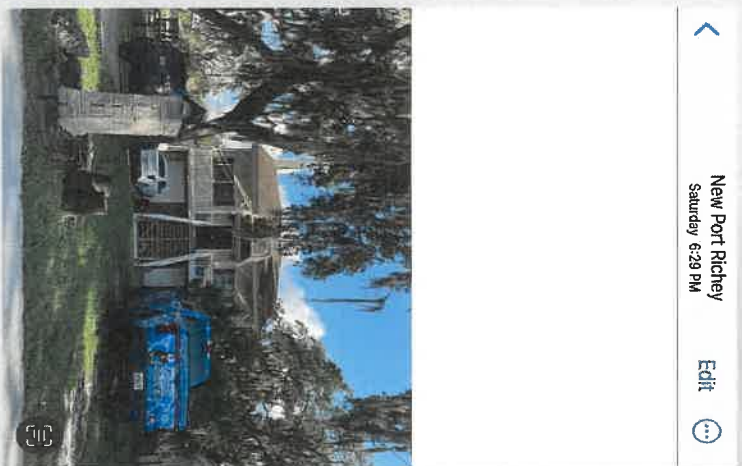
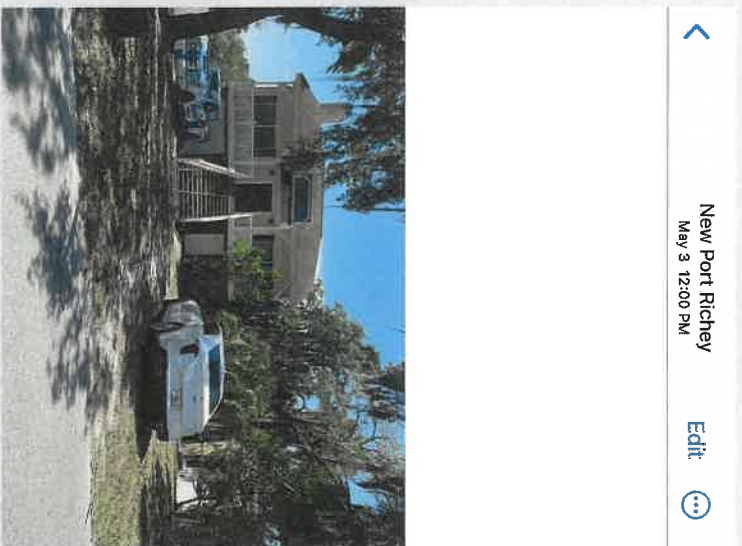
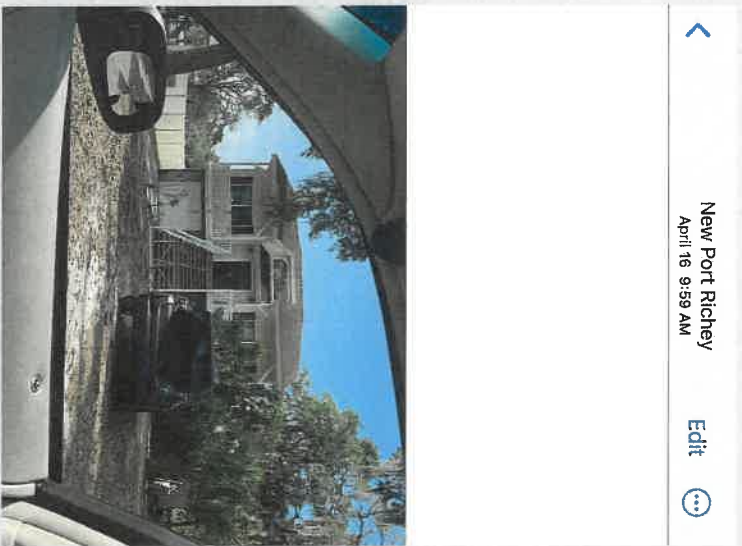
# Matt Murphy's Parking Violations continued..



# Matt Murphy's Parking Violations continued... again this is just a sampling.



# Are you catching on now??



# However, this is acceptable, the rest overlooked!

Mon 7/24/2023 2:51 PM

Inbox

To: Angela Marie Napolitano;



Save to OneDrive - District School Board of Pasco County

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside Pasco County Schools. **DO NOT** click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Your complaint regarding the subject property was unfounded upon inspection. City code section 11.05.00, section 7 states "Parking of vehicles (excluding recreation vehicles, watercraft vehicles, and trailers) is prohibited in the front yard or side yard of a lot located in a single-family and duplex residential zoning district or such permitted residential use of a lot in any other zoning district". As you can see from the attached timestamped photograph, the vehicle in question is in the rear yard, behind the rear building line.

I will be issuing a notice for the unregistered vehicle complaint for 5704 Riverview.

<RemiesiewiczA@CityNewPortRichey.org>  
The 7/25/2023 7:07 AM

Inbox:

To: Angela Marie Napolitano;

Cc: Manns, Debbie <MannsD@Cit...

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Street parking is always an option on streets that don't have specific signage prohibiting it. Additionally you may submit an application to the development department for a driveway permit.



Angela Marie Napolitano

Mon 7/24/2023 6:18 PM

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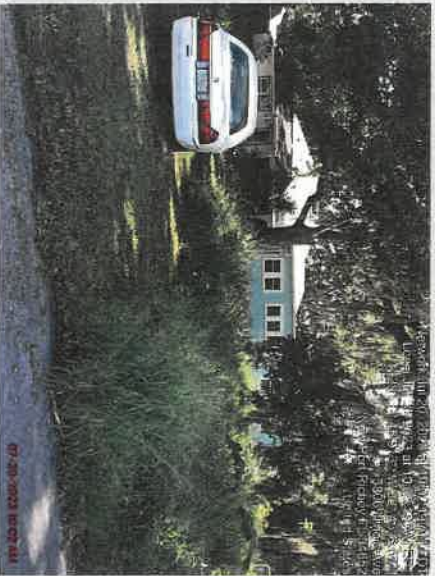
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So what happens when a property's rear property is land locked, and doesn't exist?



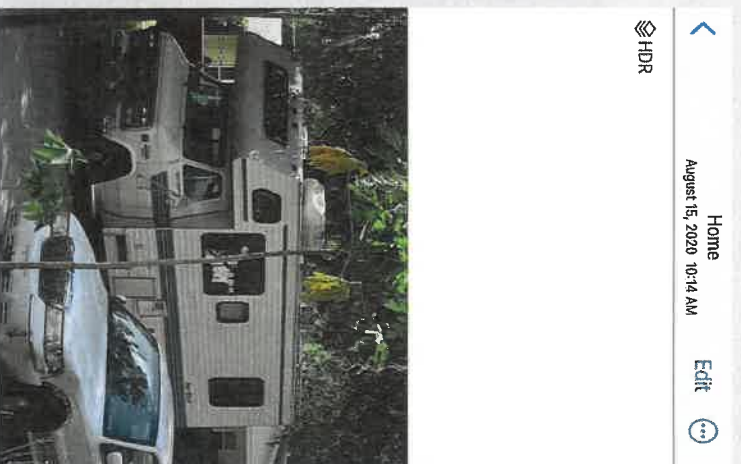
Yet, I am violated for parking on mulch or a dirt patch but they'd (the City of NPR) would rather we block traffic on our narrow roads.



# Even during events, such as Chasco or Bikefest, when they are detours down Adams (a very narrow road, such as Lincoln)



**This is what we were subjected to for years  
while everyone around us was never Coded  
for the same exact thing!**



# Selective enforcement at its finest.



# Where is your heart New Port Richey?

Sincerely,

Angela M Napolitano



Angela Marie Addino

Jul 25, 2015 · 🌱

...

After a walk around my neighborhood, I stumbled upon a beautiful patch (eroded by all the rain) uncovering the heart & history of Downtown New Port Richey - on the corner of Grand Blvd & Illinois Ave.

