Code Enforcement Report for 2018 SBA Annual Meeting

By Charlene Adair, Code Enforcement Chair

I am Charlene Adair, your Code Enforcement Chair. My role is to be a liaison between South Beach residents and the Code Enforcement Division of the City of Fort Pierce. I am also a volunteer with the City of Fort Pierce. The goal is to enforce City Codes adopted by the City Commission that establish minimum standards for health, safety, and general welfare as well as to regulate conditions to prevent the creation of substandard living conditions within the City.

Our Code Enforcement Officers have done an excellent job supporting our community here in South Beach over the last year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. There were a total of 726 (199 last year) Violations issued here in South Beach during the past year. The top 3 categories were: #1, Hurricane Irma/external property and structure, #2, lot clearing, and #3: outside storage and accessory structures. Other Violations included expired or required permit, landscape maintenance, safety (including covered windows and appliances with doors on), nuisance, and doing business without a business license. If you have questions about City Codes, all codes are on the City website, or you can call the department. Welcome brochures are available that explain some of the most-common code requirements in our community. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of a few of these:

- Walton Rocks is the only pet-friendly beach and park in St. Lucie County.
- Rental of any property for less than 6 months requires a Business Tax Receipt issued by the City. A BTR requires an approved Conditional Use Permit plus sales and tourism tax receipts in all residential districts.
- Vehicles cannot park on streets, sidewalks, or on front lawns within the City.
- Fireworks are illegal in the City – this includes beaches and parks.

If you have issues concerning Code Enforcement, feel free to talk to me or a Code Officer, fill out the Complaint form on the City website, or use the City's new app, SeeClickFix. This app is simple to use – you can report any issue through this app, upload pictures, report anonymously if you wish, and it will get directed to the proper authorities. We need all of you to be eyes and ears to maintain this beautiful community – the City cannot do this alone. Thank you!