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Fort Pierce Seeking Donations to Provide Holiday Spirit with Marina Square Lights and Decorations

With recent City budget cuts and reduced ad valorem revenues, the City of Fort Pierce is seeking monetary assistance from businesses and residents with the upcoming holiday season's decorations and holiday lights at Marina Square.

The City's holiday decorations, trees and holiday lights at the waterfront have been in past years funded by the City's Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA). In July, Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. worked with Fort Pierce Mayor Robert Benton to solicit donations to fund the traditional fireworks display over the Indian River.

With assistance from Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., TD Bank has donated \$10,000 for the City's Christmas tree. The Fort Pierce City Commission agreed to solicit donations and fund the remainder if necessary, for the Waterfront Holiday Lights at Marina Square. The 100,000 red, green and white lights and music display is \$41,000 and runs nightly from December 5 – January 3, 2011.

"Let's not let the Grinch (budget cuts) steal Christmas, states Mayor Benton. We hope the same generosity and compassion from the community will help bring joy to thousands through our annual Christmas beautifications. Any donation will be magical in making this a joyous season."

Donations are accepted by Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. 772-466-3880 or the City of Fort Pierce Mayor's Office, City Hall 772-460-2200 x312.

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