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new roads often bypassed as, cutting off their commercial lifeblood. Part of the blame for demise of traditional Main streets can be laid on the shoulders of the interstate. If true, the new highways did a disservice to the heart of America. They allowed drivers to cover double the amount of ground in a day than they had previously. They appealed to our American wanderlust, the love of the open highway. They reduced the cost of billions of dollars in detours and traffic jams. I guess you just have to love you and me.

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trophies that have been earned by athletes in the Police Athletic League programs.



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Port St. Lucie Police Officer Frank Borges of the department's Operation Renaissance talks with new Parks Edge resident Vincent Madonia.

PSL communities enjoy 'renaissance'

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PORT ST. LUCIE — Tom Lesko said the Villas of Windmill Point II last year resembled a "slum."

But now, the property owners association president said the community looks "very nice," other than the blue roofs.

"There's no weeds growing through the sidewalk, through the street, there's mulching in place in front of everybody's flower beds and edging," said Lesko, a 10-year resident.

"There's no black mildew and mold on the stucco."

Lesko credits Officer Frankie Borges and the police department's Operation Renaissance with empowering his community and encouraging the board to strengthen its bylaws.

"You give a man a fish, you feed him for a day; you teach a man to fish, you feed him for life," Lesko said. "He taught us how to fish. ... Rather than coming in and taking care of our problems for us, he taught us

how to take care of our problems until we became self-sufficient."

Operation Renaissance, which began late last summer, was designed to address complaints of dilapidated homes and quality of life issues in the Windmill Point I, Villas of Windmill Point II, Parks Edge and Villas of Rosewood communities, all of which are situated in the area of Port St. Lucie and Darwin boulevards.

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THEFT ARREST
 • Michael Brown, 27, of the 300 block of North 15th Street, Fort Pierce, robbery and fleeing and eluding police. Arrested Friday in the 2100 block of Southeast Salerno Road, Stuart.

DRUG-RELATED ARRESTS
 • Ching Carthain, 39, of the 400-

Officials responded to the Port Pierce that killed a driver and injured another in a "T-bone type of accident," according to St. Lucie County Fire Rescue spokesman Capt. Brian Blizzard.

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