



## INFORMATION SHARING REPORT October 7, 2019

### Community Events!

At the monthly investors meeting of the Economic Development Partnership (EDP), Babcock Ranch Director Lucienne Pears provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of current and future plans and development. Housing permits and school attendance exceed projections, FPL is expanding its solar field, and the State Legislature's appropriation of \$8 million will serve to construct a field house that can also be used as a storm shelter for County residents. The emerging downtown will be mixed-use much in the vision as envisioned in Plan Punta Gorda Citywide Master Plan. Mayor Prafke, Vice Mayor Matthews, Council Member Cummings and City Manager were in attendance.

The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce hosted their 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Oct. 4. The City Manager was recognized for his years of service as a member of the Board of Directors. The Communications Manager has accepted the invitation to represent the City of Punta Gorda on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Premier Photographic Events small business of the year. Suncoast One Title and Closings Inc. medium sized business of the year. Large businesses of the year went to Air Trek, Inc. and Chick-fil-A Port Charlotte. Non-profit of the year is The Ya Yah Girls Inc., Back Pack Kidz.



### Great News!

The City of Punta Gorda Florida Finance Department has received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget. This is the 13th year that the City has received the award. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.



### HR Update!

All Employees:

We continue to update payroll with new salary figures reflecting annual evaluations. These salary figures are effective 10/01/2019 so the next pay check will reflect four (4) days' at the new rate of pay. For those employees who have been checking Employee Self Service, data input is not yet complete. We should have all figures loaded by Tuesday morning.