

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT OCTOBER 11, 2019

### City Manager

- **Water Notice** – City of Punta Gorda water customers will be receiving a notice in the mail that is required by the Department of Environmental Protection regarding drinking water. Samples for TTHMs are collected at four locations in our water distribution systems that represent four sections of our system. Only one sample site was above the MCL for the quarterly averages. The elevated sample was collected at 601 Shreve Street in Punta Gorda. Water at this location serves the NW section of the water distribution system. The City of Punta Gorda has begun an aggressive flushing routine for this site and will be testing for the contaminants listed above on a weekly basis (rather than quarterly). At the address listed above two of the previous quarterly samples tested for TTHMs were elevated causing the average of the sample sites to be above the MCL. The City immediately resampled the site both times and the results when averaged with the previous quarters were below the MCL for TTHMs.
- **Charlotte County Legislative Delegation** – The Charlotte County Legislative Delegation met on Oct. 8 at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. Mayor Prafke and Lobbyist Jerry Paul presented the City's legislative agenda. Vice Mayor Matthews and Councilmembers Wein and Carey were also in attendance. Key priorities are;
  - ✓ Boca Grande area stormwater drainage improvements appropriation of \$1 million dollars
  - ✓ Legislative support and funding opportunities to ensure governmental websites are able to meet ADA accessibility guidelines
  - ✓ Support for the Florida League of Cities, Southwest Florida League Cities and Charlotte County 2020 legislative agendas



- **Election Information City of Punta Gorda** –
  - ✓ Beginning on Oct. 7 and through Nov. 4, Over the Counter ballots will be available from the City Clerk's Office each week day from 8 am to 4:30 pm.
  - ✓ The deadline for voters to request a Vote by Mail ballot is Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. Contact the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections Office at (941) 833-5400.
  - ✓ Candidate Campaign Treasurer's Reports submitted for all 2019 City General Election reporting periods through Oct. 4 (due date Oct. 11 ) are available by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (941) 575-3369 or [pgclerk@cityofpuntafordafl.com](mailto:pgclerk@cityofpuntafordafl.com).

- **1% Sales Tax Committee** – The next meeting of the City of Punta Gorda 1% Sales Tax Committee will be held on Oct. 30 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center.
- **PLAN Punta Gorda 2019 Citywide Master Plan** – Another public input session will be held at the Oct. 16 City Council meeting. Consideration of the Plan and next steps will then be placed on the Nov. 6 Council agenda.
- **Halloween – Downtown** Punta Gorda and City Hall are the place to be on Halloween for trick or treating. The City is accepting candy donations and that can be dropped off in the annex building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor or the lobby of the city hall.

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
10/10	Music from VITA	Military Heritage Museum	<a href="http://www.militaryheritagemuseum.org">www.militaryheritagemuseum.org</a>
10/11-10/13	MarineMax Boat Show	City Marketplace	<a href="https://www.marinemax.com/">https://www.marinemax.com/</a>
10/12	MHM Hosts United States Navy 244 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	Military Heritage Museum	<a href="http://www.militaryheritagemuseum.org">www.militaryheritagemuseum.org</a>
10/12	MHM Hosts “Anchors Away”	Military Heritage Museum	<a href="http://www.militaryheritagemuseum.org">www.militaryheritagemuseum.org</a>
10/12	City Wide Garage Sale	Comfort Storage	<a href="mailto:frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com">frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com</a>
10/13	Vendor & Craft Fair	Lashley Park	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/729288350805046/">https://www.facebook.com/events/729288350805046/</a>
10/15	PGI Cars & Coffee	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	<a href="mailto:billtucker@earthlink.net">billtucker@earthlink.net</a>
10/17	Third Thursday Wine Walk	Downtown Punta Gorda	<a href="mailto:frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com">frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com</a>
10/19	Food Truck Festival	Lashley Park	<a href="http://www.allrainbowandalliedyouth.org/">www.allrainbowandalliedyouth.org/</a>
10/19	Monthly Car Show	Muscle Car City	<a href="http://musclecity.net/events/">http://musclecity.net/events/</a>
10/24	Nature Park Ribbon Cutting	Nature Park	<a href="https://pgigreenthumbs.org">https://pgigreenthumbs.org</a>
10/24	MHM Book Launch Party	Military Heritage Museum	<a href="http://www.militaryheritagemuseum.org">www.militaryheritagemuseum.org</a>
10/25-10/27 & 10/31	Smugglers Haunting on the Harbor	City Marketplace	<a href="http://smugglersevents.com">http://smugglersevents.com</a>
10/24	MHM “Nightmare at the Museum”	Military Heritage Museum	<a href="http://www.militaryheritagemuseum.org">www.militaryheritagemuseum.org</a>

### Lot Mowing Program

- Lot mowing crews will begin a new mowing cycle the week of Oct. 14,

### Urban Design

- Staff attended the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Items discussed included:
  - A re-alignment for the States Sun Trail path within Charlotte County’s Spine Path Trail in order to promote natural corridors, support the environment and provide links to areas such as parks, water features, open space and cultural/historic sites.
  - Review of the MPO’s 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Vision Statement, Goals and Objectives. Brochures regarding the 2045 LRTP process are available in the Urban Design office.
  - Discussion of the 2020 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Safety Performance Measure Targets.

- Staff also attended the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting where the same items were discussed.

## **Public Works**

- **Citizens Academy** – Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming Citizens Academy 2020 Session. This academy is a free, 8 session course of interactive classes designed to provide insight into City government and to develop future leaders through well informed and civically engaged residents. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays of the month between Jan. 7 and Apr. 15. The Academy is limited to 30 participants who reside or own a business within the City of Punta Gorda. To download an application, please visit the city website at [www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us](http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us) and go to “I Want to... Register for Citizens Academy” The deadline for registration is 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 27. For more information, please contact Public Works Administrative Specialist Hope Petkus at (941) 575-5050 or [hpetkus@cityofpuntafordafl.com](mailto:hpetkus@cityofpuntafordafl.com).



## **Engineering**

- **Taylor/Marion Street Bollards** – Bollard installation and electrical work underway.
- **Veterans Park Phase II** – Stevens and Layton Inc. began the demolition phase of work on Oct. 7. At this point the project still has an estimated completion timeframe of mid to late Dec. 2019.
- **Alligator Creek Pedestrian Bridges along US41 NB-FDOT Right of Way** – Work continues preparing rebar and forms for proposed cap construction. Contractors Work Area is north and south of the north fork Alligator Creek Bridge parallel to US41 NB remains closed to pedestrians and cyclists until further notice.
- **Citywide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 513 properties totaling 385,400 square feet of grading/sodding. Work was completed this week between 405-449 Scarlet Sage and 448-454 Scarlet Sage. The contractor will be working on cleanup and punchlist work in Burnt Store Meadows and has anticipated work to begin in Burnt Store Isles the week of October 28.

## **Canal Maintenance**

- **Repairs** – Crews filled 25 depressions and performed three seawall cap and seam patches.
- **Buckley’s Pass** – The north sections of seawall panels have been installed. The helical anchors are being installed along the north sections. Rock removal and seawall panel installation is ongoing in the south section. The Buckley’s Pass construction progress drone videos are now available on YouTube. The link to the playlist is: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn0c8jp5fQiW4fNFEdownKc85\\_W-fSqI5](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn0c8jp5fQiW4fNFEdownKc85_W-fSqI5).



## Police Department



- **Alert Punta Gorda:** The City of Punta Gorda has implemented Alert Punta Gorda, a new public safety emergency alert and community notification system. Alert Punta Gorda will allow the Punta Gorda Police Department and Punta Gorda Fire Department to contact the community in emergency situations that require the public's immediate attention such as:
  - ✓ **Natural Disasters** (hurricanes, floods, fires, etc.)
  - ✓ **Man-Made Disasters** (chemical spills, gas leaks, etc.)
  - ✓ **Search and Rescue Operations** (missing children, endangered adults, etc.)
  - ✓ **Public Safety Issues** (escaped criminal, bank robbery, etc.)

In addition to emergency alerts, users can also choose to receive non-emergency community notifications such as:

- ✓ **Sexual Offender Notifications**
- ✓ **Missing Person Notifications**
- ✓ **Traffic Advisories**
- ✓ **Police Activity Notifications**

You can sign up by visiting [www.AlertPuntaGorda.com](http://www.AlertPuntaGorda.com) and creating an account. Once your account is created you can choose whether you want to receive alerts through a home or business phone call, mobile phone call, email, text message, or through the Everbridge mobile phone app (available through the Apple App Store or Google Play). You will automatically be signed up to receive emergency alerts and can sign up to receive non-emergency alerts based on your preferences. You can change your contact information and notification preferences at any time or can stop receiving alerts simply by removing your information from your account. We encourage all of our residents to sign up to ensure that they receive important information in a timely manner!

- **Employee Development Coordinator Position** – The Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Employee Development Coordinator. This is a non-sworn, administrative position responsible for department training programs, hiring and testing processes, member certifications, and armory management. You can apply by visiting [www.pgpdjobs.com](http://www.pgpdjobs.com). For more information, please contact Lieutenant Dylan Renz at (941) 575-5503 or by email at [drenz@cityofpuntagordafl.com](mailto:drenz@cityofpuntagordafl.com).
- **Police Officer Testing** – The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Testing will be held on Jan. 13 with oral board interviews scheduled on Jan. 14 and Jan. 15. You can apply to participate by visiting [www.pgpdjobs.com](http://www.pgpdjobs.com). For more information, please contact Lieutenant Dylan Renz at (941) 575-5503 or by email at [drenz@cityofpuntagordafl.com](mailto:drenz@cityofpuntagordafl.com).

## Fire Department

### Safe Halloween



Halloween is a spooktacularly fun time of the year for kids. It's our job to make sure trick-or-treating is safe for the little monsters, witches, princesses, ghosts, goblins or whatever they decide to dress up as. The following safety tips can help:

- Costumes – Stay away from long trailing fabrics that can be trip hazards and if your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough, so they can see well.
- Lighting – Provide you child with a flashlight, glow sticks and/or reflective costumes.
  - Decoration – Products like dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decoration away from open flames or other heat sources like light bulbs.
  - Jack-o-Lanterns – Battery operated candles or glow sticks are best to use inside of your pumpkin. However, if you are using a real candle, always watch children around it, and use long fireplace- style matches or a utility lighters. Be sure to place pumpkins away from flammables.
- Exits / Escape Routes – Keep them clear of decorations and other items.
- Smoke Detectors – Make sure they are working before the holidays.
- Education – Educate your children about safety precaution, flames, traffic, and how/when to stop drop and roll etc.






## Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

## Utilities Department

### Groundwater R.O. Construction Update –



**Week 68** – Continued installing the decking in the RO process room

### Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 39.2 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 5.6 MG daily average
- Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Emergency Interconnect – Receiving water at a rate of .5 million gallons per day, started Sept. 30.
- Rainfall in Oct. 2018 .05” Oct. 2019 2.10”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “hard” – Grains of Hardness 15 ppm – Total hardness 256 ppm
- TDS for Oct. 10 – Current 414 ppm, Low 210 ppm, High 446 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 322 ppm
- Reservoir Oct. 10– Current 5.15’, Record Low 4.98’, Record High 6.33’, 54 Year Avg. 5.44’

## City Clerk

### **Current Board & Committee Vacancies ([Volunteer Appointment Information Form](#))**

- Utility Advisory Board – (One vacancy) meets the fourth Monday at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be City resident. Seven-member board. Three-year terms – maximum of two terms. Makes recommendations to City Council regarding, but not limited to, revisions to the utility construction standards, alleged billing discrepancies and review of utility drawings and specifications.
- Code Enforcement Board (One alternate vacancy) - Meets the fourth Wednesday at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be City resident. Seven member board with two alternate members. Three year terms – maximum of three terms. Hears and decides alleged violations of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Police Officers’ Pension Board (One regular vacancy) - Meets quarterly and as called in Council Chambers. Five members – two City residents at large, two police officers and one member appointed by appointed by the Board. Four year terms – no maximum. Charged with management of the Police Officers’ Pension Fund.
- Punta Gorda Isles Canal Advisory Committee (One regular vacancy) - Meets the third Monday at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be a resident of Punta Gorda Isles. Seven member board. Three year terms – maximum of three terms. Makes recommendations to City Council on effective maintenance of existing canals, waterways and navigable channels within the district, together with the maintenance and reconstruction of seawalls. Holds public hearings and makes final decision on petitions for special permit to the provisions of Section 6-6(c) of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Historic Preservation Advisory Board – (Three vacancies) Meets the 4th Thursday at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be City resident. Seven member board with two alternate members. Three year terms – maximum of three terms. Identifies for the City Council historically significant structures and sites that should be considered for designation as a “Local Historic Landmark” or be nominated for listing on the Florida Master Site File and the National Register of Historic Places. Makes recommendations of the policies for the protection of historically significant structures and sites. Makes recommendations to staff with regard to certificates of appropriateness for any demolition, variance, sign or relocation of structures. Promotes public awareness of historic archaeological preservation and its community benefits.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – (One alternate) Meets the 4th Tuesday at 4 p.m. in City Council Chambers. City residency required. Seven member board with two alternate members. Three year terms - maximum of three terms. Financial disclosure required. Makes recommendations to City Council on variances to City Code.

### **New Businesses**

All persons, firms or corporations engaging in business or occupation within the City of Punta Gorda are required to obtain a Local Business Tax (LBT) Receipt in accordance with Chapter 12 of the Punta Gorda City Code. As part of our effort to promote economic development and vitality in our area, we offer the following list of new or transferred business within our community this week:

- ✓ Buttonwood Homes, 701 Aqui Esta Drive
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- ✓ Charlotte Harbor Sailing, LLC, 584 Belvedere Court
- ✓ SW Florida Walking Tours, LLC, Various Locations