



Florida's Harborside Hometown

## INFORMATION SHARING REPORT November 25, 2019

### Festival a Success

The Coastal Heartland National Estuary Program held Nature Fest at Lashley Park on November 16. Many thanks to the exhibitors, sponsors, volunteers, and festival-goers that made the 2019 CHNEP Nature Festival a smashing success! Over 1,000 nature lovers braved chilly temperatures to celebrate Central and Southwest Florida's unique natural environment. Attendees engaged with over 60 educational exhibitors, learning about our natural resources and becoming empowered to protect them. With live animals, fun games, interactive art, excellent music, and interesting speakers, a good time was had by all!



### IT Department is Thankful

Team building is a specialty of the City of Punta Gorda IT Department and the Thanksgiving Holiday is another reason for the department to come together. Stop by the IT Department of the third floor of the City Hall Annex to see all the things your co-workers are thankful for and add one of your own.



## Speaking Engagement

Chief Planner Mitchell Austin was invited to be a guest speaker on the topic of city planning to students of the Whitaker College of Engineering at Florida Gulf Coast University.



## For a Great Cause

During the month of November you may see some of our male officers with full beards or goatees. Our female officers have been authorized to paint their nails bright colors and our professional staff can dress casually. The Police Department is participating in No Shave November and the staff is donating money to C.A.R.E. (Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies) to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



## Quarterly Awards

At this month's Leadership Meeting Chief Davis recognized Detective Matt Woelk as the Employee of the Quarter for his involvement in an undercover drug operation that led to charges against five local drug dealers. Chief Davis also recognized VIP Hank Porten as the Volunteer of the Quarter for his dedication to the volunteer program and Officer Joe Farley who has earned the recognition of Police Officer First Class. Congratulations to everyone!

