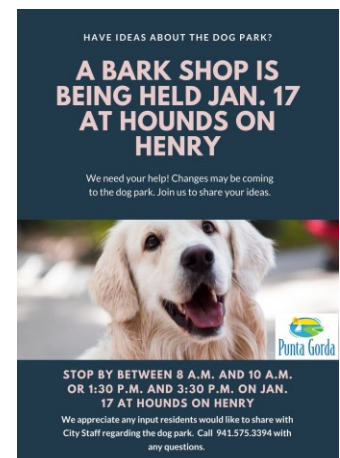


WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT JANUARY 10, 2020

City Manager

- **Impact Fees** – At its Jan. 8 meeting, City Council reviewed a draft ordinance pertaining to recommended rates for parks, mobility (transportation) and public safety impact fees. Council made the decision to bring forth an ordinance amendment that will phase in the increases to the recommended level. The first year the impact fees will be increased to 50% of the recommended rate level, the second year impact fees will increase to 75% of the recommended level and year three the impact fees will be at 100%. The Council also recommended an exemption for affordable housing, which is in alignment with the City's Strategic Plan and the 2019 Plan Punta Gorda Citywide Master Plan. At the 100% recommended rate level, a 2,500 square foot single-family home will increase from \$1,273 to \$3,820. General office per 1,000 square foot will increase from \$330 to \$610, and retail/restaurant per 1,000 square foot from \$770 to \$990. Impact fees are charged on new development and assist in paying for a portion of growth-related impacts on parks, mobility and public safety. The ordinance will be prepared for public hearings in February.
- **Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association (PGICA) Recognition** – The PGICA sponsors an annual Recognition program to honor people for making a difference in the community. Members of the PGICA can nominate individuals and a nomination committee reviews all the resumes of the candidates to decide who will receive a Recognition honor at the PGICA annual meeting in November. This year, there were six recipients, Vice Mayor Matthews and Councilmember Carey were two of the recipients of this prestigious honor. A memorial brick was placed in the Recognition Garden at the PGICA, and recipients were presented with a certificate at the annual meeting.
- **Hounds on Henry** – A “Barkshop” will be held at Hounds on Henry on Jan. 17 from 8 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. City staff is seeking feedback from dog park users regarding what features, configurations and changes they would like to see at the dog park to enhance their experience. For those unable to attend, please feel free to email your comments to mreichert@cityofpuntagordafl.com.
- **Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award** – The City has received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2018 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by government and its management. The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
1/11	Fishbowl Fiesta Fun Run	Charlotte High School	Teresa.hughes@yourcharlotteschools.net
1/11	City Wide Garage Sales	Comfort Storage	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
1/12	Yoga in the Park	Laishley Park	https://www.palmpoweryoga.com/
1/16	Third Thursday Wine Walk	Downtown Punta Gorda	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
1/17	MHM Hosts “Give ‘em Hell Harry – A Biographical Play”	Military Heritage Museum	www.militaryheritagemuseum.org
1/18	Peace River Pride	Laishley Park	https://www.allrainbowandalliedyouth.org/pride
1/18-1/19	Sullivan Street Craft Fair	Sullivan Street	http://puntagordachamber.com
1/20	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade	Taylor Street	http://www.macedoniaservices.org
1/21	PGI Car Club Cars & Coffee	Bal Harbor	biltucker@earthlink.net
1/24	Return to Hardwick: Documentary with Director Michael Sellers	Military Heritage Museum	https://red.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=8e5d5338aa485ebdc693bd0bfa8a9d60
1/25	Dave Bray USA with Opening Act Nate Winkler	Military Heritage Museum	https://red.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=8c02511f8e796979b16f638d74c40fc4
1/30	25th Anniversary Punta Gorda Mural Society Celebration	Visual Arts Center	https://puntagordamurals.org/25th-anniversary-celebration-jan-30th/

Lot Mowing Program

- The City has completed mowing the following areas of Colony Point (Colony Point Dr., W. Marion Ave., Socorro Dr., and Coronado Dr.).

Code Compliance

- As a friendly reminder, Code Compliance staff would like to remind all realtors and residents that no off-premises directional open house signs are permitted within the City of Punta Gorda. Open houses are permitted only on Saturday, Sunday and holidays and only one open house sign is permitted on the property of the open house. No balloons, feather or flutter flags are permitted to be attached to the sign. If you have any questions please call (941) 575-3352.

Urban Design

- Urban Design staff thanks Right of Way staff for installing the replacement of the First Punta Gorda Home Site sign at Gilchrist Park. The sign is part of the Charlotte County Historical Marker Program which was established in 2005. The purpose of the Historical Marker Program is to increase public awareness of the rich cultural heritage of our community, to encourage historic preservation and to enhance the enjoyment of local historic sites throughout the county by our citizens and tourists. This historical sign recognizes the Lockhart home as the first Punta Gorda Home site and provides information about early life in Punta Gorda.



Public Works

Parks and Grounds

- **Christmas Decorations** – Crews will begin removal of the Christmas decorations on Jan. 21. Please take special care when driving in the City to be aware of Public Works employees removing holiday decorations.

Engineering

- **Paving Program** – Thermo-striping is complete on the list of roads resurfaced during Dec.
- **Veterans Park Phase II** – The contractor has begun pouring concrete sidewalks and installation of the gazebo flooring. During the week of Jan. 13 paver installation will begin.
- **Alligator Creek Pedestrian Bridge (US 41 NB FDOT Right-of-Way)** – Slope grading is occurring in prep of sod. Subbase placement and compaction continues in prep of asphalt placement. Rip Rap placement is taking place. Installation of guardrail and electrical work has commenced. The multi-use trail will remain closed to pedestrians and cyclists until further notice.
- **Citywide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 598 properties totaling 449,750 square feet of grading/sodding. Work is underway at a couple locations along Sandpiper Drive in the "Bird Section" in PGI and will move back into Burnt Store Isles during the week of Jan. 13 along Marseilles Ct. and Bastia Ct.
- **ADA Interior Signage and Wayfinding** – The ADA and Wayfinding signage installations are near completion at the Public Safety Building. City Hall and the Annex signage installations have commenced. This phase of the project is scheduled to complete by the end of Jan. 2020.

Canal Maintenance

- Beginning the week of Jan. 13 through Jan. 31 (weather and equipment operation permitting), the Ponce Inlet is scheduled to be dredged. The contractor will off load dredge material at the vacant lot at the southerly end of Colony Point; then the material will be transported to another location by dump trucks.



- **Seawall Assessment Program** – The Seawall Assessment continues, crews are currently working in the NE zone. The assessment is expected to be completed by Feb. 202
- **Seawall Replacement Projects** –
 - The seawall replacement contractor has completed two seawall replacement projects and has 6 six projects under construction. A seawall replacement project is not considered complete until the sod has been placed.
 - The Seawall Assessment is ongoing; staff has collected over 1,800 points to date. Seawall Assessment is expected to be completed by the end of Feb.
 - Crews filled depressions at 17 locations and performed four seawall cap repairs

Buckley's Pass Additional Harbor Access

- Please visit the City's YouTube channel to view drone footage taken of the construction progress. The video playlist link is: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn0c8jp5fQiW4fNFE_dounKc85_W-fSqI5 dredging of the pass is ongoing. The land plug between Alligator Creek and the PGI canal system has been removed. Boaters NEED to stay out of the new pass until construction is completed which is scheduled to occur in April. Damage to vessel propulsion systems is very likely to occur if they enter the pass. The canals between Almar Drive and River Bay Drive and Sea Edge Drive will be closed



to through traffic during dredging operations. Boaters should use caution when operating near the construction area. Trucking of dredge spoils from Casey Key Drive to the Colony Point Drive spoil site continues.

Police Department

- **Business Advisory Council** – Chief Davis and police staff met with the Chief's Business Advisory Council, a group made up of local business leaders and representatives for the purpose of discussing the needs and concerns of our business community. A special thanks to Mark Gering from Public Works Engineering for providing the group with a presentation followed by a questions and answers session.
- **Police Officer Testing** – The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Testing will be held on May 18 with oral board interviews scheduled on May 19 and May 20. You can apply to participate by visiting www.pgpdjobs.com. For more information, please contact Administrative Services at (941) 575-5503 or drenz@cityofpuntafordafl.com.

- **Public Safety Dispatcher Testing** – The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher. Testing will be held on Feb. 10. Applicants must be submitted prior to 4 p.m. on Feb. 5. To apply visit www.pgpdjobs.com. For more information, please contact Administrative Services at (941) 575-5503 or drenz@cityofpuntagordafl.com.
- **Internship Program** –The police department is currently accepting internship applications for the Summer and Fall Semesters of 2020. Our internship program is open to college students and high school seniors interested in gaining educational experience in law enforcement, criminal justice, and small government administration. Please contact the internship program coordinator at (941) 575-5571 for additional information or to have an application package sent.

Fire Department

- Curious about the calls that Punta Gorda Fire Department handles on a daily basis? If so simply visit the City of Punta Gorda Facebook page to view the reports and like or follow the page to see the daily updates at <https://www.facebook.com/CityOfPuntaGorda/>.

Utilities Department

Utilities Administration

- The resampling for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) has been conducted at 601 Shreve Street. A table of the resample values is on the City's web-page under the Utilities Department. All resample values at this sample site as well as throughout the water system were below the 80 ug/L drinking water standard.

Groundwater R.O. Construction Update



Week 79- Floors in the administration section of the building are being coated.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 32.5 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 4.7 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 Dec. 2018 1.90”, Dec. 2019 1.10”, Jan. 2019 4.90” Jan. 2020 0.10”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “very hard” – Grains of Hardness 18 ppm – Total hardness 308 ppm
- TDS for Jan. 9 – Current 469 ppm, Low 451 ppm, High 601 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 505 ppm
- Reservoir Jan. 9 – Current 5.10’, Record Low 4.92’, Record High 5.80’, 54 Year Avg. 5.16’

City Clerk

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

- 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.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – (One alternate vacancy) 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:
 - ✓ Native Sun Pools, 422 Royal Poinciana
 - ✓ Philip J Bieluch, Actuarial Consulting, 1347 Thrasher Drive
 - ✓ Punta Gorda Diner, 3941 Tamiami Trail, Unit 3131
 - ✓ The Treasure Chest, 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd., Unit 1149