

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT NOVEMBER 22, 2023

City Manager

- 'Tis the season of festivities, and as we enter this joyous time, there are many reasons to express gratitude. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to Punta Gorda; working alongside an engaged City Council dedicated to upholding our mission of preserving and enhancing Punta Gorda's unique identity as a waterfront community is genuinely fulfilling. My gratitude extends to our diligent staff, committed to ensuring a safe and inviting Harborside Hometown for the holiday season. Every day, I find inspiration from this dedicated team, and it is an honor to collaborate with them.



Beyond the scope of City operations, the list of blessings is many. Thanks, are owed to the numerous non-profits and faith-based organizations that have supported residents in the recovery from natural disasters. I express gratitude for the businesses propelling our local economy, the high-quality healthcare services available, and the robust resident engagement within our community.

With its distinctive charm, Punta Gorda is the perfect locale for holiday celebrations, where the enchantment of lights resonates with the spirit of all ages. Make sure not to miss the upcoming "Light Up the Night" event on Dec. 1st in Downtown Punta Gorda at the intersection of West Marion Avenue and Taylor Street. The Christmas Tree Lighting at 7 p.m. highlights this unforgettable family-friendly occasion, complete with music, food, snow, and a visit from Santa Claus.

On Dec. 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., come see the beautifully decorated homes in Punta Gorda's Historic District and a bonus mini-concert performed by Carolers from Charlotte Prep on Dec. 2 at 413 Retta Esplanade, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Beautiful artwork, poinsettias, and arrangements will be available for purchase. As always, the proceeds from this event will fund community gardening projects and scholarships for local students planning to pursue botanical and environmental studies. Tickets are available for purchase online at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3jk7h9>.

Join the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce's 45th Annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 9! The theme this year is Tropical Christmas. The parade departs from the Charlotte Performing Arts Center at noon and travels to Taylor to disband at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. The Judging will take place in front of Centennial Bank. For more information, call (941) 672-2222.

Now through Dec. 31 Fisherman's Village beckons as a favorite destination to bask in the Festival of Lights, where over a million lights and festive Christmas decorations adorn the open-air complex. Explore the holiday-themed Christmas Lights Canal Tours offered by King Fisher Fleet, cruising the residential canals to view enchanting displays from the comfort of a double-decker tour boat. Tickets are available online or on-site at Fishermen's Village.

Dec. 8, the Sunset Celebration of the season takes place from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Join Peace River Wildlife Center for a relaxing evening while enjoying the sunset over Charlotte Harbor. Meet their resident wildlife and ambassadors up close. PRWC, 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy, Punta Gorda, (941) 637-3830, www.prwildlife.org.

Another don't miss display is the In Stitches group from the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association's 10th annual Hector House Holiday Yarn Bomb, on display until Jan. 3. The yarn creations bring a colorful twist to Hector House Plaza.

This is only a glimpse of the holiday splendors awaiting us in Punta Gorda, and I am confident residents and visitors alike will find much more to discover. Wishing everyone a safe and joyful Thanksgiving and urging you to take a moment to express gratitude to those who brighten your life. Punta Gorda is truly a remarkable place to be! ***Feel free to contact City Manager Greg Murray at citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com or by calling the main office line at (941) 575-3302.***

- **Florida Department of Transportation** – US 41/Tamiami Trail from Payne Street to Rio Villa Drive. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during daytime and nighttime/overnight hours while crews resurface the roadway, construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk, lanes widenings, and drainage, signage, Street Light, and signalization improvements. Motorists should expect intermittent southbound and northbound lane closures from Aqui Esta Drive to Payne Street during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during nighttime/overnight hours from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Motorists should use caution as crews work on the roadway. The expected project completion is late fall 2023.
 - **Water Main Connections on Taylor Road** – Please be advised that the City Utilities Department is planning a **Water Main Connections on Taylor Rd.** To accomplish this task, the water will be turned off on **Taylor Rd. from 2851 Taylor Rd. to 3700 Taylor Rd.** This includes Tuscany Isles, Scenic View Estates, Charlotte Commerce Center, Bidwell St., and Castillo Ave. This work is scheduled for **Nov. 27** starting at **11 p.m. through 7 a.m. Nov 28.** Therefore, as a precaution, we advise that all water used for drinking or cooking be boiled. A rolling boil for one minute is sufficient. As an alternative bottled water may be used. You should plan to use an alternative water source for up to three days.
 - **General Instructions listed below:**
 - Shut off and don't use water spigots with special filters on the kitchen sink or refrigerator.
 - Ice makers using piped water source should be turned off until the boil notice is lifted.
 - Utilize alternate water source (bottled, boiled, or disinfected) for the following:
 - Coffee Machines, Food Preparation, Dental Care/CleaningHand washing multi-use utensils, glasses, or tableware in the sink by the wash, rinse & sanitized method is OK. To sanitize, pour boiling water over dishes after rinsing or pour water mixed with unscented bleach (1 ½ teaspoon to the gallon). Utilizing the dish washer is OK utilizing **HOT** water rinse. Showering is OK and recommended over bathing, but avoid consuming any water.
- We appreciate your patience while we do this necessary work in your area and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Utilities office at (941) 575-5088 from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. or (941) 575-3339 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- **City Council Meeting** — City Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Dec 6 at the Military Heritage Museum. A few of the items of interest include:
 - Peace River wildlife Center update
 - Cooper St. Rec Center General Discussion

- **Punta Gorda City Council and Charlotte County Board of Commissioners** – City and County held a Joint meeting on Nov 21. A few of the items discussed were the following:
 - CRA sunset
 - Parking structure at the Event Center
 - Sales tax timeline
 - Water quality
- **Holiday Closure** — In observance of Thanksgiving, the City of Punta Gorda offices will be closed from Nov 23 through Nov 24.



Urban Design

Upcoming Events

- Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St. For additional information, visit <https://www.charlotteharborecc.com/events>
- Fishermen's Village events can be accessed at <https://www.fishville.com/events/>
- Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at <https://puntagordachamber.com/calendar-events/>
- Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at <https://business.charlottecountychamber.org/events/calendar>
- Military Heritage Museum events can be accessed at [Upcoming Events – Military Heritage Museum](#)
- Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve Street; for all community events and class information, visit <https://pgica.org/>.
- The Visual Arts Center events can be accessed at [Welcome to the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda, FL \(visualartcenter.org\)](#)
- Nov. 29, In Stitches @ PGICA will be installing their 10th annual Hector House Holiday Yarn Bomb on Nov. 29 and removing them on Jan 3.
- Dec. 1, Light up the Night, community celebration featuring music, children's activities, food and beverages and the Christmas Tree Lighting visit. <https://www.lightupthenightpg.com/> for the complete schedule.
- Dec. 1 and 2, Premier Auto Auction, Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. For additional information, visit <https://www.premierauctiongroup.com/>
- Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, Punta Gorda Garden Club hosts the Holly Day Home Town Tour in the Historic District visit <https://pggc.writing.io/posts/2023-holly-days> to learn more.
- Dec. 8, Sunset Celebration of the season from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Join Peace River Wildlife Center for a relaxing evening while enjoying the sunset over Charlotte Harbor. Meet their resident wildlife and ambassadors up close. PRWC, 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy, Punta Gorda, (941) 637-3830, www.prwildlife.org.
- Dec. 9, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce 45th Annual Christmas Parade. For additional information, visit <https://business.charlottecountychamber.org/events/details/45th-annual-christmas-parade-dec-9-2023-3673>
- Dec. 10, Local Ladies Social Network Arts and Craft Show, Laishley Park. For additional information, visit <https://www.llsnevents.com/>
- Dec. 16 – 17, Holly Jolly Arts and Craft Show, Gilchrist Park. For additional information, visit <https://daniellesblueribbonevents.com/>
- Dec. 24, Deep Creek Community Church Christmas Eve Services, Laishley Park. For additional information, visit <https://deepcreekcommunitychurch.com/>

Lot Mowing Program

- The City has completed trimming and edging the following areas –
 - PGI (Bal Harbor Boulevard, Deborah Drive, Ryan Boulevard, Suzi Street, and Casey Key Drive)
 - PGI Bird Section (Almar Drive, Albatross Drive, Whippoorwill Boulevard, and Turtle Dove Boulevard)
 - Colony Point (Colony Point Drive, West Marion Avenue, Socorro Drive, and Coronado Drive)
 - PGI (Magdalena Drive, Via Veneto, W Henry Street, Appian Drive, and Columbian Drive)
 - Burnt Store Isles (Monaco Dr, Tripoli Blvd, Madrid Blvd, and Macedonia Dr)
 - Burnt Store Meadows (Areas of Tamiami Tr, N. Blue Sage, S. Blue Sage, Royal Poinciana, and Gold Tree)
 - Downtown and Historic District (W. Marion Ave., W. Olympia Ave., Shreve St., and Harvey St.)
 - The Historic District East of 41 and the area behind Dunkin Donuts (E. Marion Ave., E Olympia Ave., Narranja St., E Henry St., and Cooper St.)

- **Planning Corner** – It's that time of year again! Snowbird season, with its large influx of seasonal residents! Neither the US Census Bureau, nor the Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), publishes an official seasonal population estimate. This year the City of Punta Gorda enlisted the assistance of Florida Gulf Coast University's (FGCU) Regional Economic and Research Institute (RERI) to calculate the number of seasonal residents. The study conducted by RERI found that Punta Gorda's population increases up to 32 percent during the snowbird season between October and April.

This seasonal population influx is estimated at 6,199 people, based on the 2020 Census permanent resident population of 19,469. The total population of the City during the season is an estimated 25,699 people. Prior to the RERI study data, the City relied on the Southwest Florida Planning Council's (SWFRPC) seasonal population estimate to calculate Punta Gorda's seasonal population for planning purposes. The SWFRPC's Demographics Factsheet states that "the peak population during the winter months is not formally counted but is estimated to add about 22% to this total [permanent population]". The study conducted by RERI will allow the City to make better informed planning decisions based on a more accurate assessment the seasonal population.



Public Works

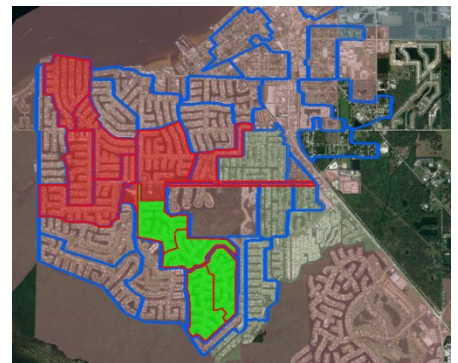
Canal Maintenance

- **Canal Maintenance Production** – Canal Maintenance crews manufactured 40 seawall panels, repaired seawall caps at five locations, and filled depressions at 20 locations.
- **Dockside Dredging** – Property owners that are listed on the Hurricane Ian Seawall Damage list will not be allowed to have dockside dredging performed adjacent to the seawall until the seawall has been repaired. Any dredging along the damaged seawall may cause damage.
- **Stabilizing Erosion** – Just a friendly reminder for property owners to regularly check the condition of their tarps or plastic that is protecting the eroded areas. Tarps and plastic tend to become brittle in the sun and may start falling apart. Our area is still experiencing rain events and plastic will help keep the soil in place preventing further erosion.
- **Canal Maintenance Seawall Failure Update** – Construction schedules have been updated and are posted on the Canal Maintenance website for the next six months look ahead. There are 21 projects in Punta Gorda Isles under construction with 20 projects completed, and ten projects under construction with four completed in Burnt Store Isles.

- **Establishing sod after seawall replacement** – Placing the sod is the final phase of seawall replacement construction. As per the City ordinance, property owners are responsible for establishing the sod after it has been placed and the City will not reimburse the owners for their water usage.
- **Vessel Speeds** – Canal Maintenance is asking people to be mindful of the current situation in the canals with seawalls being damaged. City code states that the operation of vessels in the canals shall be Slow Speed Minimum Wake in the waterways within the City limits. The speed and operation in the Ponce Inlet, Pompano Inlet, Bass, and Snook Inlet are Idle Speed and No Wake. Wakes from watercraft can cause additional erosion and damage to seawalls already compromised.
- **Dock Match Program** – The Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor Boaters Alliance has created a program that connects boat owners who need a temporary relocation of their boats with owners that have available dock space. This information can be found at [Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance](http://PuntaGordaBoatersAlliance.com) (boat2puntagorda.org) click on the Dock Match button for information.

Engineering

- **Swale Regrading** – The swale contractor will begin excavating Raven Ct. on Nov 27. Engineering is in the process of reviewing the videos for the 2024 swale program.
- **Ponce de Leon** – The contractor is waiting for the ADA handrails to be installed. They will begin working on the East fishing pier once the West side is 100 % complete. Please take extra caution while driving through the park due to construction personnel and equipment. Please remember that this boardwalk is closed to the public while it is under construction.
- **Fiber Optic Internet Network** – The fiber optic internet provider HyperFiber has been issued permits for a portion of the construction project to install a citywide fiber optic internet network within the City right of ways. Their construction is finishing up in the “bird section” of the City. This citywide project will be under construction during the next several months as they install the network citywide. They are currently working in the areas highlighted in red below. The green area is where the work is completed and their permit has been inspected for final by the engineering department. Additional areas are scheduled to be final in the next two weeks. The blue areas are where the installation will be taking place as the project progresses. Initially, you will see utility markings within the City right of way, followed by the directional drilling of the fiber optic conduit. Fiber optic boxes will be installed in the right of way or easement at the edge of your property. Once the installation of the underground and service points has been completed for the entire sector, crews will then return to individual locations for the restoration of sod. This will take place at the end of construction in each sector. Please be patient and allow time for the restoration. The City engineering department will be performing spot inspections during construction as well as a final inspection when restoration is complete to ensure the contractor’s restoration meets the City’s requirements. HyperFiber has provided a telephone number to call if citizens have questions or concerns about the project and installation. Please contact HyperFiber’s Scott Jackson at (239) 887-5379. Please use extra caution while driving through the project area due to construction personnel and equipment.



Facilities

- **Holiday Decorations** – Parks and Grounds continues to put up the Christmas tree and decorations for the light poles. Facilities Maintenance is addressing all lighting and electrical issues so that the tree lighting ceremony goes off without a hitch. Staff also continues to work on repairs and maintenance to the fountain at Gilchrist Park.

- **Right of Way** – Crews are focusing on sidewalk repairs in the downtown area. Crews also continue to repair filling potholes across the City.

Sanitation

- **Thanksgiving Holiday** – The government offices of the City of Punta Gorda will be closed on both Nov 23, and Nov 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Residents of the City of Punta Gorda will notice **NO CHANGE** in their trash, recycling or yard waste collections during this holiday. There will be **NO COLLECTION** for commercial customers of the City of Punta Gorda on Nov 23. The collection of commercial customers will resume on Nov 24. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (941) 575-5050 during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
- **Designated Containers** – As a friendly reminder for new and existing residents; please use the designated container for trash, recycling and yard waste debris.
 - **"Garbage"** means every waste accumulation of animal or vegetable matter which attends the preparation, use, cooking, processing, handling or storage of meats, fish, fowl, fruits, vegetables or other matter which is subject to decomposition, decay, putrefaction or the generation of noxious or offensive gases or odors or which during or after decay may serve as breeding or feeding material for flies, other insects or animals.
 - **"Trash"** means any accumulation of paper, magazines, packaging, containers, sweepings, and all other accumulations of a nature other than garbage or yard waste, which are usual to housekeeping and to the operation of stores, offices and other business places.
 - **"Yard waste"** means every waste accumulation of lawn, grass and shrubbery cuttings, dry leaf rakings, palm fronds, tree branches or limbs, tree trunks, bushes or shrubs or parts thereof, green leaf cuttings and other vegetation, generated by the nature of normal yard maintenance or trimming.
 - **"Recyclables"** means newspapers, magazines, office paper, brown paper bags, paperboard cartons, paper cardboard, dairy and juice containers, junk mail, phonebooks, flattened cardboard, plastic bottles

Police

- **Communications Center** – It is that time of the year to give thanks and we wanted to do so by spotlighting one of the many outstanding groups at our organization.

The Punta Gorda Police Department Communications Section is operated 24 hours a day.

This team is staffed by the Communications Supervisor, the Senior Public Safety Dispatcher and nine Public Safety Dispatchers. It is located at the Punta Gorda Police Department. They are responsible for answering all 911 calls in the City of Punta Gorda and all administrative telephone calls made to the Punta Gorda Police Department. In addition, they provide dispatching services to the Punta Gorda Police Department and the Punta Gorda Fire Department.

The Punta Gorda Police Department is certified by the Florida Department of Health as a 911 Public Safety Training Program site. As the 66th certified site in the State of Florida we are able to qualify our staff members without having to outsource any of that training at considerable savings to the citizens of Punta Gorda. We have to be recertified by the Florida Department of Health every two years. In addition, the Punta Gorda Police Department has been an accredited law enforcement agency through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) since 1998.

As part of state accreditation an entire chapter of standards is related to the Communications Section. These standards address all communication centers which routinely



receive and dispatch calls for service. A Total of 36 specific standards address security of the Communications Center, the handling of text telephones (TTY) or Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), recordings of radio transmissions and emergency telephone conversations, playback of radio and emergency telephone conversations, the handling of misdirected emergency calls and hang up emergency calls, and access to specified resources. In addition, standards also address protocols for accessing external services, protocols for radio communications to and from field units, protocols for an emergency power source to ensure continuity of services to the Communications Center, specified training for emergency first aid instruction, protocols for obtaining interpretation services for non-English speakers, protocols for 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator certification, procedures for obtaining the services of qualified interpreters for the deaf and hearing impaired, and protocols for 24 hour radio communications.

To ensure the highest quality of standards the agency has a total of 162 pages of policies that regulate the Punta Gorda Police Department's Communications Section addressing police, fire and 911 operations. These policies are publicly available at <https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/standard-operating-procedures>. In addition, another 72 agency policies address responsibilities for our Public Safety Dispatchers.

In order to become a Punta Gorda Police Department Public Safety Dispatcher members have to complete a minimum of 600 hours of training in the Communications Training and Evaluation Program. That is three times more than the Florida Department of Health requires. All members are certified as a 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator through the State of Florida Department of Health. In addition, all of our members are also certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Fire Service Dispatchers and Law Enforcement Dispatchers. They are all required to receive a minimum of 20 hours of refresher training once every two years in order to maintain their state certification.

In the past fiscal year just over 60,000 telephone calls were processed (answered and made) from within this component. That includes over 11,000 9-1-1 calls. Approximately 45,000 police related events were generated in our Computer Aided Dispatch system which included over 12,000 calls for service dispatched to law enforcement. In addition, approximately 4,500 fire related events were generated in our Computer Aided Dispatch system. The police department routinely conducts quality assurance reviews of our members to ensure we are meeting the highest standards.

We are very proud of this team and what they do not only for the Punta Gorda Police Department and Punta Gorda Fire Department but for the citizens of Punta Gorda. They are truly the unsung heroes Public Safety.

OPEN POSITIONS

- **Police Officer Testing** - We are currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. We will be holding a virtual testing process in February. Applications must be received by Jan. 26, 2024. The written exam will be completed online anytime between Feb. 2, 2024 and Feb. 9, 2024 with virtual oral board exams conducted via Zoom on Feb. 22, 2024. We are accepting applications from certified and non-certified candidates.
- **Public Safety Dispatcher Testing** – The police department conducts new hire testing continually in order to be prepared for future openings. We are currently accepting applications for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher. We will be holding a testing process in December. Applications must be received by Dec. 1, 2023. The exam will be held on the morning of Dec. 7, beginning at 9a.m.
- **Internship Program** – The police department is currently accepting internship applications for the Spring Semester of 2024. 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. Spots fill up quickly and the selection process can be competitive, so we encourage potential interns to apply today! To apply for employment or

for more information, please visit www.pgpdjobs.com or contact our Employee Development Coordinator at (941) 575-5571 or by email at employeedevelopment@pgorda.us.

Fire

- **Firefighter/EMT Testing Completed** – Last week the Fire Department completed the new hire testing process. 15 individuals applied for the position of Firefighter/EMT and were all invited to participate in the swim portion and physical agility test. The swim and agility testing were held at South County Pool and our training facility. After day one nine individuals had successfully passed both portions of the testing process and were invited to participate in the second interview panel and an



was an exciting day for the new candidates put forth rigorous two-day process and their desire to be a part of our fire department. Finally, it was amazing to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our current firefighters who showed up on their off time to take part in the testing process, whether it was evaluating and timing an evolution, resetting a workstation, positively motivating the candidates or being a part of the oral interview panel.

part which will consist of an oral interview with the Fire Chief. It City of Punta Gorda, to see these the hard work to complete such a

- **National Fire Protection Association** – Per the NFPA, your ability to get out of your during a fire depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.

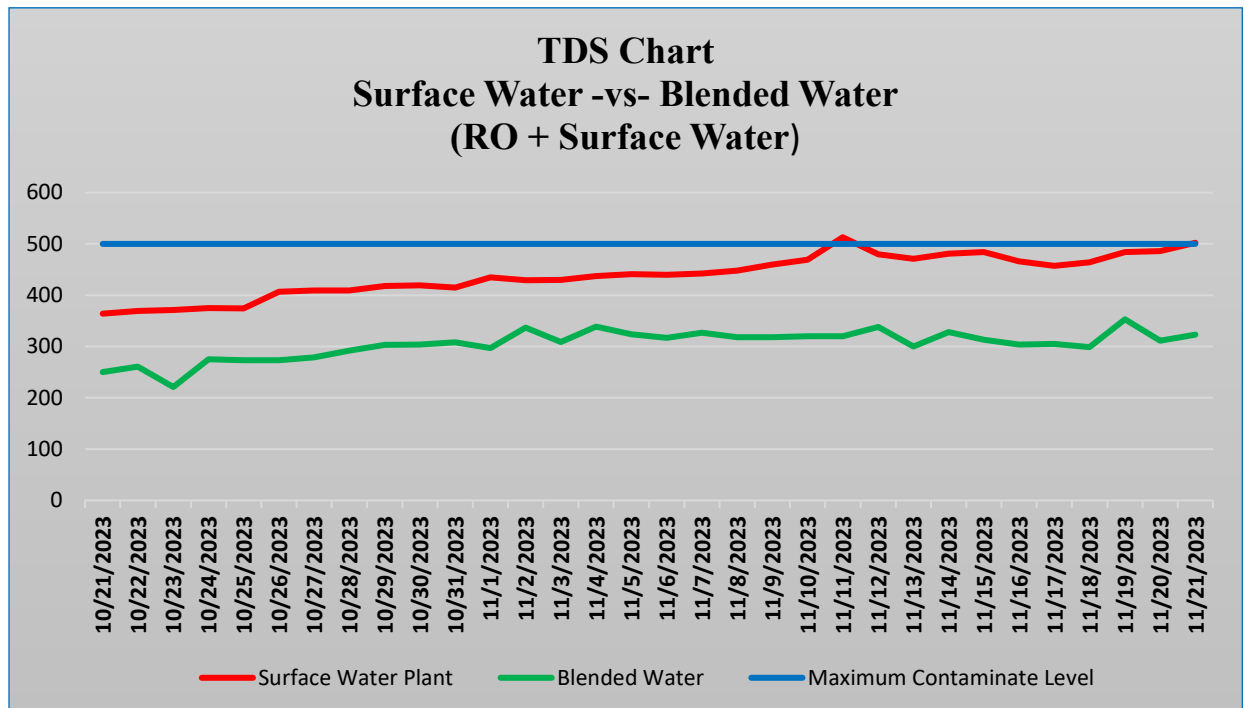


- **Sacred Heart** – This week the Fire Department was invited to Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in downtown Punta Gorda to demonstrate Hands-Only CPR, Stop the Bleed, and AED training with 12 of their parishioners. These 12 parishioners are also on the safety committee at the church and would be the first ones to act if an emergency were to present itself at the church. Parishioners were able to demonstrate their skills on the training mannequins, along with using their AED. We also were able to deliver four Stop the Bleed kits that were prepared and donated by Shore Point Hospital.



Utilities

- **R.O. Plant**



Administration

- **Leaks** – If you notice a water or sewer leak outside of normal business hours please call the after-hours number (941) 575-5070 or the Water Treatment Plant at (941) 639-2057.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 51.7 MG delivered to the distribution system with a 7.3 MG daily average
- Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Emergency Interconnect – Receiving 700 gallons per minute from the new Interconnect (Phase 1 Pipeline). Sending 700 gallons per minute from the tank on 17 (Phase 1A Pipeline).
- Rainfall Nov 2022 - 5.59" Nov. 2023 0.86"
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Currently "hard" – Grains of Hardness 9 –Total hardness. 160 ppm
- TDS Nov 21 – Current 323 ppm. Low 188 ppm, High 533 ppm. 13 year average 393 ppm.
- Reservoir Nov 21 – Current 5.13", Record Low .4.94, Record High, 6.60' 58 Year Average 5.20"

Water Shortage

- Southwest Florida Water Management District has declared a Modified Phase I Water Shortage Order. The Modified Phase I Water Shortage Order does not change allowable watering schedules for most counties, however it does prohibit "wasteful and unnecessary" water use **and twice-per-week lawn watering schedules remain in effect except where stricter measures have been imposed by local governments.** Residents are asked to check their irrigation systems to ensure they are working properly. This means testing and repairing broken pipes and leaks, and fixing damaged or tilted sprinkler heads. Residents should also check their irrigation timer to ensure the settings are correct and the rain sensor is working properly.
 - If you are out and about and find an irrigation system operating outside of the regulated times/dates, please attempt to contact the property owner/manager and advise them of the regulations. That will be a first verbal warning. If the same address is found to be operating outside of the regulated times/dates again, citations can be issued per:

- Chapter 9A, Section § 9A-10 and 9A-13 (a)(15)
 - 15. Any condition in violation of uses of water during water emergency within and without the City limits.
 - First Offense \$25.00
 - Second Offense \$50.00
 - Third Offense \$250.00
 - Below are the City’s current regulations.
- **Year-Round Water Conservation Measures** – Twice-per-week watering allows customers additional flexibility for determining when to water. Residents are encouraged to water only if their lawn and landscape needs it and to turn off irrigation systems when rain is forecasted. Some of the signs that a lawn needs water include a blue-gray appearance, blades folded in half lengthwise and footprints remaining on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

Lawn Watering & Micro Irrigation of Plants

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and any time. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lawn watering is limited to no more than twice per week. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lawn watering days and times for City residents are as follows: 		
Addresses ending in 0 and 1	Monday and Thursday	Before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
Addresses ending in 2 and 3	Tuesday and Friday	Before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
Addresses ending in 4 and 5	Wednesday and Saturday	Before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
Addresses ending in 6 and 7	Thursday and Sunday	Before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
Addresses ending in a letter or location without a discernable address	Friday and Tuesday	Before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

New Lawns and Plants

- New lawns and plants have a "30-30" establishment period.
 - On the day of installation, watering is allowed on any day at any time.
 - During the first 30 days, watering is allowed on any day during the allowable hours.
- During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; and locations without a discernable address may water on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

City Clerk

Current Board and Committee Vacancies – If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please visit our online portal to complete an online application at

<https://puntagorda.granicus.com/boards/forms/650/apply/>.

- **Code Enforcement Board** (one regular) – Meets the fourth Wednesday at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Seven-member board with two alternate members. Three-year terms - maximum of three terms OR partial term plus two more terms. Financial disclosure required. Hears and decides alleged violations of the City Code of Ordinances.
- **General Employees’ Pension Board** (one resident representative) – Meets quarterly and as called in Council Chambers. Five members – two City residents at-large, two pension plan members and one member appointed by the Board. Four-year terms – no maximum. Financial disclosure required. Charged with management of the General Employees’ Pension Fund.

- **Historic Preservation Advisory Board** (one regular and two alternate) – Meets the fourth Thursday at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Seven-member board with two alternate members. Three-year terms - maximum of three terms OR partial term plus two more 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.
- **Planning Commission** (one alternate) – Meets the fourth Monday at 2 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be City resident. Seven-member board with two alternate members. Three-year terms – maximum of three terms. Makes recommendations to City Council with regard to amending, extending or adding to the comprehensive plan for the physical development of the City, platting or subdividing land within the City and adopting and amending a zoning ordinance.

New Businesses

- New businesses will be reported next week.