

## Weekly Highlights Report October 25, 2024

### City Manager

- This past week, more progress was made towards recovery. Individual boat owners moved several vessels from the area in and surrounding Gilchrist Park. Street cleaning continues, along with debris removal from public facilities. Remediation work continued at Herald Court Centre.

The debris hauler is removing debris seven days a week. Due to vehicle issues, regular residential yard waste services are cancelled until further notice. Sanitation is working with the haulers to collect vegetative debris piles. Sanitation is using our two clamshell trucks to collect loose vegetative piles only at this time. Staff is working overtime and on their days off to collect the debris. Any vegetative debris must be removed from cans and plastic bags and placed in a separate pile in order to be collected (brown recycling bags are acceptable). Residents are encouraged to combine the yard waste and put the debris in larger piles along the right-of-way. Do not place vegetative debris piles in cul-de-sacs, near wires, poles, etc. Residents do not need to call for a special pick-up as the clamshell trucks are following behind the hauler. A dashboard for monitoring debris pick-up will be available soon and shared on the City's website.



Our Building Division continued the evaluation of structures impacted by the hurricanes. To date, we have 1,323 buildings that have been reported as damaged. Four were destroyed, 65 with major damage, 569 with minor damage, and 685 with affected buildings. A special Helene/Milton storm damage permit application is available on the City's website. Hover over Government, click on Building, and then click on Building Forms. The top form is the Helene/Milton application. The items must be filled out, and the questions in the middle of the page for adding, extending, or deleting electric, plumbing, or mechanical are answered as no. If the answer is yes to any of those, it is no longer a repair but an alteration/remodel, and the regular building application and process will need to be followed. If the application is completely filled and the answer is no, as stated above, we hope to turn these permits around in 24 to 48 hours. At the application's top is an email address to send the form, but paper copies are also accepted.

Temporary housing (Recreational Vehicles) for living quarters while storm repairs are being made are permitted case-by-case through a Temporary Conditional Use permit application process. Only occupants of the damaged home may reside in the temporary RV's. In addition, separate permits may be required through the Building Division if the temporary housing unit is connected to water, sewer, and electricity. Complete information is available at

<https://www.ci.puntagorda.fl.us/home/showpublisheddocument/15926/638644987989800000>.

With the closure of Hounds on Henry due to storm-related damage, we worked with

the parking lot contractor to move their start date up by two weeks. Hounds on Henry Dog Park will be closed until early 2025. This project will allow for additional parking, landscaping, and improved ADA access to the facility, providing an enhanced experience for this important Punta Gorda facility.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and city staff working hard to restore our Harborside Hometown. Our community is Punta Gorda Strong. *Readers may reach City Manager Greg Murray at [citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com](mailto:citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com) or by calling the main office line at (941) 575-3302.*

- **Hurricane Milton Damage** — City Parks and Harborwalk Closures

The City of Punta Gorda has announced that, due to substantial damage caused by Hurricane Milton, the Harborwalk is now closed to the public. In addition to the Harborwalk, several key recreational areas will remain closed until further notice:

- Ponce Park
- Gilchrist Park
- Hounds on Henry
- All fishing piers are also closed
- All boardwalks

City officials are assessing the damage and are committed to ensuring the safety of all residents and visitors. We appreciate the community's understanding and patience during this time as recovery efforts are underway.

- **Hurricane Milton Updates** - For the latest updates on hurricane recovery efforts, safety information, and important resources, please visit [Hurricane Milton Information | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/hurricane-milton-information)
- **City Council Meeting** — City Council will meet at 9 a.m. on November 6, at the Military Heritage Museum.
- **Hurricane Recovery Resources** — A listing of recovery information is available at <https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/residents/hurricane-milton-information>.

## Human Resources

- **Open Positions** — The City of Punta Gorda offers a very generous benefit package to include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and a defined contribution retirement plan with matching contributions [Employment Opportunities | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/employment-opportunities) Currently hiring for the following professional position:
  - **Utility Engineer — Utilities.** A professional position responsible for Utilities Engineering and providing technical engineering services for City utilities construction and improvement projects.
  - **Senior Accountant, Finance** — A professional position responsible for applying the principles of accounting to analyze financial information and prepare financial reports by compiling information, preparing profit and loss statements, and utilizing appropriate accounting control procedures.
  - **Utilities Maintenance Worker II — Wastewater Collection, Utilities.** A skilled laborer position responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of wastewater collection facilities and systems.
  - **Crew Chief — Water Distribution.** An entry level supervisory position responsible for the construction, maintenance, and repair of water distribution facilities and systems.
  - **Urban Design Manager — Urban Design.** A professional managerial position responsible for all City planning and zoning activities, including community development and land use.



- **Code Compliance Supervisor — Code Compliance.** A skilled technical and supervisory position responsible for supervision of the day to day Code Compliance operations, enforcing all of the City's Land development Regulations, as well as Chapter 9A, Nuisance Code, as they relate to property zoning, design, and maintenance standards or other City Code standards.
- **Principal Planner — Urban Design.** A highly-complex professional that participates in advanced, highly-complex professional planning activities.
- **Planner I — Assistant Planner — Urban Design.** An entry level planning position assists in current and long-range urban planning efforts, including land development review and analysis and planning studies in support of new and updated programs and regulations.
- **Planner II — Associate Planner — Urban Design** An advanced professional planning position responsible for researching and analyzing technical data in the field of city planning. Performs professional and technical work developing, researching, data collection, mapping and maintaining public planning studies and programs on land use, zoning, conservation, housing, transportation, population, coastal management, historic preservation and other areas of comprehensive planning activities.

## Urban Design

### Upcoming Events

- Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St. For additional information, visit [charlotteharborecc.com/events](http://charlotteharborecc.com/events)
- Fishermen's Village events can be accessed at [EVENTS | Fishermen's Village | Punta Gorda \(fishermensvillage.com\)](http://EVENTS | Fishermen's Village | Punta Gorda (fishermensvillage.com))
- Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at [Community Events – Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce](http://Community Events – Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce)
- Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at [Event Calendar | Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.](http://Event Calendar | Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.)
- Military Heritage Museum events can be accessed at [Upcoming Events - Military Heritage Museum](http://Upcoming Events - Military Heritage Museum)
- Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve Street; for all community events and class information, visit [Home - Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, Inc. \(pgica.org\)](http://Home - Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, Inc. (pgica.org))
- The Visual Arts Center events can be accessed at [Welcome to the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda, FL \(visualartcenter.org\)](http://Welcome to the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda, FL (visualartcenter.org))
- October 26, 4 p.m - 6 p.m. - You are invited to our, [Neighborhood Fall Festival, 650 Mary St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-4929, United States, 26 October 2024 | AllEvents.in](http://Neighborhood Fall Festival, 650 Mary St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-4929, United States, 26 October 2024 | AllEvents.in)
- February 28 - March 1, "It's Sew Wonderful", [Peace River Quilt Festival 2025 Quilt Show \(charlotteharborecc.com\)](http://Peace River Quilt Festival 2025 Quilt Show (charlotteharborecc.com))



## Lot Mowing Program

- The City has completed mowing the following areas on October 19.
- 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 Drive, Tripoli Boulevard, Madrid Boulevard, and Macedonia Drive).
- Burnt Store Meadows (Areas of Tamiami Trail, N. Blue Sage, S. Blue Sage, Royal Poinciana, and Gold Tree).
- Downtown and Historic District (W. Marion Avenue, W. Olympia Avenue, Shreve Street, and Harvey Street)
- The Historic District East of 41 and the area behind Dunkin Donuts (E. Marion Avnue., E Olympia Avenue, Narranja Street, E Henry Street, and Cooper Street).
- The City will begin a new mowing cycle on November 4.

## Planning Corner

- **Code Compliance Reminder** — Code Compliance staff would like to remind our residents and pool contractors that draining pools directly into canals or storm drains is prohibited. Please make sure that if you need to drain your pool, the water filters through the grass before entering the canal or stormwater system.
- **Building Division - Beware of Solicitors and Unlicensed Contractors** — Beware of solicitors – Due to the recent storms in our area, there have been numerous reports of renovation/remodeling companies and contractors going door to door offering free estimates. These companies may not be licensed in the City and soliciting is prohibited. If you receive a visit from a solicitor please contact Code Compliance at (941)575-3352. If this occurs after normal business hours or on a weekend, please contact the Police non-emergency number, (941)639-4111.
  - Under Florida Statute 489.127, anyone providing unlicensed contracting services during a state of emergency commits a felony of the third degree.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Allowing an unlicensed person to perform work on your property puts you, as the owner, at risk?

- Unlicensed contractors are unable to obtain workers compensation coverage or general liability insurance
- Unlicensed contractors are unable to obtain permits for the work they are doing. Should injuries occur at the site, the owner may be liable for the injuries.
- Any work performed without a permit, may not be covered by your insurance company in the event of future claims.

Any person who does work without the correct licensure during a state of emergency may be charged with a felony?

- Per Florida Statute 489.127(2)(c): "Any unlicensed person who commits a violation of subsection (1) during the existence of a State of Emergency declared by executive order of the Governor commits a felony of the third degree."

This applies to all types of construction?

- Not just that which is associated with repairs due to a tropical storm or hurricane, and is in addition to the regular penalties incurred by unlicensed individuals acting in the capacity of a contractor.

It is easy to find out how to work in the City?

- Anyone coming into the area wanting to work as a contractor should first contact the City of Punta Gorda Building Department for more information at (941) 575-3324
- Note: This applies to all licensed contractors – all contractors working in the county must register with the City prior to contracting for work

For more information about whether a person is licensed and registered as a contractor in the City of Punta Gorda, or to notify us of possible unlicensed activity, please contact the City Building Department at or visit [Licensing Portal - License Search](#) or [Business Tax Receipt/Contractor Competency Registration](#)

## Public Works

### **Administration**

- Beginning October 1, the registration for Citizen's Academy opens for all Punta Gorda Citizens to register. The program provides insight into city government. These informational sessions provide information regarding the roles and responsibilities of our city-wide departments. The program runs biweekly from January 21 through April 29. Information regarding Citizen's Academy may be found at [Citizens Academy | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](#). Those interested will need to complete the registration form at [Citizens Academy | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](#). For additional questions, please call the Public Works Administration office at 941-575-5050.

### **Canal Maintenance**

- **Canal Maintenance Production** — Canal Maintenance manufactured 36 sea wall panels, Sealed panel seams at seven residences, filled depressions at five residences, and continued to remove hurricane debris from canals.
- **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. Utilizing plastic during a rain event 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 114 projects completed. All seawall projects in Burnt Store Isles have been completed. There are two staging sites pending rehab approval from the Code Enforcement Department. Hurricane Ian Related Seawall Failures | [Hurricane Ian Related Seawall Failures | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](#)
- **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.



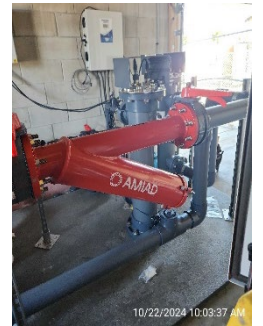
The speed and operation in the Ponce Inlet, Pompano Inlet, Bass, and Snook Inlet are Idle Speed and No Wake. Wakes from watercraft can cause additional erosion and damage to seawalls already compromised.

- **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](#) click on the Dock Match button for information.

## Engineering

- **Bayfront Center Demolition**—The contractor has begun the demolition of the Bayfront Center on October 22. Please be advised to take extra caution in the area during the demolition and follow all detours for bicycle/walking paths.
- **Hurricane Cleanup** — The haulers have started the process of cleaning up the construction debris, as of today they have hauled 2,743 cubic yards of material.
- **Laishley Splash Pad** — Construction continues at the Interactive Fountain area in Laishley Park. This work includes rehabilitation and upgrades to the splash pad/play area. The pump, treatment, and filtration equipment installation is nearing completion.

Please use extra caution while driving or walking through the park due to construction personnel and equipment. To the highest extent possible the restroom facilities will remain open to the public. The access for the restrooms will be from the marina side of the building. There will be periodic temporary sidewalk closures immediately adjacent to the construction area as required for public safety. The construction area will be closed to the public at all times during this period. The enhanced fountain area is scheduled to reopen in late 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (941) 575-5050 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



- **Fiber Optic Internet Network** — The fiber optic provider HyperFiber has been issued permits for a portion of the construction project to install a city-wide fiber optic internet network within the city right of ways. This project will be under construction during the next several months as they install the network city-wide. They are currently permitted to work in the areas highlighted in red below. The green areas are 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 several weeks. The blue areas are where the installation will be taking place as the project progresses. Construction is beginning in Burnt Store Isles and Burnt Store Meadows.



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 on 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 Lori Haight at (501) 844-6340. Please use extra caution while driving through the project area due to construction personnel and equipment.

- **Peace River Wildlife Center** — Construction has begun for the Peace River Wildlife Center located next to the Hounds on Henry Dog Park! This work includes the development of the wildlife center and the expansion and reconstruction of the parking lot for the Hounds on Henry Dog Park. A temporary entrance to the dog park has been constructed and will be opened soon. The existing entrance will only serve as construction access to the Peace River Wildlife Center development area once the temporary entrance is opened. Please use the new temporary entrance once it has been opened to traffic for access to the Hounds on Henry Dog Park.



Please use extra caution while driving or walking through this area due to construction personnel and equipment. Please obey the newly installed stop signs as dump trucks are delivering fill dirt at the rate of approximately (30) loads per day. These trucks require a wide turn area, and vehicles should give them plenty of room to maneuver. The fenced construction area will be closed to the public at all times during this period. 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.

## Right of Way

- Crews have collected debris and resumed mowing areas along US 41 North and South.
- The potholes along Tripoli Blvd and Madrid have been filled.
- Cleanup efforts continue at Ponce de Leon Park.
- Sod is being replaced at Colony Point due to erosion.
- Crews removed large quantities of debris along the MURT (Multi-Use Recreational Trail)

## Sanitation

- **Regular Yard Waste Services Canceled** — Regular residential yard waste services are canceled until further notice due to vehicle issues. Sanitation is working with the haulers to collect vegetative debris piles. Sanitation is using the two clamshell trucks to collect loose vegetative piles only, at this time. Staff is working overtime and, on their days off collecting the debris. Any vegetative debris must be removed from cans and plastic bags and placed in a separate pile to be collected (brown recycling bags are acceptable).
- Do not place vegetative debris piles in cul-de-sacs, near wires, poles, etc. Residents do not need to call for a special pick-up as the clamshell trucks are following behind the haulers.
- **Trash Carts** — The supply of trash carts has depleted at an excessive rate. The City only has 32-gallon trash carts left at this time. Due to the excessive loss of trash carts, we are asking residents to report any rogue trash carts they might see by calling the Public Works Department at (941) 575-5050 during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- **Regular Household Trash** — Regular household trash is being collected at this time. Please place the regular household trash inside the city-issued trash cart. Please clearly mark any extra non-city-issued cans or bags as trash. Due to the amount of storm debris, crews are not able to identify extra regular trash unless it's clearly marked. If residents lost their city-issued carts in the storm and need a replacement, please call the Public Works Department at (941) 575-5050 during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## Police

- **New Hire and Promotional Ceremony** — On Wednesday afternoon the Police Department welcomed it's newest members and recognized the promotion of several others. The new members of the department included Dispatcher Lilly Aaron and Officer Jason Cox.

The promotions celebrated were for Assistant Communications Supervisor Julia Tremblay, Corporal Taylor Smith, Lieutenant Martin Meddaugh, and Captain Dylan Renz. Congratulations to all!







## OPEN POSITIONS

- **Police Officer Testing** — The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. A virtual testing process will take place in January 2025. Applications must be received by January 3. The written exam will be completed online between January 10 and January 17, and virtual oral board exams will be conducted via Zoom on January 30. The department is accepting applications from certified and non-certified candidates.
- **Public Safety Dispatcher Testing** — The police department continually conducts new hire testing to prepare for future openings. Currently, the department is accepting applications for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher. The exam will be held virtually between November 8 and 15. Applications must be received by, November 1.
- **Internship Program** — The police department is currently accepting internship applications for the Spring Semester of 2025. Our 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 more information, please visit [www.pgpdjobs.com](http://www.pgpdjobs.com) or contact our Employee Development Coordinator at (941) 575-5571 or by email at [employeedevelopment@pgorda.us](mailto:employeedevelopment@pgorda.us).**

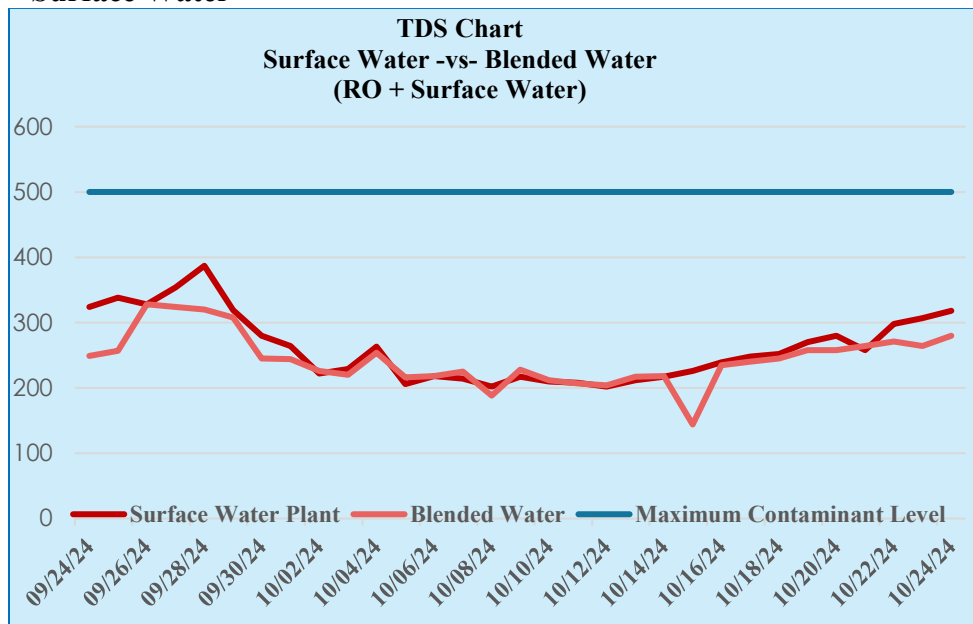
## Fire

- **15-Year Service Award** — On Tuesday, Punta Gorda Fire Department Congratulated Skip Powel with an award for his 15 years of dedicated service. Skip is an exceptional asset and is the heart and soul of this department, we wouldn't be able to operate as efficiently without him. If anyone ever has a problem that can't be solved, Skip ALWAYS has the answer. We are proud to have Skip as part of the team and could not imagine it without him. Every idea Skip has shared and every contribution he has made over the years helped us achieve new heights of success. With love, from Punta Gorda Fire Department, thank you for all you do for us and with us. Congratulations to Skip Powell for 15 years of service!



## Utilities

- **R.O. + Surface Water**



## 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 Plan at (941) 639-2057.

- **Water Treatment Plant Operations** — 56.5 MG delivered to the distribution system during the last seven days with 8.1 MG daily average.
- **Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Emergency Interconnect** — Receiving 800 gallons per minute from the new Interconnect (Phase 1 Pipeline). Sending 1400 gallons per minute from the tank on 17 (Phase 1A Pipeline).
- Rainfall October 2023 — 2.09" October 2024 — 10.38"
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Currently "hard" — Grains of Hardness 7 — Total hardness 124 ppm
- T.D.S. — Current 280 ppm. Low — 223 ppm, High 452 ppm, 14-year average 337 ppm.
- Reservoir October 24 — Current 5.44, Record Low 5.00, Record High, 5.90' 58 Year Average 5.26'.
- **Billing and Collections** — If you have had your pool drained and refilled after flooding from Hurricanes Helene or Milton, you may be eligible for a special refill adjustment that will **not** count towards the standard once per year adjustment limit.

After the pool has been refilled, please complete the Owner Adjustment Request form found on the City's website under government – billing & collections – forms

- You must include the following on your form:
  - Specifically note that this pool refill is due to Hurricane Helene or Milton.
  - Provide the dates when the pool was drained and the dates when the pool was refilled.
  - The date of the completed repairs and a copy of any invoices and receipts attributed to the repair (whether contracted or completed by the property owner.)
  - How many gallons the pool holds

Please note: If the billed consumption is being estimated, the adjustment will be held until an actual read of the meter is obtained.

Please send your completed form and copies of applicable receipts/invoices no later than January 31, either by email to [Billing and Collections | City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](mailto:Billing and Collections | City of Punta Gorda, FL (punta-gorda.fl.us)), by mail to Billing & Collections 126 Harvey Street Punta Gorda, FL 33950, or you may drop it off at the front desk on the second floor of the City Hall Annex.

## City Clerk

- **Fall Festival** — The Neighborhood Fall Festival is still scheduled for October 26, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cooper Street Recreation Center, 650 Mary Street. Stop by to enjoy free food, fun, and games with your family!
- **Elections** — The seats for Districts 1, 2, and 4 are scheduled for election this year. A general election will take place on November 5, as two candidates qualified for each district. Qualified candidates are listed on the [City's website](#).
  - Subscribe to the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections' monthly newsletter to stay up to date on elections news.
  - Did you know your signature can change over the years? Ensure the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections has an up-to-date record of your signature on file for the upcoming election. Stop by their office at 226 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Florida, 33982, to update yours during regular business hours.
  - In order to vote by mail, you must have a valid request on file with the Supervisor of Elections Office. Requests for vote-by-mail ballots can be made in person, by calling (941)833-5400, or by visiting the [Supervisor of Elections website](#).
- **Business Tax Receipt Renewals** — The renewal period for the City's business tax receipts for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 has been extended to October 21, due to Hurricane Helene.



- Business tax receipts not renewed prior to the end of the extended deadline will be assessed a late fee.
- Beginning October 22, a 10% late fee will be assessed for businesses which have not renewed their tax receipt, with a 5% late fee added each month beyond October.
- Failure to renew a business tax receipt may result in code enforcement action including a citation or an appearance before the Code Enforcement Board, which could result in additional fines.
- **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/>. Unless otherwise noted, all boards meet in Council Chambers, which is currently located in the Military Heritage Museum at 900 West Marion Avenue.
  - **Building Board** (one consumer advocate and one alternate) — Meets the fourth Tuesday at 9 a.m. Board of seven members with two alternates; four members must be involved with building industry and three members must never have been involved in the building industry. City residency not required. Term period is three years with a limit of three terms. Financial disclosure required. Reviews enforcement of all codes related to construction standards and acts as condemnation board in matters of violation of minimum standards. Hears alleged complaints against contractors.



- **Donation Review Committee** (one historic non-profit representative) — Meets the fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October, or as needed, at 10 a.m. or immediately following the Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB). Board of five members; chair of the HPAB, two HPAB members, one local historic non-profit representative, and one local arts organization representative. Term period for Council appointees is three years with a limit of three terms. Charged with review of all non-monetary gift donation proposals/letters of intent received by the City, in accordance with the review process and established criteria identified in the Non-Monetary Donation Policy. Makes recommendations to the City Council for the acceptance or rejection of non-monetary gift donations.
- **Historic Preservation Advisory Board** (four regular and one alternate) — Meets the fourth Thursday at 9 a.m. Board of seven members with two alternates; members must be residents, property owners, or business owners of the City, except one member may be a resident, property owner, or business owner of Charlotte County. Term period is three years with a limit of three terms. Identifies for the 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.
- **Police Officers' Pension Board** (one resident representative) — Meets quarterly and as called. Board of five members; two City residents at-large, two pension plan members, and one board-appointed member. Term period is four years with no term limit. Financial disclosure required.
- **Utility Advisory Board** — (two regular) Meets the fourth Monday at 9 a.m. Board of seven members. Term period is three years with a limit of three terms. Makes recommendations to City Council regarding revisions to the utility construction standards, alleged billing discrepancies, and review of utility drawings and specifications.
- **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 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:
  - No new businesses to report this week.