



Florida's Harborside Hometown

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT MARCH 15, 2019

### City Manager

- **Buckley's Pass** – Charlotte County Commission approved the Initial Assessment Resolution and Interlocal Agreement paving the way for imposing special assessments on 19 properties in the unincorporated County that are within the benefitted area. City Manager and Paralegal/Assistant to the City Manager provided the Commission with an overview of the project, timeline of public meetings and special assessment process, project costs, methodology and assessment per water access unit. If City Council approves the special assessment at its public hearing on Apr. 3, 1:00pm, Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, the County Commission will conduct a public hearing for those properties mentioned above on May 28. In addition, City staff (City Manager, Paralegal, Public Works Engineer and Public Works Project Manager) presented the project to the County Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) regarding the City's request for \$500,000 in grant funding. The MAC Committee denied the City's request, primarily due to concerns related to other areas that also might request funding in the future for similar type projects.
- **Events Calendar** – It was made easier to access the Community Events portion of the City of Punta Gorda website from the [Recreation & Leisure](#) button. Simply click on the [view the Events Calendar link](#) right under Arts Music and Festivals. Any business or organization that host events in the City of Punta Gorda is welcome to submit the details to the City to be added to the calendar.
- **Plan Punta Gorda Charrette Week Recap** – The Punta Gorda City-wide Master Plan Kick-Off week has provided the opportunity for residents, property and business owners and stakeholders in the future of Punta Gorda, to provide input that will guide the creation of the plan. The Kick-Off session polling indicated that participants viewed Punta Gorda's top strength as quality of place/sense of community (festivals, community groups, public spaces and historic character). This was followed by Charlotte Harbor and Boating receiving the second most votes in both sessions. The presentations from the meetings this week can be viewed at <https://www.puntagordamasterplan.com> and comments are still welcome at <https://www.puntagordamasterplan.com/engage>. The graphic above demonstrates a word map of One Word to Describe the Future of Punta Gorda based on residents responses at the Kick-Off meetings on Monday.
- **Accoustical Study Pickleball** – The City Council will consider a request, at the Mar. 20 Council Meeting, by the recently formed Pickleball Committee to appropriate funds from the Council Contingency General Fund Budget for an acoustical study at the Gilchrist Park courts.



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
<b>March Events</b>		Fishermen's Village	<a href="http://www.fishville.com/events/">www.fishville.com/events/</a>
<b>March Events</b>		Burnt Store Presbyterian Church	<a href="http://www.bspconline.org/news.html">www.bspconline.org/news.html</a>
3/15-3/16	Premier Auto Auction	Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center	<a href="https://premierauctiongroup.com/">https://premierauctiongroup.com/</a>
3/16	Monthly Car Show	Muscle Car City	<a href="http://musclearcity.net/events/">http://musclearcity.net/events/</a>
3/16-3/17	Peace River National Art Show	Laishley Park	<a href="http://www.visualartcenter.org/">http://www.visualartcenter.org/</a>
3/17	St. Patrick's Day	Celtic Ray	<a href="https://celticray.net/">https://celticray.net/</a>
3/17	St. Patrick's Day Celebration	Fishermen's Village	<a href="http://www.fishville.com/events/">www.fishville.com/events/</a>
3/19	PGI Car Club Cars & Coffee	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	<a href="mailto:biltucker@earthlink.net">biltucker@earthlink.net</a>
3/21	Third Thursday Wine Walk	Downtown Punta Gorda	<a href="mailto:frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com">frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com</a>
3/22-3/23	TEAM PG Pedal & Play	Laishley Park	<a href="http://www.pedalandplayinparadise.com">www.pedalandplayinparadise.com</a>
3/23-3/24	TNT Arts & Crafts Festival	City Marketplace	<a href="mailto:tnteventsinc@yahoo.com">tnteventsinc@yahoo.com</a>
3/23	TEAM Punta Gorda Golf Scramble	St. Andrews Golf Club	<a href="http://www.teampuntagorda.org">www.teampuntagorda.org</a>
3/23	Harbor Walk for Hunger	Fishermen's Village	<a href="https://www.htlchurch.org/">https://www.htlchurch.org/</a>

### Lot Mowing Program

- Lot mowing crews have completed the lot mowing cycle. Crews will begin mowing again the week of Mar. 25.

### Engineering

- Driveway box culvert/pipe elevations will be set by City during construction. Swaled driveways and continuous lot piping are not permitted.

## Public Works Department

### Canal Maintenance

- An estimated 53,000 feet of seawall was damaged during Hurricane Irma. To date, 85.3% of this seawall has been replaced with new wall; 68.2% of the project has been closed out with grading and sod complete. The current combined pace (three month average) of the contractors is 3,820 feet per month. Crews filled 28 depressions in Punta Gorda Isles and patched five sea wall caps. Crews removed the boat pictured from the canal.



	Work underway on Projects	Work completed on Projects	*Number of Projects per Zone
PGI-NE1	48-55, 57, 59, 60, 62, 88, 89	1 – 47	91
PGI-NE2	59 – 60, 62 -73	1 – 58, 61	83
PGI-NW1	24, 34 – 38, 40, 42	1 – 23, 25 - 33, 39, L1	55
PGI-NW2	43 - 45, 56, 62 – 77	1 – 42, L1 – L3	87
PGI-SE	38 - 39, 41, L4, L6, L7, L9	1-30, 32 -35, 37, 40, 42-44, L1- L3, L5, L8, L10, L11	55
PGI-SW	39 - 44	1 - 38, 47	47
Harborwalk	0	1	1
BSI-N	1-3	4	11
BSI-S	10 - 11	1 – 9	11

*\*Each project may consist of multiple lots*

### Canal Maintenance

- Ponce Deleon Inlet Dredging** – Beginning the week of Mar. 18 through Mar. 22(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 and then the material will be transported to another location by dump trucks.



## Engineering

- **City wide Drainage Swale Regrading** – JRL Construction has completed grading and sodding work at 316 properties totaling 220,000 square feet. Work during the week of Mar. 18 will include punch list repairs along Casey Key Dr. as well as grading between 1205-1241 Pine Siskin Drive.
- **Gilchrist Area 1-Restrooms** – Concrete block work nearing completion.
- **AC Freeman House ADA Ramp Installation** – Work continues on ADA ramp.
- **Vietnam Memorial E. Retta Parking** – Work to construct parking along E. Retta at the Vietnam Memorial Wall is nearing completion. The stabilized base material, curbs and sidewalks are in place. Paving is scheduled to be completed during the week of Mar. 18, weather permitting.



## Right of Way

- Sidewalks are complete along Milus between Showalter and E. Charlotte Streets continues, swale regrading and sod scheduled to be completed by Mar. 29.

## Sanitation

- **Recycling...Reducing Contamination**

The following information is being provided in an effort to educate our residents on the proper guidelines for recycling. We are trying to reduce contamination in our recycling. Today, of all recycling that is collected contains almost 30% non-recyclable garbage. This non-recyclable garbage contaminates the recyclables, slows down the recycling process, increases the cost of recycling and decreases the value of the end market. The recycling industry is facing many challenges as China, the world's largest market for recycling materials, has enacted a waste import ban and contamination standard. They are refusing to accept recyclables with a more than 0.3% contamination. Another problem the recycling industry is dealing with is "wish-cycling." This is when someone wishes an item to be recyclable and puts it in their recycling cart, even though it not recyclable or accepted. Wish-cycling actually costs more money and slows down the recycling process even further. Workers must sort through the collected recyclables at the processing plant and remove the non-recyclable garbage. That is why it is so important to place the right items in your recycling cart.



(Caption: This photo illustrates workers at a recycling processing plant climbing up onto the equipment to cut away and remove plastic bags, cords, hoses and other items since they get tangled and stop the machinery from functioning. This slows down the manufacturing process and places a burden on both the recycling facility and the workers.) Please DO NOT put the following materials into the recycling cart: liquids, food, waste, fabric, wood, hoses or cords, styrofoam or plastic bags.



## **Police Department**

- The Volunteers In Policing (VIP) program contributed a total of 1,132.5 hours of volunteer time to the City during the month of Feb. 2019. Our Records Department Volunteers contributed 328.5 hours and generated \$466.25 in fingerprinting revenue. Our Administrative Volunteers contributed 274.5 hours. Our Volunteers on Patrol and Marine Patrol contributed a total of 480 hours. Our Community Services and Special Event units contributed a total of 49.5 hours. Our volunteers are an absolutely vital part of this police department and we appreciate them greatly! Members of the community interested in volunteering with the police department are encouraged to contact Volunteer Staff Coordinator Al Rusca at ARusca@cityofpuntagordafl.com or (941) 575-5536.
- The Police Department provided the Business Advisory Council with an opportunity to experience our Critical Decision Making Training. As part of this exercise they got to handle calls for service using the Training Simulator. Chief Davis reports, *“They all did outstanding. We are ready to recruit them!”*



## **Utilities Department**

### **Groundwater R.O. Construction Update**



Week 37 – Installing the water line to connect the new and existing 2.0 million gallon finished water tanks together.

### **Jones Loop Force-Main project update**

- The Jones Loop Force Main project consists of two parts; the installation of the pipe line including drilling under I-75 and driveways, and the replacement construction of a sewage pumping station (lift station) located at Knights Drive. The pipe for the force main has to be construct first as it will be used as bypass piping when the new lift station is constructed. The pipework is complete crews continue restoration of the site. Staff has begun discussion with FP&L to establish power for the new lift station construction.

## **Water Treatment Plant Operations**

- 37.2 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 5.3 MG daily average.
- During the rainy season the plant treats low total dissolved solids water from the creeks and stores approximately 200 million gallons in Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) wells located at the plant site. This is known as the injection cycle. The last injection cycle began June 7, and ended Sept. 6; Injection Total 198 Million Gallons. Current condition is Recovery. Recovery started Feb. 19 at 1.0 MGD each.
- Rainfall in Feb. 2018 1.50” Feb. 2019 3.40” Mar. 2018 .09” Mar. 2019 .10”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “hard” – Grains of Hardness 13 ppm – Total hardness 222 ppm
- TDS for Mar. 14– Current 415 ppm, Low 415 ppm, High 681 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 564 ppm
- Reservoir Information for Mar. 13 – Current 5.17’, Record Low 4.90’, Record High 6.63’, 54 Year Average 5.25’

## **Wastewater Collections**

- Clean up has been completed and the road is now open on Retta Esplanade between McGregor and Chasteen. The next section of Retta Esplanade to close will be at the intersection of Berry Street to replace gravity sewer lines.

## **Finance Department**

- Subsequent to last week’s update, National Metering Services will be returning to the area to resume meter change-outs in late Apr., rather than mid-Mar. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the metering project, please do not hesitate to contact the Billing and Collections office at [pghcollections@cityofpuntagordafl.com](mailto:pghcollections@cityofpuntagordafl.com) or (941) 575-3360. Staff will be happy to assist you.

## **City Clerk**

### **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:
  - Debra A. Brooks  
Fit to Play Golf Fitness LLC  
736 Antalya Ct.