



Florida's Harborside Hometown

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT APRIL 12, 2019

City Manager

- **Buckley's Pass Assessment Area** – As stated at the final assessment hearing, if the City is provided with conclusive information regarding condominium parcels (units) that should be charged for water access units based on their exclusive use of the common element water access unit, there may be an opportunity to reassign the apportioned water access units. Condominium association representatives must contact the City Manager's office at (941) 575-3302 prior to April 19 to schedule a meeting with staff.
- **Post Red-Tide Fish Release** – Council Member Cummings recently participated in fish release with Duke Energy at the Isle of the Capri in Collier County. The purpose of the fish release is to restore the fish population in SWFL waters after the massive fish kills caused by the red tide and blue-green algae blooms last year. Pictured are Council Member Cummings and his classmates in this year's Leadership Florida class, Amy Mangan, Director of Energy Affairs, Stakeholder Engagement and Foundation at Duke Energy, and Stephanie Lucarelli, Vice Chair Collier County School Board.
- **Seawall Restoration Reimbursement** – Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) transmitted to the City our first reimbursement in the amount of \$6,389,011 for seawall restoration related to Hurricane Irma. These monies represent FEMA (75%) and State (12.5%) share of the costs for the project. We anticipate further reimbursements in the coming months, and thank our Federal and State representatives for assistance in getting the reimbursement process moving forward.
- **PicklePlex™** – Progress continues at the PicklePlex™ facility being built at Florida South Western State College. The complex will provide outdoor facilities focusing on exercise and competition. Emphasis will also be placed on educating youth and the underprivileged on the merits of sports activities and fitness.



- **Punta Gorda Business Owners Survey** – Dover, Kohl and Partners are seeking business owner input for the Citywide Master Plan. If you own a business please take the brief survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2LTHSZM>.
- **1% Sales Tax Committee** – City Council will discuss the formation of a committee to discuss and vet projects for placement on the Primary or General Election 2020 ballot. The 1% Local Option Sales Tax is a discretionary sales tax which must be approved by voters of Charlotte County. Monies raised by the tax can be used:
 - ✓ To finance, plan or construct infrastructure;
 - ✓ To acquire land for public recreation, conservation or protection of natural resources;
 - ✓ To provide loans, grants or rebates for residential or commercial energy efficient improvements; and for economic development projects (up to 15%).
- **FY2020 Budget Alternatives** – City Council will consider budget alternatives for 2020 at its Apr. 17 meeting. This includes the general fund, information technology, general construction and 1% local options sales tax allocations. At the February 6, 2019 City Council meeting, staff presented the FY 2019-2023 Long Range Financial Plan which provided multi-year fiscal forecasts for the City's major fund groups. In addition, an initial set of budget issues were identified that would be considered during the upcoming process to develop a FY 2020 financial plan. On Mar. 28, the City held a community conversation in which attendees provided their thoughts and suggestions on City services. This information was included in the Apr. 5 weekly report. Over the past three months, staff has analyzed revenues and expenditures and put forth an initial FY 2020 general fund budget proposal. The City Manager is recommending City Council not enact any service level reductions based on feedback received from the general community and a desire to at the minimum retain current service levels. City staffing and operations are already lean due to previous years' reductions and efficiencies. More information about this agenda item can be viewed in the agenda packet at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/city-clerk/agendas-minutes>.

Upcoming Events

	April Events	Fishermen's Village	www.fishville.com/events/
	April Events	Burnt Store Presbyterian Church	www.bsponline.org/news.html
4/13	City Wide Garage Sale	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
4/13	1 st Annual Punta Gorda Spring Festival	Great Lawn at Four Points	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
4/13	SVDP Annual Golf Outing	St. Andrews Golf Club	golf4svdp@gmail.com
4/13	The Charlotte Chorale Puttin' on the Glitz	Charlotte Performing Arts Center	www.thecpac.net/
4/13	Hook Kids on Fishing	Fishermen's Village	www.anglersforconservation.org
4/15	Ribbon Cutting and Flag Raising	Military Heritage Museum	freedomisntfree.org/
4/16	Museum Grand Opening	Military Heritage Museum	freedomisntfree.org/
4/16	PGI Car Club Cars & Coffee	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	billtucker@earthlink.net
4/18	Third Thursday Wine Walk	Downtown Punta Gorda	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
4/18	Maundy Thursday	Burnt Store Presbyterian Church	www.bsponline.org/

Lot Mowing Program

- Lot mowing crews have completed mowing the following areas; PGI (Magdalena Drive, Via Veneto, W. Henry Street, Appain Drive, and Columbian Drive), PGI Bird Section (Almar Dr., Albatross Dr., Whippoorwill Blvd, and Turtle Dove Blvd), The area East of 41 and the area behind Dunkin Donuts (E. Marion Ave, E. Olympia Ave, Narranja St, E. Henry St, and Cooper St.), Downtown and Historic District (W. Marion Ave., W. Olympia Ave., Shreve St., and Harvey St.), Burnt Store Isles (Monaco Dr., Tripoli Blvd., Madrid Blvd., and Macedonia Dr.), and Burnt Store Meadows (Areas of Tamiami Tr., N. Blue Sage, S. Blue Sage, Royal Poinciana, and Gold Tree).

Urban Design

- Councilman Cummings and Urban Design staff attended the monthly meeting of the Peace River Community Housing Partners where the following items were discussed:
 1. Allegiant Sunseekers Resorts needs for service worker housing.
 2. Housing Partners recent newspaper article regarding affordable housing “fixes”.
 3. Discussed upcoming bid process for existing County properties.
 4. Operational needs of the Housing Partners.
 5. Discussed a possible first project for the Housing Partners.
 6. Discussed Communication and Fundraising needs of the Housing Partners.
 7. Board recruitment.
- Staff met with the current acting President and the President-Elect of the Trabue Woods United Association, Inc. regarding their Agripreneur Program, its status and how we can help see it through its starting phases. Staff is excited to start working with their incoming administration.

Public Works Department

Canal Maintenance

- An estimated 52,932 feet of seawall was damaged during Hurricane Irma. To date, 94.8% of this seawall has been replaced with new wall; 75.1% of the project has been closed out with grading and sod complete. The current combined pace (three month average) of the contractors is 4,610 feet per month. Crews filled 21 depressions in Punta Gorda Isles and patched six sea wall caps. Crews removed some debris from canals.

Engineering

- **Alligator Creek pedestrian Bridges along US 41 NB – FDOT ROW** – A Pre-Construction teleconference meeting is scheduled for Apr. 17 for City, Consultant and the engineer of record to discuss project design questions prior to construction.

	Work underway on Projects	Work completed on Projects	*Number of Projects per Zone
PGI-NE1	55, 57-67, 70, 84, 85, 88, 89	1 – 54, 56	91
PGI-NE2	68 -82	1 –67	83
PGI-NW1	34, 37, 40 - 54	1 – 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, L1	55
PGI-NW2	45 - 47, 56, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 71 -84	1 – 44, 62, 65, 67 – 70 L1 – L3	87
PGI-SE	L4, L6, L7, L9	1-30, 32 - 44, L1- L3, L5, L8, L10, L11	55
PGI-SW	39, 41 – 44, 46	1 - 38, 40, 45, 47	47
Harborwalk	0	1	1
BSI-N	1-3, 5- 8	4	11
BSI-S	0	1 – 11	11

**Each project may consist of multiple lots*

- **Gilchrist Area 1-Restrooms** – The plumber has begun water and sewer underground excavations and pipe installation work. Electrical rough in work continues with seating wall foundation excavation occurring.
- **Minor Paving** – The Purchase Order has been issued. The contractor has scheduled work to commence the week of Apr. 22 through the end of the month, weather depending. A Press Release and Public Notices will be issued
- **City wide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 334 properties totalling 241,900 square feet of grading/sodding. Work was completed this week along the west side of Milus St. between E. Charlotte and Showalter Ave. to finalize work related to a sidewalk installation project. Work is underway along the south side of Acline Road in front of Fire Station 2. Work will then move to 1101-1117 La Salina Ct. and 3801-3825 Whippoorwill Drive.
- **AC Freeman House ADA Ramp Installation** – AC Freeman House ADA Ramp: Frame work continues. The handrails are being painted in the contractors shop and will be installed when prepared.
- **Milus Sidewalk Project** – Sod placement is complete and Milus sidewalk project along Showalter and E. Charlotte Streets is completed.



Police Department

- Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program contributed a total of 1,260 hours of volunteer time to the City of Punta Gorda during the month of Mar. 2019. Our Special Events and Traffic Control units contributed a total of 39 hours. Our Records Department Volunteers contributed 339 hours and generated \$416.25 in fingerprinting revenue. Our Administrative Volunteers contributed 201 hours. Our Volunteers on Patrol, Marine Patrol, and Bike Patrol contributed a total of 569.5 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.



- Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the positions of Public Safety Dispatcher and Police Officer. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on May 15. Public Safety Dispatcher testing will be held on May 20, 2019. Police Officer testing will be held from May 21 through May 23. To apply visit www.puntagordapolice.com and select “Employment Opportunities.” For more information, contact Lieutenant Dylan Renz at (941) 575-5503 or by email at drenz@cityofpuntagordafl.com.

Fire Department

- The Fire Department proudly put our new Engine-2 in service this morning. Several members of the department were in attendance as well as Mayor Prafke and Council member Carey. Fire Department Chaplin Carlo Garjewlo said a blessing for the personnel and traveling mercies for the Engine and its personnel. Additionally, the water from the old Engine was pumped into the new Engine. This represents a “Changing of the Guard”.



Utilities Department

Groundwater R.O. Construction Update



Week 41- Installing the pipeline to connect the blend basin to the existing 2.0 million gallon tank.

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 constructed first as it will be used as bypass piping when the new lift station is constructed.

The Contractor pressure tested the pipe inside of the jack and bore casing. The pipe passed the pressure test. The contractor then connected pipe to previous tested pipe on south side of Jones Loop road. Restoration including the laying of sod on the east side of Taylor Road and east of I-75 on the south side of Jones Loop Road was completed.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 39.1 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 5.6 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. 93 MG recovered.
- Rainfall in Apr. 2018 1.2” Apr. 2019 .10”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “ very hard” – Grains of Hardness 15 ppm – Total hardness 256 ppm
- TDS for Apr. 11– Current 437 ppm, Low 403 ppm, High 636 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 531 ppm
- Reservoir Information for Apr. 11 – Current 5.27’, Record Low 4.83’, Record High 5.76’, 54 Year Average 5.16’
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City Clerk

Candidate Packets Now Available

- Candidate packets are now available through the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 326 West Marion Avenue; however, candidate forms can be obtained online from the Division of Elections website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. Jun. 17 at (noon) is the first day candidates can qualify for the Nov. 5 City Election for the purpose electing two (2) Councilmembers, one each from Districts #3 and #5. Qualifying ends at noon on Jun. 21. Councilmembers serve a two (2) year term. For information or questions regarding qualifying, please contact Karen Smith, City Clerk, at (941) 575-3369 or email pgclerk@cityofpuntafordafl.com. Questions regarding voter registration, vote-by-mail ballots or precinct and polling information should be directed to the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections Office at (941) 833-5400.

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

- Code Enforcement Board (One alternate vacancy) - Meets the 4th 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.
- Planning Commission (Two alternate vacancies) - Meets the 4th 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.

- Police Officers' Pension Board (One vacancy) - Meets quarterly and as called in Council Chambers. Five members – two City residents at large, two police officers and one member appointed by the Board. Four year terms – no maximum. Charged with management of the Police Officers' Pension Fund.
- Punta Gorda Housing Authority (Two vacancies) - Meets the third Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the PGHA Community Room, 340 Gulf Breeze Avenue, Punta Gorda. Must be a resident of Charlotte County. At least one commissioner shall reside within the Housing Authority's jurisdiction and receive rent subsidy through a program administered by the Authority. Seven member board. Four-year terms – no maximum. Financial disclosure required. The mission of the Housing Authority is to provide decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing.

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:
 - ✓ Gwaltney Supply Company, 70 Ocean Drive
 - ✓ Regal Nails, 5001 Taylor Road
 - ✓ Coleman Vacation Rental, 2578 Brazilia Court
 - ✓ McMahon Vacation Rental, 1500 Aqui Esta Drive
 - ✓ Soule Vacation Rental, 2501 Rio Largo Court