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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT MAY 17, 2019

City Manager

- **Citywide Master Plan Community Input Report** – A compilation of the ideas, themes and data collected by Dover, Kohl and Partners during the Charrette Week, as well as the results of the business survey are included in the Community Input Report available at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/home/showdocument?id=9480>.
- **Citywide Master Plan Community Engagement Event** – On June 18 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., the City will be having a Citywide Master Plan Preview Community Engagement Event at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center. Our Urban Design Senior Planner will be sharing an update of visual images and an overview of ideas from Dover, Kohl & Partners. The intent is to:
 - View work in progress images provided by Dover Kohl & Partners
 - Understand the impact of proposed ideas
 - Garner feedback for Dover Kohl & Partners
 - Get public input on the prioritization of projects.

There is no charge to attend and no need to pre-register.

- **Legislative Update** – At the May 15 Council meeting lobbyist Jerry Paul provided a recap of the 2019 Legislative Session. The main focuses of the budget were Hurricane Michael relief, water quality, and an increase in school funding. There were a total of 3,600 bills introduced with only 197 that were jointly passed on to the Governor for approval. An item that the City is watching closely is a bill that provides a cost recovery mechanism through the Public Service Commission for utilities to fund the hardening of and undergrounding of their lines. Criteria for prioritization of projects still needs to be created. Jerry Paul shared, “the City of Punta Gorda’s opinions on issues matter and are being sought by the law makers in Tallahassee.”
- **Music in the Downtown Business District** – It was a standing room only crowd on hand to weigh in on the noise level of music at the May 15 Council meeting. After listening to those wishing to speak on the issue, Council decided to make no changes to the current noise ordinance. A recommendation was made to reconvene the group of business owners that offer music in the downtown to discuss self-monitoring of noise levels and determine what, if any, changes should be made to better address concerns from residents in the nearby residential areas. City staff will assist with the convening of the group.
- **Veterans Park Phase II Improvements** – City Council gave the go ahead to move forward with obtaining bids to undertake all Phase II improvements with one contractor, in order to maximize economies of scale and speed up completion of the work. Improvements include gazebo ceremonial plaza, donor’s plaza, Purple Heart memorial, mural wall plaza, honor walk, parking and streetscape.
- **Pickleball Courts** – The pickleball courts at Gilchrist Park will be closed beginning the evening of May 19-24, for the installation of the sound barrier material. They will be reopened as soon as the installation is complete (weather and equipment permitting).

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
	May Events	Fishermen's Village	www.fishville.com/events/
	May Events	Burnt Store Presbyterian Church	www.bspconline.org/news.html
5/18	Mental Health Awareness Walk	Laishley Park	www.cbhcfl.org/events/
5/18	Monthly Car Show	Muscle Car City	http://musclearcity.net/events/
5/21	PGI Car Club Cars & Coffee	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	billtucker@earthlink.net
5/25	Downtown Bash	Taylor St	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
5/26	Monthly Auto Flea Market	Muscle Car City	musclearcity.net/events/
5/26	Run to the Wall of Southwest Florida	Laishley Park Gazebo	runtothewallofswfl@aol.com
5/27	Memorial Day Veteran's 10k & 5k	Laishley Park	https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/PuntaGorda/MemorialDayVeteransRace
5/27	Memorial Day Ceremony	Laishley Park Gazebo	https://freedomisntfree.org/
5/27	Vintage Motor Car Club of America Memorial Day Car Show	Fishermen's Village	www.fishville.com/events/

Lot Mowing Program

- Lot mowing crews have completed mowing the following areas: East Side 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

- Staff attended the Peace River Community Housing Partners (PRCHP) monthly meeting. The agenda focused on 12 County owned properties which were built or purchased with State affordable housing funds which the County now wants to transfer to non-profit organizations engaged in affordable housing. The PRCHP's mission is to advocate for the development of safe, functional, affordable, sustainable housing that meets the needs of the people in our community, therefore the PRCHP will be applying for multiple properties to further their mission.

- Staff from Urban Design, Public Works and the Police Department have worked out a plan to improve lighting for Ida Avenue and a portion of Milus Street. The following actions should help remedy the issue:
 - Public Works staff will trim trees and vegetation blocking existing lights.
 - Staff will coordinate with Florida Power and Light (FPL) to upgrade the existing lighting with LED bulbs.
 - Staff will coordinate with FPL to repair any broken lights as well as possible installation of new lighting in strategic areas.

Staff will present an update at the June 5 City Council meeting.

Public Works Department

- An estimated 52,932 feet of seawall was damaged during Hurricane Irma. There has been a 4.2% length increase of replaced seawall due to unforeseen damage. The additional damage brings the estimated total up to 55,158 feet. To date, 96.0% of this seawall has been replaced with new wall; 80.3% of the project has been closed out with grading and sod complete. The current combined pace (three month average) of the contractors is 4,260 feet per month. Crews filled nine depressions in Punta Gorda Isles.

SEAWALL PROGRESS SUMMARY

Zone	Work underway on Projects	Work not yet started on Projects
PGI-NE1	57-78, 80, 85, 86, 89-90	79, 81-84, 87, 88
PGI-NE2	79 -82	0
PGI-NW1	0	0
PGI-NW2	46 - 49, 51, 52, 54 - 57, 59 - 62, 66, 80 -84	50, 58
PGI-SE	L4	0
PGI-SW	0	0
Harbor walk	0	0
BSI-N	5 - 8, 10, 11	9
BSI-S	0	0

Engineering

- **Gilchrist Area 1-Restrooms** – The concrete sidewalk was completed this week. Interior painting continues.
- **City wide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 388 properties totalling 278,790 square feet of grading/sodding. Work was completed this week at 2181-2215 Palm Tree and in Burnt Store Meadows at 7410-7424 S. Moss Rose. Work next week will include 7411-7429 S. Ficus Tree, 7410-7434 S. Ficus Tree and 610-616 Vinca Rosea
- **AC Freeman House ADA Ramp Installation** – ADA handrail installations continue. Primers, wood fill and paint are complete.



- **Historic District Street Sign Toppers** – Right of Way staff continues assembly and installation of the street signs and the toppers. Approximately 30 sign/toppers have been installed with the majority of the Eastside of Downtown Punta Gorda completed.
- **US 41 Roadway Lighting FDOT project** – The FDOT lighting project from Rio Villa Dr. to Airport Rd. is near complete. Clean up and sod continues. Upon completion FDOT will turn maintenance responsibilities over to the City.



- **Goldstein Street Curb and Street Bricking Between Marion and Olympia** – Scope of work and contractor's schedule are being reviewed by staff

Sanitation

- **Memorial Day Holiday Observance** – The government offices of the City of Punta Gorda will be closed on May 27, for the Memorial Day holiday. Residents of the City of Punta Gorda will notice **NO** change in their trash, yard waste and recycling collections during this holiday. Services for commercial businesses will notice **NO** change in trash collections.

Police Department

- The Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program contributed a total of 1,359.5 hours of volunteer time to the City of Punta Gorda during the month of April 2019. Our Volunteers on Patrol, Marine Patrol, and Bike Patrol contributed a total of 562 hours. Our Special Events and Traffic Control units contributed a total of 44 hours. Our Records Department Volunteers contributed 377 hours and generated \$423.75 in fingerprinting revenue. Our Administrative Volunteers contributed 265.5 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@cityofpuntagordalf.com or (941) 575-5536.



Utilities Department

Groundwater R.O. Construction Update



Week 46 – Started backfilling around the blend basin.

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 installation of the pipe for the force main has been completed and connected. This week the contractor continues to work on setting and backfilling the wet well for the new lift station.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 31.6 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 4.5 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 Storage. Storage started Apr. 24. ASR 3 stopped at 50% Recovery. ASR 4 stopped at 57%. 108 MG recovered.
- Rainfall in May 2018 16.7” May 2019 04.00”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “ very hard” – Grains of Hardness 14 ppm – Total hardness 239 ppm
- TDS for May 16– Current 431 ppm, Low 420 ppm, High 584 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 517 ppm
- Reservoir Information for May 16 – Current 5.27’, Record Low 4.56’, Record High 5.39’, 54 Year Average 5.06’

Finance

- **Seawall Restoration Reimbursement** – The City received an additional reimbursement of \$2.1 million from FEMA and the State bringing the total reimbursement to date to \$15.2 million.
- **CAFR** – The City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended Sep. 30, 2018 is available for viewing at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/home/showdocument?id=9378>.
- **Buckley’s Pass** – Payments totaling \$547,417.70 have been received through and including May 16.

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@cityofpuntagordafl.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](#))

- **Planning Commission (One alternate vacancy)** - 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.

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:

- Array of Cabinets, Inc., 314 Tamiami Trail, Unit 111
- Art & History Gallery, 312 Sullivan Street
- Charlotte Quality Tires, LLC, 127 Carmalita Street, Unit 111
- JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, 911 Tamiami Trail
- Millennium Physician Group, LLC, 150 W McKenzie Street, Unit 112
- Royalty Construction, Inc., 314 Tamiami Trail
- Peterman Vacation Rental, 359 Chasteen Street
- Supercuts, 3941 Tamiami Trail, #3167
- Wright Construction Group, Inc., 265 E Marion Avenue, Unit 119