



Florida's Harborside Hometown

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT MAY 24, 2019

City Manager

- **Memorial Day** – City offices will be closed May 27 for Memorial Day. Neither residential nor commercial service schedules will change for City trash, yard waste, or recycling service.
- **Community Input Recap** – The Dover Kohl & Partners Community Input Report contains many key insights from their interactions with residents. As one of the exercises residents were asked to right down one word that described Punta Gorda now and in the future. The results of those words put together provide a unique mission statement, *“Punta Gorda today is a small, historic, waterfront community. It is a friendly city with a charming atmosphere. In the future, the Punta Gorda Citywide Master Plan will endeavor to preserve the small town character while increasing diversity and vibrancy. This will be done with development that respects the quaint, friendly, boating community that we are proud of.”* Another facet of the recap highlights the results of the business survey. There were 89 responses with 65% of the responses coming from either the business owner themselves or commercial property owners. 42% report their business as being highly seasonal. 40% report that their sales have been significantly increasing over the past two years and only 3% have seen sales significantly decreasing. Key areas identified to focus on are downtown business development and traffic/street improvements. The full report can viewed at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/home/showdocument?id=9480>.
- **Space Florida Comes to Punta Gorda** – Last year, Councilman Cummings began work on bringing a Maintenance and Repair Organization (MRO) to Punta Gorda Airport as a way to spur the growth of aerospace industry jobs at Punta Gorda Airport. Since that time, he has joined with Charlotte County Interim Director Dave Gammon and Airport Executive Director James Parish to bring this to fruition. Councilman Cummings felt that it was important to bring Space Florida to Charlotte County as a partner in the development our aerospace sector. May 15, Matt Chesnut, Director of Business and Economic Development at Space Florida came to Punta Gorda to meet with Councilman Cummings and Interim Director Dave Gammon to discuss this partnership. This was a very successful meeting. After this meeting, Mr. Chesnut and Mr. Gammon met with Mr. Parish at PGD, following by a meeting with representatives of the company that will be operating the MRO facility. Pictured are: Councilman Cummings, Interim Director Dave Gammon, and Mr. Matt Chesnut, CEcD at the Smokehouse.



- **Strategic Plan** – The May progress report of the FY 2019 Strategic Plan is available for viewing at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/home/showdocument?id=9490>. Updates for the period Feb. through May are shown in italics. We will develop a FY 2020 Plan in conjunction with preparation of our annual budget and five-year capital improvements program.
- **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.

- **Buckley's Pass** – Charlotte County Commission conducted a workshop on FY 2020 municipal service benefit unit proposed assessments, including the Buckley's Pass navigational channel project. The County plans to assess nineteen properties in the benefitted area that reside outside the City limits. A public hearing on the assessment will be held May 28.
- **Age-Friendly Communities** – Last Friday, Councilman Cummings met with AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Florida State Director Jeff Johnson and Associate State Director of Advocacy & Outreach Laura Cantwell to discuss the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and how it can benefit our residents. This Network encourages states, cities, towns, and rural areas to prepare for the aging of the U.S. population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic, and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults.
- **Suncoast Disaster Healthcare Coalition** – Councilman Cummings attended the Suncoast Disaster Healthcare Coalition meeting yesterday. The Suncoast Disaster Healthcare Coalition is one of the groups that comprise the Southwest Florida Health Coalition. The mission of the Suncoast Disaster Healthcare Coalition is to support the local healthcare community and other response agencies to collaboratively plan for, respond to, and recover from all-hazards emergencies, by promoting intra-regional cooperation and sharing of resources. The annual regional disaster training exercise will be held on Jun. 6. It is recommended that local emergency response agencies, healthcare facilities, and senior residential facilities participate in these annual exercises. For more information on the Suncoast Disaster Healthcare Coalition, please contact: Brandi Newhouse, Project Manager-Healthcare Coalitions, Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc., 8961 Daniels Center Drive #401, Fort Myers, Florida 33912. Office (239) 433-6700. Email: BrandiNewhouse@hpcswf.com.

STRATEGIC PLAN

FY 2019
May Progress Report



Upcoming Events

| Date | Event | Location | Contact |
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| May & June Events | | Fishermen's Village | www.fishville.com/events/ |
| May & June Events | | Burnt Store Presbyterian Church | www.bspconline.org/news.html |
| 5/25 | Downtown Bash | Taylor St | frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com |
| 5/26 | Monthly Auto Flea Market | Muscle Car City | musclecarcity.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/ |
| 6/1 | St. Vincent Rummage Sale | St. Vincent De Paul | http://svdppuntagorda.org/ |
| 6/1 | West Indian Carnival | Laishley Park | Wendygold12662@gmail.com |

Lot Mowing Program

- City mowers will begin mowing the following areas the week of May 28: Colony Point (Colony Point Dr., W. Marion Ave., Socorro Dr., and Coronado Dr.), PGI (Bal Harbor Blvd, Deborah Dr., Ryan Blvd, and Suzi St.), PGI (Magdalena Drive, Via Veneto, W. Henry Street, Appain Drive, and Columbian Drive) and PGI Bird Section (Almar Dr., Albatross Dr., Whippoorwill Blvd, and Turtle Dove Blvd).

Urban Design

- Urban Design Manager attended a webinar for the "2019 Florida Legislative Wrap Up" hosted by 1,000 Friends of Florida. The actions taken during the 2019 Florida Legislative Session will deal with public policy impacts for planning, conservation, transportation, community design and other issues. 1,000 Friends President Paul Owens, Policy and Planning Director Thomas Hawkins, and Board Member Emeritus and Past Chairman Lester Abberger discussed key growth management, design, conservation and related bills including budget items and legislation that passed and failed. The City's lobbyist, Jerry Paul, presented similar information at the last City Council meeting.

Public Works Department

Engineering

- Gilchrist Area 1-Restrooms** – Interior painting is complete. Hardee board installation and painting is scheduled on the exterior of the building and the seat wall.

- **Paving Program** – Staff is working with the Utilities Division on pave ready roads and preparing Statements of Work to be issued to the Paving Contractor.
- **City wide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 399 properties totalling 288,500 square feet of grading/sodding. Work was completed this week in Burnt Store Meadows at 7410-7424 S. Moss Rose, 7411-7429 S. Ficus Tree, 7410-7434 S. Ficus Tree and 610-616 Vinca Rosea. Work next week will include 7418-7422 S. Tulip Tree, 517-547 Philodendron and 7530-7550 Carambola.
- **AC Freeman House ADA Ramp Installation** – ADA Hand rail and lattice installation is tentatively scheduled next week. City Facilities will complete the landscape after completion of the ramp.
- **Historic District Street Sign Toppers** – Right of Way staff continues assembly and installation of the street signs and the toppers.
- **US 41 Roadway Lighting FDOT Project** – A Project Close Out Meeting is scheduled May 23 at the FDOT Ft. Myers Operations Center. Upon acceptance maintenance of the roadway lights will be the responsibility of the City of Punta Gorda.
- **Goldstein Street curb and street bricking between Marion and Olympia Ave.** – Purchase orders have been issued for the concrete curb removal and replacement for work to occur during the month of June. Staff will prepare and distribute the Media Release and Public Notice in advance of the road closure and detour

Parks & Grounds

- **Pickle Ball Courts** – Pickle Ball courts are open. Installation of the acoustic fencing for pickle ball courts at Gilchrist Park will resume next week a specific date to be determined. (Weather and equipment permitting)

Canal Maintenance

- An estimated 52,932 feet of seawall was damaged during Hurricane Irma. There has been a 4.4% length increase of replaced seawall due to unforeseen damage. The additional damage brings the estimated total up to 55,279 feet. To date, 97.2% of this seawall has been replaced with new wall; 82.0% 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.

| Zone | Work underway on Projects | Work not yet started on Projects | Number of Projects Per Zone |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PGI-NE1 | 57 - 80, 82 - 86, 89, 90 | 81, 87, 88 | 90 |
| PGI-NE2 | 79 -82 | 0 | 82 |
| PGI-NW1 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| PGI-NW2 | 47 - 49, 51 - 57, 59 -62, 66, 80 -84 | 50, 58 | 87 |
| PGI-SE | L4 | 0 | 55 |
| PGI-SW | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| Harbor walk | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| BSI-N | 5 - 8, 10, 11 | 9 | 11 |
| BSI-S | 0 | 0 | 11 |

Police Department

- The Police Department conducted new hire testing for Public Safety Dispatcher and Police Officer. Our next Police Officer testing process is scheduled for Sept. 2019. Applications are being accepted now at www.PuntaGordaPolice.com.
- Mayor Nancy Prafke and Chief Pam Davis spoke at the Unity Around the Lake event put on by the Community Task Force of Charlotte County to promote inclusiveness and understanding



and to celebrate the diversity cultures and backgrounds we have here in Charlotte County.

- Fifth graders at Sallie Jones Elementary graduated from the D.A.R.E. Program, which is taught by School Resource Officer Joe Angelini. Congratulations to all of our fifth grade students!



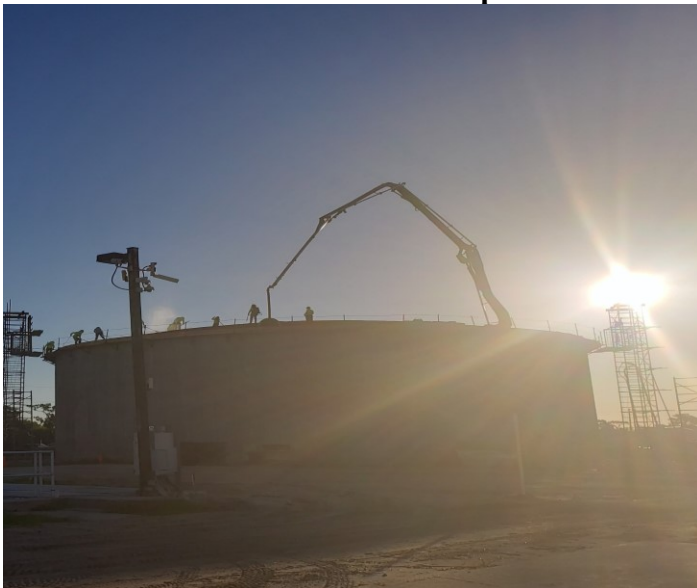
Fire Department

- Since Jan., over 700 wildfires 🔥 have burned 10,671 acres in Florida. 99% were caused by people. Most are a result of escaped yard debris burning and unauthorized debris burning. Brush Fire season is upon us. The current Fire Danger Index puts Charlotte County in the Moderate to High category. Remember to know the Law before you strike a match. Visit <https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire/Current-Wildfire-Conditions2> to find more information on current wildfire conditions.



Utilities Department

Groundwater R.O. Construction Update



Week 47 - Pouring the dome of the 2.0 Million Gallon Storage Tank.

Jones Loop Force-Main project update

Contractor connected influent force main and gravity line to new wet well. Coating contractor completed epoxy coating inside lift station wet well. Contractor began assembling discharge piping.

Four Points Sheraton Parking Lot

Contractor installed a piping diversion on the city's force main for parking lot storm drain line.

WWTP 20 inch Force Main Replacement Project

Held a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and staff (Boyd Irrigation). Contractor has scheduled to begin after Memorial Day

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 35.6 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 5.1 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 6.20”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “ very hard” – Grains of Hardness 12 ppm – Total hardness 205 ppm
- TDS for May 23– Current 337 ppm, Low 337 ppm, High 583 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 494 ppm
- Reservoir Information for May 23 – Current 5.11’, Record Low 4.48’, Record High 5.88’, 54 Year Average 5.11’

Finance

- **Buckley’s Pass** – \$644,734.71 in prepayments have been received as of May 23.

City Clerk

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 appointed by the Board. Four year terms – no maximum. Charged with management of the Police Officers’ Pension Fund.