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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT MAY 31, 2019

City Manager

- **Buckley's Pass** – Charlotte County Commission approved both the construction assessment for the nineteen properties in unincorporated Charlotte County that are within the benefitted area, and the interlocal agreement with the City for the Alligator Creek municipal services benefit unit assessment. These two actions coincide with prior City Council held public hearings related to the project. As of May 30, \$707,116.89 has been collected in prepayments.
- **League of Cities** – Mayor Prafke has been appointed to serve as a member of the 2019-2020 Utilities, National Resources & Public Works Committee of the Florida League of Cities (FLC). The Committee is tasked with discussing the many issues facing Florida cities that will come before the Legislature during the 2020 session and deciding upon a policy direction for the FLC's legislative efforts.
- **Jun. 5 City Council Agenda** – Council will consider a special exception request to allow a Bed and Breakfast Inn, which is not located with the historic district or listed as contributing structure, and will not be owner-occupied, as required by code, at the property located at 751 W. Retta Esplanade. Staff is recommending approval with the following conditions; all state and local licenses, food service limited to guests purchasing lodging and no advertisement to general public as a restaurant, signage to be a building marker sign only based on code, maximum of eight guest rooms, B & B use is limited to current structures as they exist at time of approval, hours of operation of the pool be limited to certain hours, an employee of the property owner must reside on-site and no special events open to the public. All of the supporting details to this request can be found at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/city-clerk/agendas-minutes>.
- **2019 Bills Impacting Cities** – The 2019 Legislative Session created many new bills that impact Florida municipalities. The Weekly Highlights Report will feature these bills starting with **CS/HB 2017 Impact Fees** – The bill prohibits any local government from requiring payment of impact fees any time prior to issuing a building permit. It codifies the requirement for impact fees to bear a rational nexus both to the need for additional capital facilities and to the expenditure of funds collected and to the benefits accruing to the new construction (the “dual rational nexus test”). The bill requires local governments to designate the funds collected by the impact fees for acquiring, constructing, or improving the capital facilities to benefit the new users. It prohibits impact fees collected by a local government from being used to pay existing debt or to pay for prior approved projects unless such expenditure has a rational nexus to the impact generated by the new construction. Fees charged for water and sewer system connections are excluded from the bill's requirements. This bill goes into effect on July 1.



- **Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication** – The Habitat for Humanity home for Lan Nguyen and her daughter located on Virginia Street was dedicated on May 29. Team Punta Gorda volunteers built this home in just four months. The site for the home was made possible through a land swap with the City. The dedication ceremony was attended by Mayor Nancy Prafke, City Manager and Communications Manager.
- **Sunseeker Focus Groups** – The resort conducted a series of focus group meetings with members of the community to garner insight into opportunities for economic growth, tourism, branding and having a positive impact in Charlotte County’s future. Mayor Prafke, Vice- Mayor Matthews, Council Members Carey and Cummings, City Manager and Communications Manager each participated in one of the sessions.
- **Playground and Mural Ribbon Cutting and Dedication** – A huge thank you to Stacy Calvino, Mary Jaqueline Atkinson, Julie Price, and Betzy Blaustein and congratulations on the official ribbon cutting and dedication of the Gilchrist Park playground and mural. This fabulous group of women rallied supporters and donors to give the children of Punta Gorda the playground of their dreams. The celebration on May 30 celebrated the people that generously supported this project. Mayor Prafke, Vice-Mayor Matthews, Council Member Cummings, Urban Design Manager and Communications Manager attended the ceremony.



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
6/1	St. Vincent Rummage Sale	St. Vincent De Paul	http://svdppuntagorda.org/
6/1	West Indian Carnival	Laishley Park	Wendygold12662@gmail.com
6/6	Cooking with Care	Isles Yacht Club	mittenrose@gmail.com
6/8	2 nd Annual Southwest Florida Attractions Association	Fishermen's Village	www.fishville.com/events/
6/15	Monthly Car Show	Muscle Car City	http://musclecarcity.net/events/
6/15	Bluegrass Festival	Fishermen's Village	www.fishville.com/events/
6/18	PGI Car Club Cars & Coffee	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	billtucker@earthlink.net
6/20	Third Thursday Wine Walk	Downtown Punta Gorda	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
6/20	Tails from the Harbor Mural Dedication	Punta Gorda Harborwalk	kgaylord320@gmail.com
6/23	Route 66	The Women's Club	www.swfloridawalkingtours.com

Lot Mowing Program

- City mowers will completed trimming the following areas; PGI (Bal Harbor Blvd, Deborah Dr., Ryan Blvd, and Suzi St.)
- The following areas are being trimmed; Colony Point (Colony Point Dr., W. Marion Ave., Socorro Dr., and Coronado Dr.), 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

- **SHOES FOR KIDS!**

Urban Design will again be assisting in the Kiwanis Shoes for Kids Project as it begins year 15 of collecting new sneakers for students in the Charlotte County Public School System. The focus of this project is to collect new tennis shoes, for children in need and then distribute them to all of the schools in the Charlotte County Public School System at the start of the 2019-20 school year. This year the goal will be 5000 new pairs of sneakers. Collection bins will be placed throughout Charlotte County for a 5-week period, from Jun. 16 – Jul. 21. You can participate in this event by purchasing a new pair of tennis shoes and dropping them off in the collection bin located on the 2nd floor Building Dept. as you exit the elevator of the Annex OR in the lobby of City Hall. Your support of this outreach project can make a difference in lives of the children in Charlotte County. The Kiwanis Shoes for Kids Project is a 501c3 organization. Please visit www.shoesforkidsproject.org for more information about the project or to make a monetary donation

Public Works Department

Canal Maintenance

- An estimated 52,932 feet of seawall was damaged during Hurricane Irma. There has been a 4.5% length increase of replaced seawall due to unforeseen damage. The additional damage brings the estimated total up to 55,308 feet. To date, 98.2% of this seawall has been replaced with new wall; 82.4% of the project has been closed out with grading and sod complete. The current combined pace (three month average) of the contractors is 4,265 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, 88 - 90	56, 81, 87,	90
PGI-NE2	79 -82	0	82
PGI-NW1	0	0	54
PGI-NW2	47 - 52, 54 - 57, 59 -62, 66, 80 - 84	58	87
PGI-SE	L4	0	55
PGI-SW	0	0	47
Harbor walk	0	0	1
BSI-N	7, 8, 10, 11	9	11
BSI-S	0	0	11

Engineering

- City wide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 405 properties totaling 293,400 square feet of grading/sodding. Work was scheduled to be completed this week in Burnt Store Meadows at 7418-7422 S. Tulip Tree. Work next week will include 517-547 Philodendron and then move to 7530-7550 Carambola.
- AC Freeman House ADA Ramp Installation** – The lattice work has been installed. This project is near completion with installation of the handrail pending.
- Gilchrist Area 1-Restrooms** – Hardee board installation and painting continues. Interior fixtures are being installed. Electrical completion and roofing to be scheduled.
- Historic District Street Sign Toppers** – Right of Way staff continues assembly and installation of the street signs and the toppers.
- 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.
- US 41 Roadway Lighting FDOT Project** – The FDOT contractor has scheduled punch-list items completion by Jun. 3. The project lighting will now be maintained by the City of Punta Gorda.
- Goldstein Street curb and street bricking between Marion and Olympia Ave.** – Staff has prepared the Media Release and is scheduled to distribute Public Notices this week in advance of the road closure and detour.
- Veterans Park Phase II** – Final design of remainder of park due to be completed and sent to Procurement by Jun. 14 for construction to be completed before Mar. of 2020.



Parks & Grounds

- Pickle Ball Courts** – Accoustifence, sound abatement material has been installed on the Gilchrist courts and the courts are open.



Police Department

- Most Charlotte County Schools will be going on summer break beginning next week. Please remember that Sallie Jones Elementary School is a year-round school and will still be in session while other schools are not. Drivers still need to be diligent about school zones even during the summer months.
- Our annual volunteer reception was held at the police department to thank our volunteers for all that they do for the department and the community. The Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program consists of more than 85 volunteers serving in many different capacities of the department. We could not do it without them!



Fire Department

- **Summer Safety Tips - High Temperatures and Hot Cars** - Although it may be hard to believe, children and pets can easily be left behind in the car when parents are distracted, rushing, multi-tasking or have a change in routine. This is especially true during the summer months when kids are out of school and may have a different caretaker or driver. In just 10 minutes, the temperature of a parked vehicle can rise 20 degrees. The crack of a window, even by inches, is no match to combat the rising heat. This heat can be deadly, especially for children because their body temperatures rise five times faster than adults. Here are some tips to keep your kids safe this summer:
 - Be sure to check the back seat before you leave the vehicle.
 - Put your purse, briefcase, lunch, etc. in the backseat so you are sure to look before you lock the door.
 - Do not let your children play near vehicles; they may accidentally lock themselves in.Anyone who sees a young child, vulnerable adult or animal left unattended in a vehicle during these extreme summer temperatures should dial 911 immediately.

AFTER JUST 10 MINUTES...	
OUTSIDE	IN CAR
70°	90°
85°	102°
90°	109°

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Utilities Department

Groundwater R.O. Construction Update



Week 48 - Backfilling around blend basin.

Jones Loop Force-Main project update

- Completed back filling and compaction around wet well of new lift station.

Four Points Sheraton Parking Lot

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

PicklePlex™

- Assisted Wastewater Collection with locating the 18 inch force main on the college campus for direction drill pipes being installed for the water and sewer for the new pickleball courts.

WWTP 20 inch Force Main Replacement Project

- Both ends of pipe to be replaced have been excavated with access holes cut in the top for sewage to be removed. Wastewater staff assisted with removal of sewage from the force main. Approximately 84,000 gallons removed.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 41.4 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 5.9 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 16.70" May 2019 6.20"
- 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 May 30– Current 423 ppm, Low 352 ppm, High 604 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 492 ppm
- Reservoir Information for May 30 – Current 5.07', Record Low 4.48', Record High 5.88', 54 Year Average 5.11'

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