

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT JULY 5, 2019

City Manager

- **Development Impact Fees** – At the Jul. 10 City Council meeting, consulting firm Raftelis will presents its findings and recommendations regarding the City's fair share/development impact fee methodology and rates. Key differences between the current and proposed impact fees are highlighted below.
 - Transitions from a road impact fee based on vehicular capacity to a mobility fee that focuses on moving people and multimodal improvements.
 - Due to the need for additional police and fire facilities related to new development, Raftelis recommends that a Public Safety impact fee should be implemented in Punta Gorda.
 - Current impact fees for residential development are based on two house types: Single Family Detached units and All Other housing types (condominium, multi-family, townhouse/duplex, etc.). Single Family Detached units are charged impact fees based on 18 size thresholds, as determined by living space. The impact fee update recommends a simplified residential fee schedule with five size ranges for all types of residential development. The proposed residential fees by dwelling size are based on demographic data specific to Punta Gorda. Residential fees are recommended to increase between \$1,330 and \$3,006 per dwelling.
 - Current impact fees for nonresidential development are based on 12 categories. In the proposed fees, minor changes are primarily due to the 2017 update of trip generation rates published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Nonresidential fees are recommended to increase between \$0.12 and \$62.38 per square foot depending on the type of development.

Staff recommends that the report findings and recommendations be transmitted to community and business development groups for input prior to ordinance and fee amendments being drafted.

- **FY 2020 General Fund Budget** – City Council reviewed staff recommended service level enhancements and revised financial projections for the FY 2020 budget. Based on that discussion, Council will consider a proposed not-to-exceed millage rate of 3.4337 mills, which is 7.4% higher than the current 3.1969 rate. The tax increase for a homestead property whose taxable value is \$150,000 amounts to \$33, and for the \$300,000 home it amounts to \$79. Over the next several weekly reports, we will be providing additional information regarding the proposed budget. City Council will hold two public hearings in Sep. to garner public input and approve a final budget.
- **Pickleball Committee Report** – The City Council thanked the Pickleball Committee and accepted their extensive report. Council took no action other than the acceptance of the report. The full report can be viewed at <http://novuspublic.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=16593&MeetingID=1763>.

- **FY 2020 Strategic Plan** – At its Jul. 10 meeting, City Council will review initial action items for inclusion in the FY 2020 Strategic Plan. Over the next two months, the items will be refined and approved in conjunction with approval of the FY 2020 annual budget in Sep.
- **Buckley’s Pass** – Payments totaling \$1,820,280.09 have been received through and including Jul. 3.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
7/12 & 7/13	2 nd Annual International Culture Fest	Fishermen’s Village	www.fishville.com/events/
7/13 & 7/14	Wheels and Wings Tenth Anniversary Bicycle Ride	Beef O’ Brady’s	https://raceroster.com/events/2019/22336/wheels-and-wings-x
7/16	PGI Car Club Cars & Coffee	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	billtucker@earthlink.net
7/18	Third Thursday Wine Walk	Downtown Punta Gorda	frontdesk@puntagorda-chamber.com
7/20	Monthly Car Show	Muscle Car City	http://musclearcity.net/events/
7/27	Cocktails for a Cause Pub Crawl	Downtown Punta Gorda	cjfanky@hotmail.com
7/28	Monthly Auto Flea Market	Muscle Car City	http://musclearcity.net/events/
8/3	August Rummage Sale	The Society of St. Vincent De Paul Sacred Heart Church	www.svdpusa.org/

Lot Mowing Program

- City mowers will begin mowing the following areas beginning July 5, 2019: 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

- Lucille B Brown of Punta Gorda has applied to do cosmetology at Salon Art Works 210 Taylor St. in unit #111
- Staff attended the monthly meeting of the Gulf Coast Partnership where the following items were discussed:
 - Committee received results of the recent Gulf Coast Partnership (GCP) Satisfaction Survey, in which the GCP came out very favorably.
 - Committee reviewed a data visualization of the GCP’s Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) which tracks the efficiencies of services provided to the areas homeless.
 - Committee reviewed 2019-2020 issued State grant contracts.
 - Committee received funding updates on four, in-process, grant requests.
 - Committee reviewed possible upcoming grant requests.

Public Works Department

Engineering

- **Alligator Creek pedestrian bridges along US41 NB-FDOT Right of Way** – Purchase Order has been issued. A Pre-Construction Kick-off Meeting is scheduled to be held Jul. 12.
- **Citywide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 432 properties totaling 318,500 square feet of grading/sodding. Work was completed this week at 7506-7554 Paspalum. Work is underway at 123-137 Acalypha. Work is scheduled to commence next at 7417-7447 S. Blue Sage.
- **Goldstein Street Bricking between Marion and Olympia Ave.** – The road is scheduled to close again on Jul. 8. While the contractor removes the old road and prepares the road prior to City staff mobilizing to the site for historic street brick sand-in and placement. A community involvement Press Release will be issued for the community involvement portion of a good old fashioned "Historic Street Bricking Party", date to be determined.
- **Paving Program - street resurfacing** –The City of Punta Gorda paving contractor is scheduled to commence with milling and paving operations on: Monday, July 8, 2019 through Friday, July 19, 2019 (weather permitting) on the following list of streets: Ida Ave. from Mary St. to Martin Luther King Boulevard, Elizabeth St. from north of Myrtle to Taylor St., Philodendron, Coco Plum, Carissa.



Canal Maintenance

- An estimated 52,936 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 55,335 feet. To date, 99.5% of this seawall has been replaced with new wall; 88.7% of the project has been closed out with grading and sod complete. The current combined pace (three month average) of the contractors is 3,390 feet per month. Table 1 represents the progress made in each of the zones. The corresponding sequence maps can be found on the City's website here: <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/public-works/storm-related-seawall-failures>.

Table 1

Zone	Work underway on Projects	Work not yet started on Projects	Number of Projects Per Zone
PGI-NE1	56, 61 – 63, 65, 70, 72,73,75, 78-88	0	90
PGI-NE2	0	0	82
PGI-NW1	0	0	54
PGI-NW2	52, 57, 80	50, 58	87
PGI-SE	0	0	55
PGI-SW	0	0	47
Harborwalk	0	0	1
BSI-N	7, 11	0	11
BSI-S	0	0	11

Police Department

The Department has completed its analysis of the 2018 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data for the State of Florida, which was released on June 24, 2019 by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. As in past years, the intent of this report is to provide you with an overview of 2018 UCR data as it relates to the City of Punta Gorda. Upon reviewing the comprehensive 2018 UCR data for the City of Punta Gorda, highlights of the preceding report include:

- ✓ Punta Gorda's overall crime rate increased 25.8%.
- ✓ When compared to municipal police departments throughout Florida with a service population between 15,000 and 20,000, Punta Gorda was ranked fifth in overall crime rate, even with the largest population of these nineteen agencies.
- ✓ Among the eleven municipal law enforcement agencies in the Southwest Florida region (regardless of size or population), the crime rate in Punta Gorda ranks sixth behind Marco Island, Sanibel, Venice, Naples, and Cape Coral.
- ✓ Punta Gorda experienced a decrease in violent crimes. There were (16) violent crimes in 2017 compared to eleven (11) violent crimes in 2018.
- ✓ Non-violent crime increased 34.1% in 2018 with 330 non-violent crimes reported, as compared to 246 in 2017. A substantial reason for this increase was larcenies, of which approximately 21.0% were related to the annexation of Walmart.
- ✓ The clearance rate represents the percentage of index crimes cleared by the police department (pursuant to UCR guidelines) in a given year. This particular figure is of key importance to leadership as we assess our effectiveness in solving or reclassifying index crimes within the city. The statewide clearance percentage for 2018 was 25.3%. The Punta Gorda Police Department's 2018 clearance percentage of 33.7% remains above average compared to other similarly sized law enforcement agencies. Of the agencies in the 15,000-20,000 population range, the average clearance rate was 25.8%.

Utilities Department

- **Groundwater RO Construction Week 53** - Forming the work area to install a flow meter between the two plants.



A report containing the previous month's progress as well as a 30 day look ahead may be found on the City of Punta Gorda website under the City Capital Improvement Projects or at the following link:

<http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/capital/projects/ponce-park-redesign/cip-projects>

- **Jones Loop Force Main Project** – The Contractor continues to complete the punch list items and the lift station start up. Work should be substantially complete in August.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 29.4 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 4.2 MG daily average
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery – Storage started Apr. 24 – ASR Well 3 stopped at 50% recovery and ASR Well 4 stopped at 57% – 108 MG recovered
- Peace River Manasota regional Water Supply Authority Emergency Interconnect – receiving water at a rate of .5 million gallons per day, started 10/16/18
- Rainfall in Jun. 2018 5.30” and Jun. 2019 7.60” Jul. of 18 6.80” and Jul. 2019 .20”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “hard” – Grains of Hardness 14 ppm – Total hardness 239 ppm
- TDS for Jul. 3 – Current 433 ppm, Low 210 ppm, High 579 ppm, 10 Year Avg. 433 ppm
- Reservoir Jul 3. – Current 5.25 ’, Record Low 5.06 ’, Record High 7.08 ’, 54 Year Avg. 5.57 ’

Water Distribution

- **AMI Meter Change Outs** – City of Punta Gorda Water Distribution Division has taken over completion of the AMI meter change out program. Last week crews changed out 20 meters with the new AMI meters. Of the 13,204 total water meters in the city, only 64 remain (residential and approximately 10 large meters) to complete the project. The project is 99% complete.

City Clerk

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

- Historic Preservation Advisory Board – (One alternate vacancy) Meets the 4th Thursday 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. Identifies for the City Council historically significant structures and sites that should be considered for designation as a “Local Historic Landmark” or be nominated for listing on the Florida Master Site File and the National Register of Historic Places. Makes recommendations of the policies for the protection of historically significant structures and sites. Makes recommendations to staff with regard to certificates of appropriateness for any demolition, variance, sign or relocation of structures. Promotes public awareness of historic archaeological preservation and its community benefits.
- Punta Gorda Housing Authority – (One resident Commissioner vacancy) 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.
- Utility Advisory Board – (One vacancy) Meets the fourth Monday at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Must be City resident. Seven member board. Three-year terms – maximum of two terms. Makes recommendations to City Council with regard to, but not limited to, revisions to the utility construction standards, alleged billing discrepancies and review of utility drawings and specifications.

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:
 - Hammer and Stain Punta Gorda, 208 Tamiami Trail, #112
 - Martina-Mikulice Reporting Service, 265 E Marion Avenue, #117A
 - Multi-Care Medical SWFL, 150 West McKenzie, #114
 - Charles M Jerry CPA, 6210 Scott Street, #117