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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT AUGUST 23, 2019

City Manager

- **Strategic Planning** – City Council and staff will host a strategic planning session on Aug. 28 at 5 pm at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association to gather stakeholder input for the FY2020 Strategic Plan. All community stakeholders are welcome to participate. The City has five areas of focus strategic priorities including financial/economic stability, infrastructure sustainability, partnerships communications & collaboration, strategic communications positioning and quality of life. The draft plan is available for viewing at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/home/showdocument?id=9683>.
- **PLAN Punta Gorda 2019 Citywide Master Plan Draft Meeting** – Victor Dover and Luiza Leite of Dover Kohl and Partners presented an overview of the proposed Citywide Master Plan on Aug. 21 at the Charlotte Harbor Events Center. The presentation focused on the Five Big Ideas that developed during the Charrette process earlier this year.
 1. Make Downtown a vibrant and attractive place
 2. Celebrate Charlotte Harbor and welcome more boating
 3. Diversify housing types
 4. Fully embrace walking and biking
 5. Encourage strategic commercial development

The video will be available the week of Aug. 26. Stakeholders are encouraged to read the plan, view the presentation and register comments at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/citywide-master-plan>. The plan goes in front of the Planning Commission on Aug. 26 for review and comments. All of the feedback will be considered for incorporation into the final plan that will be presented to City Council in October.

- **City Council Meeting Recap** – At the Aug. 21 City Council meeting, the following actions were taken:
 - Gilchrist Park Phase 2 Renovations – award of construction for harborwalk, park renovations and parking from Gazebo to Bayfront Center/Boat Club was continued until the Sep. 4 Council meeting, in order to consider a concept aimed to enhance traffic calming, add more parking and park area, and renovate the Boat Club and Bayfront buildings.
 - Veterans Park Phase II Renovations – agreement award was approved for donor's plaza, Purple Heart Memorial, mural wall plaza, gazebo ceremonial area, parking and streetscaping with Stevens and Layton of Fort Myers. Project is planned for completion by Feb. 2020.
 - Airport Road MURT Design – master agreement and specific authorization was approved with CPH, Inc. for design of a multi-use recreational trail along Airport Road from US 41 to Cooper Street. Design contract for MURT on Cooper Street from Airport to Marion to follow.
 - Ponce Park 60% Design Review – discussion regarding updated construction estimates to complete renovations at Ponce Park to include utilities, restroom, pavilions, and playground, parking, landscaping and seawall/boardwalk/pier deficiencies. Staff was directed to bring back to Council a list of reductions that could be made to lower the cost.

- Septic to Sewer Financial Plan – presentation of financial plan to transition from septic to centralized sewer in City’s utility service area for properties that reside in unincorporated Charlotte County. City staff will meet with Charlotte County staff to garner additional information regarding the County’s sewer system and funding mechanism, prior to development of an action plan that moves the City’s project forward.
- Historic City Hall Building Evaluation – update on initial evaluation of City Hall rehabilitation needs and approval of further actions recommended to assess hazardous materials and chemical and petrographic analysis. Appropriation of funds to be placed on Sep. 4 Council agenda.
- **Buckley’s Pass** – Payments totaling \$1,911,704.07 have been received through and including Aug. 22. An update schedule of the construction plans is available on the City’s website project page by visiting <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/government/capital-projects/buckley-s-pass-additional-harbor-access>.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Contact
8/24	Arts in August	Fishermen’s Village	www.fishville.com/events/
8/25	Monthly Auto Flea Market	Muscle Car City	http://musclearcity.net/events/
9/11	MHM Hosts Patriot Day Event to Commemorate 9/11	Military Heritage Museum	www.freedomisntfree.org
9/14	Nick’s Kid Show & Safety Day	Fishermen’s Village	www.fishville.com/events/
9/14-9/15	Sullivan Street Craft Fair	Sullivan Street	http://puntagordachamber.com
9/17	PGI Car Club Cars & Coffee	1133 Bal Harbor Blvd	billtucker@earthlink.net
9/19	Third Thursday Wine Walk	Downtown Punta Gorda	frontdesk@puntagordachamber.com
9/19	Charlotte High School Homecoming Parade	Taylor Street	http://chs.yourcharlotteschools.net/
9/20	Recovery Candlelight Vigil	Laishley Park	https://www.cbhcf.org/events/
9/21	Charlotte County Out of the Darkness Walk	Laishley Park	https://afsp.donordrive.com/
9/21	Monthly Car Show	Muscle Car City	http://musclearcity.net/events/

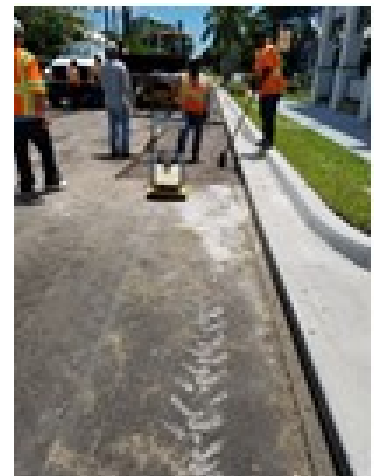
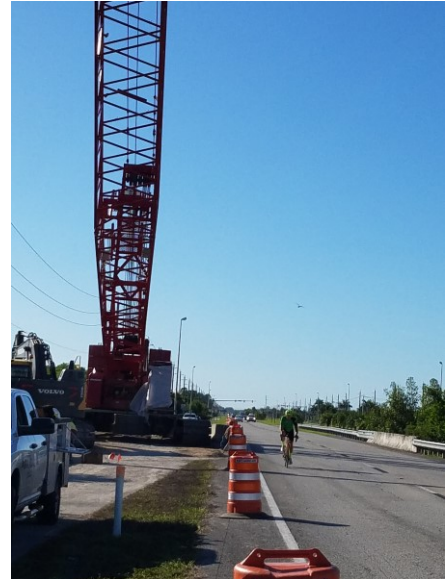
Lot Mowing Program

- City mowers 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) Colony Point (Colony Point Dr., W. Marion Ave., Socorro Dr., and Coronado Dr.) and PGI (Bal Harbor Blvd, Deborah Dr., Ryan Blvd, and Suzi St.).
- City mowers are currently mowing the following areas, Burnt Store Isles (Monaco Dr., Tripoli Blvd., Madrid Blvd., and Macedonia Dr.).

Public Works Department

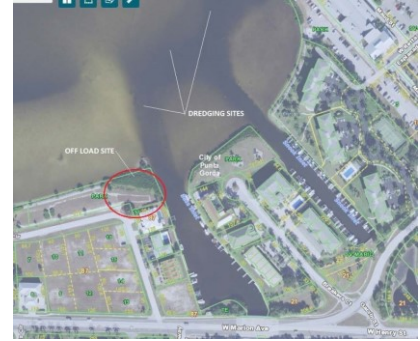
Engineering

- **Alligator Creek pedestrian bridges along US41 NB-FDOT Right of Way** – The fiber utility line relocation is scheduled to complete by Aug. 23. Erosion control measures, Maintenance of traffic devices, survey and layout, clearing and grubbing, utility locates and potholing are in place. The crane pad and piling template are complete. The Contractors Work Area is north and south of the fork of the Alligator Creek Bridge parallel to US41NB. For pedestrian and cyclist safety the Work Zone is “Restricted” from Public access.
- **Pavement Rejuvenation** – The contractor is tentatively scheduled to commence product application on local roads beginning Aug. 26, weather depending. For a full list of streets, please refer to the Media Advisory posted on the City website
- **Harborwalk at Justice Center Boardwalk and Pier at Adrienne St.** – Adrienne Street Pier structural repairs have been completed. Work is about 75% complete at Justice Center boardwalk. This section of Harborwalk remains closed as pile jacket work progresses under the boardwalk.
- **Goldstein Street Bricking between Marion and Olympia Ave.** – A damaged concrete driveway apron was demolished and replaced. Asphalt base repair is complete. The Right of Way division has begun to mobilize to the site with sand and brick delivery.
- **Interior Wayfinding** – The Agreement has been executed with Award Recommendation approved. A Pre-Construction meeting will be scheduled accordingly.
- **Veterans Park Phase II** – City Council approved agreement award for construction to Stevens and Layton of Ft. Myers at the August 21 City Council meeting.
- **Paving Program** – Chasteen St. between Marion and Olympia avenues maintenance paving completed on Aug. 21.
- **Citywide Drainage Swale Regrading** – To date JRL Underground has completed work at 461 properties totaling 341,400 square feet of grading/sodding. Work was completed this week at 7355-7369 Schefflera, 7376-7390 Schefflera and 321-329 W. Virginia. The next locations for grading include 417-426 Vitex, 7512-7518 Dracena, 7316-7340 S. Blue Sage and 7448 S. Blue Sage.



Canal Maintenance

- **Buckley's Pass** – Stakeout of the channel alignment has begun. The contractor will mobilize to the area the week of Aug. 26 and construction is expected to commence the following week.
- **Bass and Snook Inlet** – Dredging continues at the Bass and Snook Inlets (weather permitting) work is expected to be completed by end of week. The contractor will off load dredge material at the easterly end of Breakers Park and the material will be transported to another location by dump trucks. Boaters are asked to please use caution in this area during construction.
- **Seawall Restoration Project** – All of the seawall panels have been installed for the Hurricane Irma seawall restoration project. The only items left to complete the project are: PGI-NW2 sequence number 50 sod and sequence 58 cap, backfill and sod. Crews filled 30 depressions and performed one seawall cap and seam patches. Crews performed maintenance at Ponce De Leon Inlet and Candia.
- **Mangrove Trimming** – Beginning the week of Aug. 26, mangrove trimming to start at Nature Park and Sancho Panza.(Weather and Equipment permitting)



Fire Department

- **Watermanship Training** – Members of Punta Gorda Fire conducted an intense Watermanship Training to enhance dive and water rescue capabilities. Testing included timed events for distance swimming, treading water, towing victims, and free diving. After swimming almost a mile, crews donned dive gear for additional hands-on training.



Police Department

- **Active Shooter Training** – All Punta Gorda officers participated in active shooter, scenario-based training during the past two weeks. This training focused on tactical response and decision making unique to active shooter situations.
- **Recruitment Visit** – Lieutenant Renz and Corporal Kleiver spoke about employment opportunities and answered questions about the department with recruits at the Florida Law Enforcement Academy in Sarasota.
- **Crime Statistics Seminar** – Chief Davis, Captain Nahra, and Records Specialist Griffith attended the Crime Stats for the Police Executive Seminar held at the Cape Coral Police Department.
- **Police Officer Testing** – The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Police Officer testing will be held from Sep. 3 through Sep. 5. Applications must be submitted prior to 4 p.m. on Aug. 28. 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.

Utilities Department

Groundwater R.O. Construction Update

- **Week 60** – Overview of the project



Utilities Administration

- **Jones loop Force Main Project** – Continued installing locate markers on force main. Continued installing concrete valve pads on force main valves.
- **Carmalita Ball Park** – Removed dewatering equipment for sewer install for new rest rooms. Installed water service line for new rest rooms.
- **7 Eleven Jones Loop Rd** – Installed water service line and connected to water main line.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 38.9 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 5.6 MG daily average
- Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Emergency Interconnect – Sending water at a rate of 2.0 million gallons per day, started Jul. 16.
- Rainfall in Aug. 2018 15.1” and Aug. 2019 8.20”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “slightly hard” – Grains of Hardness 6 ppm – Total hardness 103 ppm
- TDS for Aug. 22 – Current 239 ppm, Low 239 ppm, High 399 ppm, Year Avg. 336 ppm
- Reservoir Aug. 22 – Current 6.16, Record Low 5.14’, Record High 6.18’, Year Avg. 5.58’

City Clerk

Election Information

- Candidate Campaign Treasurer’s Reports for all 2019 General Election reporting periods through Aug. 22 (due date Aug. 23) are available by contacting the City Clerk’s Office at (941) 575-3369 or pgclerk@cityofpuntafordafl.com.

Minutes Available Online

- City Council meeting minutes dating back to Jan. 2017 are available on the City’s new [Minutes page](#). Advisory board and committee meetings dating back to Jan. 2018 are available as well. Older minutes are available upon request from the City Clerk’s Office at (941) 575-3369 or through the City’s [public records search](#).

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

- Board of Zoning Appeals – (One vacancy) Meets the 4th Tuesday at 4 p.m. in City Council Chambers. City residency required. Seven member board with two alternate members. Three year terms - maximum of three terms. Financial disclosure required. Makes recommendations to City Council on variances to City Code.

- Code Enforcement Board – (Two vacancies) 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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:
 - ✓ Sussman Vacation Rental, 2830 Magdalena Drive