



Monthly Report September 2020

Centennial Park pool ribbon-cutting marks opening

On Oct. 1, commissioners, staff, contractors, advisory board members and park patrons commemorated the opening of the Centennial Park pool with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The pool event followed a Sept. 22 ribbon-cutting at the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park. On Sept. 30, staff conducted a Facebook Live session to solicit public input on the Placida West Boat Ramp project. September also saw the start of construction on the Family Services Center in Port Charlotte.

All four projects were funded with the 1% local option sales tax approved by Charlotte County voters in 2014. With design work underway on the boat ramp, 25 of the 26 projects on the Tier 1 and 2 lists have been completed, are under construction or in the design phase.

For information, visit the [sales tax page](#) on the county website.



Sales tax vote set for Nov. 3

A referendum is on the ballot this fall regarding extending the 1% local option sales tax for six years. This is not a new tax. It has been approved by voters in Charlotte County for 26 years. Since 1994, it has funded more than 120 projects. If voters choose to extend it, the 1% local option sales tax will fund a variety of projects throughout Charlotte County.

To schedule a presentation for your organization, call Brian Gleason at 941-743-1944.

Early voting starts Oct. 19 and Election Day is Nov. 3.



Centennial partners meeting Oct. 28

A Charlotte County Centennial partners meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Oct. 28 at Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda. The meeting is open to the public.

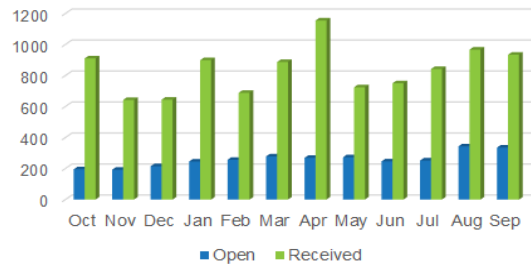
The meeting will include an update on plans to commemorate the April 23, 2021 Centennial of the county. Community organizations are invited to share what they are working on and coordinate activities. The Centennial website,

www.CharlotteCounty100.com, provides historical information about the county and features a central calendar of events submitted by community groups. A Facebook page, www.facebook.com/CharlotteCounty100, allows people to share information, events, photos and videos.

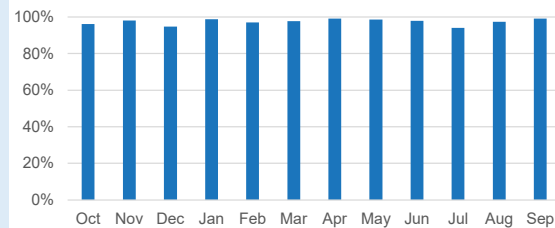
For information, contact Brian Gleason at Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov or 941-743-1462.

Information Technology

Service Tickets by Month

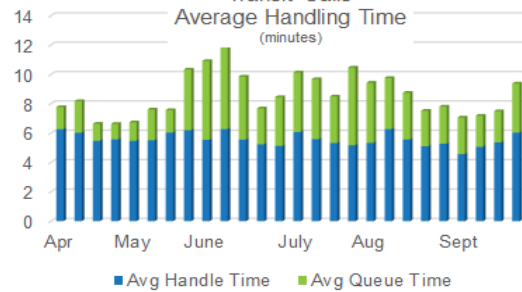


Customer Satisfaction % Positive

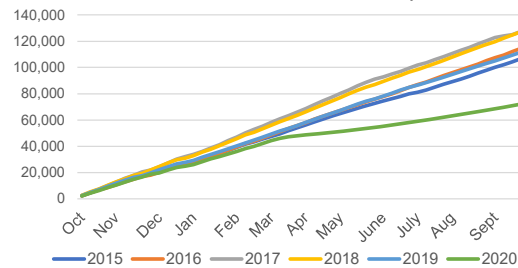


Transit

Transit Calls Average Handling Time (minutes)



Annual Cumulative Ridership



Director Highlights

CARES Act Funding

Fiscal Services staff have been very active in assistance with the COVID effort. First and foremost, our Grants core service have been a leader in the CARES ACT funding application, budgeting, allocation, reporting, and analysis while also providing guidance to county departments and administration. Additionally, Fiscal staff have helped to collect over 3,800 Weekly Disaster Logs tracking over 13,900 hours of staff time dedicated to the COVID effort. Staff coded over 850 P-Card transactions and over 1,600 POs and check requests in processing payments for community and business assistance and procurement of PPE and sanitation supplies.

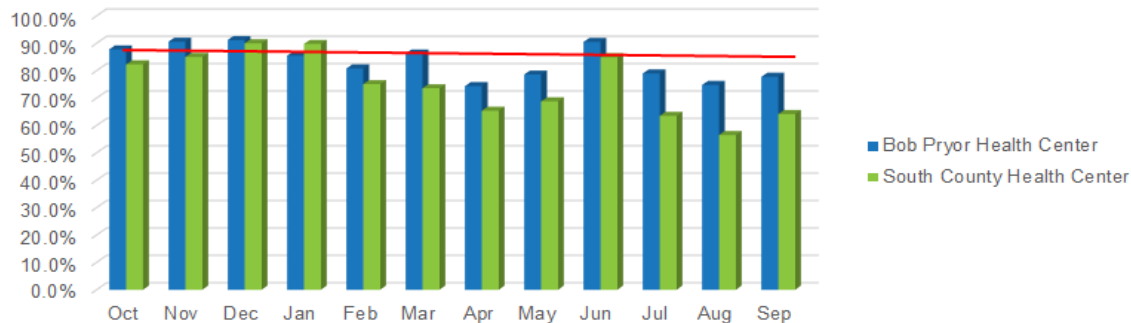
As a result Charlotte County was able to document expenses for the entire first round of CARES funding of \$8.2 million.

September 2020

Category	Budget	Total Expenses	Balance	% Used
Economic Recovery	\$ 3,296,334	\$ 2,188,456	\$ 1,107,878	66.4%
Assistance to Individuals	1,648,167	\$ 1,688,456	(40,289)	102.4%
Small Business Grant Programs and PPE Kits	1,648,167	\$ 500,000	1,148,167	30.3%
Public Health and Human Services	\$ 1,648,167	\$ 1,081,832	\$ 566,335	65.6%
Testing		\$ 124,208		7.5%
Mass Distribution-Food/PPE		\$ 268,679		16.3%
Public Outreach and Educational Programming		\$ 69,549		4.2%
Facility Cleaning & Disinfecting		\$ 352,714		21.4%
Non-Congregate Shelter		\$ 32,101		1.9%
Contract Health and Human Services		\$ 175,000		10.6%
Payroll Costs		\$ 59,582		3.6%
Public Safety and Community Response	\$ 1,648,167	\$ 2,914,582	\$ (1,266,415)	176.8%
Emergency Medical Response-PS Dedicated		\$ 1,053,817		63.9%
Facility Enhancements and Supplies		\$ 56,603		3.4%
Information Technology		\$ 1,272,681		77.2%
Payroll Costs		\$ 520,921		31.6%
Technical Assistance		\$ 10,560		0.6%
Intergovernmental Assistance	\$ 824,084	\$ 1,167,686	\$ (343,603)	141.7%
Constitutionals and City of Punta Gorda		\$ 1,167,686		
Future COVID Expenditures	\$ 824,084	\$ 888,278	\$ (64,194)	107.8%
Reserves-Leave Costs		\$ 888,278		
Total	\$ 8,240,835	\$ 8,240,835	\$ (0)	100.0%

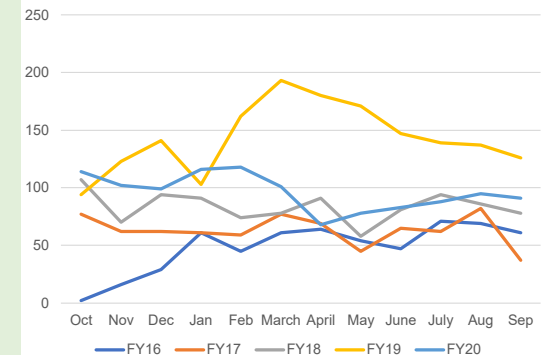
Health Center

Employee Health Center Monthly Appointment Utilization Summary



Records Management

Record Requests



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

IN PLANNING

- **General Aviation Center** – Proposed on this 43 acre site is the new General Aviation Center for the Charlotte County Airport Authority. The project and the infrastructure are proposed to be completed in one phase with expansion areas of the building and parking reserved for future growth at 28000 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. Site Plan in Review.
- **San Casa Multi-Family Housing** – requesting a Final Site Plan approval for 3 mini storage buildings (Placida mini-storage) with an office and associated infrastructure at 3401 Placida Rd., Englewood, FL. Site Plan in review.
- **Gas station** – gas station and convenience store, with drive thru restaurant, stand-alone automated car wash and associated infrastructure at 19100 Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte. Site Plan approved.
- **Plaza on El Jobean** – Ten unit development for retail and professional services at 1480 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. Site plan in review.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



- **Port Charlotte Station** – Five Guys and Aspen Dental at 379 Kings Highway, Punta Gorda.

- **P.C. Storage** – Construction of four self-storage buildings, parking and infrastructure at 23950 Veterans Blvd., Port Charlotte.

- **McDonalds** – fast-food chain undergoing demolition and rebuild at 1805 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.



- **Aldi** – Addition to the existing store at 1391 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.

- **Murdock Surgery Center** – Building expansion of an existing medical office at 1400 Education Way, Port Charlotte.

- **Firestone** – Auto repair and auto parts store at 19560 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte.



COMPLETED!!

- **AutoZone** – Retailer of automobile parts at 24066 Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte.



- **Twisted Fork** – American restaurant at Black Widow Harley-Davidson at 2224 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte.

- **Pit Stop Auto Repair** – auto services at 23498 McCaslin Court, Port Charlotte.



- **Extra Space Storage** – Fully enclosed self-storage facility at 4536 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.

PROJECTS' SPOTLIGHT

Babcock Update

- 918 Single Family permits submitted since August 2016
- 706 Certificates of Occupancy issued since August 2016

Murdock Village Update

- Rezoning was approved for 400+ acres in the western section of Murdock Village in order to have mixed-use development with a maximum of 2,400 single and multi family units, commercial uses, and a 150-room hotel.
- Two preliminary plats in house for Kolter Development.
- Arredondo Pointe/Lost Lagoon Development which includes a mixture of retail, entertainment, water park, and hotel uses.

Total Single Family Permits Issued: 218
Single Family Permits Issued—Babcock: 25

Total Single Family Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 123
Single Family Certificate of Occupancy Issued—Babcock: 17

Total Permits Issued: 3,603

Total Permits Issued FY18-19: 28,701
(Fiscal Year Oct. 2018—Sept. 2019)

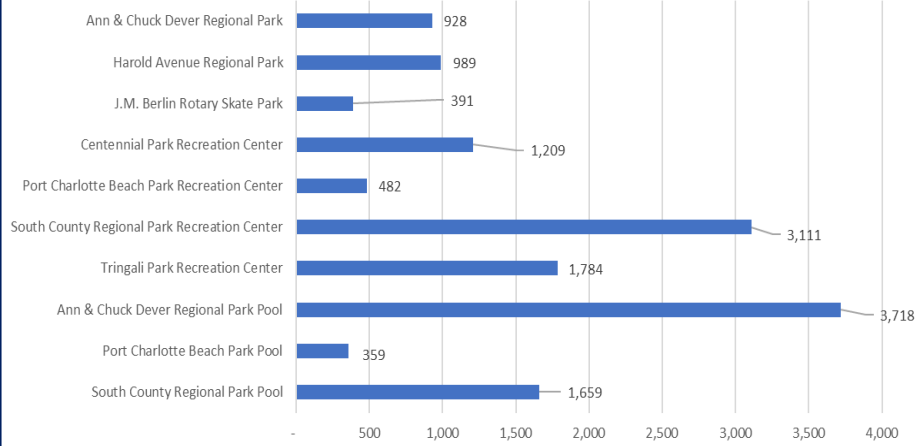
Total Permits Issued FY19-20: 32,037
(Fiscal Year Oct. 2019—Sept. 2020)

PERMITTING SNAPSHOT

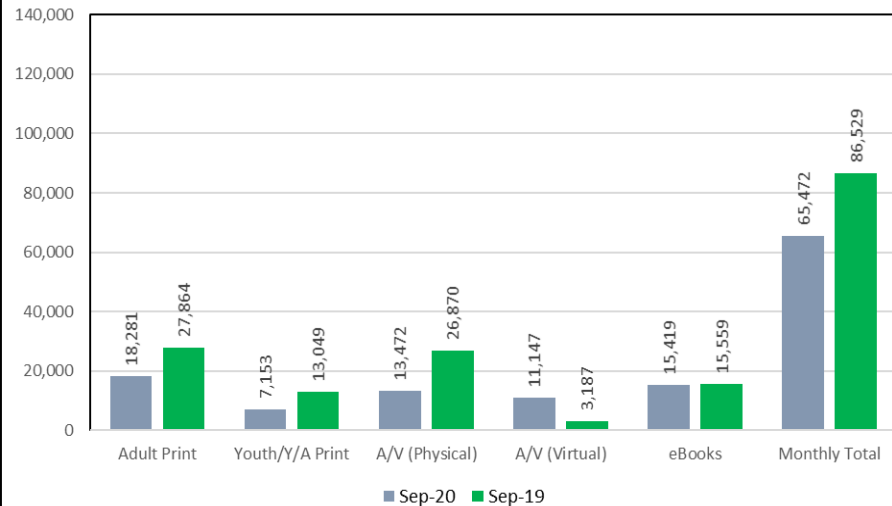


CHARLOTTE COUNTY
Community Development

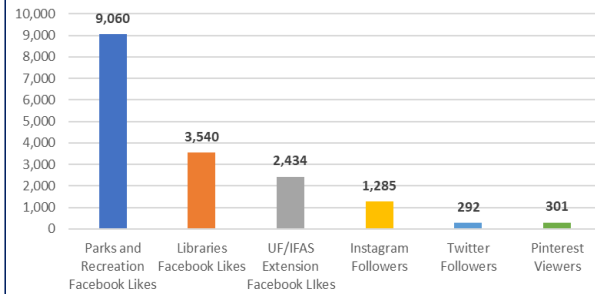
**Recreation Centers and Aquatic Facilities
Monthly Attendance**



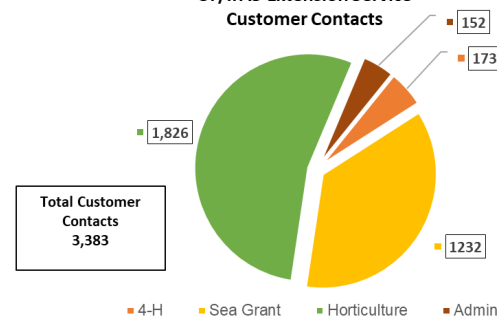
2019 - 2020 Circulation Comparison



Social Media Impact



**UF/IFAS Extension Service
Customer Contacts**



Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance

Number of trash bags collected – 4,323

Number of recycling bags collected – 891

Land Management

- 87.6 Miles trails maintained
- 22 acres exotic treatment
- 20 acres understory mulched

Project Management

25 Projects
\$1,298,138

Coastal Management

Abandoned/Derelict Vessels - 4 ready to be removed, 1 open cases, 4 cited by LE, 2 At Risk.

Sea turtle nests EOY Total

1,403 Loggerhead
67 Green
2 Kemps Ridley
1,472 Total Nests

2020 Shorebirds Nests

Wilson's Plover - 5
Snowy Plover - 1
American Oystercatcher – 1

2020 Seabird Colonies

Least tern – 3
Black Skimmer - 1

Charlotte County Economic Development

September 2020

Punta Gorda Airport



Even in the face of a pandemic, the Punta Gorda Airport (PGD) is outperforming other airports thanks in part to Allegiant. PGD had the 4th smallest passenger drop from Summer 2020 vs. Summer 2019 in an analysis by Volaire Aviation Consultants. 12 of the 15 best performing airports (including PGD) offered a low cost service and 8 of the 15 offered Allegiant. PGD is one of Allegiant's top 5 hubs in the country. We think this is a positive indicator for the future of Allegiant and Sunseeker. In other exciting PGD news, the Charlotte County Airport Authority recently broke ground on the first phase of Punta Gorda Airport's Aviation Expansion Area, called PGD AviEx. The first phase is a 650,000-square-foot ramp, or aircraft parking area, and the extension of Taxiway E. Construction on the second phase is expected to begin in late 2020 and includes the GA Center (including FBO operations), associated access roads and parking, and the site work for 10 larger 60x60 hangars. These larger hangars, along with a new row of 24 T-Hangar units, will likely be constructed during the third phase in 2021. For more information visit www.PGDaviEx.com.

Welcome to Charlotte County, Latitude Tournament Boats!

On September 8, the Board of County Commissioners approved an Economic Development Incentive of \$35,000 to attract Latitude Tournament Boats to Charlotte County. We are happy to report that Latitude Tournament Boats has closed on the purchase of land at the Airport Commerce Center on Nordell Pond and will begin building their new manufacturing and testing facility. Along with this capital investment they anticipate bringing 21 new jobs to the county. The Economic Development Office welcomes Latitude Boats and looks forward to seeing their success in Charlotte County.



Charlotte CARES for Business Recovery Grant Program

Stage 3 of the Charlotte CARES for Business Recovery Grant Program launches on October 1, 2020. Stage 3 has new and expanded eligibility requirements that should allow more Charlotte County businesses to qualify. Stage 3 will be closed on December 15, 2020 or when funds have been exhausted. For information visit: www.Cleared4Takeoff.com/Charlotte-CARES.

Follow us on social media!

The EDO is now on YouTube and Instagram!
Follow us for information and the latest economic development news.



Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Family Services Center Groundbreaking

September 2020



The Family Services building is the last of the 2014 Tier 1 sales tax projects. The construction is currently underway. The existing facility reached the end of its life cycle with the new facility greatly improving the quality of life for Charlotte County citizens. The new center will replace the existing facility and provide space for Neighborhood Partners, Human Services' 211 division, a teaching kitchen, and temporary space for youth services until phase 2 is complete. The construction completion is expected December 2021.

Recent Accomplishments

- ◆ The Event Center and Community Services purchased an additional flat top griddle which allows the chef to prepare a variety of foods and larger portions. Facilities facilitated moving and reconfiguring appliances, plumbing, electrical, and fire suppression hood system to accommodate the new griddle.
- ◆ During last fiscal year, Facilities staff completed 147 small projects and closed 6,558 work orders, including 3,514 at the county jail.
- ◆ The final walk through was conducted for the re-roof and building envelope improvements at the Justice Center.



Forward Progress

- ◆ The grant and funding for the Kingsway Elementary School Generator project was approved by the state. The request for proposal solicitation is advertised and due October 21.
- ◆ The request for letters of interest process began for design of the Centennial Monument signage commemorating Charlotte County's 100th year anniversary celebration.
- ◆ The Board approved Fire Station 10's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Magnum Builders. The station is located on Palm Island. The project construction is estimated to start by the end of October 2020.
- ◆ A pre-construction meeting was held for the LED sports lighting retrofit at the Franz Ross Park football fields and tennis courts. Osprey nest platforms are forecasted to install in October relocating the two existing nests while they are vacant. The lighting installation will begin later in the year following football activities.

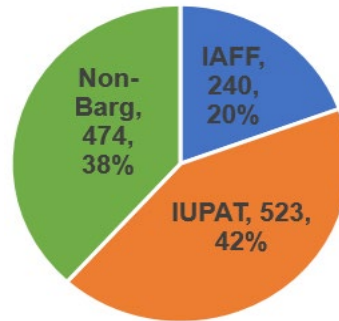
Notable Happenings

- ◆ Sweet Sparkman's scope and fee proposal for the countywide color palette was submitted to purchasing for processing the purchase order.
- ◆ The consultant request for proposals packages were reviewed by the professional committee on the County's automation system and development of a standard building automation system that may be integrated into future facility construction. The ranking is scheduled for Board approval on October 13.
- ◆ A citizen input survey for the development of the Placida Boat Ramp West Expansion project is listed on the county website under the Government tab in Project Status Updates. The project is in the early design stage with site analysis and surveying complete.

Human Resources

Workforce

Employee Count 1,237
Avg Age 47
Avg Hourly Rate \$23.24
Avg Years of Service 9



Retention of New Hires

	September	YTD
% completing probation	66.67%	86.0%

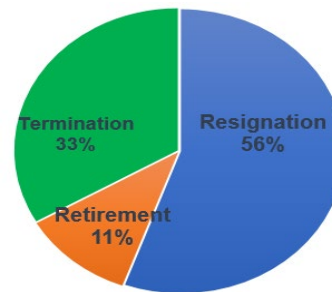
Succession Planning

Ee's in FRS DROP the next 5 years 3.6%
% of Workforce Retired this FY 3.6%

Separations

September **YTD**

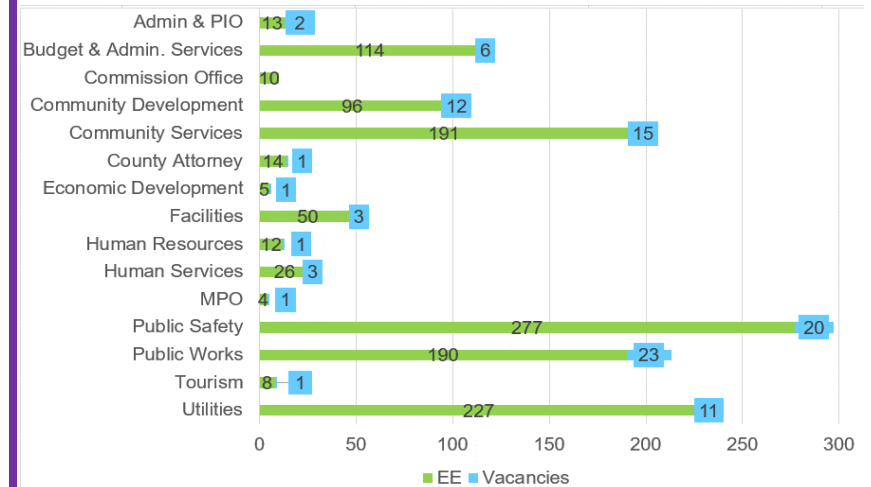
	September	YTD
Turnover	0.7%	10.7%
Separations	9	132



Training & Development

Training 24 Ee's 12 hrs 288 contact hrs
% using Tuition Reimbursement 1%

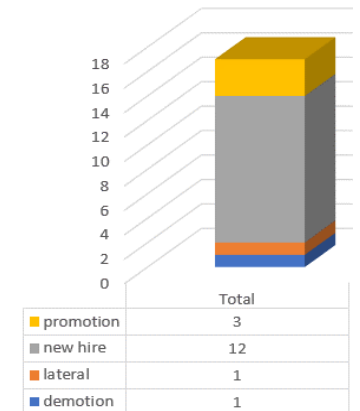
Employees vs Vacancies



Total Vacancies: 99

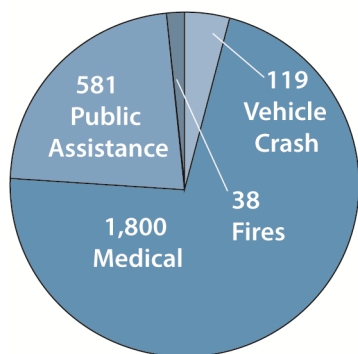
Recruitment

Applications Taken 550
Job Posting Hits 22,395
New Hires 12
Recruited Pos FT 37
Posted PT/Sea 6



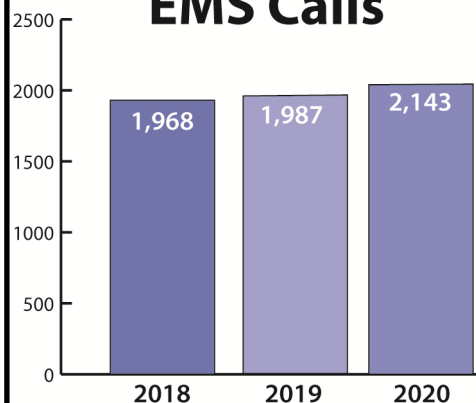
Public Safety

Fire

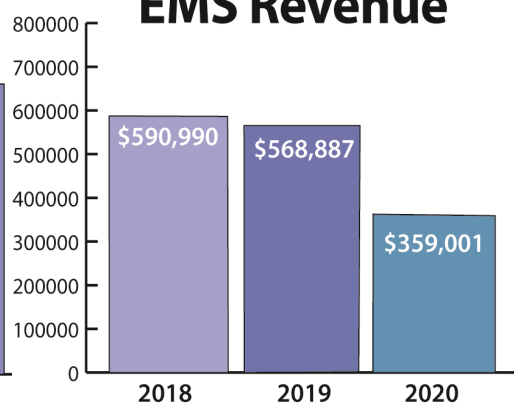


Total Fire Runs: 2,538

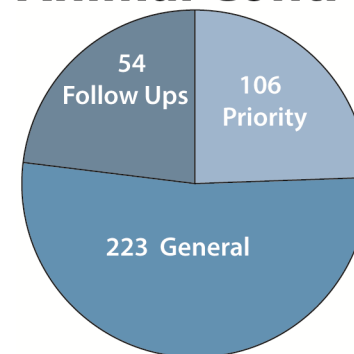
EMS Calls



EMS Revenue



Animal Control



Total Calls: 426

Swift Water Training

Training is an ongoing endeavor in Public Safety. Through continual practice, we strengthen and learn skills that allow us to save lives without endangering our own lives, the lives of our co-workers, or the lives of the victims we are trying to help.

Rarely a day goes by where we are not training in some form, whether that is hands-on instruction, on-line instruction, or reading about the latest techniques in a trade journal. That is the reason Fire & EMS held a 40 plus hour swift water class during September. The 25 Fire & EMS students, all staff members, were taught by a handful of their peers who are certified instructors and subject experts.

The students spent time in the classroom, pool, and on the Peace River. Some of the water skills taught include saving conscious and unconscious victims, assessing flowing water for potential hazards, and soft side powerboat skills.

Charlotte County has over 165 miles of canals and the second largest estuary in the state. Special Operations Lieutenant Cory Verne, one of the instructors, says many people often forget about the many low-head dams on canals throughout the county. He says the dams create swift flowing water before spilling over the dam barrier. Verne says because of the many low-head dams, the miles and miles of beaches, and regular flooding from heavy summer rainfall, swift water skills are valuable assets and tools that help ensure our first responders can protect residents and visitors.





CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA

Public Works

In the Works

The Manasota Key Mitigation Reef is well underway. The recent storm activity in the Gulf may have slowed things down but the rocks are still falling (being set) into place. Cayo, LLC has completed approximately 25% of required 3.9 acres.



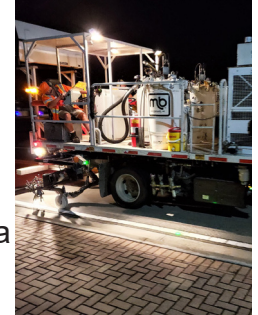
Did You Know

The Traffic Management Center has been experiencing communication failures to traffic signal controllers along the Kings Highway corridor. At a few locations, the communication failures were traced down to bad or broken splices. The photos show fiber optic splicing repairs being made.



Working Together

The Public Works Sign Shop Striping Crew was in action this morning doing work along W. Retta Esplanade and Airport Road/41 Access area in Punta Gorda. They are assisting the City with some of their striping needs so they can meet their year end goals!



Larvicide: **8,406.62 acres or 13 sq. miles - 100 treatments**
Adulticide: **310,138.15 acres or 484 sq. miles - 92 treatments**
(13 air, 79 Ground, 484 sq mile or 71% County)

Aquatics invoiced **\$65,198.10** to MSBUs, Mitigation Sites, CCU and Right of Way

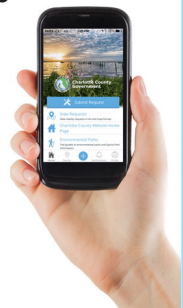
Charlotte County Application Requests
September 2020

Requests Received

280

Requests Completed

333



Key Performance Indicators

ACCOM. & TDT	TDT Collections (Prev Month)		Comp Set TDT (Prev Month Sarasota)		TDT FYTD Collections (Pacing)		Fiscal Year to Date 2.8% \$114,665
	Jul-19	\$235,647	Jul-19	\$1,753,072	Aug-19	\$4,061,885	
	Jul-20	\$339,761	Jul-20	\$1,710,621	Aug-20	\$4,176,550	
		44.2%		-2.4%		2.8%	
	TDT Collections (Current Month)		Comp Set TDT (Prev Month Lee)		STR Occupancy (Hotels)		
	Aug-19	\$177,090	Jul-19	\$2,814,052	Aug-19	49.30%	
	Aug-20	\$252,858	Jul-20	\$2,678,816	Aug-20	53.39%	
		42.8%		-4.8%		8.3%	

Sports Marketing | September 2020

Recent Events

ProStyle Baseball Home Run Derby Tournament

Centennial Park, Harold Ave. Park, South County Regional Park
Sept. 26-27, 2020

As occurred for both June ProStyle tournaments, the Home Run Derby Tournament exceeded expectations with 65 teams participating generating an estimated \$875,862 in total economic impact and approximately 777 hotel room nights.

Upcoming Events

Florida Half Century Softball Tournament

Carmalita Park
Oct. 10-11, 2020

Tournament typically attracts 25-35 teams approximately 777 hotel room nights.

ProStyle Tournaments "The Duel"

Centennial Park & South County Regional Park
Oct. 10-11, 2020
64 teams registered as of Oct. 6

USA BMX Sunshine State Nationals

Charlotte BMX Track @ Carmalita Park
Oct. 23-25, 2020



Projecting over 600 participants and approximately 2,000 family members

ProStyle Tournaments – Victory in Pink Tournament

Centennial Park & Charlotte Sports Park
Oct. 24-25, 2020
84 teams registered as of Oct. 6



Public Relations/Media | September 2020

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Outsider Guide was awarded second place during the annual Southeastern Outdoor Press Association Excellence in Craft Awards.

The VCB launched a new initiative allowing members of the Charlotte County tourism industry to "take over" our social media channels for one day. Log in information is not handed over to the partners but the VCB works with them to develop content for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and a blog post. This helps the participating partner gain more visibility through the VCB's reach. The first partner to participate was the Military Heritage



The VCB participated in the Let's Go There social media campaign which launched Sept. 8. Led by the U.S. Travel Association, the campaign's purpose is to inspire travel planning because recent polling indicates planning a trip makes people happier. The campaign's message is, when you're ready to travel, we'll be ready to welcome you back.



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Imagine a Day Without Water
October 21, 2020



#ValueWater

Oct. 21 is Imagine a Day Without Water, a nationwide day of education and advocacy about the value of water. Now until Oct. 21, we will be featuring water stories our employees shared with us on our [Facebook page](#).

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Did you grow up swimming or playing in the sprinklers? Do you like to fish or are you an avid kayaker? What is your relationship with water? Share YOUR WATER STORY!



IMPACTS



- **Loveland Grand Master Lift Station:** Loveland Blvd. from Midas Ct. and Old Landfill Rd. and Olean Boulevard from Swanee Road to Loveland Boulevard will be closed until Nov 20.

Additional Impacts:
[Emergency Utility Notices](#)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- **El Jobean Septic to Sewer Project:**

Construction of a wastewater system to service approximately 300 properties with sewer service.

For more, information:
ElJobeanProject.com



- **Myakka Booster Pump and El Jobean Vacuum Station:**

Construction of a new building for the Myakka Potable Water Booster Station and the El Jobean Vacuum Sewer Station. The booster station will increase potable water pressure to West County at the Myakka River and the vacuum station will provide sewer collection for the El Jobean Septic to Sewer Project.

- **Cape Haze Dr. Wastewater and Reclaimed Transmission System:**

This project is up-sizing the existing 6" sewer lines to 12" on Cape Haze Dr. and adding new 16" reclaimed lines for future customers.



- **Deep Creek Force Main Replacement:**

Construction of a larger force main to improve transmission capacity for the Deep Creek neighborhood. This project also includes pumping improvements at several lift stations along the project route.

OPERATIONS

- **Calls:** 6,221
- **Call Wait Time:** 1 mins 43 seconds
- **Total Customer Accounts:** 63,230
- **Sewer Connections:** 40,934
- **Water Connections:** 62,588

Charlotte County, FL App Requests

- **3 Misc.—Utilities Department**
- **3 Utilities Billing**
- **4 Utilities Department Service**
- 10 Total**

1,010 Facebook Page Likes

2019 Water Quality Reports:

<https://tinyurl.com/2019-CCR-PeaceRiver>
<https://tinyurl.com/2019-CCR-BurntStore>

Important Information:

Water shutoffs and late fees have been suspended due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The Customer Support Center is open by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 941-764-4300. Walk-in services other than the payment drop box will not be available.

Customers can still drop-off their payments in the various payment boxes, pay their utility bill using the convenient electronic bill or by phone at 941.764.4300.

[Payment Options](#)

To provide, safe, reliable drinking water, reclaimed water and wastewater service for the enrichment of the community.