

Monthly Report

June 2021



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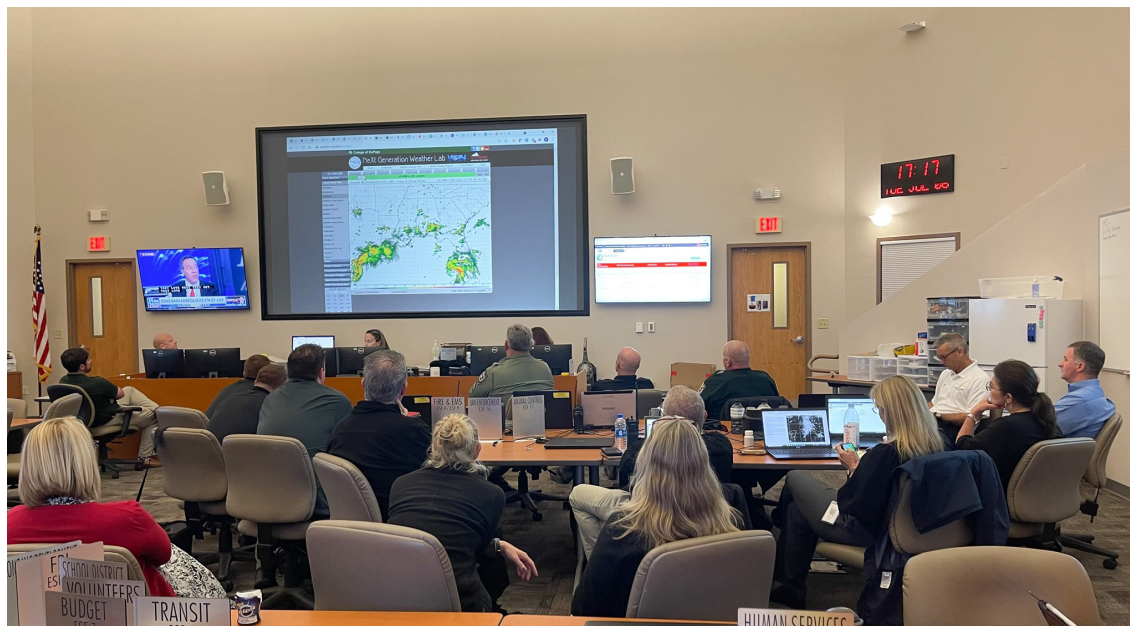
Elsa Tests Charlotte County's Readiness

Fortunately, Hurricane/Tropical Storm Elsa steered far enough west of the county that the impacts here were minimal. Some low-lying neighborhoods experienced some localized flooding and many swales will have some standing water (as they are designed to do to allow the stormwater to percolate into the ground rather than flow into waterways).

There were numerous road closures in Punta Gorda and FPL reported 700 power outages. Public Works crews cleared debris from roadways Wednesday morning and Utilities Department crews and contractors pumped sewer lines to prevent overflows resulting from stormwater infiltrating lines.

County offices and facilities reopened for regular business hours and operations on Wednesday.

On Tuesday night, the



Charlotte County staff and personnel from partner agencies attend a National Weather Service briefing about Hurricane Elsa July 6 at the Emergency Operation Center. Elsa produced gusts as high as 58 mph and more than 11 inches of rain in places.

peak wind gust reported was 58 mph at Tom Adams Bridge. A National Weather Service gauge in Port Charlotte indicated measures nearly 11 inches of rain. County gauges ranged from 2 inches to more than 6.5 inches.

Many thanks to the staff

who monitored conditions from the Emergency Operations Center Tuesday night and those who worked in the field and before and after the storm.

Our Joint Information Center kept the public informed about ongoing developments, including closures,

tornado and flooding threats and safety precautions via press releases, media interviews and social media.

This promises to be an active hurricane season. Stay informed to keep you and your family safe and protect your property.

CC-TV Premieres New Talk Show, 'Let's Talk Charlotte'

CC-TV, Charlotte County's government television channel, premiered its new talk show, "Let's Talk Charlotte" on Friday. The show on the county's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/CCTVcharlottecountyFL.

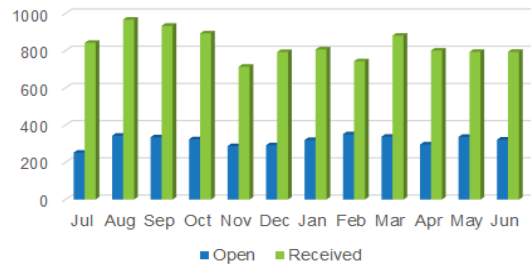
The premiere episode features Charlotte County Commissioner Ken Doherty discussing Charlotte County's history, including its creation 100 years ago, its growth in the mid-20th century, adoption of a Home Rule Charter in 1986 and subsequent charter amendments.



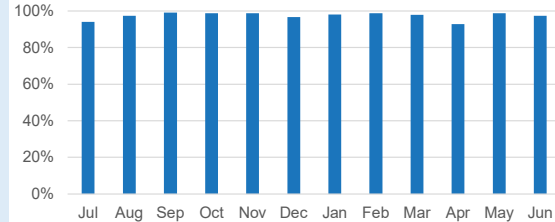
Charlotte County Commissioner Ken Doherty talks to CC-TV Program Manager Elizabeth Tracy in 'Let's Talk Charlotte.'

Information Technology

Service Tickets by Month

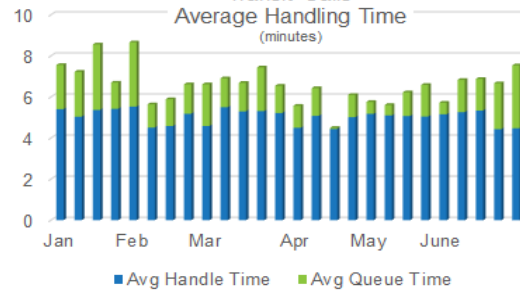


Customer Satisfaction
% Positive

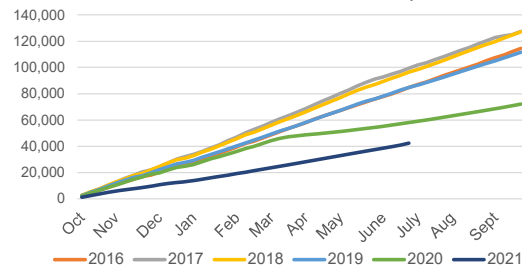


Transit

Transit Calls
Average Handling Time
(minutes)



Annual Cumulative Ridership



Director Highlights

Truth in Millage (TRIM)

Truth in Millage establishes the statutory requirements that all taxing authorities levying a millage must follow, including all notices and budget hearing requirements. The TRIM requirements also provide for maximum millage levies for counties, municipalities, and independent special districts. These requirements are prescribed by chapter 200 of the Florida Statutes.

The tentative millage for FY2022 will be set by the board at the July 20th Tentative Budget Presentation Workshop. The final millage may be adjusted down but not up and will be adopted in a series of Public Hearings with the board during September.

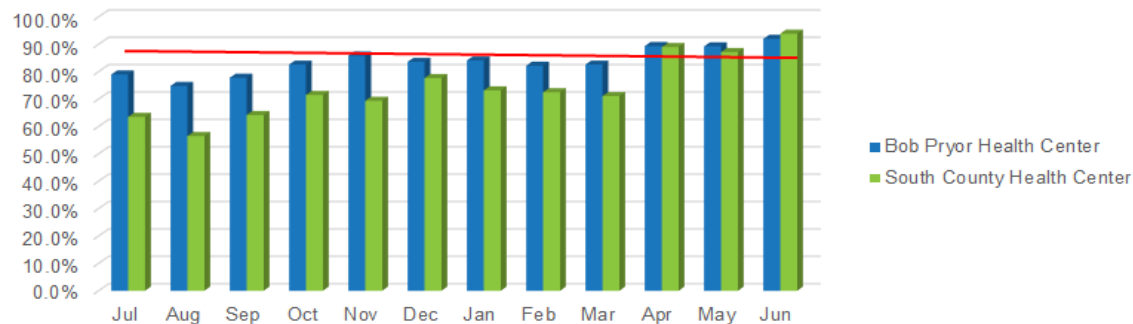
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Assessed Valuation



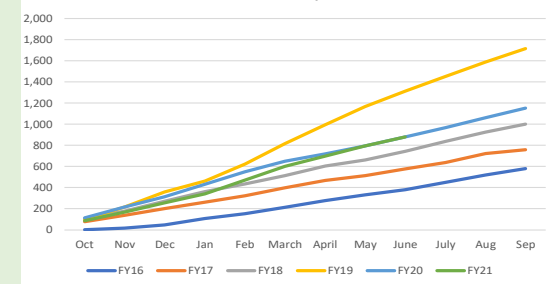
Health Center

Employee Health Center
Monthly Appointment Utilization Summary



Records Management

Record Requests



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

IN PLANNING

Piper Rd. Distribution Center 250,950 sq. ft. distribution center with associated infrastructure located at 9301 Piper Road, Punta Gorda.

Take 5 Oil Change Quick oil change building with associated infrastructure located at 19400 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte. (Final Phase at the Old Kmart shopping Center).

Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens Ticket booth and driveway extension associated with the ticket booth at the main entry of the project. Located at 5827 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda.

Village Marketplace 2,495 sq. ft restaurant with a drive thru and three 1,286 sq. ft. units of retail space located at 1799 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.

Dunkin Donuts and Heartland Dental Development 5605 S. McCall Road, Port Charlotte.

Assisted Living Facility Three stories, 140,805 SF total building area, located at 5272 Duncan Road, Punta Gorda.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Starbucks 2,500 sq. ft. building with associated parking and drive thru lane located at 2901 S. McCall Road, Englewood.



BJ's Wholesale 103,120 sq. ft. retail building with associated infrastructure located at 19150 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte.

Charlotte Commons Apartments Apartment complex with 264 units, and clubhouse at 24150 Beatrix Blvd., Port Charlotte.



Gas station Gas station and convenience store, with drive thru restaurant, stand-alone automated car wash at 19100 Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte.



COMPLETED!!

Port Charlotte Storage Four self-storage buildings, parking, and infrastructure located at 23950 Veterans Blvd., Port Charlotte.



San Casa Storage 11 unit Storage Facility located at 7030 San Casa Blvd., Englewood.

PROJECTS' SPOTLIGHT

Babcock Update

- 1,400 Single Family permits submitted since August 2016
- 972 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.
- Homes currently under construction, first family has moved in!
- Arredondo Pointe/Lost Lagoon Development which includes a mixture of retail, entertainment, water park, and hotel uses.

Total Single Family Permits Issued: 351
Single Family Permits Issued—Babcock: 54

Total Single Family Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 158
Single Family Certificate of Occupancy Issued—Babcock: 25

Total Permits Issued for the month: 3,440

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

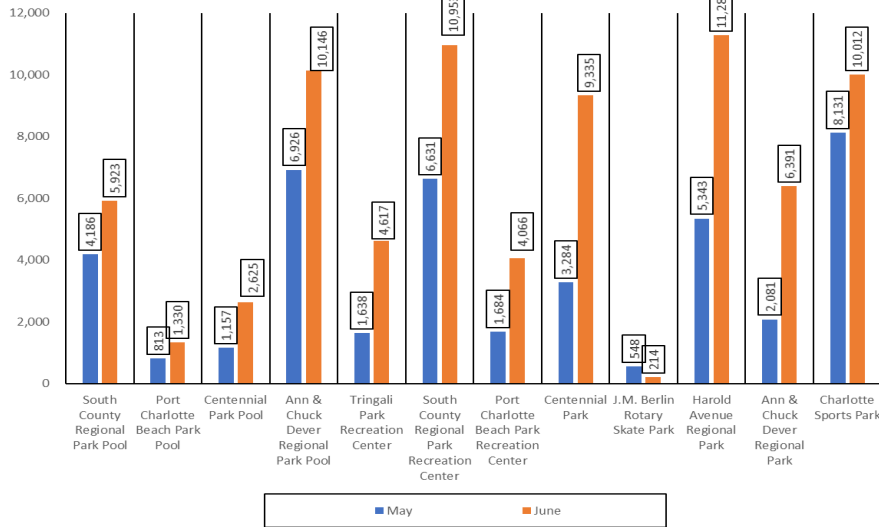
Total Permits Issued FY20-21: 26,315
(Fiscal Year Oct. 2020—Sept. 2021)

PERMITTING SNAPSHOT

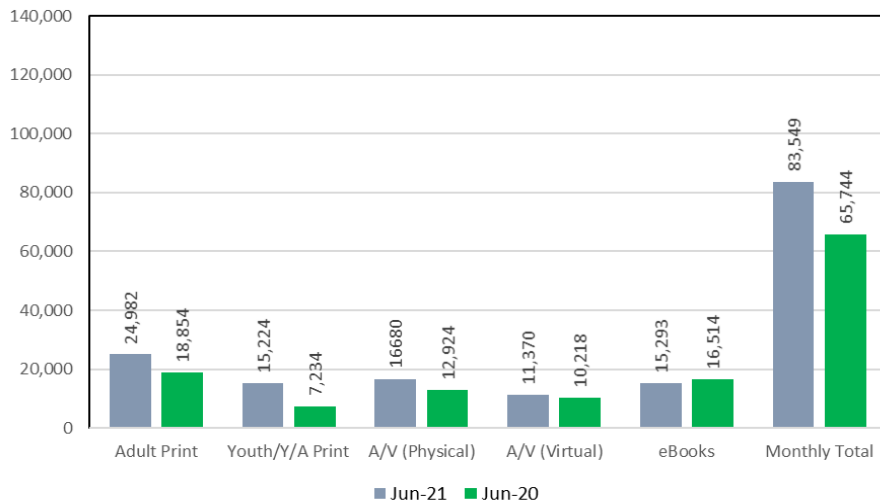


CHARLOTTE COUNTY
Community Development

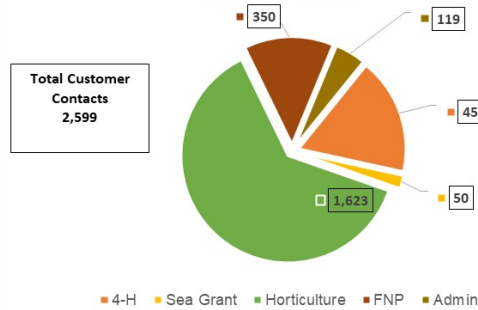
Recreation Centers and Aquatic Facilities Attendance



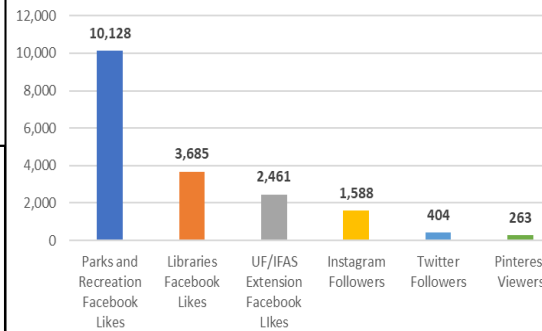
2020 - 2021 Circulation Comparison



UF/IFAS Extension Service Customer Contacts



Social Media Impact



Coastal Management

Abandoned/Derelict Vessels Program

- 3 Removed
- 2 ready for removal
- 1 cited by law enforcement
- 1 open case

Coastal Lighting

- 24 Permit Reviews, 2 inspections
- 6 violations on Boca Grande
- 18 violations on Little Gasparilla Island

Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance

- 290 Youth Leagues and Adult Softball practices
- 1 Tournaments/5 fields
- 5,866 Trash bags collected
- 957 Recycling bags collected

Land Management

- 87.6 Miles trails maintained
 - 18 acres treatment
- ## Project Management
- 49 Projects /\$2,981,304

Sea Turtles

14 Green
784 Loggerhead

Shorebirds/Seabirds

Adult High Count

Least Tern – 378
Snowy Plover – 4
American Oystercatcher – 11
Black Skimmer – 186
Wilsons Plover - 11

Nest High Count

Least Tern – 98
Snowy Plover – 2
Black Skimmer - 39

Chick High Count

Least Tern – 51
Black Skimmer – 11
Wilsons Plover - 2

June 2021

Aviation Campaign promoting Charlotte Technical College's A&P Aviation Mechanic Program



Charlotte County, Florida Economic Development ✓

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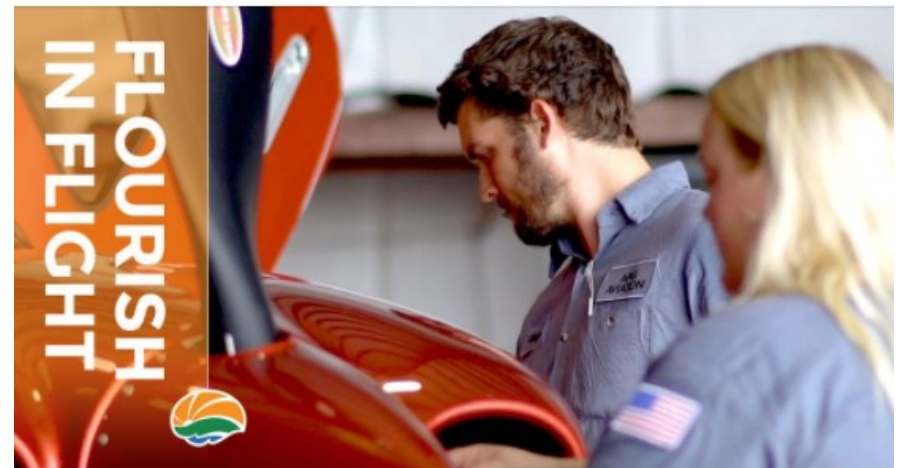
With the \$18 million PGD AviEx expansion, plus exponential growth in passenger air service, [Punta Gorda Airport](#) in Charlotte County, FL is taking flight and lifting aviation opportunities. The runway-adjacent area of AviEx will provide a new hub for aviation activities, with a new GA Center and 34 hangars. The Airport's 3 lighted runways accommodate larger corporate jets, while [Allegiant](#) passenger flights have expanded from 129,025 in 2009 to over 1.6 million in 2019. The Airport is taking flight—so is your opportunity. See www.cleared4takeoff.com/comeseeoryourself. #ComeSeeForYourself #CharlotteCountyFL



Charlotte County, Florida Economic Development ✓

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In Charlotte County, FL, your aviation enterprise will flourish in a hub location where nearly 150 aviation companies are thriving within a 50-mile radius. Come take flight with a workforce of 585,000 and a talent pipeline that includes state-of-the-art training by Charlotte Technical College's A&P Aviation Mechanic program, located at the fast-growing [Punta Gorda Airport](#). Ample acreage, abundant cost advantages that nurture your bottom line. Start your flourishing future now. Visit www.cleared4takeoff.com/comeseeoryourself. #ComeSeeForYourself #CharlotteCountyFL



The Economic Development Office launched a marketing campaign in May targeting aviation companies that may want to expand or relocate to Charlotte County. The campaign has focused on the expansion at Punta Gorda Airport's runway-adjacent AviEx. The expansion of the airport is a prime opportunity for aviation businesses. In August Charlotte Technical College will launch their Aeroframe and Powerplant Aviation Mechanics Program to train the next generation of workforce for aviation businesses. 100 students will start the A&P certification program this August. Charlotte Technical will host a Grand Reveal of the program in September. Check out all of the posts and videos on our social media pages.

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Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Justice Center Renovation Project Construction Award

June 2021

The Justice Center Renovation project received an award submitted by Ajax Building Company during the 2021 Annual ABC Florida Gulf Coast Excellence in Construction event, which was presented at the June 22nd Board meeting. This \$20 million complex project involved remodeling and relocation of the various stakeholders within the building, providing two new courtrooms, new jury services space, new records center, and new supplemental generator; while creating enhanced security improvements, both interior and exterior. Construction was completed in twelve phases over three years, all within a fully operational, occupied, and secured building. Design began in 2016, and was performed by Sweet Sparkman Architects with the DLR Group, led by the County's Project Manager, Jenny Buccieri.



Forward Progress

- ◆ Interior painting and carpet installation is underway at the Public Safety Bldg.
- ◆ A Request for Bid (RFB) was submitted to Purchasing to add an emergency generator at the Harold Avenue Recreation Center.
- ◆ Flooring and painting are completed at Port Charlotte Library. Once the shelving and circulation desk is installed, books will be re-shelved, stairway handrails installed, and post-construction cleanup completed.



Recent Accomplishments

- ◆ Family Services Center Phase 2 rankings for the design Request for Proposal (RFP) were approved by the Board in June. Negotiations are underway with the top ranked firm, Fawley Bryant Architecture. The Construction Manager at Risk RFP was advertised, with proposal packages and shortlisting scheduled in July.
- ◆ Progress on the Transit Facility includes completion of the masonry block work, installation of the structural steel, cross-members, and metal roof trusses. Concrete storm water structures and pipes were also delivered.
- ◆ Justice Center restrooms remodel was completed under the FY21 Capital Maintenance Plan, the project scope replaced toilet partitions and accessories in the public restrooms on all floors.



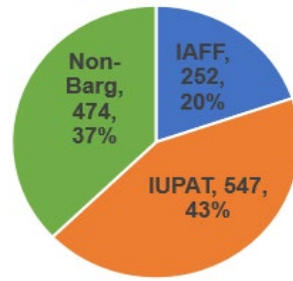
Notable Happenings

- ◆ Family Services Center Phase I construction is complete. IT equipment and furniture are scheduled for installation. Substantial completion and training will take place next month with turnover for operation scheduled for mid-August.
- ◆ The Board approved the design contract amendment for the Harold Avenue Wind Retrofit project to include building envelope structural analysis.
- ◆ Charlotte County Sheriff Administration Support design submittals are being reviewed with the shortlisting scheduled in July. Request for Proposal was drafted and submitted to Purchasing for the Construction Manager at Risk.

Human Resources

Workforce

Employee Count 1,273
Avg Age 46
Avg Hourly Rate \$23.78
Avg Years of Service 8.55



| Retention of New Hires | June | YTD |
|------------------------|------|-------|
| % completing probation | 80% | 86.2% |

Succession Planning

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Ee's in FRS DROP the next 5 years | 3.0% |
| % of Workforce Retired this FY | 1.9% |

Separations

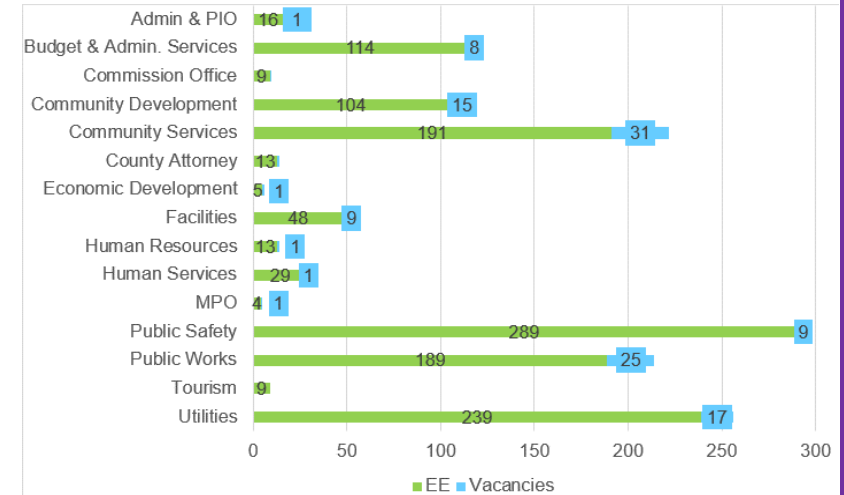
| | June | YTD |
|-------------|------|------|
| Turnover | 1.2% | 9.3% |
| Separations | 15 | 118 |



Training & Development

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| Training | 97 Ee's | 25 hrs | 2,425 contact hrs |
| % using Tuition Reimbursement | | | 1% |

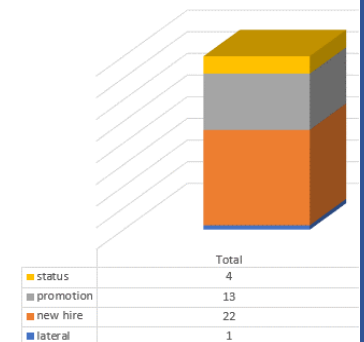
Employees vs Vacancies



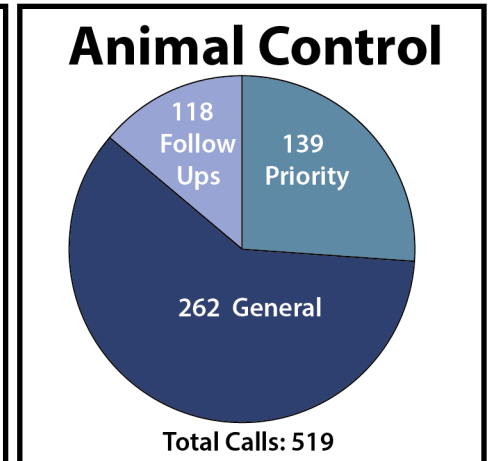
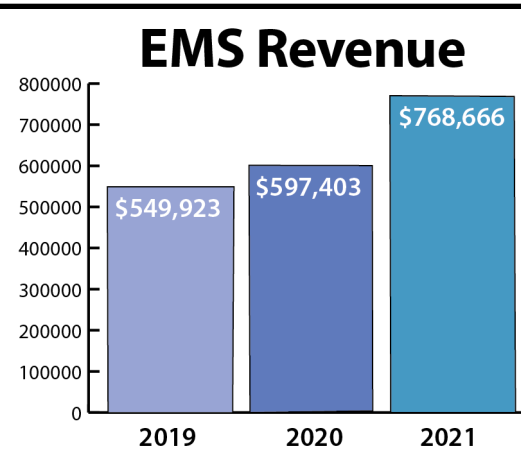
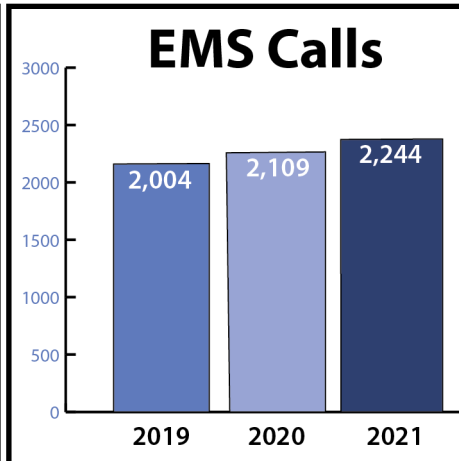
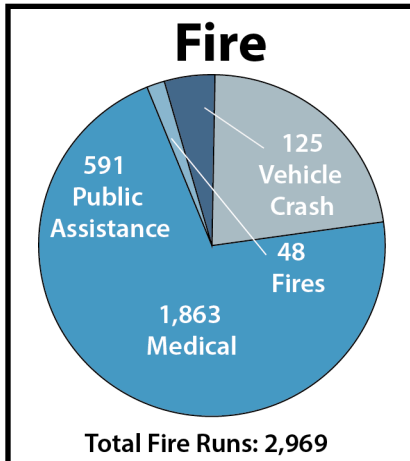
Total Vacancies: 120

Recruitment

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|--------------------|--------|
| Applications Taken | 523 |
| Job Posting Hits | 23,974 |
| New Hires | 22 |
| Recruited Pos FT | 40 |
| Posted PT/Sea | 10 |



Public Safety



Hurricane Season

June is the official beginning of hurricane season which runs through November. With the start of hurricane season comes the messaging to be prepared. By the beginning of June each year, the Emergency Management team hopes you have taken the time to go through your home emergency plan. We want you to hit June ready for any emergency Mother Nature may throw our way, and if you do not have your emergency plan and kits in place, what are you waiting for?

If we have done our job right then by the time June rolls around, you have heard us say you should "Know Your Zone." It means you should know in which evacuation zone your home is located. It's important because we want you to evacuate if directed by Emergency Management. Often, with a hurricane, the big concern is flooding associated with storm surge. Since most of our county population is near the water,

a storm surge can be deadly.

If asked to evacuate, know where you will go. Shelters should be a last resort. Better options are friends or family or hotel rooms located outside of the affected area.

Next, you should have your emergency kit in place with enough supplies for seven days. Ensure you have the essentials like food, water, flashlights, batteries, and extra medications. Don't forget to include supplies for any pets.

Just like we ask you to do, at Public Safety, we also plan and test our plans. This month, we had public works and community services employees who are part of our shelter teams practice moving and staging our shelter supplies. Shelter supplies are palletized or loaded into boxes so staff can transfer the supplies to the shelter ahead of a storm. If the decision is made to open a shelter, staff can unpack the boxes and set them up.

We always hope our emergency plans and kits are not necessary, but having them in place is essential in Southwest Florida.



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Public Works

In the Works

As of March 29th, the FY21 Paving Program officially started paving in the North West Port Charlotte MSBU (Phase 4). Approximately 18,400 tons of asphalt has been paved in this phase. Paving will continue into the Greater Port Charlotte MSBU during the month of June.



Did You Know

The Mosquito Control has been working diligently to reduce an influx of salt marsh mosquitoes. These mosquitoes lay their eggs in the exposed soil of the marsh that is dry and remain dormant until the first high tide or heavy rain event occurs. As soon as the eggs are flooded, they immediately hatch into the larval stage and quickly progress to flying adults in as little as a week. When conditions are perfect for them, hundreds of thousands of dormant eggs can hatch.



Working Together

Waste and Recycling Worker's week was the week of June 17. We would like to recognize the dedicated efforts of the men and women who keep our communities clean!

Here in Charlotte County, our Solid Waste division is a diverse group that oversees the landfill, transfer and recycling facilities, illegal dumping operations, and Keep Charlotte Beautiful!



Larvicide: 057.6 acres or 0.09 sq. miles - 10 treatments
Adulticide: 239,958.8 acres or 375 sq. miles - 87 treatments

Aquatics invoiced \$ 46,359.17 to MSBUs, Mitigation Sites, CCU, Right of Way, and Parks.

Charlotte County Application Requests
June 2021

Requests Received

354

Requests Completed

313



Key Performance Indicators

Tourist Development Tax Collections TDT (Current Month)

| | | |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| May-20 | \$158,981 | |
| May-21 | \$468,992 | ↑ 195.0% |

Tourist Development Tax Collections TDT (Prev Month)

| | | |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| Apr-20 | \$94,631 | |
| Apr-21 | \$580,592 | ↑ 513.5% |

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Website Traffic

Users: 33,779

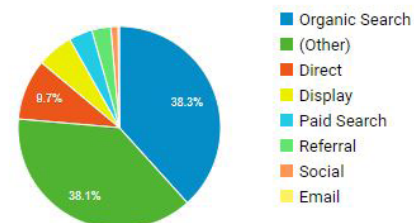
Pageviews: 75,542

Top Origin Markets:
FL, OH, IL, MA, PA, IN, NY, MI, WI, GA

New vs. Returning Visitors: 83% vs. 17%

Digital Channel Breakdown

Digital Channel Breakdown: June 1 – 30, 2021



Sports June 2021

Recent Events

US Amateur Basketball - Boys & Girls State Championship

County Gymnasiums//June 4-6, 2021

Hosted the US Amateur State Championship with over 1200 2nd grade through 12th grade boys and girls at the county gymnasiums and regional high schools. Being a summer event and families making it a vacation, it created approximately 1725 room nights for our local accommodations partners. Participants traveled from all over Florida looking to crown their team as the State champion in their respective age group.

USSSA Prostyle Baseball – Charlotte Crown

County Baseball Fields//June 12-13, 2021

Prostyle's Charlotte Crown took place the second week of June with 732 athletes utilizing the county baseball fields. This annual summer sizzler is one of their premier events crowning Charlotte's best.



USSSA Prostyle Baseball- Independence Battle

Centennial Park & South County Regional Park//June 26-27, 2021

Prostyle's Independence Battle featured the top teams invited throughout the region and south Florida. 504 athletes participated with some teams traveling from Miami and West Palm Beach creating over 300 hotel room nights for the area.



Sports Corner

We received reports this month showing the impact of our press release for last month's USA BMX Florida State Qualifier Series. Our analytics showed that our press release fueled some great local, regional, and state coverage and media exposure. NBC and ABC affiliates even conducted on site interviews with Amanda Carr, President of Charlotte BMX and past Olympian, a racer on Team Charlotte BMX and our Sports Development Director. The interviews showcased the family event, the importance of having a BMX track in your community and the benefit to our hospitality industry partners.

Fun Facts:

- Nearly 180 million people traveled to a sports event in the U.S. in 2019 either as a participant or spectator which generated 69 million room nights.
- Sports travelers, event organizers, and venues spent \$45.1 billion in 2019, which generated \$103.3 billion in business sales when including indirect and induced impacts.
- A total of 739,386 jobs were sustained by sports tourism in 2019. This includes 410,762 direct and 328,624 indirect and induced jobs.

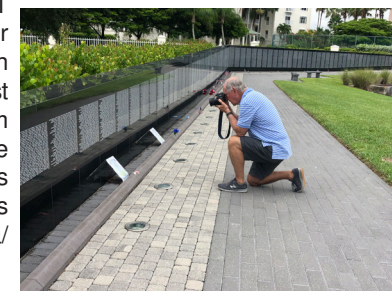
Public Relations/Media June 2021

A total of 24 media placements were secured. These placements had a reach of almost 3 million and a media ad value of approximately \$30K.

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The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau together with the support of VISIT FLORIDA, hosted travel writer Fred Mays of Travel Awaits on June 17-20 in both East and West Charlotte County. Coverage from this hosted media experience will feature things to do, places to stay, and local "insider" sports for visitors to see in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach.





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



HOW TO BE STORM-READY WITH WATER AND SEWER

- **Hurricane Season 2021:**
It is essential to prepare for a hurricane, especially regarding your water and sewer. Our hurricane preparedness flyer provides a check list of tasks and supplies.
[Hurricane Preparedness: Utilities](#)

IMPACTS

- **Loveland Grand Master Lift Station:**
Loveland Boulevard from Midas Court to Wickens Avenue will be closed until Aug. 6.
- **Deep Creek Sewer Force Main Replacement:**
Road and lane closures will occur along Rampart Boulevard and Rio De Janeiro Avenue. Rio De Janeiro Avenue south at Rampart Boulevard will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13.
Additional Impacts:
[Emergency Utility Notices](#)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- **Ackerman Septic to Sewer Project:**
Construction of a wastewater system to service approximately 2,135 properties with sewer service. Zones 1, 2 and the vacuum station. Crews have started on the water main replacement along Ackerman Avenue. Surveyors are working in the area of Ohara Drive, Midway Boulevard and surrounding streets.
For project information:
AckermanProject.com
- **Deep Creek Sewer Force Main Replacement:**
Construction of a larger sewer 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.
[Project Map](#)
- **El Jobean Septic to Sewer Project:**
Construction of a wastewater system to service approximately 300 properties with sewer service. On-site sewer connections to the vacuum sewer system is on schedule to start within the upcoming months for Zones 1 & 2.
For project information:
ElJobeanProject.com
- **Lift Station #2 Replacement:**
Construction of the replacement of Lift Station #2. Work also includes replacements of the 6" sewer force main and the 8" water main along Conway Boulevard.

OPERATIONS

- **Calls:** 6,979
- **Call Wait Time:** 28 seconds
- **Total Customer Accounts:** 64,595
- **Sewer Connections:** 41,858
- **Water Connections:** 63,951

Charlotte County, FL App Requests

- **29 Misc.—Utilities Department**
 - **3 Utilities Billing**
 - **1 Utilities Department Service**
- 33 Total**

1,111 Facebook Page Likes

2020 Water Quality Reports:

<https://tinyurl.com/2020-CCR-PeaceRiver>
<https://tinyurl.com/2020-CCR-BurntStore>

Important Information:

Water shutoffs and late fees will resume on July 6, 2021. Customers will previously past due bills will be automatically enrolled in a payment plan.

Customer Support is available at 941.764.4300 or CCUSupport@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

[Payment Options](#)

