



Monthly Report

June 2023

Truex installed as new FAC board president

Charlotte County Commission Chairman Bill Truex was installed as 2023-24 president of the Florida Association of Counties board of directors June 29.

Truex has served on FAC's Executive Committee since 2020, progressing from the position of second vice president. In addition to his service on the executive committee, Truex has been active in the association on numerous committees, including Health, Safety and Justice, Select Committee on Preemption, Finance and Audit, Federal, and Water. He has also been chosen by his peers to serve on the board of directors since 2016. In his induction speech, Truex emphasized the importance of public service and called on his fellow commissioners for guidance on issues of importance to their communities.



All About Florida

hold us strong — our economic stability, our environmental responsibility, and the welfare of our people. As your president, I promise you, I will listen and heed your concerns, your hopes, and your ambitions for your counties. “

“Commissioner Truex is the epitome of a public servant,” said FAC Executive Director Ginger

“It is a privilege and a profound honor to serve as the president of the Florida Association of Counties,” Truex said. “In our collective endeavor to create a vibrant and inclusive Florida, it’s imperative that we prioritize the very foundations that



Delegal. “His achievements at FAC speak to the dedication he has to his constituents, and I am looking forward to his continued success at the association.”

Call for Entries for The Nature of Charlotte Calendar

Calling all photographers! To highlight Charlotte County’s beautiful natural environment, the theme of our 2024 county calendar will be “The Nature of Charlotte.”

Submit your photos featuring Charlotte County beaches, waterways, nature preserves, trails and wildlife. It’s free and easy to enter. Email photos to: Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

- Use the subject line: Calendar
- Include your contact information and the subject of your photo
- Photos must be horizontal and 11 inches by 8.5 inches

- Deadline for entries is Sept. 1, 2023

We’ll select 15 photos to be featured in the 2024 The Nature of Charlotte calendar. Winners will be notified by phone or email. Calendars will be available to the public in November at county facilities to be announced.

By submitting a picture, all entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, non-exclusive license to the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, to reproduce, distribute and display said works of the submission (along with a name credit) without monetary compensation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?



PERMITTING STAGE



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



COMPLETED!!



Avery Port Charlotte

1441 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
Redevelopment of Macy's site into 250 apartment units with a pool and other amenities.

Home Depot

12621 S McCall Rd, Port Charlotte
4,135 SF building addition and outdoor display area at existing West County Home Depot site,

Rick Johnson Auto and Tire

5520 Duncan Rd., Punta Gorda
7,040 SF 8-bay tire and auto service building

Elliano's Coffee

19637 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte
800 Sq. Ft. drive through coffee shop.

Del Taco & Buffalo Wild Wings

1490 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
2,370 SF Del Taco & 1,145 SF Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant and drive-thru.

7-Brew

4265 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
540 sq. ft. drive through coffee shop.

Mazda Car Dealership

798 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
Car dealership with wash and service bays to be constructed in two phases.



Manzhura Bro.'s Coffee House

844 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
800 sq. ft. drive through coffee shop.

McAlister's Deli
19570 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte
4,600 sq. ft. restaurant with drive-thru.



Starbucks

18501 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte
2,500 sq. ft. Starbucks with double drive-thru lanes.

Elegance Plaza
14520 Chancellor Blvd., Port Charlotte
1-story 15,300 square foot shopping plaza.



Free-standing Emergency Room

150 Tamiami Trail Port Charlotte
11,000 sq. ft. free-standing emergency room.



PROJECTS' SPOTLIGHT

Babcock Update

- Certificates of Occupancy issued since August 2016: 1,984
- Single Family Permits Issued June: 109

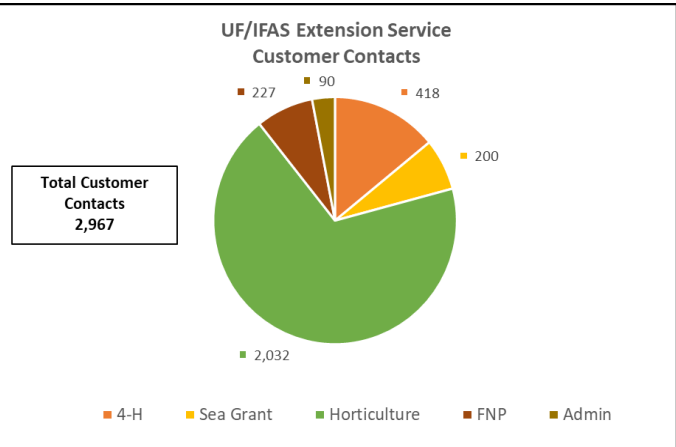
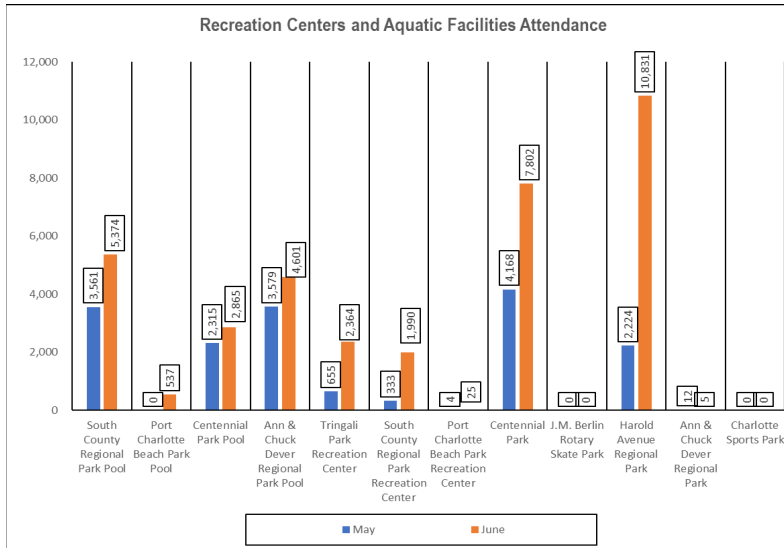
West Port Update

- Single Family Certificates of Occupancy Issued since April 2021: 332
- Single Family Permits Issued June: 32



June Permitting:
Total Single Family Permits Issued: 331
Single Family Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 257
Total Permits Taken In May: 5,810
Total Permits Taken in June: 6,396
Total Permits Issued for June: 6,707
Total Permits Issued FY21-22: 41,319
(Fiscal Year Oct. 2021—Sept. 2022)
Total Permits Issued FY22-23: 67,232
(Fiscal Year Oct. 2022—Sept. 2023)

PERMITTING SNAPSHOT

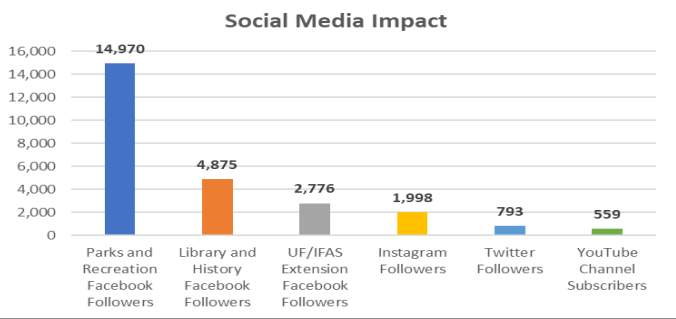
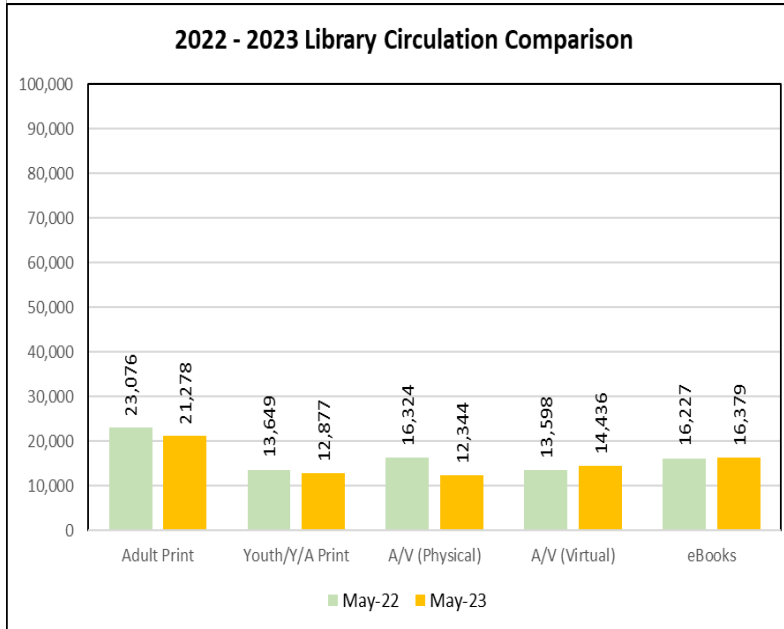


Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance

- 229 youth leagues and adult softball practices
- 1 tournament, 3 fields
- 4,749 trash bags collected
- 674 recycling bags collected

Land Management

- 160 miles maintained
- 14.5 exotics/invasives acres treated
- 2 acres habitat mulched
- 18 truckloads of Hurricane Ian debris removed from Oyster Creek Environmental Park
- Staff assisted release of redfish at Tippecanoe Environmental Park



Natural Resources

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| <p>Abandoned/Derelict Vessels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 175 Open Cases • 9 Removed • 4 Relocated • 14 Ready for removal • 0 Pending | <p>Coastal Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 Permit Reviews • 13 Inspections |
| <p>Adult Shorebird/Seabirds
5 shore birds 27 sea birds</p> | <p>Sea Turtles
o 629 Nests</p> <p>Eagles Nests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Nests • 17 fledged |

Project Management

- Projects Completed - 6
- Projects - not started - 12
- Projects - In progress - 48
- Total projects - 66
- Total – \$ 5,867,681

SUFFOLK CONSTRUCTION NEARS FINISH LINE OF BUILDING SUNSEEKER RESORT

The 785-room Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor is nearing the end of construction, with the last of six cranes on-site scheduled to be removed July 10.

Guest reservations are being accepted for stays beginning Oct. 16. Pete Tuffo, president of the Gulf Coast region for Suffolk Construction and president of the company's national gaming and hospitality division, said about 800 construction workers have been on-site, at least six days a week, for most of the duration of the project. That continues now as construction heads toward the finish line.

The buildings measure a combined 1.4 million square feet, with 60,000 square feet of convention space. There are 20 restaurants on-site. From end to end, it measures about half a mile and is all packed between the harbor and U.S. 41.

[Read more at Gulfshore Business.](#)

[Sunseeker is hiring now!](#) [Click here to see available positions.](#)

PORT CHARLOTTE GETTING A 'DOWNTOWN' PARKSIDE VILLAGE TO CONTAIN HOTEL, APARTMENTS, SHOPS, OFFICES



Developer's rendering of Parkside Village

Charlotte County commissioners approved a zoning change which paves the way for Parkside Village – Port Charlotte's new "downtown."

Development firm JLI PC, LLC can now proceed with plans to transform the Promenades Mall site at 3280 Tamiami Trail, into a small city containing 791 apartments, 600 hotel rooms and 500,000 square feet of commercial uses.

"Promenades Mall back in the 1970s was the center of town," said Robert Berntsson, an attorney with the Big W Law Firm, who represents the developers.

"Sears was there for those of you who remember, a movie theater, a couple of local bars," he told Charlotte County Commissioners on Tuesday. "That's where you were seen in Port Charlotte in the late 70s in evenings and on weekends." [Read more here.](#)

SEAGATE DEVELOPMENT GROUP ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF 9 ACRE COMPLEX FOR ABC SUPPLY, INC IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Seagate Development Group's Commercial Division has announced their completion of phases one and two for American Builders and Contractors Supply Co, Inc. – completing and turning the project over to the high-profile company. ABC Supply is the nation's largest wholesale distributor of roofing supplies and one of the largest of siding, windows and other select exterior and interior building products, tools and related supplies.

Phase one, the spacious 60,000-plus sq-ft warehouse at 7000 Commerce Parkway at Airport Drive near the Punta Gorda Airport was completed and turned over two months ago. Besides warehouse space, the structure includes over 6,000 sq-ft of office space, a large customer product showroom, and customer sales and distribution center. The six-acre development also features a high-security fenced outdoor yard. [Read more here.](#)



June 2023



The **Charlotte County Jail's** Cooling Tower and Chiller replacement project was completed in June. The chiller

and cooling tower reached life expectancy and were replaced with USA-made equipment that exceeds Charlotte County's energy efficiency standards. The project included installation of a 280-ton TRANE centrifugal chiller, a color-coded plumbing system, and cooling towers. The floor was also refinished throughout the chiller plant. A structural concrete pier arrangement was designed and constructed to support



the new assembly. Installation of a Marley stainless steel two cell crossflow cooling tower, platforms, and ladders are being added to the tower for the safety of our HVAC technicians and contractors.



◆ **Public Works Yard**– progress continues with installation of all underground electrical conduit, stormwater pipes and control structures.



Installation of the concrete wall placement was completed, and grading for the driveway sub-base started. The project is located at 18181 Sinatra Ave, Port Charlotte and the estimated completion date is September 5.

◆ **Babcock Ranch Fire Station 9**–



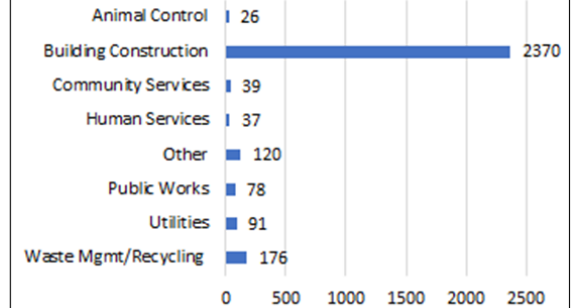
columns for the truck bay of the new Fire Station 9 were poured and the stem walls erected.

Underground electrical work and plumbing for the foundation are being installed. This project is being constructed under a joint agreement with Kitson Partners of Babcock Ranch. Construction is expected to take 12 months at a cost of \$3.5 million to Charlotte County.

◆ The pergola destroyed by Hurricane Ian was reconstructed at the **Eastport Community Garden**.

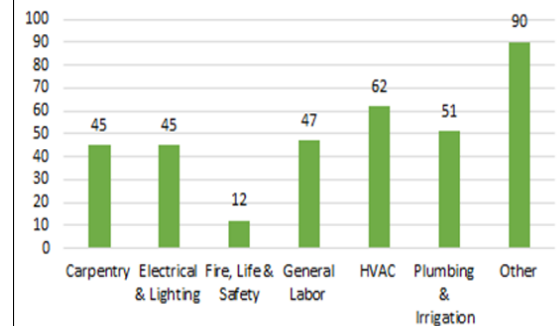


FY23 Switchboard Calls- June

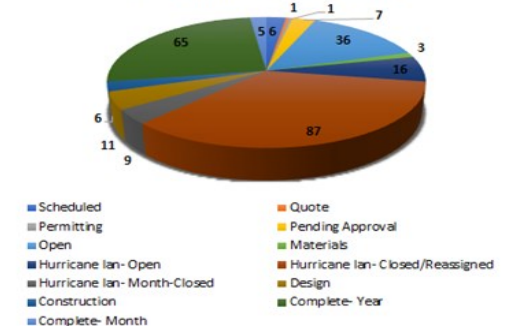


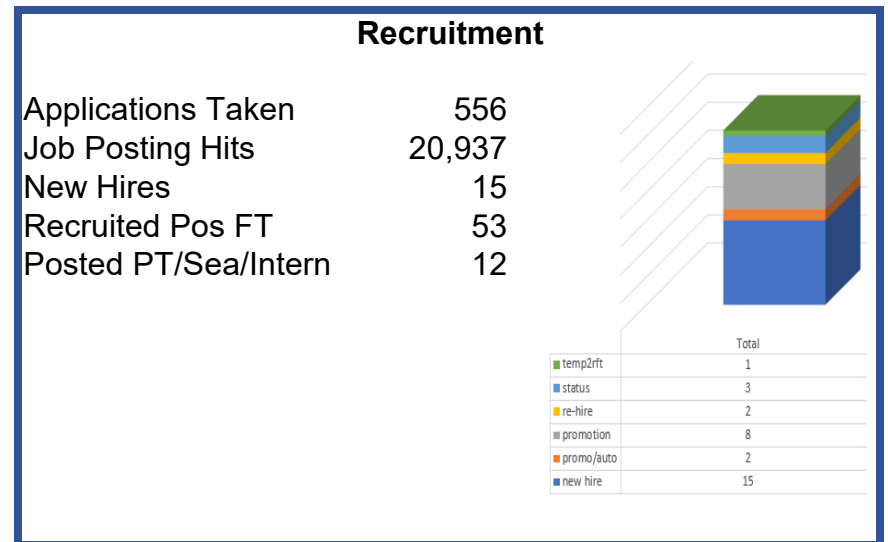
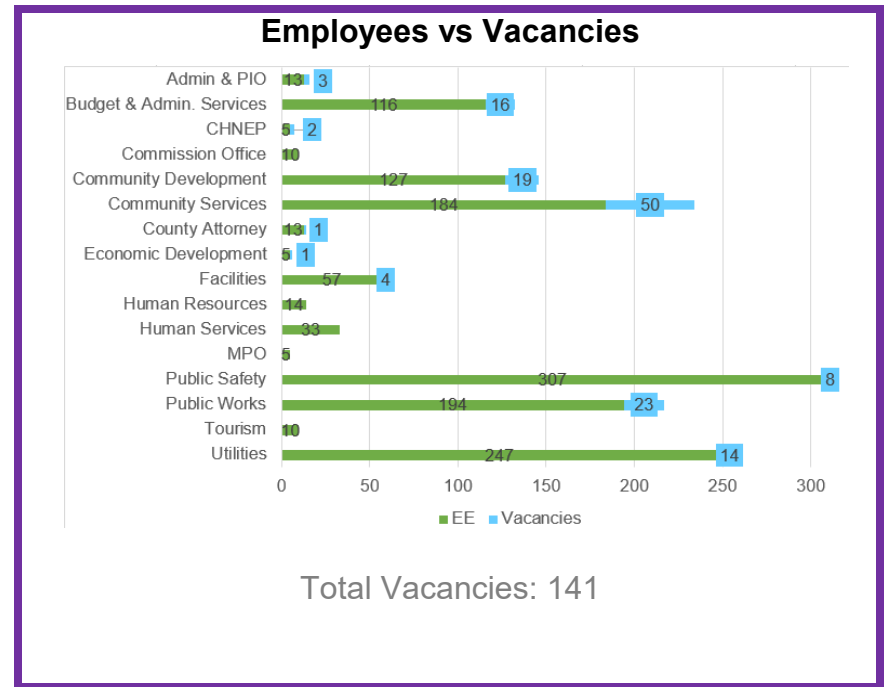
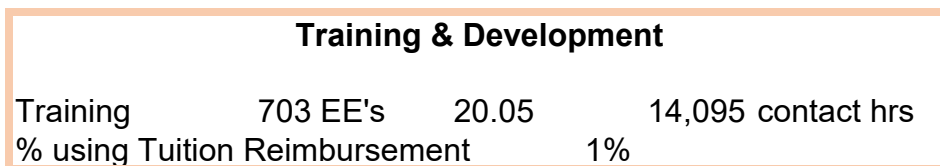
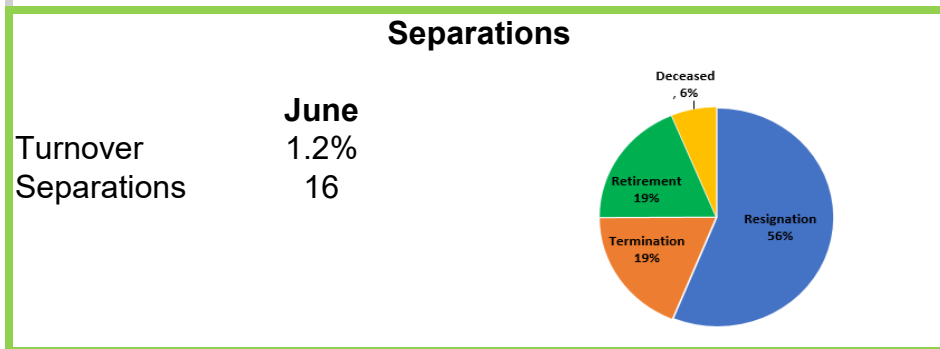
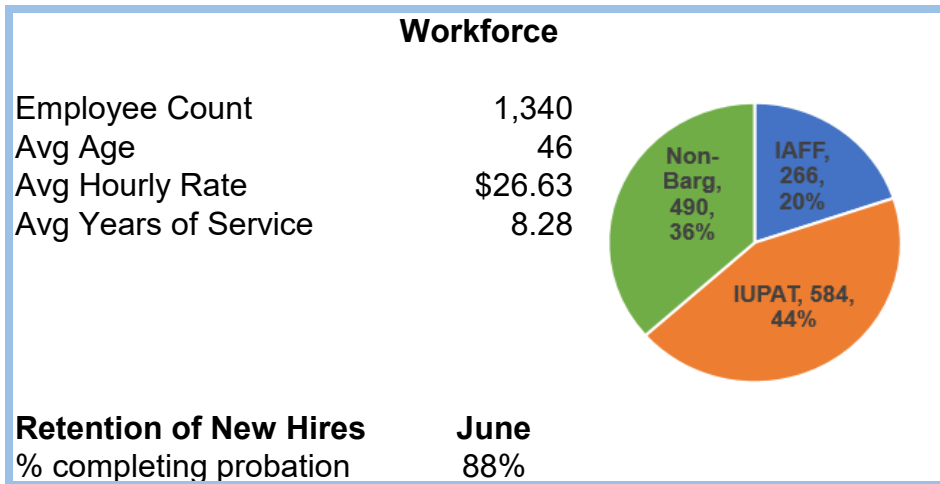
FY23 Work Orders Created- June

(excluding Jail)



FY23 Small Projects-June





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Total Clients Served June 2023

Aging & Adult Services

We thank case manager Danny White for his 29 years of dedication and service to our Charlotte County Human Services Department and we wish him a happy and well deserved retirement.

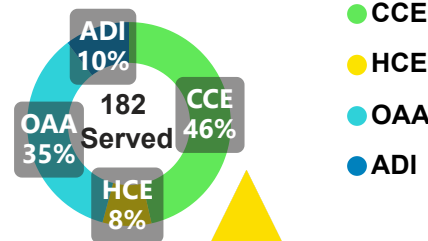


This month we received three NACo 2023 awards for Our Family Services Center Lunch and Learn program, our partners annual outcomes reporting process and, our FSC tour one-take video.



Case Management

● Completed/Closed/Ter... ● In process/ Res... ● New Cases



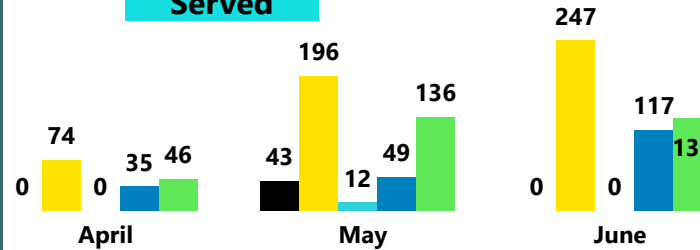
Case manager Teeara Courrejolles Rockstar of the month for her exceptional skills and passion throughout her training and work with her new clients.



Intake Services



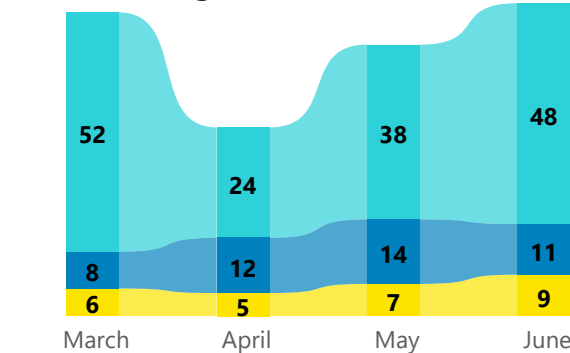
Our Intake coordinator Linda Bunnell receives an Exceptional Service Award for her exceptional service and efforts representing our Human Services Department at an outreach event.



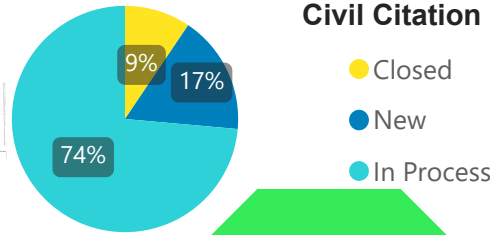
- Energy Assistance-In Progress
- Energy Assistance-Completed
- Water Assistance-In Progress
- Water Assistance-Completed
- Fastrack Applications

Neighborhood Services

● Completed/Closed/Ter... ● In process/ Research ● New Case:



The daily Sun published an article giving Kudos to our director Carrie Walsh and senior manager Colleen Turner along side Commissioner Tiseo and the affordable housing committee for their amazing work on the Jacaranda Place project.



Veteran Services

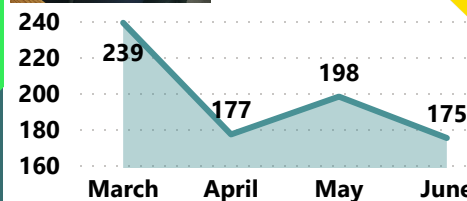


Welcome our new Veteran Services Officer Nick Cook!

Veteran Services Officer Ezequiel Tirado receives Rockstar of the Month Award for his exceptional service even off duty, he identifies and recruits clients showing passion and dedication and county values C.A.R.E.S.



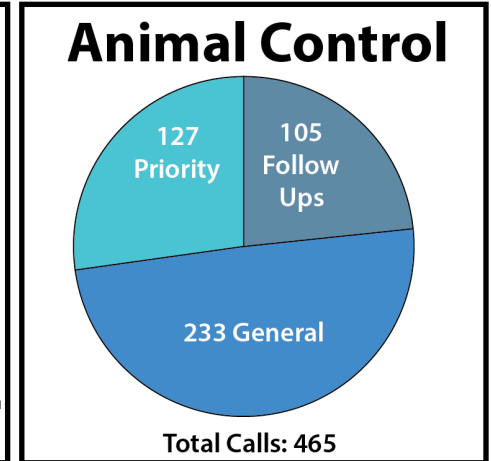
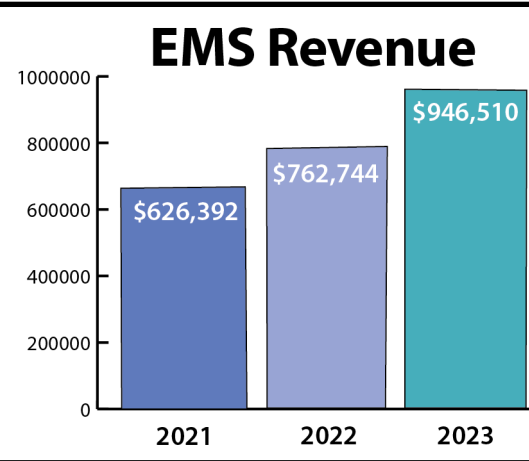
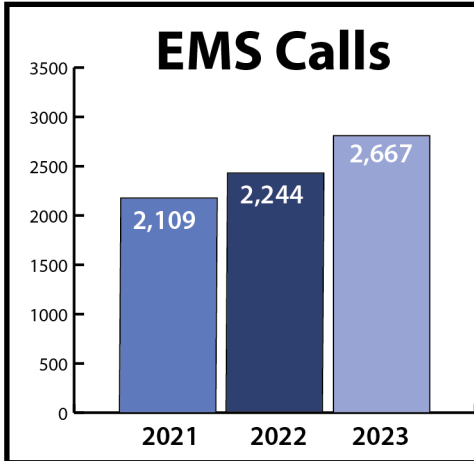
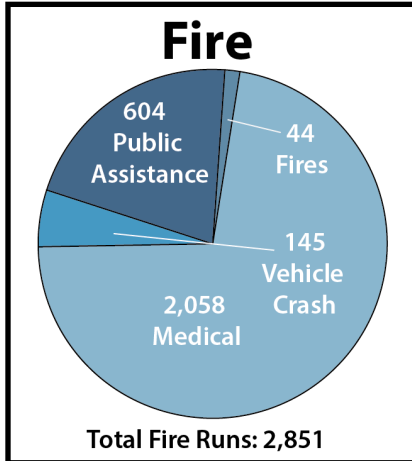
VA Clients Served



Our Assistant Veteran Services Officers Matthew Cote received an Exceptional Service Award for wonderful customer service and teamwork spirit.

Our Mission: To collaborate and provide programs and connections that increase financial stability and support individuals and families as they work to reach their fullest potential.

Public Safety



Hurricane Season

June is the official beginning of hurricane season which runs through the end of November. As we learned last year, it only takes one big storm for us to be affected in a life-changing way. That is why Public Safety wants you to be prepared. If you do not already have a hurricane plan and emergency kit in place, don't wait. You should also be prepared to heed any warnings our Emergency Management team issues.

Hopefully, you are already prepared and "Know Your Zone." That means you 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. A storm surge can be deadly since most of our county's population is near the water. If asked to evacuate, know where you will go. Shelters should be a last resort. Better options include

friends, family, or hotel rooms located outside 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 (one gallon per person, per day), flashlights, batteries, and extra medications (at least a two week supply). Don't forget to include supplies for any pets. After a storm hits, we will be working to get supplies into the area but it could take several days due to storm damage or other issues, so we say to have a seven-day supply of food, water, and essentials for each family member.

At Public Safety, we test and practice our emergency plans annually just like we ask you to do at home. We always hope our emergency plans and kits are unnecessary and not used but having them in place is essential to being prepared for anyone living in Southwest Florida.

Public Works & Community Outreach Day



500
Bags & Booklets
Handed out



Over **100**
Bike Helmets
Distributed



Information and Fun
Shared by all

Mosquito and Aquatic Weed Control

156
Application
Complaints

224
Telephone
Complaints

Application Requests

Received

299

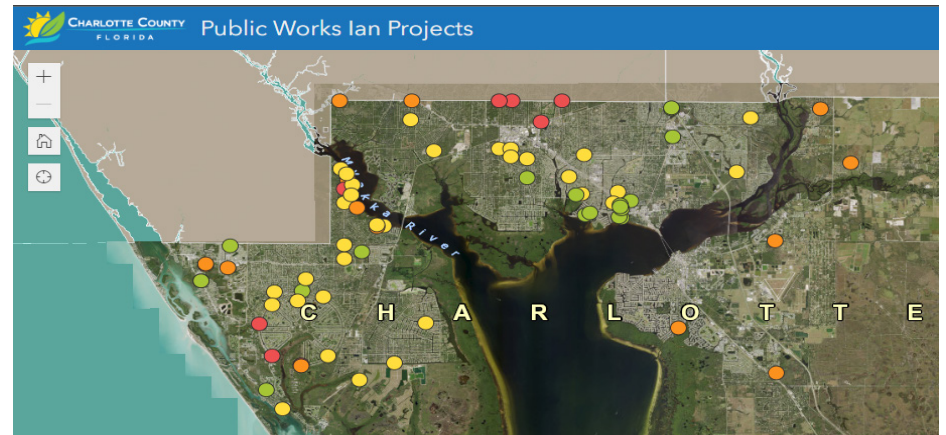
Completed

232



Engineering Division Hurricane Ian Projects

75
Total Projects



9
Planning

17
Purchasing

17
Complete

32
Construction

Key Performance Indicators

Tourist Development Tax Collections TDT

(Current Month)

May-22	\$504,735	↓	-5.7%
May-23	\$475,807		

TDT YTD Collections (Pacing)

May-22	\$5,855,403	↓	-3.7%
May-23	\$5,636,049		

PureFlorida.com

Website Traffic

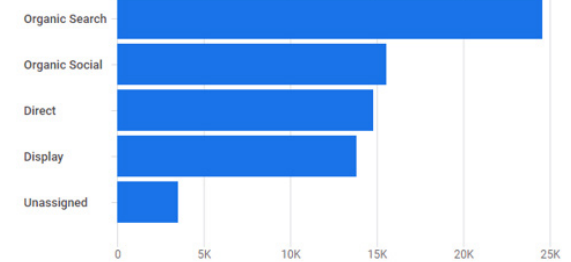
Website Users: 55K

Sessions: 77,534

Top Origin Markets:

FL, NY, GA, OH, MI, PA, IL, VA, NJ

Sessions by Channel Group



Sports Corner

Sales June 2023

Sunshine State Games – Pickleball Senior Games Qualifier

PicklePlex of Punta Gorda - June 2-3, 2023

The PicklePlex of Punta Gorda hosted 200 Florida athletes competing in their respective age bracket. Some even qualified to represent Florida in the National Senior Games held in Pittsburgh.



Sunshine State Games – Canoe and Kayak Sprint

Port Charlotte Beach Park - June 2-3, 2023

Charlotte Harbor Beach Park was the staging area for this inaugural event. Canoe and Kayak racers paddled a total of 12-miles in the harbor to compete in the marathon race as kayak racers participated in a sprint race navigating around buoys. The races crowned the best in Florida. Two-time Olympic Gold Medalist Fernando Dayan Jorge Enriquez from Cuba dominated and won both events.



Dance Dimensions of SWFL – Invitational Dance Competition

Charlotte Performing Art Center - June 17-18, 2023

Teens traveled in from throughout the west coast and south Florida to compete in various dance disciplines. This included contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, tap and ballet.



America Cornhole Organization – Gulf Coast Classic

Four Points Harborside Garden & Twisted Fork Bert's Back Porch - May 13-14, 2023

American Cornhole Organization (ACO) hosted their inaugural Gulf Coast Classic on Charlotte Harbor. Contestants traveled from throughout the nation and internationally to compete under the Harborside Gardens at the Sheraton Four Points and at Twisted Forks Bert's Back Porch. During the final day, the pro division competed for \$10,000 in cash. Live broadcast streaming provided some great actions shots while showcasing our beautiful destination.



US Amateur Basketball – Boys & Girls State Championship

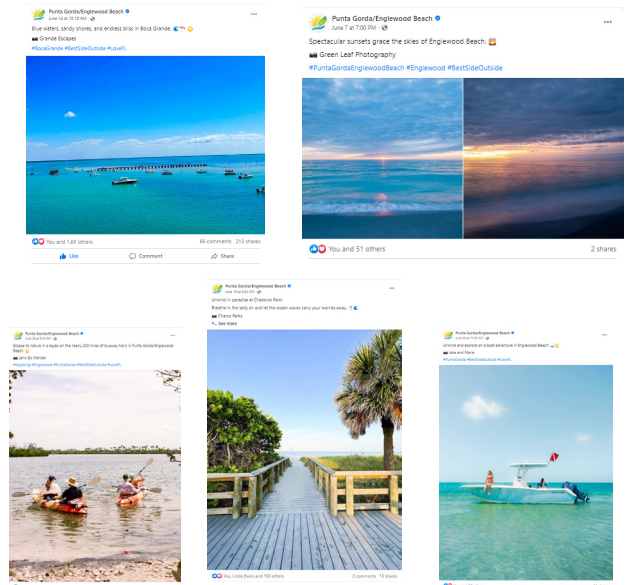
Sixteen Various Gymnasiums throughout Charlotte County - June 2-4, 2023

Over 1200 middle and high school boys and girls participated throughout the region in our high school and middle school gymnasiums. Many families made it a summer vacation booking 1700 short term accommodations resulting in a \$1.8 million economic impact.



Public Relations/Media June 2023

A total of 432 media placements were secured. These placements had a reach of approximately 198,580,595 and a media ad value of approximately \$375,595.



Check out our top social media posts for the month of June @realpureflorida

Visitors to Charlotte County save local residents an average of **\$1,083** per household in taxes every year.



Watch the weather,
wait to water!

During the summer months, yards need no more than 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water every two to three days. If your lawn has received enough water from rainfall, turn off the irrigation system and turn it back on when needed.



Planning on
planting this
summer?

Underground utilities, including water and sewer, are around your house. If you plan on planting this summer, visit sunshine811.com/safe-planting to learn essential tips for you start working.

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 are currently underway. The vacuum station is in operation and Zones 1 and 2 sewer connections have begun. If you are in Zone 2 and still need to receive or complete an Installation Agreement? Please contact Syndi Merriman at Syndi.Merriman@CharlotteCountyFL.gov or 941-764-4305 for more information. For project information: AckermanProject.com

UNDER DESIGN

- **Lake View/Midway Septic to Sewer Project:** This project proposes construction of a wastewater collection system to service approximately 1,500 properties with sewer service, new water service lines and a vacuum station. LakeviewMidwayProject.com
- **Cape Haze Septic to Sewer Project:** This project proposes construction of a wastewater collection system to service approximately 300 properties with sewer service, new water service lines and a vacuum station.
[Additional Utilities Projects](#)
[Potable Water Master Plan Report](#)
[Hurricane Preparedness: Water & Sewer](#)

OPERATIONS

- **Calls Presented:** 7,921
- **Call Wait Time:** 1 minutes 26 seconds
- **Sewer Connections:** 45,532 (244 increase from May)
- **Water Connections:** 68,500 (272 increase from May)

Charlotte County, FL App Requests

- **5 Misc.—Utilities Department**
 - **4 Utilities Billing**
 - **8 Utilities Department Service**
- 17 Total**

[Charlotte County Utilities Facebook](#)
2,430 Follows

2022 Water Quality Reports:
<https://tinyurl.com/2022-CCR-Peace-River>
<https://tinyurl.com/2022-CCR-Burnt-Store>

Remember, every drop counts! 💧

Important Information:

The Temporary Customer Payment Center located at the Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, B-109, in Port Charlotte is open.

Monday through Friday—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Temporary Customer Payment Center assisted **337** individuals for the month of June.

Contact us at 941.764.4300 or CCUSupport@CharlotteCountyFL.gov