



Monthly Report

March 2025

Enhanced security measures for County Commission meetings

Beginning with the April 8, 2025 County Commission meeting in the Charlotte County Administration Center, the county implemented security procedures.

Members of the public and their property entering Room 119 are subject to search. Metal detectors have been installed at the entrance to Room 119. Security staff and sheriff's deputies conducted screenings of people

and their belongings. Hand-held metal detectors were employed to address unresolved walk-through metal detector alarms.

Pat downs and inspections were employed to resolve walkthrough or hand-held metal detector alarms.

No weapons, firearms, flammables, knives, sharp objects, pepper spray or mace are allowed into Room 119.

Members of the public leaving Room 119 during a commission meeting, must go through the metal detector again before re-entering.

Members of the public have the right to refuse to be screened or to have their hand-carried belongings inspected or to withdraw permission to be screened after it has begun — unless an obvious threat has been identified.



Security checkpoint outside Room 119 of the Charlotte County Administration Center.



Charlotte County showed its appreciation for employees delivering exception service to our community with three barbecues April 2-4 at locations around the county.

Staff meets to kick off resiliency initiative

County staff met to kick off a new recovery and resiliency initiative that will include every department in the county. Emergency Management Director Patrick Fuller outlined his vision for developing a structure and procedures that best position the county to recover from future storms and take steps to lessen our vulnerability. He identified five goals:

Foster a culture of preparedness that embraces resiliency in every we do.

Enhance the overall resiliency of our organization and community

through a coordinated recovery process.

Create standards and processes that streamline our recovery and meet the requirements of external agencies.

Use the collective knowledge and resources of the organization to overcome obstacles.

Create solutions and leverage best practices that eliminate or reduce the impacts of future disasters through mitigation efforts.



Director Highlights



Permitting

Publix at Englewood-Merchants Crossing

1500 Placida Road, Englewood
Demolition of the existing supermarket and adjacent retail to be replaced with a new supermarket with attached liquor store, new retail, and additional site improvements

Tractor Supply

574 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
21,702 sq. ft. supply store with a 20,054 sq. ft. fenced outdoor display area, along with items displayed for sale outdoors with associated infrastructure

West Port Village PD Rezoning

17512 Toledo Blade Blvd., Port Charlotte
670 residential units, 250,000 square feet of regional commercial uses, 150 keys of hotel use, and 150,000 square feet of other commercial uses, including governmental uses

Under Construction



Charlotte Harbor Business Center

9225 Piper Road, Punta Gorda
139,200 sq. ft. warehousing and distribution development



My Place Hotel

24490 Sandhill Blvd., Punta Gorda
63-room hotel



Mission BBQ

1340 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
Remodel of existing restaurant

Completed



B & B Pet Resort

13425 Muriel Ave., Port Charlotte
Dog daycare, boarding facility, and professional services



Dollar General

25240 Sandhill Blvd., Punta Gorda
Commercial retail store



Kahwa Coffee

19580 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte
1,500 sq. ft. drive-thru restaurant

Current Plat Applications in Review

No new applications in review

Permit Stats

285 single-family permits issued
343 single-family COs issued
3,320 permits taken
3,345 permits issued (March 2025)
45,136 permits issued (FY23-24)
19,103 permits issued (FY24-25)

FY23-24: Oct. 2023 through Sept. 2024
FY24-25: Oct. 2024 through present

Project Spotlight

Babcock Ranch

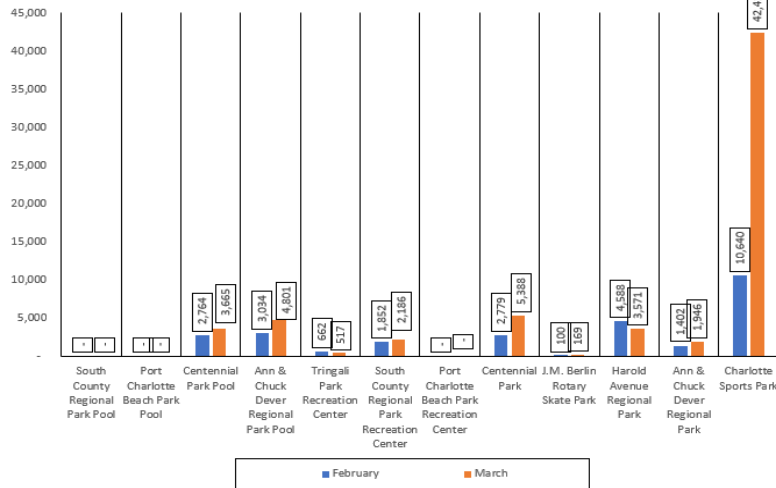
49 single-family permits issued in March 2025
3,450 single-family COs issued since March 2017

West Port

9 single-family permits issued in March 2025
790 COs issued since April 2017

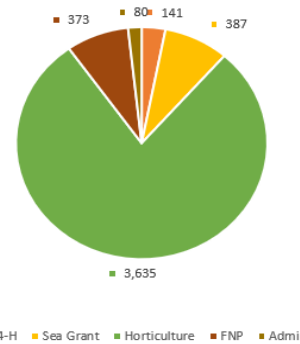
Community Services

Recreation Centers and Aquatic Facilities Attendance

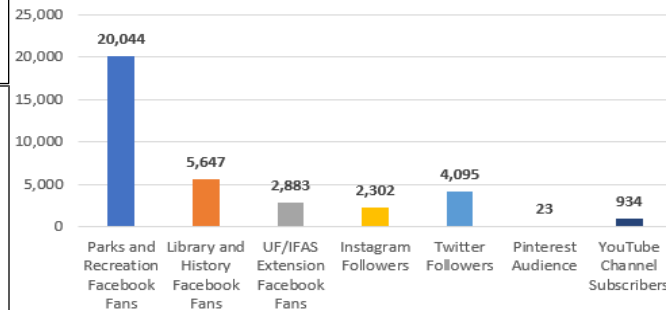


UF/IFAS Extension Service Customer Contacts

Total Customer Contacts
4,616



Social Media Impact



Natural Resources

Eagle Nests

51 monitored by staff
34 nests with 49 chicks
16 fledged so far

Coastal Lighting

47 permit reviews
18 inspections

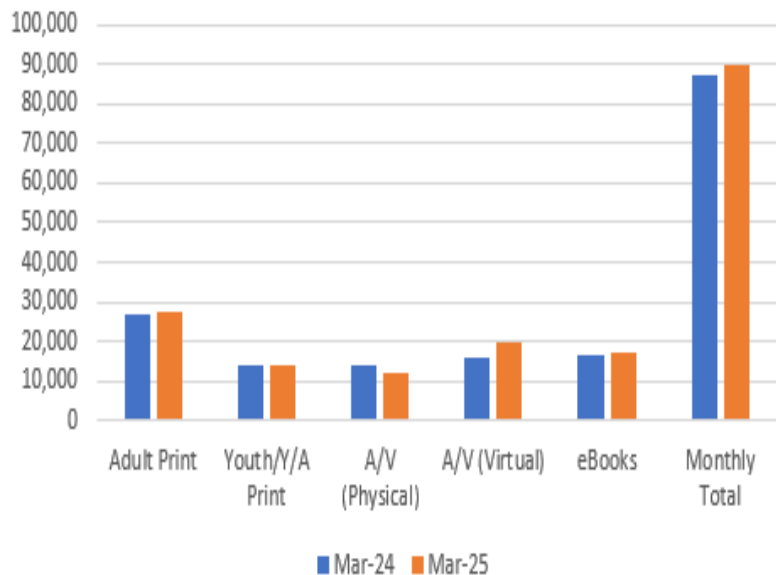
Abandoned/Derelict Vessels

Open-6
Removed - 1
Relocated- 0
Ready for removal - 18

Sea Turtle Nests

N/A

2024-2025 Library Circulation Comparison



Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance

- 813 fields prepped for practices and games
- 2,461 trash bags collected
- 231 recycling bags collected

Land Management

- 38 miles trails maintained
- 67.4 acres exotics/invasives treated
- Overstory reduction – 46 trees cut
- Staff conducted 3 educational outreach event this month. The Rotunda West Community has requested staff conduct multiple speaking engagements covering many topics. Some of the most attended presentations were Amphibians and Frogs and "A Day in the Life of a land manager".

Project Management

- Projects Completed - 13
- Projects - In progress – 58
- Total projects - 87
- Total – \$ 16,646,549



BRE Visit: AVIATION PARTNERS GROUP, INC

This month, our Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Manager, Mark Odell, touched down at APG in Punta Gorda, where cutting-edge avionics take flight! But this isn't just any service center—APG is one of the elite Platinum Service Centers for the \$3M+ Cirrus Vision Jet, the ultimate personal jet experience.

Mark got an up-close look at what makes APG a premier destination for top-tier aircraft service, proving once again that Charlotte County is where innovation soars!



EDO Attends F.U.N. Force event hosted by the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce



Kristy Sisler had a blast at the F.U.N. Force Line Dancing event with the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce at the Twisted Fork! It was an incredible evening filled with delicious food, lively dancing, and valuable networking opportunities. We're thrilled to be part of such a dynamic community that knows how to mix business with pleasure. Here's to more innovative collaborations and supportive connections in the future!

Economic Development Launches “Quarterly Featured Veteran” Series

The Charlotte County Economic Development Office is proud to launch its new “Featured Veteran” series, spotlighting local veterans who are making an impact in the workforce and community. The first honoree

is James Jerome, a U.S. Army veteran and commercial banker at Crews Bank, who brings leadership, service, and commitment to his role supporting Charlotte County’s business community.

Veterans like James represent the values and strengths that Charlotte County wants to highlight through this campaign. Charlotte County is proud to be a place where veterans can thrive. The series will run quarterly and feature veterans in various industries across Charlotte County.

March 40 Under 40: Doug Izzo

Doug Izzo, as the youngest Executive Director of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, is delivering more than just economic growth—he’s driving real change in Charlotte County. Want to know how he’s helping businesses thrive and shaping the future of our community? Read his full 40 Under 40 feature: <https://lnkd.in/eXAwtsBz>



UPCOMING EVENTS

4/23/25- New Business Networking Event Q2

4/24/25 Lane Valente Grand Opening

4/25/25 - Childcare Workshop

5/6/25 Grow With Google In Person Workshop

5/7/25 - Entrepreneur Support Organization

5/13/25 - “Are you Lender Ready?” SBA Webinar

Facilities Management

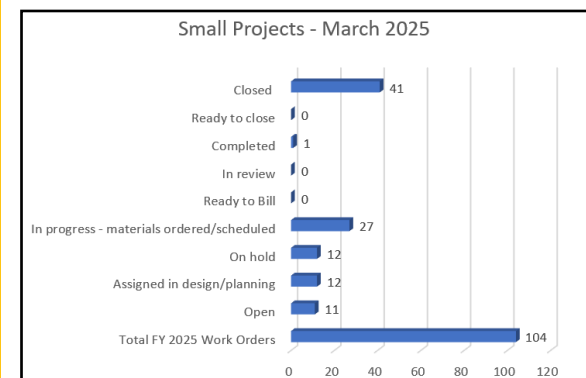
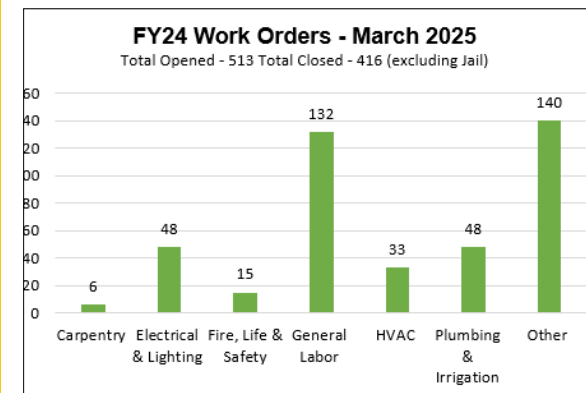
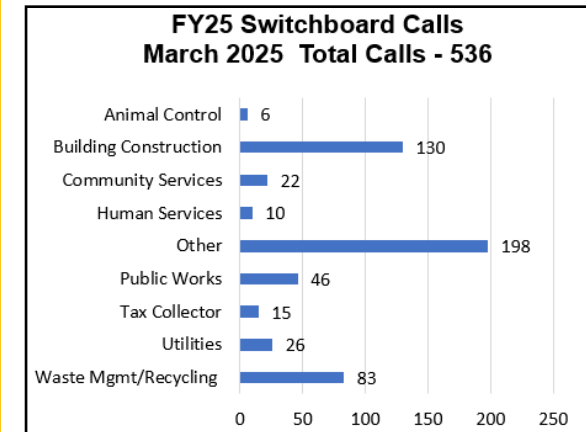
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Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center Pool and Pool House

The Port Charlotte Beach project has proven to show Charlotte County's resilience in working toward rebuilding a state-of-the-art facility after devastation caused by multiple hurricanes. Harvard Jolly PBK has worked closely with county stakeholders and other agencies for approvals and permits. Demolition of the damaged facilities has been completed; however, coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers continues as the team seeks approval to remove the damaged boardwalk. The design team has presented the layout and preliminary plans of the pool, pool house, and recreation center for review, with discussions of interiors recently underway with end-user stakeholders.

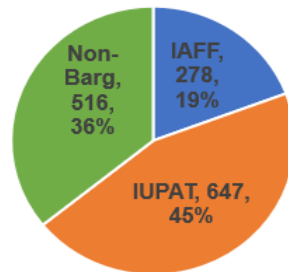


- On the Emergency Operations Center Expansion project, site master planning efforts continue to determine the full buildout of the property. Interviews were conducted with project stakeholders to assess current and future needs, which has resulted in two site layout options proposed.
- The 50% design development plans for G.C. Herring Park Phase I and William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park Phase II have been received and are under review by stakeholders for comment. The design team is continuing to work with regulatory agencies to obtain all necessary permits for the projects.
- The second of two public surveys was conducted assessing satisfaction with barrier island accessibility. The data has been reviewed, and a report summarizing the key trends and insights has been submitted to Administration for consideration.
- The Florida Department of Emergency Management agreement for the New Day Generator has been fully executed. The project team is now in the process of issuing a change of scope from a fixed generator to a portable generator.



Workforce

Employee Count 1,441
Avg Age 45
Avg Hourly Rate \$27.92
Avg Years of Service 7.8



Retention of New Hires
% completing probation

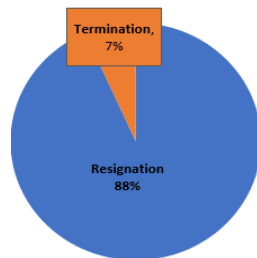
March
79%

Succession Planning

Ee's in FRS DROP the next 8 years 3.1%
% of Workforce Retired this FY 0.5%

Separations

March
Turnover 1.0%
Separations 15

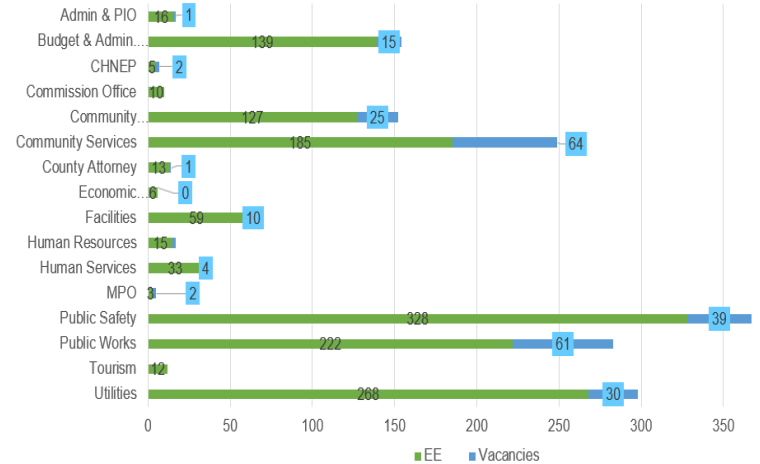


Training & Development

Training 20 Hours 80 Ees 1,600 contact hrs
% using Tuition Reimbursement 1%

Human Resources

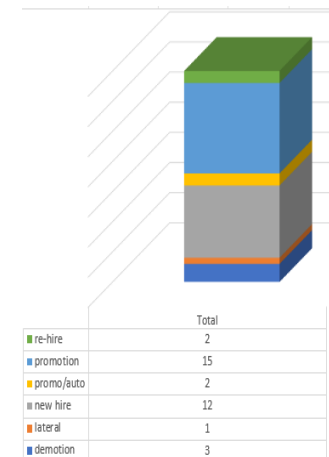
Employees vs Vacancies



Total Vacancies: 257

Recruitment

Applications Taken 613
Job Posting Hits 57,032
New Hires 12
Recruited Pos FT 55
Posted PT/STARR 13





FSC De-Stress Day – Human Services hosted a day of self-care activities at the Family Services Center, that included the “Kindness Corner”, rock painting, ceramics with Kevin Jubb, a “Chopped” competition between the United Way and Boys and Girls Club, painting a collage and/or small canvases, a visit from Beesley’s Paw Print Therapy, meditation skills and much more. Over 80 people, from 23 agencies participated throughout the day.



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.

Aging & Adult Services:



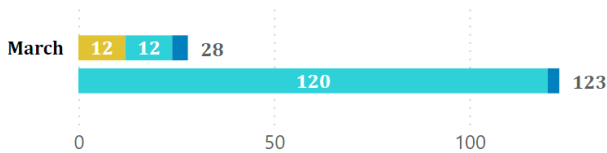
Providing access to services and supplies that to allow our elderly to age in place, at home.

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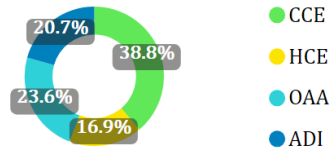
Aging & Adult Serv..

Case Management

● New Cases: ● In process/Research: ● Completed/Closed/Termed:



Tampa Bay Rays Game Outreach – Staff from Aging and Adult Services and Veteran’s Services had a joint outreach day at the Charlotte Sports Park.



Intake Services:



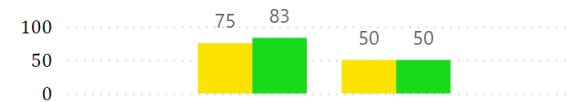
Pantry News – In March approximately 60 households received FSC food pantry bags and 350+ households were served by the Harry Chapin Mobile Food Bank.

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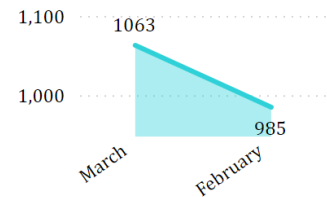
Intake Service Calls
March and April combined.

Fastrack VS Screening Tool

● Screening Tools ● Fastrack Applications:



Total Clients Served



102

LIHEAP-Applications

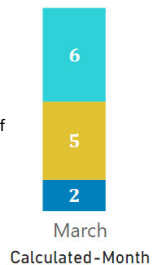
Neighborhood Services:

Case Management

● Completed/Closed/Termed: ● In process/Research: ● New Cases:



Community Garden – Staff from Family Stability have joined their colleagues from Aging and Adult Services to help grow and tend the Human Services vegetable and herb plot.



March
Calculated-Month



Reorganization – The County is nearing CDBG entitlement status and in preparing for an influx of funding and greater community needs, the division has been split into Neighborhood Services, under the management of Colleen Turner, Sr. Manager and Family Stability managed by Tara Blackson, Manager.

Civil Citations



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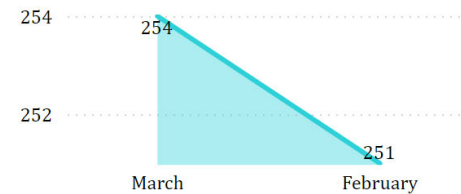
Total Clients Served

Veteran Services:

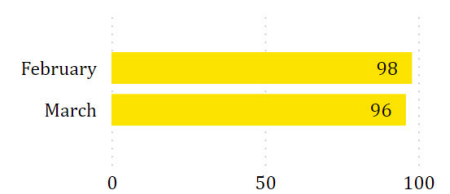


Congratulations - to Nick Cook, Sr. Veteran Services Officer and Cheleon Water-Sykes, Family Stability Case Manager on receiving Exceptional Service Awards from Claire Jubb, Assistant County Administrator, for providing outstanding service to their clients and the community as a whole.

VA Clients Served



VA New Claims



Resilience, Recognition, and Responsibility

Emergency Management:

The application deadline for the Florida Division of Emergency Management's Elevate Florida program is April 11, 2025, at 7 p.m. Draft applications not fully submitted by this time will not be considered for funding. Elevate Florida, the state's first residential mitigation program, aims to enhance community resilience by protecting private homes from natural hazards. Property owners must complete and submit their applications before the deadline to be eligible for funding. Residents can apply at www.floridadisaster.org/ElevateFlorida.

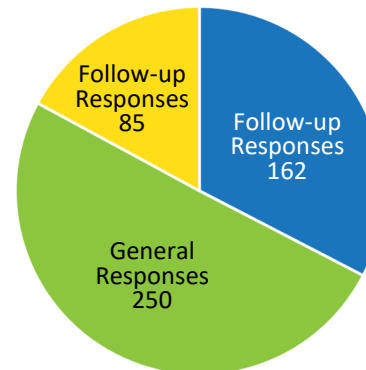
Fire & EMS:

On March 25, we welcomed our newest Firefighter/EMTs and Paramedic during a pinning ceremony at our Public Safety Headquarters, also celebrating the well-deserved promotions of our Lieutenants, Captain, and Battalion Chiefs. For many, this marks the start of a rewarding career in public service, while for others, it's an exciting new chapter in their leadership journey. Surrounded by loved ones and colleagues, they received their badges with pride and determination. These dedicated individuals are now ready to serve and protect Charlotte County, making a lasting impact in our community.

Animal Control:

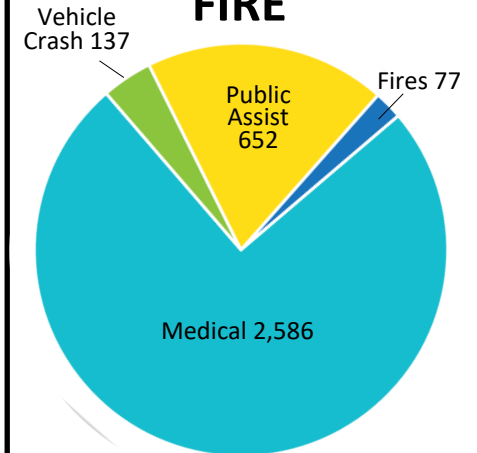
Charlotte County Animal Control has transitioned from the PetData Licensing Program back to a County-operated pet licensing system, effective immediately. This change is designed to provide improved oversight, streamlined processes, and enhanced communication between Animal Control and local pet owners. Under the new system, licenses can be obtained by visiting any Charlotte County Tax Collector's Office, mailing payment with the required documents to Animal Control, or through participating local veterinarians. Fees are based on the pet's age and alteration status, with a standard rate of \$17 for animals under one years old or altered animals over one years old, and \$35 for unaltered animals over one years old.

ANIMAL CONTROL



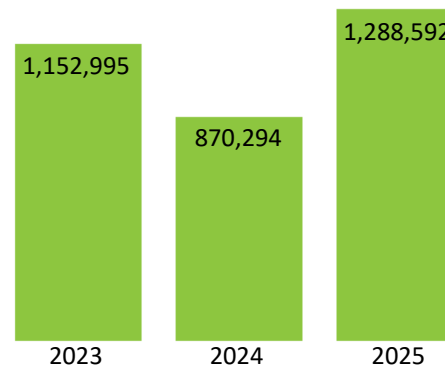
Total Calls: 497

FIRE

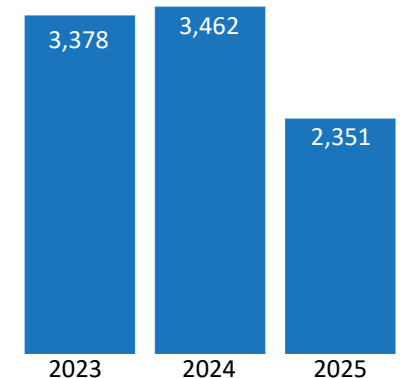


Total Calls: 3,605

EMS Revenue



Billable EMS Calls



MOSQUITO & AQUATIC WEED CONTROL

CDC Traps distributed

56

111

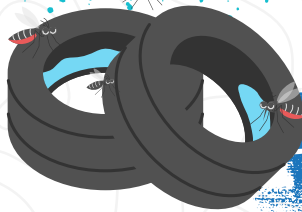
Total number of mosquitoes identified to species



3 D's for Mosquitoes
Drain, Dress, Defend

33

Phone Complaints Resolved



MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

1472

Work Orders Opened

1213

Work Orders Closed

190

Service Requests Opened

160

Service Requests Closed

ENGINEERING

Quesada Ave. Sidewalk

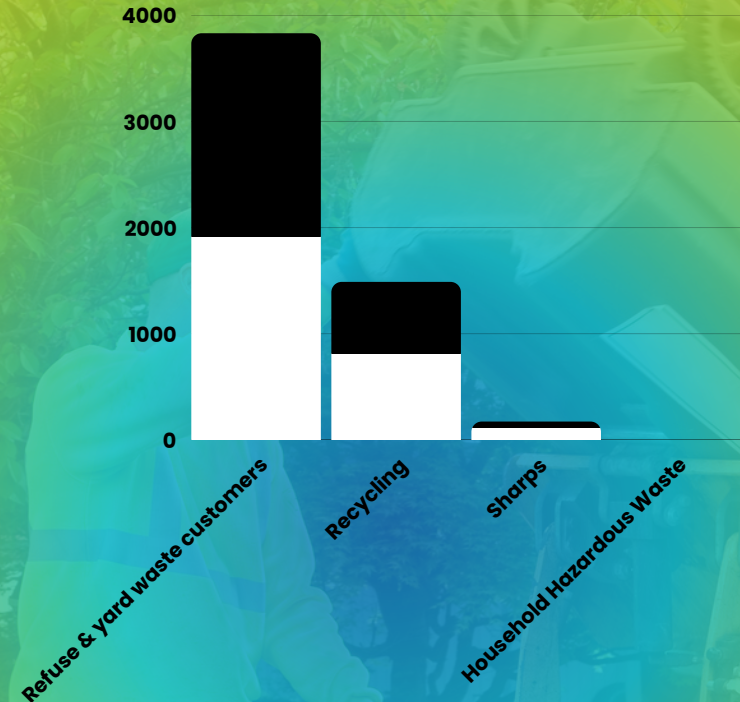
The Quesada Ave. sidewalk project, which is part of the 2020 Sales Tax Extension, is nearing completion. Andrew Sitework is installing the pedestrian signals along with the traffic barrier wall crossing the Crestview waterway, to tie in the sidewalk segments. Grading and sod are also being completed.



SOLID WASTE

Transfer Stations

● Mid County ● West County



Landfill



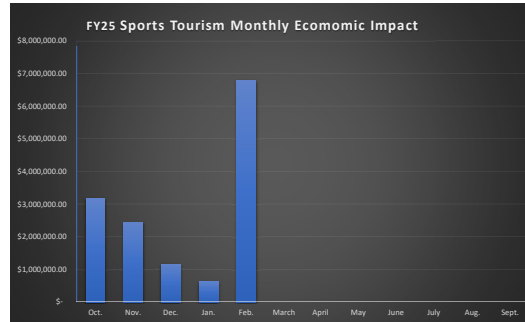
SPORTS

March Sales Update

February 2025	
Events:	9
Sports:	Agility Competiton Pickleball Gymnastics Basketball Baseball Soccer

2025 Fiscal Year to Date Total Sports Tourism Economic Impact	
\$	14,135,967.00

2025 Fiscal Year to Date Total Sports Tourism Events	
	32



LEISURE

March 2025:

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach attended ITB on March 4-6.

Attending ITB Germany allowed the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach VCB to showcase the region to an international audience, building relationships with travel professionals to increase tourism. This exposure boosts global awareness, strengthens the area's brand, and helps attract international visitors, driving long-term growth and revenue. Insights gained from the event also refine marketing strategies to ensure competitive success



MEETINGS

March 2025:

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach VCB attended the Florida Society of Association Executives in late March, connecting with 65 meeting executives who may consider hosting their events in the Punta Gorda, Englewood, and Port Charlotte area. These meetings would consist of Conferences that would require both event space and guest accommodations.

Looking ahead, the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach VCB will be hosting and supporting several events this summer, providing an excellent opportunity to showcase the destination. We will also be attending 4 additional conventions to further gain exposure for the area.



PureFlorida.com

Website Traffic

Website Users: 9,041

Sessions: 112,400

Top Origin Markets:

FL, NY, CA, GA, OH, CO, IL, VA, MI, PA

Key Performance Indicators

Tourist Development Tax Collections TDT (Current Month)			
Feb-24	\$1,271,369		
Feb-25	\$1,160,787	↓	-8.7%

TDT YTD Collections (YTD)			
Feb-24	\$3,819,183		
Feb-25	\$3,817,101	↓	-0.1%

Public Relations & Social Media

Tag your Charlotte County adventure photos with **#BestSideOutside** for a chance to be showcased on our website [PureFlorida.com](https://www.pureflorida.com).

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau team had the privilege of representing our destination at Florida Tourism Day in Tallahassee. This event provided an invaluable opportunity to meet with local legislators and discuss the valuable impact tourism has on both our local and state economies.



Follow us



Visitors to Charlotte County in fiscal year 2024 saved local residents an average of **\$1,078** per household in taxes.

OPERATIONS

- **Calls Presented:** 7,730
- **Call Wait Time:** 2 minutes, 52 seconds
- **Sewer Connections:** 49,394
(167 increase from March)
- **Water Connections:** 72,744
(50 increase from March)

Charlotte County, FL App Requests

- 3 Misc.—Utilities Department
- 2 Utilities Billing
- 7 Utilities Department Service
- 12 Total

Charlotte County Utilities Facebook

3,502 Follows

2024 Water Quality Reports Now Available:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024-CCR-Peace-River>

<https://tinyurl.com/2024-CCR-Burnt-Store>

Remember, every drop counts!

Important Information:

The Customer Payment Center is 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 Customer Payment Center assisted 898 individuals for the month of March.

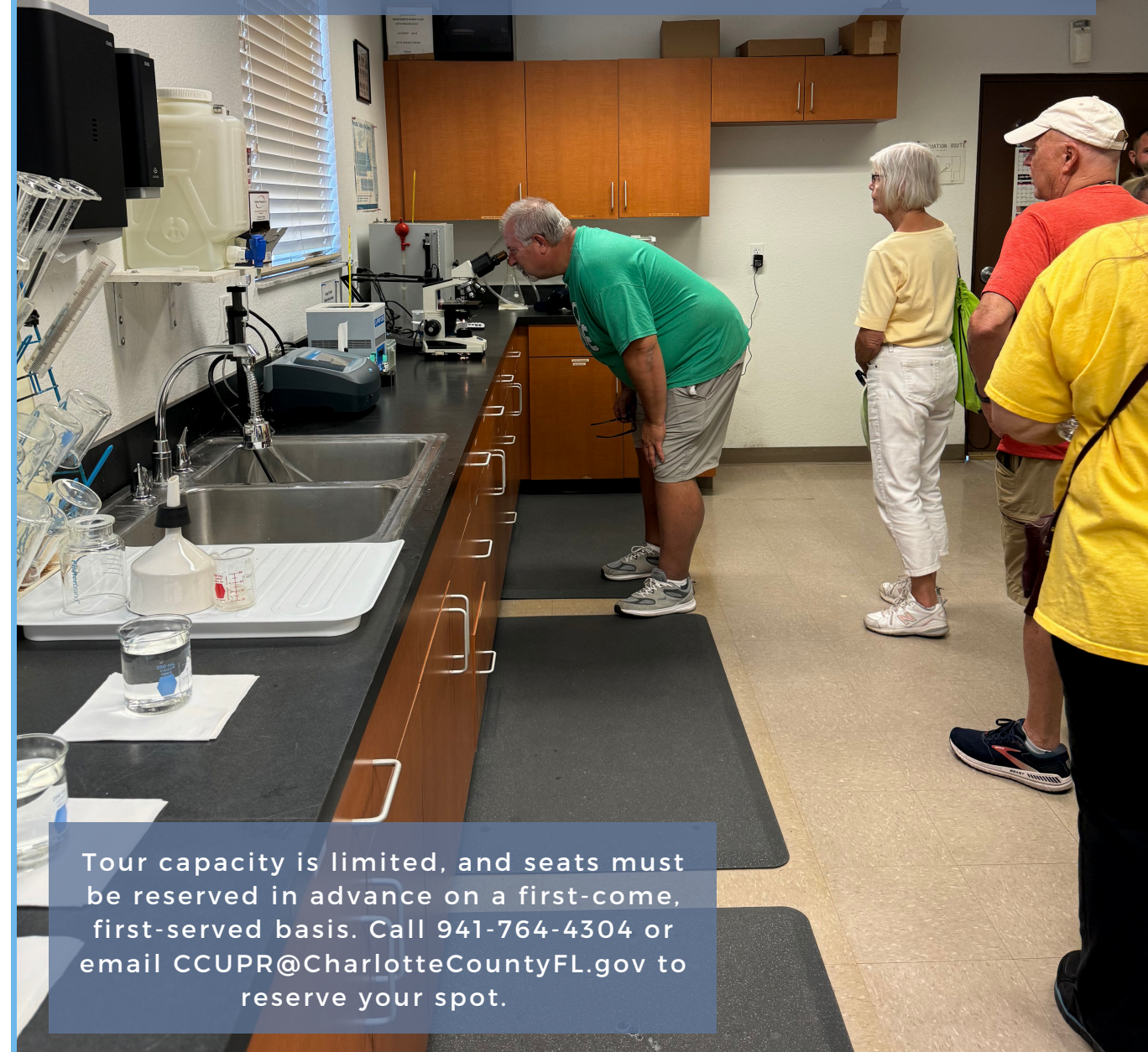


CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Utilities

LAST CHANCE Wastewater Facility Tour

**ROTONDA WATER
RECLAMATION FACILITY**
3740 KENDALL ROAD
ROTONDA WEST, FL
33946
MAY 6, 10 AM TO 12 PM



Tour capacity is limited, and seats must be reserved in advance on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 941-764-4304 or email CCUPR@CharlotteCountyFL.gov to reserve your spot.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Ackerman Septic to Sewer Project:

Construction of a wastewater system to service approximately 2,135 properties with sewer service is underway. Zones 1 and 2 and the vacuum station are complete, and Zones 1 and 2 sewer connections are underway. Construction for Zones 3, 4 and LPS is expected to start in the spring.

AckermanProject.com

March Connections: 7 Total Connections: 423

Hillsborough Boulevard 8-inch Water Main Project:

This project is installing an 8-inch water main along Hillsborough Boulevard from Yorkshire St. to US 41. The water main will be installed parallel to the Peace River Manasota Water Authority's 42-inch Phase 2B Pipeline. Construction of the 8-inch water main is underway. The Utilities Department reminds motorists to always remain alert and to exercise caution when traveling near construction zones.

East Port Water Reclamation Facility Expansion

This project includes expanding the current water reclamation facility to treat six million gallons of wastewater per day to nine million gallons per day. The project also includes advanced wastewater treatment, which is a valuable addition to the treatment process to ensure treated water has as low concentrations of nutrients as possible. Construction is underway.

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