



Monthly Report

April 2025

Commission presented with population growth forecast

Charlotte County's growth forecasting consultant presented its most recent market data to the County Commission during Tuesday's board meeting. The consultant reported that Charlotte County's population grew 5.5% from 212,424 residents in April 2024 to 224,147 in February 2025. Going back to June 2023, the county population has grown 11% through February 2025. Over the next five years, the consultant forecast the population to reach 256,891, up 31.1% or 61,002 from 195,889. The county's

Population Forecast							
	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	9995
Babcock Ranch	10,790	22,862	33,642	38,900	40,721	41,275	41,504
Burnt Store Road	6,359	8,820	14,721	19,358	21,160	22,209	34,691
East	18,986	21,471	23,255	24,740	26,312	27,673	67,960
Mid	109,426	118,367	125,994	132,233	137,682	142,640	202,046
Punta Gorda	25,396	27,398	29,295	30,811	32,040	33,037	37,142
West	53,190	57,973	62,920	68,056	73,630	79,668	124,118
Sum	224,147	256,891	289,827	314,098	331,545	346,502	507,461

historic annual growth since 1990 has ranged from 1.3% to 2.8%.

Since June 2023, Charlotte County has added 10,994 new housing units. Between 2025 and 2030, there is a forecast increase of approximate-

ly 17,000 new housing units. The most growth is projected to be Babcock Ranch, which is expected to add about 4,100 new units and Mid-County, which is expected to add 4,400 units. Many of the Mid-County units will be in the area between U.S.

41 and State Road 776, including the new development of West Port in the Murdock Village Redevelopment Area. Since 2024, the West Port area and Babcock Ranch have accounted for 82% of all residential construction.

MPO schedules public input meetings

The Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization has scheduled a series of public workshops to assist the MPO to identify the cost-feasible projects that align with projected funding sources and transportation needs over the next 25 years.

The meetings are scheduled for:

4-6 p.m., May 27, 2025
Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park
Recreation Center
6961 San Casa Drive, Englewood

10 a.m.-noon, May 28, 2025
Charlotte County Family Services Center
21500 Gibraltar Drive, Port Charlotte

4-6 p.m., May 28, 2025
Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Ctr
75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda

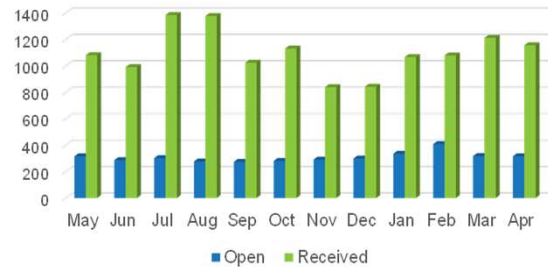
A virtual meeting is scheduled for virtual 5 p.m., May 29, 2025. To register for the virtual meeting, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MPOvirtualmeeting>. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



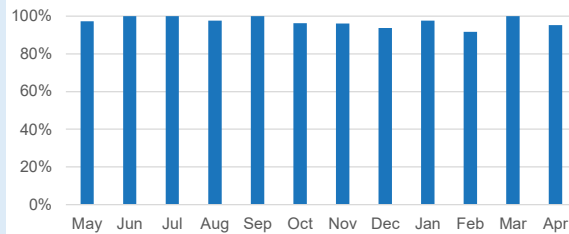
Charlotte County held ribbon-cuttings for Fire Station 9 and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office District 5 facilities May 6 at Babcock Ranch.

Information Technology

Service Tickets by Month

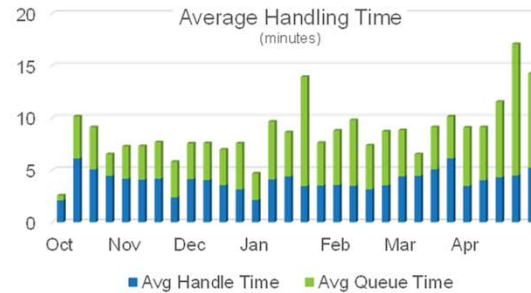


Customer Satisfaction
% Positive

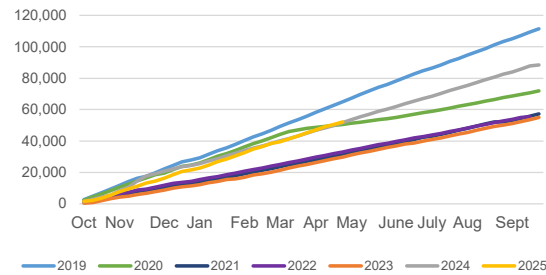


Transit

Transit Calls
Average Handling Time
(minutes)



Annual Cumulative Ridership



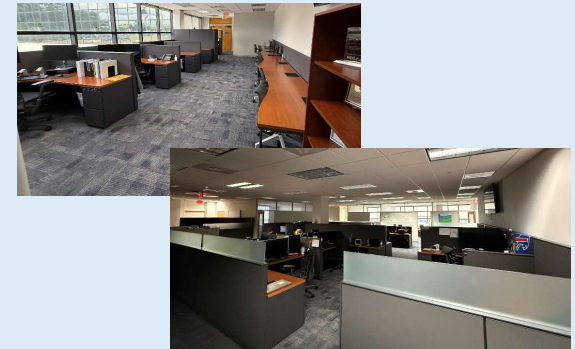
Director Highlights

IT Space Realignment

The IT workspace was recently reconfigured to optimize resource allocation, streamline workflows, and create a more adaptable digital ecosystem. We consolidated on-premises assets and implementing flexible workspaces to support remote and hoteling capabilities. Employees can now access tools seamlessly from any location, reducing downtime and enhancing collaboration across departments.

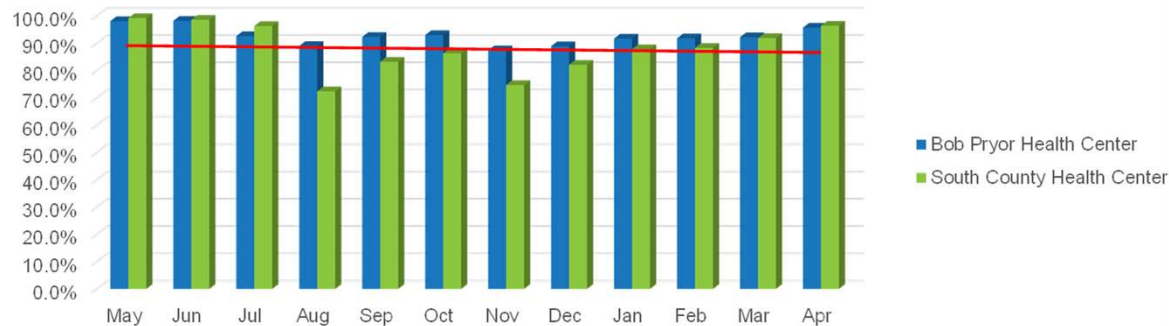
To accommodate remote and hoteling workers, space was redesigned with shared workstations and digital collaboration platforms so employees can engage productively regardless of their physical presence. By leveraging remote monitoring solutions, IT can maintain operational continuity while reducing costs associated with maintaining traditional office setups.

April 2025



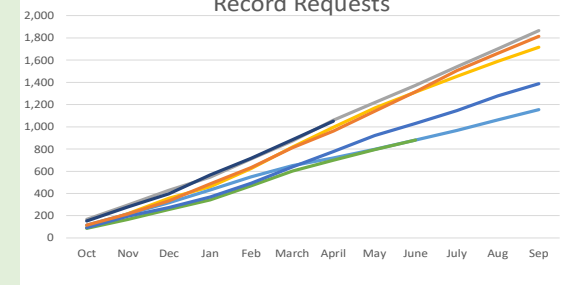
Health Center

Employee Health Center
Monthly Appointment Utilization Summary



Records Management

Record Requests



Under Review

Chick-Fil-A

100 Tamiami Trail,
Port Charlotte
5,304 sq. ft. quick serve
restaurant with associated
parking, utilities, and
landscaping

Island Breeze

1106 S. McCall Road,
Englewood
Three-story, eight unit
condo building with
associated infrastructure
and boat parking

Texas Roadhouse

100 Tamiami Trail,
Port Charlotte
8,400 sq. ft. sit-down
restaurant with associated
parking, utilities, and
landscaping

Tim Horton's Coffee

100 Tamiami Trail,
Port Charlotte
1,720 sq. ft. coffee shop
with a drive-thru and
associated infrastructure

Under Construction



7 Brew Coffee

4275 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
520 sq. ft. drive-thru coffee shop



Livano Charlotte Harbor

100 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
333-unit apartment complex with
a swimming pool and clubhouse



Mission BBQ

1340 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
Remodel of existing restaurant

Completed



Kahwa Coffee

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

Permit Stats

260 single-family permits issued
330 single-family COs issued
3,149 permits taken
3,393 permits issued (April 2025)
45,136 permits issued (FY23-24)
22,496 permits issued (FY24-25)

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

Project Spotlight

Babcock Ranch

62 single-family permits issued in
April 2025
3,522 single-family COs issued
since March 2017

West Port

4 single-family permits issued in
April 2025
796 COs issued since April 2017

Current Plat Applications in Review

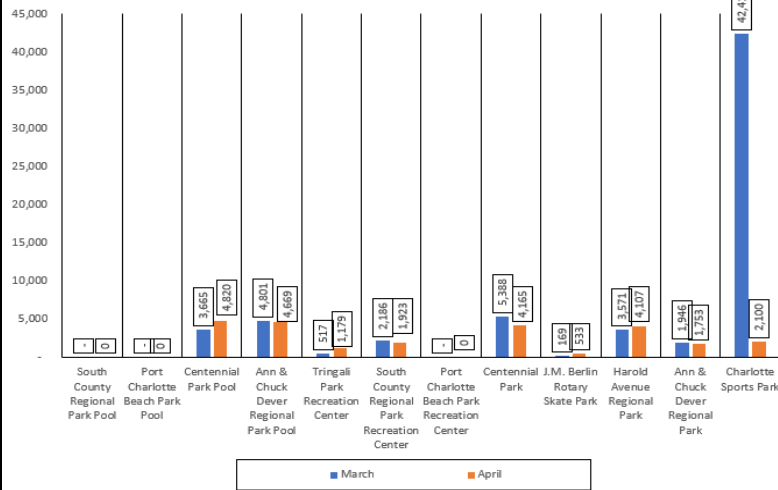
PFP-25-04 Sabal Glen (fka Sabal Glen FKA PP-24-07 Village 2 - Tract 1)

Lennar Homes, L.L.C. is requesting
Preliminary and Final Plat approval for a
subdivision to be named, Sabal Glen,
formerly known as Village 2 – Tract 1,
being a replat of Tract E-45, of Midtown
at Babcock Ranch. The proposed
subdivision consists of 220 lots and 10
tracts for roadway, drainage, and open
space. They also seek approval of a
Developer's Agreement and surety to
cover the construction of the plat
infrastructure. The site contains 58.0±
acres and is within the boundary of the
Babcock Ranch Community Development
of Regional Impact (DRI) Increment 2, the
East County area, and in Commission
District I.

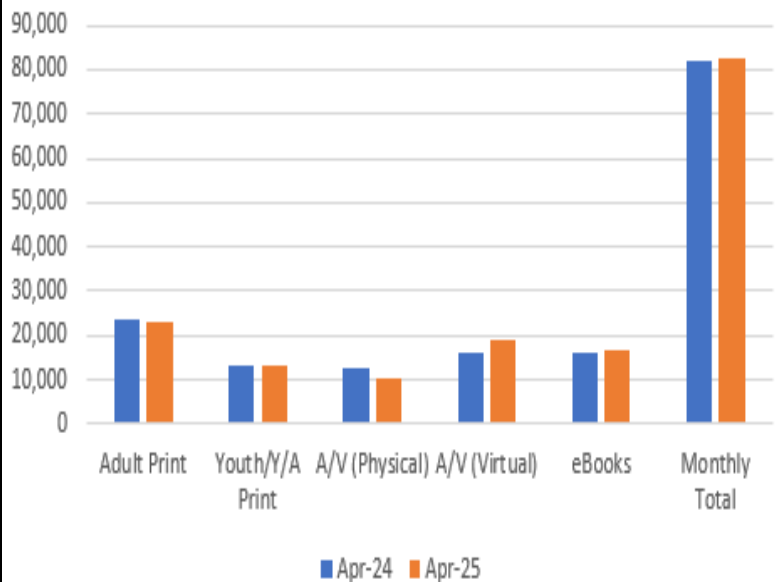
PFP-25-05 Turnleaf Phase 1A

Burnt Store Developers LLC is requesting
Preliminary and Final Plat approval for a
subdivision to be named, Turnleaf Phase
1A, being a replat of a portion of Tract R
and all of Tract F-1, Tract O-3, and Lot 135
as recorded in Turnleaf Phase 1 and
consisting of 24 residential lots and four
tracts. The replat is being requested to
reconfigure and add lots within the
existing Phase 1 boundary. They also seek
approval of the First Amendment to the
Developer's Agreement. This site contains
123.14± acres and is within the boundary
of the Burnt Store Area Plan area, the
Coral Creek Community Development
District, in Commission District II.

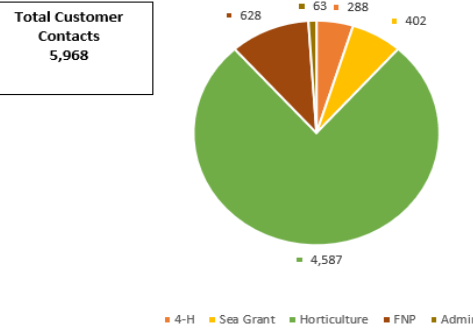
Recreation Centers and Aquatic Facilities Attendance



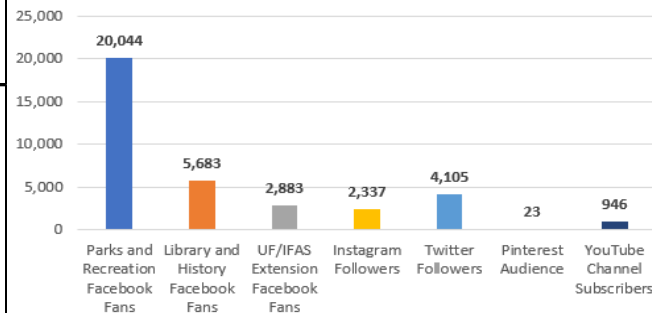
2024-2025 Library Circulation Comparison



**UF/IFAS Extension Service
Customer Contacts**



Social Media Impact



Natural Resources

Eagle Nests

51 monitored by staff
34 fledged with 13 eaglets

Abandoned/Derelict Vessels

Open-5
Removed – 3
Relocated- 2
Ready for removal - 16

Coastal Lighting

44 permit reviews
8 inspections

Sea Turtle Nests

3 Loggerhead

Horseshoe Crab

21

Shorebird/Seabird

148 nests/3 chicks

Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance

- 592 fields prepped for practices and games
- 3,193 trash bags collected
- 210 recycling bags collected

Land Management

- 38 miles trails maintained
 - 114 acres exotics/invasives treated
 - 13 miles of habitat managed
 - Overstory reduction – 61 trees cut
- Staff conducted 2 educational outreach programs were conducted. Staff participated in the annual “Babcock Earth Day” event and the “IFAS Garden Fest”.

Project Management

- Projects Completed - 4
- Projects - In progress – 68
- Total projects - 81
- Total – \$ 71,520,648



CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Charlotte County Economic Development

APRIL 2025

Bert King Receives “Business Excellence Award”

Economic Development is proud to recognize Bert King, Black Widow Harley Davidson, with the "Excellence in Business Award" for transforming a local dealership into a powerhouse of entertainment, philanthropy, and economic growth. With over \$2.5 million donated through the [Salute to America Foundation](#), Bert's leadership is a true example of business done right—for community and for country. Entrepreneurs like Bert King make Charlotte County a destination like no other.



Lane Valente Ribbon Cutting and Job Fair

On April 24th, Lane Valente Industries hosted a Job Fair and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their Northup Drive location in Punta Gorda — a vibrant event marking a major milestone for local business development.

Six new businesses were added to the area: [Lane Valente Industries](#), [Herc Rentals](#), [Prestige Aluminum Fabrication LLC](#), [Iron City Rods and Customs](#), [Commercial Appliance Parts & Service LLC](#), and [On-Site Boat Repair](#)

Economic Development Attends MRO 2025 in Atlanta, GA

Kristy Sisler attended MRO Americas 2025 representing Charlotte County, highlighting why our region is the next hub for aerospace growth. With a pro-business climate and unbeatable quality of life, Charlotte County is cleared for takeoff. NAS MRO announced their intent to open in PGD at the show.



April 40 Under 40: [Erin Natoli](#)

Our next 40 Under 40 honoree is [Erin Natoli](#) of [Integrity Employee Leasing](#).

She has been making waves in Charlotte County's business community, and now we're sharing her story. Leadership. Hard work. Community impact.

Read her full feature now:
<https://tinyurl.com/t7kzv3r3>



UPCOMING EVENTS

5/6/25 - Grow With Google
In Person Workshop

5/7/25 - Entrepreneur
Support Organization

5/13/25 - “[Are you Lender Ready?](#)”
[SBA Webinar Part 1](#)

5/14/25-5/16/25 - FEDC
Annual Conference

6/4/25 - “[Are you Lender Ready?](#)”
Webinar Part 2

7/16/25 - 3rd Quarter New Business
Mixer

Facilities Management

April 2025

William R. Gaines Jr Kayak Launch

We are excited to announce the completion of the ADA-accessible kayak launch and dock at the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park. We recognize the importance of accessibility for everyone in our community and are proud to provide a safe and durable space for all to enjoy. The launch and dock have been constructed using high-quality materials and installed according to the plans approved by the Army Corps of Engineers. We look forward to seeing everyone experience the beauty of the park with this new addition.

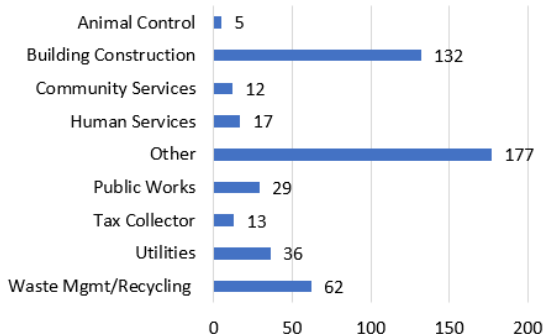


- ♦ The 100% design documents for the Family Services Center and Centennial Park Generators have been received and reviewed. A complete spec book is being compiled. Once complete, the project will be ready for bid advertisement.
- ♦ The Charlotte County Sheriff Office new District 4 Training Center on Airport Road received its Certificate of Occupancy on April 28, 2025.



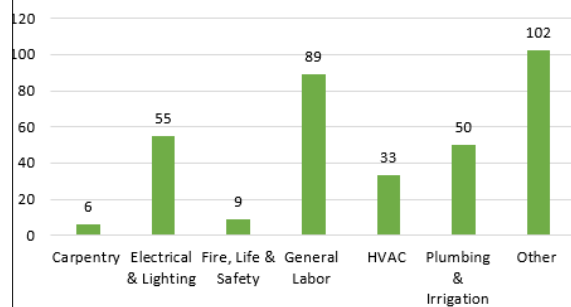
- ♦ On April 16th, a pre-application meeting took place with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regarding the development plans for Fire Station 17. A pre-application meeting was held on April 17th with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for Fire Stations 3 and 6. These important discussions focused on environmental regulations and project requirements essential for the successful establishment of the fire stations.

FY25 Switchboard Calls April 2025 Total Calls - 483

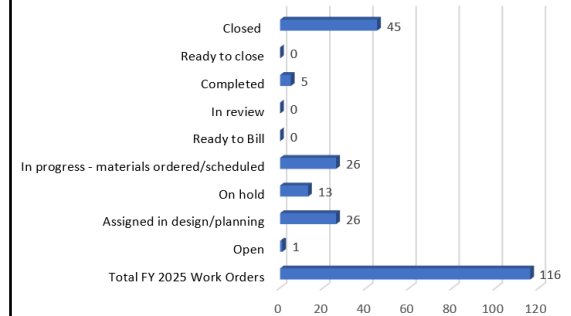


FY24 Work Orders - April 2025

Total Opened - 460 Total Closed - 344 (excluding Jail)



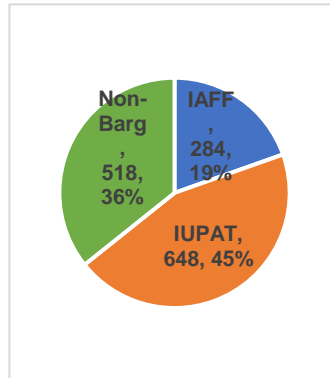
Small Projects - April 2025



Human Resources

Workforce

Employee Count 1,450
Avg Age 45
Avg Hourly Rate \$27.76
Avg Years of Service 7.9



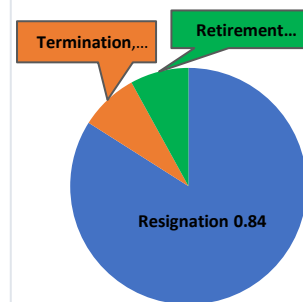
Retention of New Hires
% completing probation April 85%

Succession Planning

Ee's in FRS DROP the next 8 years 3.1%
% of Workforce Retired this FY 0.6%

Separations

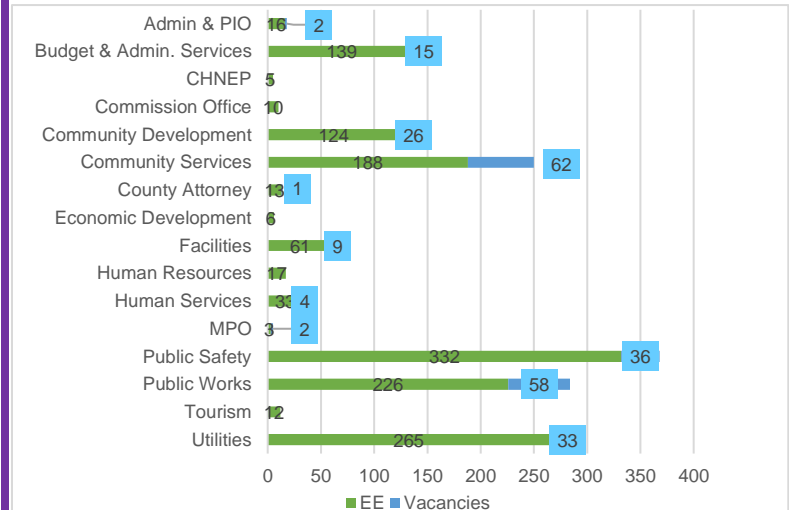
Turnover April 1.7%
Separations 25



Training & Development

Training 26.5 Hours 208 Ees 5,512 contact hrs
% using Tuition Reimbursement 1%

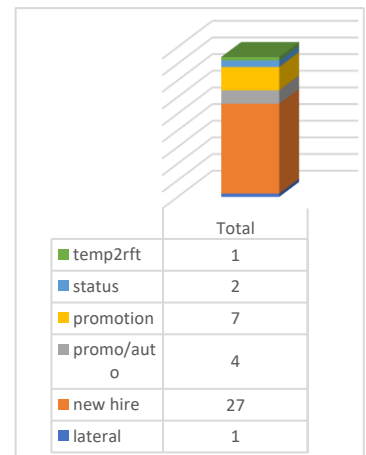
Employees vs Vacancies



Total Vacancies: 249

Recruitment

Applications Taken 591
Job Posting Hits 21,461
New Hires 27
Recruited Pos FT 31
Posted PT/STARR 11





2025 Annual Case Manager Appreciation Luncheon in Ft. Meyers – Sponsored by a number of southwest Florida businesses and agencies, members of the Aging and Adult Services and Family Stability staff were thanked and honored for their work with vulnerable residents in Charlotte County.



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:

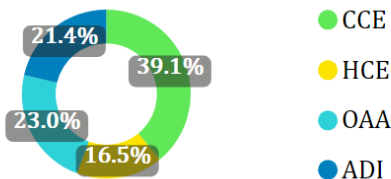
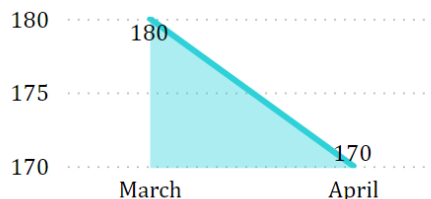
Going the extra mile – Staff never hesitates to get involved in creative ways to get supplies and equipment to their clients.

Case Management

160

Aging & Adult Serv...

Total Clients Served



Intake Services:



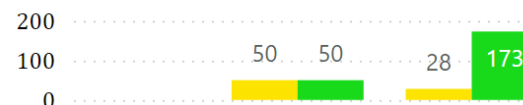
Administrative Assistant's Appreciation Day – A big thank you to Laura Thomas!

8K

Intake Service Calls
March & April

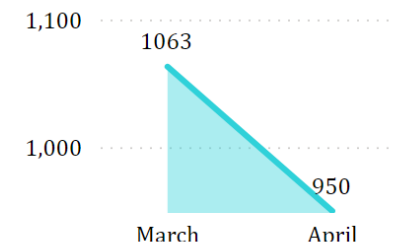
Fastrack VS Screening Tool

Screening Tools Fastrack Applications:



Congratulations to Martina Neal, Case Coordinator - Rockstar of the month!

Total Clients Served



122

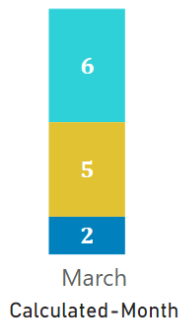
LIHEAP-Applications

Neighborhood Services:

Case Management

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

Seawall Repair Assistance Program – Now extended to June 30, 2025, this program provides up to a 50% reimbursement for work completed to repairing seawalls damaged by Hurricane Ian.



Florida - Regional Roundtable – Region 5 – Colleen Turner and members of the Neighborhood Services Division gave a presentation on Charlotte County's housing programs and use of SHIP funds. This group had representatives from 7 counties in attendance.

Civil Citations



18

Total Clients Served

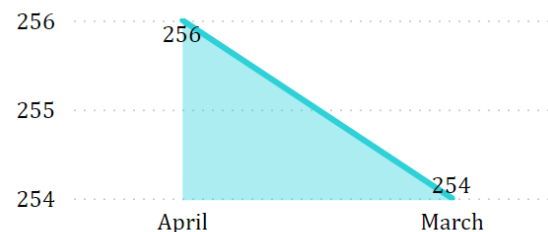
Veteran Services:

Updating Veterans Benefits – Staff has been encouraging all Veterans to come in for a review of their benefits, this is a free service and assists individuals and families in applying for benefits or advocating for them as they navigate the complex VA system.

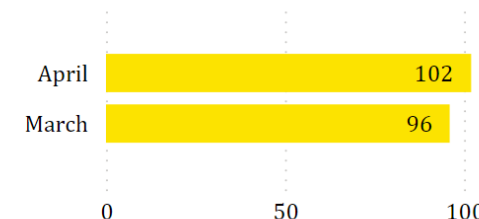
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Calls for Veteran Assistance

VA Clients Served



VA New Claims





CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Public Safety

April 2025

Resilience, Recognition, and Response

Emergency Management:

The Charlotte County Hurricane Ian Seawall Repair Assistance Program is currently accepting applications for reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible costs incurred by homeowners who paid to repair or replace their seawalls damaged by Hurricane Ian. The program has remaining funds that must be expended by June 30, 2025, and applications will be accepted through May 30. While there are no income restrictions, the property must be home-steaded to qualify. Reimbursements are issued on a first-eligible, first-served basis and will continue until funds are depleted or the deadline is reached. For detailed information and application instructions, visit our [website](#).

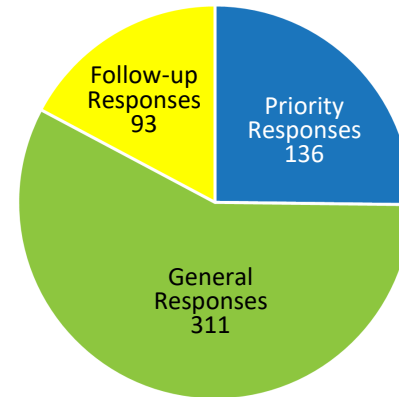
Fire & EMS:

Our Marine Operations team competed in the First Responders Dive Challenge, earning top honors and demonstrating the excellence they bring both in competition and in service to the community. The team took 1st place in the Batson's Revenge Challenge and Firemedic Brandon Hurley earned the coveted "Top Frog" title with a 1st place individual finish. Additional top 10 finishes included Firemedic Davey Nelson in 3rd, Deputy Chief Matthew McElroy in 5th, and Firefighter/EMT John Estill Jr. in 6th place. Overall, the team secured an impressive 3rd place in the entire competition.

Animal Control:

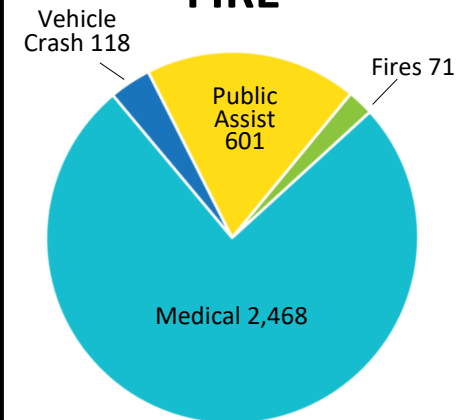
In April, the Animal Control Division was honored with two official proclamations during the County Commission meeting. The first recognized April 13–19 as Animal Control Officer Week in Charlotte County, highlighting the team's efforts to protect both residents and animals through compassionate response, public education, and enforcement of animal-related laws. The second proclamation declared the same week as Dog Bite Prevention Week, underscoring the importance of education in reducing incidents and promoting community safety. With 456 animal bites reported in 2024 alone, this awareness is more critical than ever. We extend our sincere thanks to the Animal Control Division for their continued dedication and service.

ANIMAL CONTROL



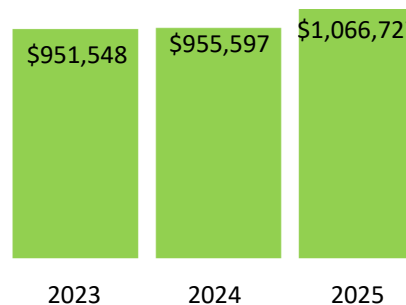
Total Calls: 540

FIRE

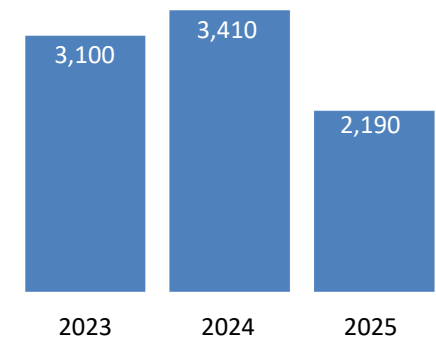


Total Calls: 3,304

EMS Revenue



Billable EMS Calls



MOSQUITO & AQUATIC WEED CONTROL

CDC Traps
distributed

109

286

Total number of
mosquitos identified
to species

24

Phone Complaints
Resolved



Wear long sleeves when
you can.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

1553

Work Orders
Opened

1374

Work Orders
Closed

224

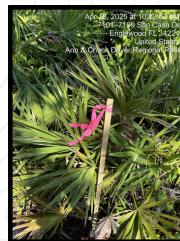
Service
Requests
Opened

294

Service
Requests
Closed

ENGINEERING

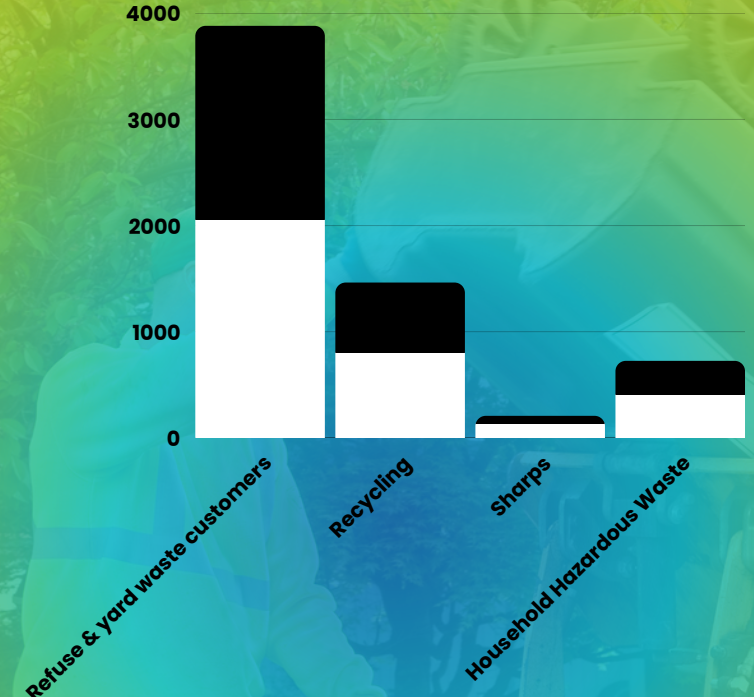
April has been another busy month for the Survey Department. We are continuing to work on the Burnt Store Drainage Study having surveyed 176 pipes. We reviewed 18 DRC's, 33 PTO's, 5 ROE's, and 2 Plats. We did 2 stakeouts for Community Services which will allow them to put up a fence on Englewood Beach and the other one at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park. We helped M&O by staking out 4 outfalls and setting a benchmark for them. We also surveyed 2 sidewalks for Engineering and flagged 2 spaces at Indian Springs cemetery .



SOLID WASTE

Transfer Stations

● Mid County ● West County



Landfill



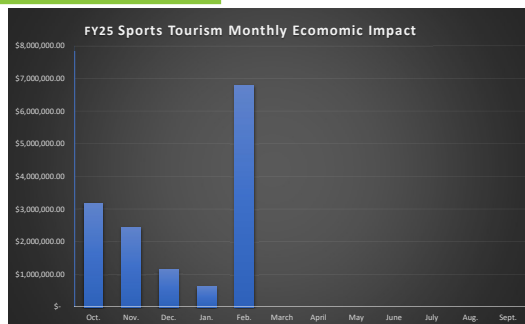
SPORTS

April 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: 101,686

Sessions: 118,279

Top Origin Markets:

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

Key Performance Indicators

Tourist Development Tax Collections TDT (Current Month)			
Mar-24	\$1,366,170	↓ -2.6%	
Mar-25	\$1,330,700		

TDT YTD Collections (Pacing)			
Mar-24	\$5,185,353	↓ -0.7%	
Mar-25	\$5,147,802		

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:** 8,532
- **Call Wait Time:** 1 minute
- **Sewer Connections:** 49,605
(211 increase from March)
- **Water Connections:** 73,265
(521 increase from March)

Charlotte County, FL App Requests

- 7 Misc.—Utilities Department
- 0 Utilities Billing
- 11 Utilities Department Service
18 Total

Charlotte County Utilities Facebook

3,654 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.

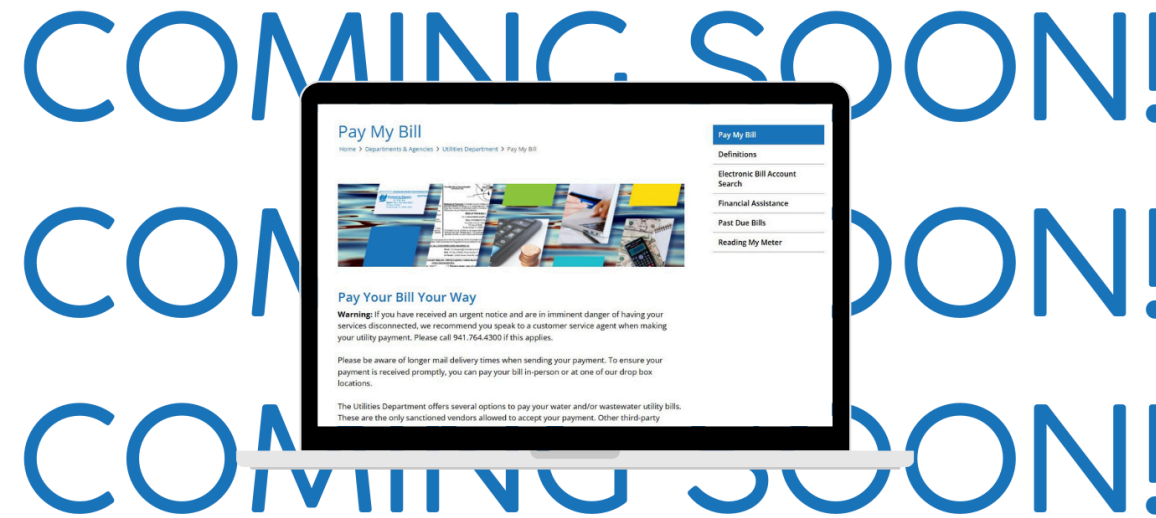
Monday through Friday— 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Customer Payment Center assisted 853 individuals for the month of April.



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
Utilities

NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM



The Charlotte County Utilities Department will soon be launching a new bill notification and payment system, along with an updated Customer Payment Portal. Complete features and offerings include:

- PayPal, PayPal Credit, Venmo, Apple Pay and Google Pay digital wallets
- In-store cash payments accepted at Walmart, CVS, Dollar General and more
- Major credit and debit cards
- Automatic payment and 24-hour interactive voice response system (IVR)

Please note: The new system will affect all customers who manage their utility bills electronically. This includes those who make one-time payments or set up automatic payments via checking or savings accounts. All current automatic payment customers will need to re-enroll within the new system.

Contact CCUSupport@CharlotteCountyFL.gov
or 941-764-4300 for more information.



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 summer.

AckermanProject.com

April Connections: 0 Total Connections: 428

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 40% complete.

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