



Monthly Report

May 2025



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA

Administration

County Partners with Sheriff and Schools on Speed Zone Enforcement

The Charlotte County Commission approved a contract with a firm to install school zone speed detection safety camera systems on designated roads and in school zones to enhance student safety. The system will be operational this fall semester.

The speed photo enforcement system is a partnership between the county, the sheriff's office and Charlotte County Public Schools. The system will be operational beginning 30 minutes before schools open for 30 minutes after schools close. The

program will be funded by fines paid by violators.

With 24 schools, centers and a technical college and nearly 17,000 students within the district, enforcing speed limits, including the 15-mph school zone before and after school begins and ends, is logistically challenging. The photo enforcement system does not require deputies to pull over violators and potentially endanger students coming and going to school. Violation notices are mailed to the owner of the vehicle and can be paid online.



The Charlotte County Commission held a ribbon-cuttings for Sheriff's Office District 4 building on June 3. The facility will house patrol and detective offices, training rooms and a K9 support space and kennel operations. The project was funded by revenue from the 1% local option sales tax approved by voters in November 2020.

Volunteers Sought for Sales Tax Focus Group

The Charlotte County Commission is seeking volunteers to serve on the 1% Local Option Sales Tax Focus Group that will hold a series of meetings to review prioritize projects to be funded by revenue generated by the 1% local option sales tax if approved by voters

in November 2026. The focus group's recommendations will be provided to the County Commission, which vote on the final project list.

To request an application, contact Administration at 941-743-1943.

Hurricane season began June 1. To stay informed, register for AlertCharlotte. Receive notifications about evacuations, watches and warnings and road closures To register, visit CharlotteCountyFL.gov/alertcharlotte.

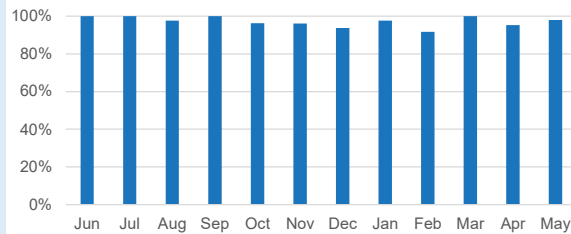


Information Technology

Service Tickets by Month

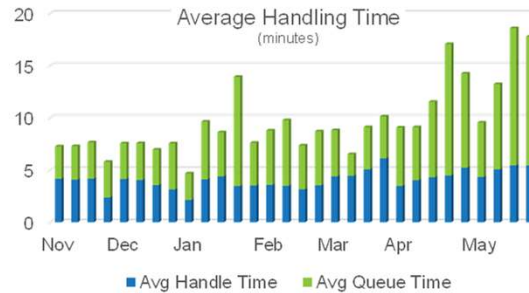


Customer Satisfaction
% Positive

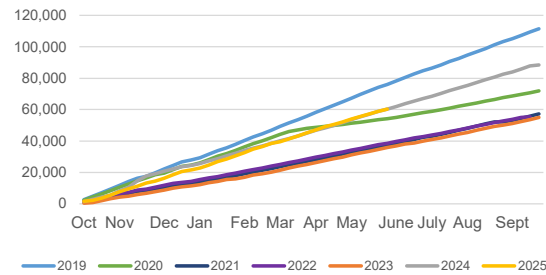


Transit

Transit Calls
Average Handling Time
(minutes)



Annual Cumulative Ridership



Director Highlights

Disaster Recovery - Fiscal Services

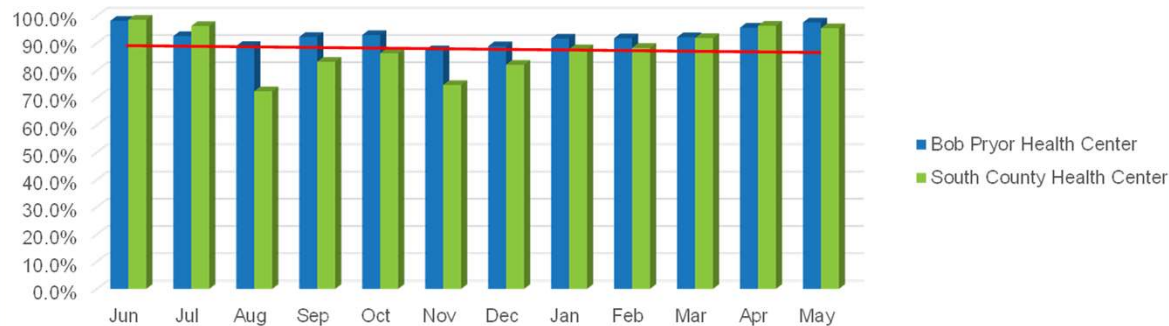
The Disaster Recovery core service, part of Fiscal Services, leads the organization through the complex financial recovery process following a disaster, with a focus on FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement. The division is responsible for managing and submitting FEMA documentation, tracking disaster-related expenses, and ensuring full compliance with federal and state regulations. While insurance recovery efforts are handled by the Risk Management Department, Disaster Recovery plays a central coordinating role—guiding departments through the overall reimbursement strategy and helping them determine the appropriate recovery path. By serving as the lead resource for FEMA PA and compliance, Disaster Recovery ensures timely, accurate reimbursement and protects the organization from potential funding delays or denials.

May 2025

Named Storm Disaster	FEMA		Insurance		Total	
	Obligated Claims*	Cost Estimates for Pending Claims	Insurance Claims Paid to Date	Insurance Claims Pending	Total Insurance Claims	Total Projected Recovery
433P-DR Irma	\$16,124,807	-	\$16,124,807	-	\$16,124,807	\$16,124,807
4673-DR Ian	\$75,189,847	\$55,320,048	\$135,509,895	\$13,692,610	\$24,889,042	\$188,691,547
4806-DR Dolly	-	\$2,081,281	\$2,081,281	-	-	\$2,081,281
4734-DR Idalia	\$527,373	\$11,947,319	\$12,474,692	-	-	\$12,474,692
4828-DR Helene	-	\$19,312,273	\$19,312,273	\$195,873	-	\$195,873
4834-DR Milton	\$9,263,724	\$125,624,220	\$145,107,944	\$507,423	\$368,680	\$146,084,047
Total	\$95,125,751	\$224,485,141	\$319,610,892	\$14,495,906	\$24,857,722	\$358,964,529

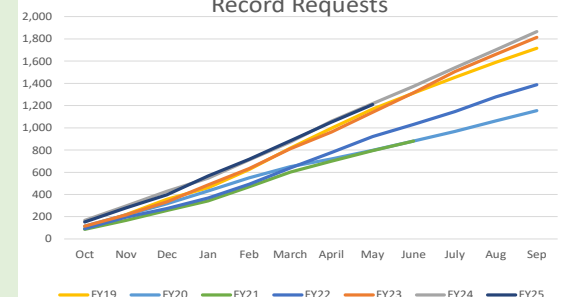
Health Center

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

Townplace Suites

9044 Mac Drive,
Punta Gorda
101,059 sq. ft. hotel with 112
rooms and 4 stories, with all
other infrastructure

Under Construction



7 Brew Coffee

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



Charlotte Technical College Aviation Tech Facility

28375 Challenger Blvd.,
Punta Gorda
19,420 sq. ft. aviation
maintenance technical school



My Place Hotel

24490 Sandhill Blvd., Punta Gorda
63-room hotel

Completed



Mission BBQ

1340 Tamiami Trail,
Port Charlotte
Remodel of existing restaurant

Permit Stats

188 single-family permits issued
275 single-family COs issued
2,991 permits taken
3,073 permits issued (May 2025)
45,136 permits issued (FY23-24)
25,569 permits issued (FY24-25)

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

Project Spotlight

Babcock Ranch

47 single-family permits issued in
May 2025
3,573 single-family COs issued
since March 2017

West Port

7 single-family permits issued in
May 2025
813 COs issued since April 2017

Current Plat Applications in Review

PPF-25-03 Webbs Reserve Phase 3

Lennar Homes, LLC is requesting Preliminary and Final Plat approval for a subdivision to be named, Webbs Reserve – Phase 3, being a replat of portions of Tracts F-3, G-17, G-24, G-25, and D-203 of Webbs Reserve. The proposed subdivision consists of 90 residential lots and 13 tracts. This site contains 60.21± acres and is generally located in the boundary of the Babcock Ranch Community Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Increment 2 and in Commission District I.

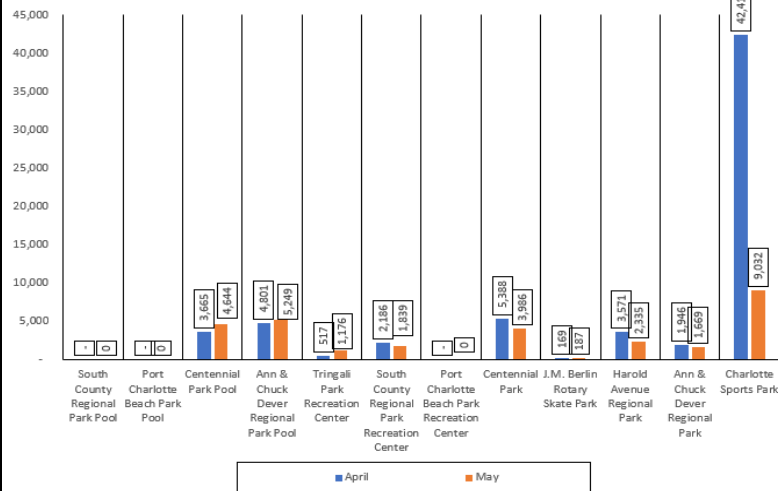
PPF-25-06 Babcock Ranch Community Verde Phase 2

Pulte Home Company, LLC. is requesting Preliminary and Final Plat approval for a subdivision to be named, Babcock Ranch Community Verde Phase 2, consisting of 51 single-family residential lots, to replat 71 lots of the previously platted Babcock Ranch Community Verde. They also seek approval of the Second Amendment to the Developer's Agreement to acknowledge this replat and modification to the Final Site Plan. This site contains 10.89± acres and is generally located in the boundary of the Babcock Ranch Community Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Increment 2 and in Commission District I.

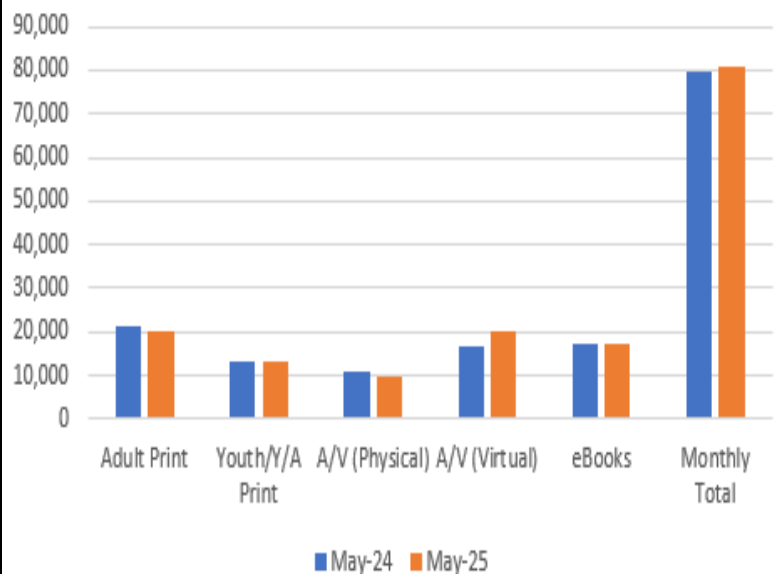
PPF-25-07 Cranberry Commons Subdivision, A Replat of Lot 2

JBCC Cranberry & 41 LLC is requesting Preliminary and Final Plat approval for four-lot subdivision to be named, Cranberry Commons Subdivision, A Replat of Lot 2. There is no infrastructure construction, bond or Developer's Agreement associated with this plat. The property contains 4.99± acres and is generally located north of Tamiami Trail, east of Cranberry Boulevard, south of Hillsborough Boulevard and west of Huge Boulevard, in the Port Charlotte area and in Commission District IV.

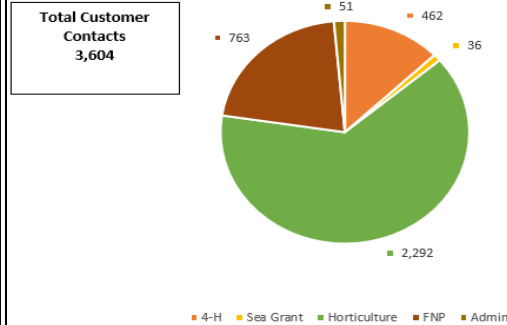
Recreation Centers and Aquatic Facilities Attendance



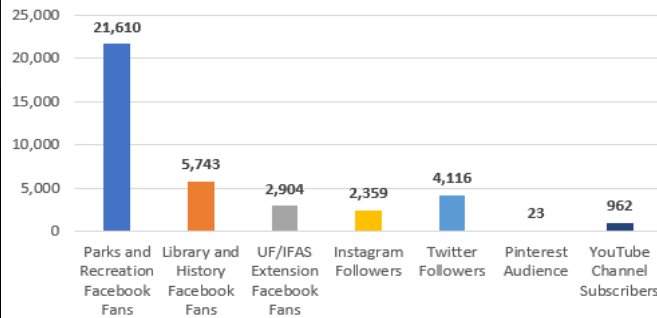
2024-2025 Library Circulation Comparison



UF/IFAS Extension Service Customer Contacts



Social Media Impact



Natural Resources

Sea Turtle Nests

175 Loggerhead
2 Green

Coastal Lighting

64 permit reviews
12 inspections

Abandoned/Derelict Vessels

Open-5
Removed – 6
Relocated- 1
Ready for removal - 13

Shorebird/Seabird

88 nests/116 chicks

Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance

- 448 fields prepped for practices and games
- 3,039 trash bags collected
- 236 recycling bags collected

Land Management

- 76.8 miles trails maintained
- 83.5 acres exotics/invasives treated
- 14 miles of habitat managed
- Overstory reduction –26 trees cut

Project Management

- Projects Completed - 5
- Projects - In progress –74
- Total projects - 86
- Total – \$ 71,073,631

Charlotte County EDO attends FEDC Annual Conference at Sunseeker

Charlotte County Economic Development Office (EDO) proudly participated in the Florida Economic Development Council's (FEDC) Annual Conference, IGNITE 2025, held at the Sunseeker Resort. This premier event brought together over 300 leaders from industry, education, workforce development, and government to discuss strategies for advancing Florida's economy. The Charlotte County EDO's involvement underscored the county's commitment to economic growth and collaboration within the state. Hosting the conference at the Sunseeker Resort not only showcased Charlotte Harbor's appeal but also highlighted the county's role in Florida's economic development landscape.



Economic Development Attends SOF Week 2025 in Tampa, FL

SOF Week 2025, held May 5–8 at the Tampa Convention Center, brought together over 20,000 global leaders in Special Operations.

Representing Charlotte County EDO, Mark Odell and Kristy Sisler attended to explore defense, aviation, and workforce development opportunities, reinforcing the county's strategic role in supporting national security industries.



April 40 Under 40: Kenna Hubai

Meet Kenna Hubai, our May 40 Under 40 honoree! A U.S. Air Force veteran and Business Services Manager for Charlotte County Public Works, Kenna is transforming public service with heart and innovation—proving every detail matters when you serve your community.

[READ the FULL Feature HERE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

6/4/25 - "Are you Lender Ready?" Webinar Part 2

6/17/25 - "Unlock the power of AI in your business"

7/15/25 - Boost Your Small Business with Google Tools for Growth

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

8/11/25 - Entrepreneur Support Organization 3rd Quarter Meeting

8/12/25 - "Unlock the power of AI in your business"

Facilities Management

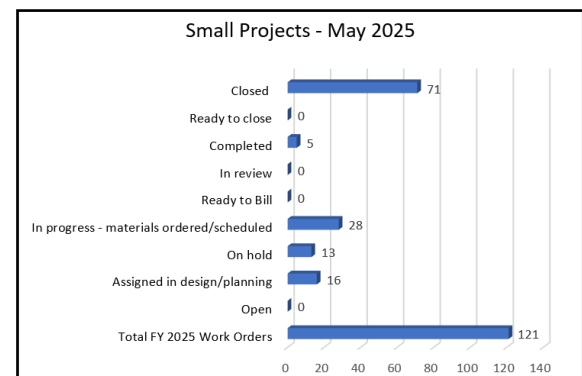
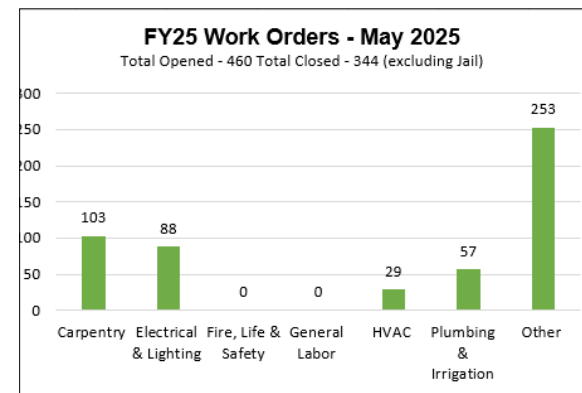
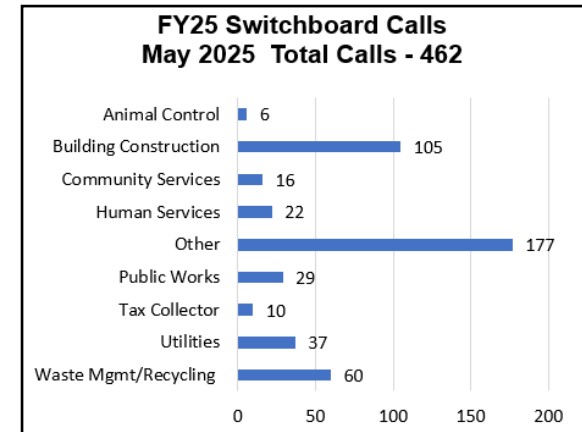
May 2025

Ribbon Cutting for Babcock Fire Station 9 and CCSO District 5

On May 6th, community leaders, first responders, and residents gathered for the official ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the new Charlotte County Fire Station 9 and Charlotte County Sheriff's Office District 5 facilities. This event marked a significant milestone in enhancing public safety infrastructure in Babcock Ranch by displaying the product of a collaboration on a project between Charlotte County and Kitson Partners. The opening of these two facilities brings improved emergency services directly into the heart of Babcock Ranch, ensuring faster response times and a strengthened sense of security for residents. As the population grows, these services are critical for supporting long-term community health, safety, and quality of life.

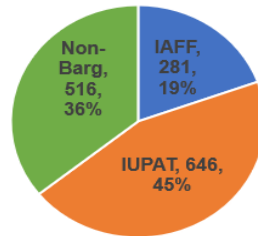


- ◆ The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design of Phase II at McGuire Park was advertised on May 9, 2025 with proposals being due on June 9, 2025. This phase of the project encompasses the construction of a community center with an estimated area of 700 square feet, the installation of one large pavilion and one small pavilion, the addition of architectural fencing, and expansion of the parking lot and driveway to accommodate these new amenities.
- ◆ At the Sheriff Admin/911 project, FPL transformers were delivered and set in place, with primary conductors being pulled from the power pole on Loveland Blvd.
- ◆ The identification of programming needs to meet the operational and growth goals for the Emergency Operations Center has resulted in the design team presenting stakeholders with preliminary drafted site plans and potential building configurations for an addition to the facility.
- ◆ The design team, Harvard Jolly, and CM@R, Tandem Construction, have been working diligently to produce a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the new Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center.



Workforce

Employee Count 1,443
Avg Age 46
Avg Hourly Rate \$27.75
Avg Years of Service 7.8



Retention of New Hires
% completing probation

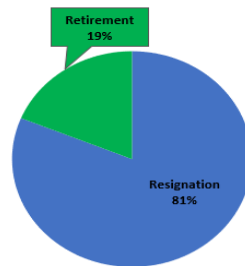
May
87%

Succession Planning

Ee's in FRS DROP the next 8 years 3.1%
% of Workforce Retired this FY 0.8%

Separations

MAY
Turnover 1.2%
Separations 17

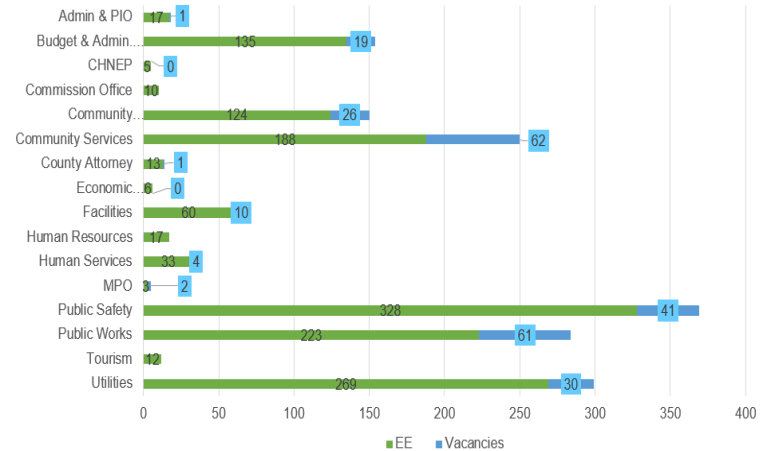


Training & Development

Training 28.5 Hours 364 Ees 10,374 contact hrs
% using Tuition Reimbursement 1%

Human Resources

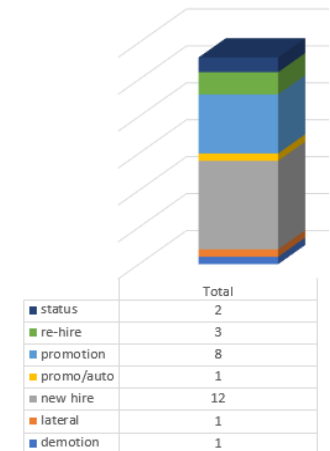
Employees vs Vacancies



Total Vacancies: 256

Recruitment

Applications Taken 1,410
Job Posting Hits 119,906
New Hires 12
Recruited Pos FT 59
Posted PT/STARR 12



2025 Governor's Hurricane Conference



Carrie Walsh, Director and members of the Charlotte County Emergency Operations Center and COAD, attended and presented at the 39th annual conference in Palm Springs. This year's theme was "Enduring Together – Persevering with Purpose" and featured 29 training sessions, 59 workshops and a general session in which participants shared experiences and lessons learned from the 2024 hurricane season in order to better prepare us for the future.



Our Mission:

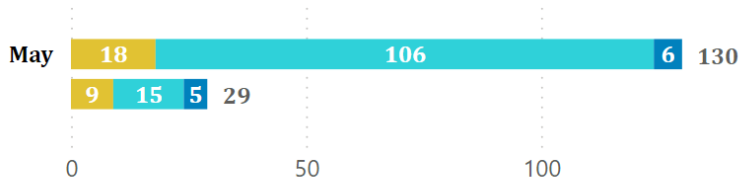
To collaborate and provide programs and connections that increase financial stability and support individuals and families as they work to reach their fullest potential.

Aging & Adult Services:

Area Agency on Aging Annual Audit and Vendor Monitoring Completed – May is the month for agency service and file reviews and staff from Aging and Adult Services prepared client files and financial records needed for a successful review.

Case Management

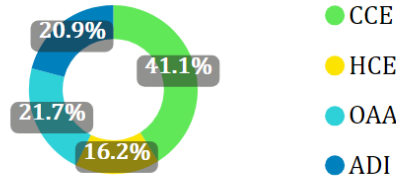
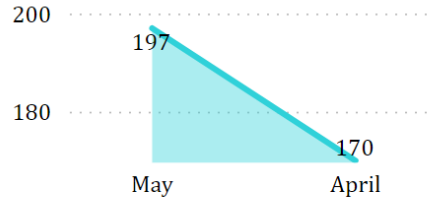
● New Cases: ● In process/Research: ● Completed/Closed/Termed:



177

Aging & Adult Serv...
April – May, 2025

Total Clients Served



Intake Services:

Promise Platform Launched:

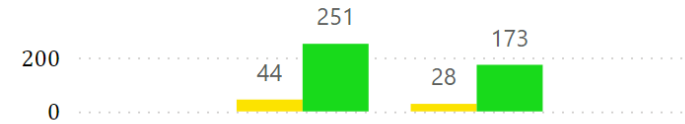
Working with Florida Commerce, the Intake Division successfully launched this new online application platform to assist residents applying for the he Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

10K

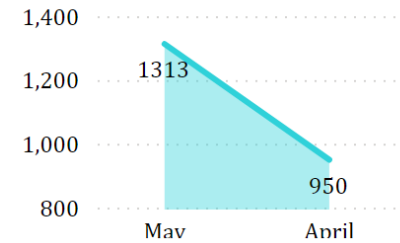
Intake Service Calls
April – May, 2025

Fastrack VS Screening Tool

● Screening Tools ● Fastrack Applications:



Total Clients Served



258

Utility Applications

Neighborhood Services:



Verandas III of Punta Gorda III

Celebrates Grand Opening -

Verandas III is the first project in Charlotte County to receive funding from the Charlotte County Housing Trust Fund through the Charlotte Homes Application process. This project provides 72 new affordable homes for families.

The SHIP Purchase Assistance Program – This program was effectively shut down by COVID and a series of hurricanes, but was relaunched this month! Starting off as a pilot program, staff will work with 5 SHIP-experienced lenders to establish streamlined processes and build a Lenders' Consortium. For more information, check out the Program Overview and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the [Housing page](#).

Civil Citations



Family Stability:

Congratulations to - Althea Connor, Case Manager, for receiving the 2025 Advocacy In Action Award, presented to her by Drug Free Charlotte County; and to Paula Odarczenko, Case Manager, for receiving and Exceptional Service Award from Claire Jubb, Assistant County Executive.



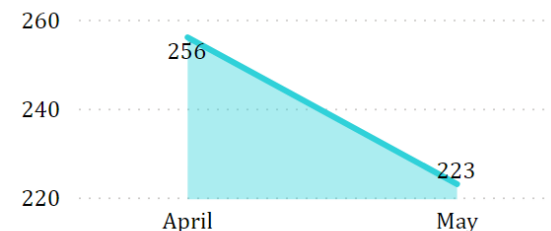
Veteran Services:

By the Numbers – May 2025:

VSO's work with Charlotte County Veterans every day to assure they are receiving their monthly benefits:

- **New Veterans Administration (VA) Awards** – 5
- **Retroactive Awards**- \$261,182
- **Monthly Re-occurring Payments** - \$98,925

VA Clients Served



164

Calls for Veteran Assistance
April – May, 2025

Charlotte County Veteran's Council Annual Certification Training – Staff from Veteran's Services including Matthew McGee, Manager, Nick Cook, Sr. VSO and Ezequiel Oquendo -Tirado, VSO attended the annual conference and recertification training event in Orlando, FL. All three received recertification certificates from the State of Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.



Building a Safer, Stronger Charlotte County: Preparedness, Partnerships & Public Service in Action

Emergency Management:

Charlotte County agencies collaborated on a full-scale school reunification exercise to enhance emergency response capabilities in school-related incidents. The exercise provided an opportunity to test plans, identify areas for improvement, and strengthen interagency coordination. Charlotte County Fire & EMS, Charlotte County Public Schools, and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office went through their plans for an event like this, while Charlotte County Emergency Management served as the central coordination hub, ensuring smooth operations across all participating agencies. This joint effort highlighted the power of partnership in protecting our community.

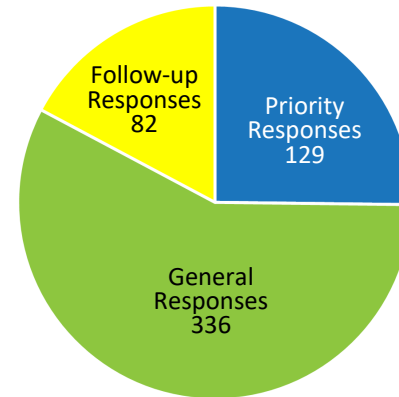
Fire & EMS:

Charlotte County Fire & EMS proudly celebrated EMS Week, honoring the dedication, skill, and compassion of our emergency medical professionals. Throughout the week, we acknowledged the lifesaving work our crews perform every day, whether responding to emergencies, supporting community events, or providing critical care during transport. The week also served as a reminder of the role EMS plays in public safety and health. From team lunches, to dunk tanks, to community shout-outs, EMS Week was filled with gratitude and appreciation for the men and women who serve on the front lines of care in Charlotte County.

Animal Control:

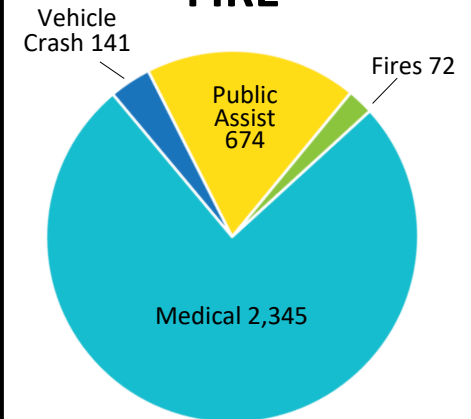
Charlotte County, in partnership with the Animal Welfare League, offers a low-cost pet sterilization program for eligible residents. For just \$20 per animal, qualifying citizens can have their pets spayed or neutered, helping to promote responsible pet ownership and reduce overpopulation. If your pet has not received a rabies vaccination by your appointment date, it will be provided at the time of the procedure for no additional fee. Eligibility is based on participation in programs such as Medicaid, SSI, SSD, TANF, Food Stamps, and others, including referrals from Charlotte County Animal Control or Human Services. For more information call 941.833.5690.

ANIMAL CONTROL



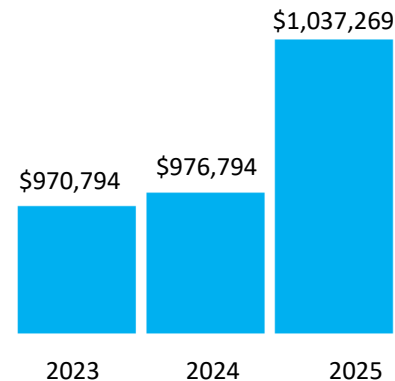
Total Calls: 547

FIRE

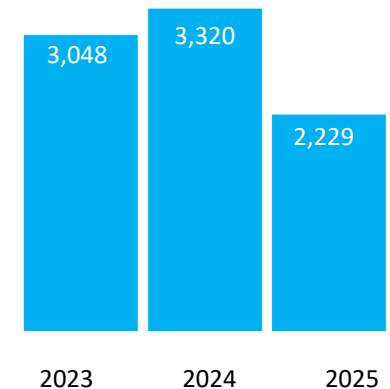


Total Calls: 3,278

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



These aren't the friends you
want at your next party



Drain, Dress, Defend

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

1652

Work Orders
Opened

1276

Work Orders
Closed

257

Service
Requests
Opened

128

Service
Requests
Closed



ENGINEERING

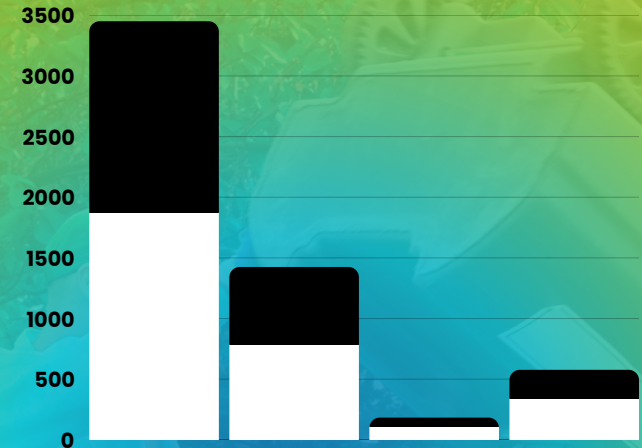
Due to a huge increase in fiber companies, the ROW (Right-of-Way) utility permits have increased substantially. There are currently 18 fiber companies placing fiber throughout the County. It is estimated that approximately 5.5 million feet of fiber cable has been placed within the ROW and it is estimated that this will more than double before it is completed.

Public Works engineering inspectors are the individuals overseeing these permits. There are currently thousands of open permits throughout the County. The engineering inspectors are ensuring the required MOTs are in place, locates are completed before they start working, the crews are operating safely, and the ROW is restored properly. The nine inspectors are doing this with every ROW utility permit at the same time as keeping up with their construction projects.

SOLID WASTE

Transfer Stations

● Mid County ● West County



Landfill

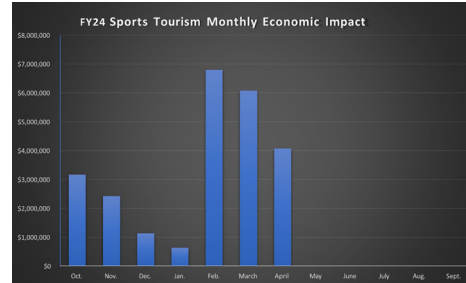


SPORTS

Sales Update

April 2025	
Events:	6
Sports:	Pickleball
	Soccer
	Baseball
	Basketball
	Endurance Race

April 2025 Sports Tourism Economic Impact	
\$	4,070,399.00



LEISURE

May 2025:

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is expanding its UK and Ireland presence to attract more international visitors. From May 6-9, 2025, key meetings in London (12), Glasgow (6), and Belfast (7) focused on strengthening partnerships, developing itineraries, and securing media exposure.

The region's appeal as a peaceful Florida destination was showcased, highlighting its beaches, outdoor activities, and attractions. Future initiatives, including media trips and airline partnerships, aim to drive more travelers to local hotels and experiences.



MEETINGS

May 2025:

This month has been an exciting and productive time for the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor and Convention Bureau. PG/EB partnered with the Charlotte County Economic Development Council for their Annual Conference hosted at the stunning Sunseeker Resort. This event provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase our destination to a wide range of influential attendees with the goal of encouraging return visits and future business in the area. We look forward to continuing these valuable partnerships and welcoming more visitors to discover all that Punta Gorda Englewood Beach Visitor and Convention Bureau has to offer.

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



PureFlorida.com

Website Traffic

Website Users: 95,223

Sessions: 110,630

Top Origin Markets:

FL, CA, NY, VA, IL, GA, OH, MI, Co, NJ

Key Performance Indicators

Tourist Development Tax Collections TDT (Current Month)			
Apr-24	\$726,194	↓	-0.7%
Apr-25	\$721,180		

TDT YTD Collections (Pacing)			
Apr-24	\$5,911,547	↓	-0.7%
Apr-25	\$5,868,982		

Public Relations & Social Media

Tarpon Fishing – the Florida Giants!

Bret Amundson, Dan Amundson and Pat Kalmerton are fishing travel writers and influencers who have YouTube channels where they showcased their experience and the power behind catching "Florida Giants" as they highlight the Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World here in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach.



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: 8,028
- Call Wait Time: 2 minutes, 53 seconds
- Sewer Connections: 49,746
(141 increase from April)
- Water Connections: 73,529
(264 increase from April)

Charlotte County, FL App Requests

- 5 Misc.—Utilities Department
- 1 Utilities Billing
- 7 Utilities Department Service
- 13 Total

Charlotte County Utilities Facebook

3,738 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 832 individuals for the month of May.



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
Utilities

**Hurricane season June 1-
November 30 has begun.**

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

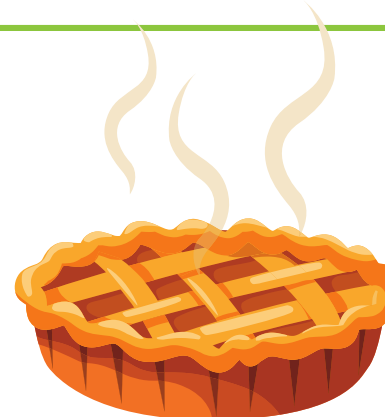
Pie Watch

VS

Pie Warning



The ingredients are
here to make a pie.



The pie is **DONE**, and
it's being served **NOW**!

Visit our hurricane preparedness
guide under "sewer service".

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.

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May 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 underway.

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