Get Up, Get Out, Get Active!

The Guide

...Your source to Get Up, Get Out, Get Active in Charlotte County!

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Please take a moment to tell us how we are doing
by taking these short surveys.

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CAPRA
The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) recognizes departments throughout the United States for excellence in operation and service. To achieve this national accreditation, there are 151 standards that need to be met based upon administrative policies and procedures, programs and activities, budgeting, personnel, maintenance and facilities, land management, purchasing, staff training, safety, and current industry trends.

In September of 2017, Charlotte County Community Services achieved this national accreditation.
Thank you for your interest in Charlotte County Community Services’ outstanding programs and unmatched facilities. We strive to continually improve these services, and ensure they are available for citizens and visitors, from the young to the young at heart. We deliver these based in 5 core values: Integrity, Customer Service, Partnership, Innovation, and Stewardship. We are committed to honesty and excellence in customer service, and to working cooperatively within the community to be good stewards of our resources. Our staff works diligently every day, to being innovative in the delivery of quality of life experiences.

Whether you are participating in a sports league, walking through an environmental park or taking a fitness class at a recreation center, Community Services’ parks and recreation programs are some of the best ways to stay fit and active in our community!

Being involved in a social program through Community Services is important to the social health of our community, our families, and our visitors. Whether you are involved in a park clean up, becoming a Master Gardner, or volunteering at a library, being engaged in the community is a great way to stay connected and help improve everyone’s quality of life!

Our environmental and preservation lands are one of the greatest assets in our community. Whether you are kayaking through a preserve, bird-watching in at an environmental park, or searching for sea scallops, these are truly some of the greatest experience you will ever have. Not only do our environmental lands and programs preserve and protect these assets, but they help prevent flooding, improve air quality, and provide habitat for wildlife and places for the community to connect with nature!

All of our parks, libraries, programs and activities contributed to overall economic health of our community. These community assets increase property values, attract seasonal visitors and tourists, and are great investments in our future.

As you can see, the programs and facilities provided through the Charlotte County Community Services department have so many positive impacts on our lives. Please be safe and enjoy the opportunities available through your Community Services Department!

GET UP, GET OUT, AND GET ACTIVE in Charlotte County!

Sincerely,

Tommy Scott
Director of Community Services
WHO IS COMMUNITY SERVICES?

Charlotte County Community Services is committed to providing quality programs and facilities for residents and visitors to our county. We believe recreation and leisure activities, reading, music, art, and history are essential to personal growth, positive self-esteem, and relaxation. Our parks and open spaces are an integral part of our community identity.

There are five divisions within Community Services dedicated to providing these services: Administration, Extension Service, Libraries and History, Parks and Natural Resources, and Recreation.

Extension Service
Charlotte County Extension Service is a partnership between the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Charlotte County government, to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public. Operating as part of the University's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Extension provides information and conducts educational programs on issues such as sustainable agriculture, competitiveness in world markets, natural resource conservation, energy conservation, food safety, child and family development, consumer credit counseling, and youth development.

Libraries and History
The Libraries and History Division provides materials, assistance, and computers to meet the information and recreation needs of the community; meeting spaces for community groups and businesses; historic preservation and exhibits; programs and events to support literacy, lifelong learning, and educating the community about the history of Charlotte County by operating four libraries and specialized services.

Parks and Natural Resources
Parks and Natural Resources Division enhances quality of life by providing safe, well maintained, accessible park and athletic facilities for all users including athletic fields, beaches, parks and conservation lands, playgrounds, fishing piers, and boat ramps; managing and safeguarding natural ecosystems for public access for passive recreation and environmental education; enhancing community life by preserving clean air and water, conservation of wildlife and natural resources, and management of Habitat Conservation Plans.

Recreation
The Recreation Division operates four Recreation Centers and three Aquatic Facilities; programs various activities and events for participants of all ages; provides summer and break camp for children grades K-8; coordinates special interest classes for the public; develops and implements youth and adult sport activities to promote active lifestyles; provides swimming lessons and aquatic safety training for the public; coordinates athletic facility usage by youth and adult sports leagues; provides special events for community enjoyment and economic benefit; and schedules and rents facilities, including the Charlotte Sports Park, the Spring Training Home of the Tampa Bay Rays and Home of the Charlotte Stone Crabs.

DISCOVER & EXPLORE COMMUNITY SERVICES

In the Charlotte County Community Service’s Activities, Programs & Facility Guide you will find seasonal and annual programs for many interests and ages. The guide is published twice a year and is distributed throughout the county at key locations, as well as online at CharlotteCountyFL.gov. The following information will provide an overview for first-time and ongoing users. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Email us at CommunityServices@CharlotteCountyFL.gov or call 941.625.PLAY(7529).

Credit and Debit Cards
Charlotte County Community Services accepts major credit cards and debit cards (MasterCard and Visa) for payment of selected programs and services at all of our facilities. A minimum charge of $1.50 is required.

Satisfaction Guarantee Policy
If you are not satisfied with a class or are unable to participate for any reason, please contact us immediately. Our policy is to provide a 100% credit or refund (your choice) to anyone who makes a written request before the start of the second class. Requests received after the second class will entitle participants to a prorated refund. Prorated refunds will be based on the number of classes remaining at the time the written application for refund is made.

“Say Cheese” Photo Policy
Program participants may be photographed/videotaped by the Charlotte County Community Services Department and the local media for publicity of our programs. Unless you request otherwise, you or your child's participation in these programs will be considered permission for Charlotte County to photograph or audio/video tape you or your child for use in our publications or promotional materials, in any medium, without restrictions. Charlotte County Community Services understands some participants may object to this use.
Please notify the Community Services Department at the time of your registration or participation if you object to Charlotte County using your image or your child’s image in this manner.

**Program Accessibility Statement**
Charlotte County Community Services welcomes and encourages individuals of all abilities to participate in our programs and enjoy our facilities. We are committed to making reasonable efforts to ensure our programs and facilities are accessible to and usable by all. If you require special assistance or an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the facility supervisor prior to the activity.

**Employment Opportunities**
From time to time there are opportunities for employment within the department. For a variety of full time & part time positions, including seasonal positions within our Parks & Recreation Divisions, please visit CharlotteCountyFL.gov and click Job Opportunities on the left. We are an equal opportunity employer.

**Online Registration & Rental Information**
Get Active Online! Search and register for programs, classes or even summer camp online with the new Community Services Get Active website. Search and register for programs, manage your account, and view facility information online. Reservations for facility rentals can be made over the phone or in person at any of our facilities. Charlotte County Community Services is proud to bring parks into your homes, and hopes this added convenience saves your family time so you can enjoy more of our wonderful programs, parks, and park facilities.

**Gift/Donation Brochure**
This gift/donation brochure offers many ways you can contribute to the continued quality of life in our community. Within this brochure are suggestions that include ways to beautify our parks, promote recreational activities, reading and literacy, promote historical preservation, and create a fun and safe environment for all ages. The brochure is available online at CharlotteCountyFL.gov on the Community Services homepage.

**Instructors**
Enjoy teaching a craft or other activity? There are opportunities to teach classes and provide instruction, whether it is a dance or art class, tae kwon do, or pine needle weaving. Call your nearest recreation facility or library for more information.

**Special Event Permits**
Looking for a place to hold your special event? Charlotte County Community Services offers a wide variety of facilities, parks, and open space to hold events from 100 to 1,000 and more. Certain events require a temporary use permit from the Community Development Department Zoning Division. Examples of temporary use permit requirements are:
- Outdoor sales, parking lot sales or tent sales of merchandise, products, services, or other commercial activities
- Event uses, such as fairs, carnivals, circuses, and expositions
- Fund-raising events conducted off-site by charitable organizations, nonprofit corporations, or school groups, as well as promotions, sales and other activities by charitable organizations, nonprofit corporations, or school groups
- Temporary religious or revival activities
- Any other temporary use similar in nature to the ones listed above, as determined by the zoning official

For more information regarding special event permit requirements please contact the Community Development Department at 941.743.1964.

**Youth Services**
Youth services programs include both fee-based and free programs at recreation centers, parks, libraries, and other sites for toddlers, teens, and young adults.

**PARKING PASSES**

**Applying for or Renewing Your Annual Parking Pass**
Parking Passes are available for purchase for three different lengths of time for those who frequently visit and enjoy our beautiful Charlotte County beaches and boat ramps. We encourage beach and boat ramp patrons to renew or apply for a new parking pass by mail.

- Annual — Effective for one year from the month of purchase with a cost of $50.00 (plus $3.50 tax) = $53.50.
- 6 month — Effective for 6 months from the month of purchase with a cost of $35.00 (plus $2.45 tax) = $37.45.
- 3 month — Effective for 3 months from the month of purchase with a cost of $25.00 (plus $1.75 tax) = $26.75.

To download the application, visit our website at CharlotteCountyFL.gov and click on Parks & Recreation on the left, scan the following QR code on your smartphone to view the application form, or turn to page 87 in this Guide.
PARKING PASSES

Simply complete and mail the application (providing a self-addressed stamped envelope helps reduce the cost of this program) with your payment to:

Community Services Department Administrative Services
1120 O’Donnell Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Payment may be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Board of County Commissioners. Please allow at least ten working days for processing and return mailing of your new pass. You may also renew in person at the following Charlotte County locations:

• Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center, 6961 San Casa Drive, Englewood
• Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool, 7001 San Casa Drive, Englewood
• Charlotte County Tax Collector, 6868 San Casa Drive, Englewood, 410 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, 21229 Olean Blvd.
  Suite B, Port Charlotte, or 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte
  (in person only, make check payable to the Charlotte County Tax Collector)
• Harold Avenue Regional Park, 23400 Harold Ave., Port Charlotte
• North Charlotte Regional Park Recreation Center, 1120 O’Donnell Ave., Port Charlotte

The pass is to be affixed to the inside front windshield, passenger side, bottom corner.

For parking pay station information, see page 33.

RENTAL INFORMATION

RENTAL INFORMATION:

Amenities and meeting rooms are offered to the public on a first come, first served basis. We are always available to serve you, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 941.681.3742, to make your reservations. Or call 941.625.PLAY if you cannot reach staff at any of our facilities. A Facility Park Use questionnaire must be completed and rental fees for reserved exclusive use are required based on the following categories:

Category 1: Any individual renting facilities for a private function or a recreational class or a not-for-profit organization renting facilities for an organizational function, to raise funds for charity, or for the maintenance of an organization.

Category 2: Commercial, business, or individual renting facilities for the purpose of publicity, advertising, sales, or any other for-profit purposes. Floor plans for each recreation center can be found on our website under Facility & Pavilion Rental Information.

Damage Deposit

There is a $100 deposit per one-time event rental (over 30 people and/or use of alcohol). The deposit will be required and must accompany the returned contract. This deposit is refundable after facility inspection.

Insurance

Reserving any facility, shelter, or open space within Charlotte County Community Services is a contractual agreement and may require insurance. The specific type and amount of insurance required is dependent upon the nature of the activity, program, or event that will be occurring.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any County parks and recreation facility located within a Community Redevelopment Area AND between sunset and sunrise in all other parks and recreation facilities, except where alcoholic consumption is expressly authorized by the terms of a County lease, outdoor festival license, or other similar County event or temporary use permit.

Community Redevelopment Area Parks:
Charlotte Harbor CRA - Bayshore Live Oak Park, Edgewater Park,
Chester Roberts Park - Live Oak Point Park
Parkside CRA - McGuire Park, Lake Betty Park
Murdock Village CRA - North Charlotte Regional Park
**Recreation Centers and Libraries Reservations**

Recreation centers and libraries offer an assortment of facilities and rooms to accommodate a variety of meetings and events. Amenities at some of the centers include kitchens, public address systems, and stages. All centers have tables and chairs available for a variety of seating configurations. Staff will recommend physical arrangements to meet your event size. Call the facility for specifics on rooms and available amenities. Room rentals are based on the size of the room.

**Room Set Up**

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Gym-athletic use $22.50 per hour $45.00 per hour
Gym-other use $35.00 per hour $70.00 per hour

For Building and Pavilion Rentals, please call 941.681.3742.

**Open Space**

Many of our parks have open space available for rental. Unique and scenic park settings can be used for private gatherings, such as family barbecues and picnics, birthday parties, weddings, wedding receptions, concerts, and other community celebrations. Consider holding your next event at one of our open spaces, such as the amphitheater at Bayshore Live Oak Park, the deck at Port Charlotte Beach Park, or the stadium amenities at the Charlotte Sports Park.

**Picnic Pavilions**

County parks are a favorite place for special events, family get-togethers, and office outings. Reservations for picnic shelters ensure availability on a certain date. Picnic pavilion rentals entitle you to a specific picnic area in a park. Rentals are available at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, Englewood Beach, Bayshore Live Oak Park, and many others.

Pavilions include multiple tables, barbecues, or a large gazebo. Payment is required before the reservation is issued. Park staff cleans and removes trash prior to a facility reservation, but does not guarantee the cleanliness/condition of any reserved pavilion or open space. Visit our website at CharlotteCountyFL.gov to find user guidelines, amenity guides, and group areas for most popular parks. Please contact 941.681.3742 for pavilion rental information.

**Athletic Fields**

Athletic fields are available to the public on a first come, first served basis, as available. Youth athletic leagues have first priority of use. There are rental fees to reserve a field for your use. Call 941.627.1074

- Athletic fields $10.00 per hour
- Field lights $10.00 per hour
- Field prep $15.00 per rental

For information regarding tournament rentals contact 941.627.1074, and for information regarding the rental of the Charlotte Sports Park, please contact the stadium directly at 941.235.5010.

All fees are authorized through the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners and subject to change without notice.

- Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 941.681.3742
- Charlotte Sports Park, 941.235.5010
- Carmalita Meeting Room, 941.505.8686
- Carmalita Horse Arena, 941.627.1074
- Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 941.833.5444
- Englewood Charlotte Public Library, 941.681.3736
- Harold Avenue Regional Park, 941.627.1074
- Mid-County Regional Library, 941.613.3160
- North Charlotte Regional Park, 941.627.1074
- Port Charlotte Beach Park, 941.627.1628
- Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool, 941.629.0170
- Port Charlotte Public Library, 941.764.5562
- Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 941.833.5460
- South County Regional Park, 941.505.8686
- Tringali Park Recreation Center, 941.681.3742

\*Please contact the Charlotte Sports Park for open space and rental fees.

Note: Always bring your rental permit with you to the park you are visiting. If you have a permit and find another park patron(s) occupying the facility you have rented who refuses to vacate the facility, you may contact the Charlotte County Sheriff's Non-Emergency phone number 941.639.2101 to resolve the situation.
Volunteer Opportunities
Charlotte County Community Services would like to thank the hundreds of current volunteers for their tremendous effort and the great impact they have made on the Department and the County, including:

- Children's events
- Young adult events
- Cultural arts
- Sports and athletics
- Special events
- Shelving books
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

We are seeking kind, caring, and giving people to be part of our volunteer team. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to be part of exciting and rewarding events and programs. Give a little or give a lot, but volunteer for the time of your life!

Volunteer Benefits
- Gain valuable experience
- Help develop your community
- Share your skills with others
- Help others enjoy the benefits of our activities
- Meet new friends and have fun

How do I get started?
View and apply for Community Services volunteer opportunities for Parks and Recreation by visiting https://parksandrec.my-trs.com/. To view and apply for volunteer opportunities in Community Services Libraries and History visit https://librariesandhistory.my-trs.com/. Register with us, review current opportunities, and complete the volunteer application on the website. You will be contacted by staff to meet and learn more about volunteering with Community Services.

How do I become a supporter of the Libraries and History Division?
Each library location and history services has an active support organization. The Friends of the Libraries help the libraries in many ways such as:

- Raising money to purchase books, materials, computers, furniture, and other equipment
- Sponsoring and funding adult and children's programs
- Advocating for the libraries in the community
- Encouraging volunteers to help in the libraries
- Hosting fund raising events and raffles
- Sponsoring volunteer luncheons

Membership applications are available at each library branch. Support your local library and become a Friend! The benefits are endless.

The Charlotte County Historical Center Society assists History Services by:

- Promoting and encouraging public interest in its programs, activities and events
- Raising money for programs, activities and events
- Organizing volunteers to meet the goals of the CCHC Society

Membership application is available online.

How do I become a Parking Law Enforcement Volunteer?
The Community Services Department partners with the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office to keep our facilities safe for all of our patrons.

Citizens interested in participating in the Sheriff’s Office Citizen Observation Patrol Class program may contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 941.575.5367. Citizens will assist with the handling of non-emergency situations.

Although the Charlotte County Community Service’s Program Guide was prepared on the basis of the best information at the time, all information is subject to change without notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
Charlotte County Extension Service is a partnership between the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Charlotte County government, to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public that is research-based and unbiased.

Operating as part of the University’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for the past 84 years, Charlotte County Extension provides information and conducts educational programs on issues such as 4-H/development, marine habitat, fisheries and boating, agriculture, commercial and residential landscape best management practices, natural resource conservation, water quality and quantity, and volunteer-enhanced opportunities.

Horticulture
Horticulture is another word for gardening. In fact, horticulture can mean home gardening, urban forestry, Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, the Master Gardener program, safe pesticide use, and Commercial Horticultural topics. Gardening is America’s number one hobby, and Florida Friendly landscapes are a part of almost everyone’s lifestyle in Southwest Florida. Educating our growing population to make smart and safe decisions concerning plant selection, planting, and aftercare adds beauty and value to everyone’s property and the community. Informed consumers, hand-in-hand with quality landscape professionals, can also help support the large Florida “Green Industry” economy. We are here to help you to become successful gardeners, educated consumers, and Professional Landscape Managers with the research-based, unbiased information generated from the University of Florida, Institute of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Extension Service.

Green Industries – Best Management Training: Fertilizer Ordinance
Oct. 23 & Nov. 21, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$25 per class, includes lunch
Charlotte County Extension offers Green Industries Best Management Practices (BMP) Training in regards to the Fertilizer Ordinance at the East Port Environmental Campus once a month. Participants will increase their understanding of the local County Ordinance, as well as Turf, Irrigation, Landscape, and Pesticide BMPs. After taking an end-of-class exam and receiving a 75% or higher score, each participant receives a Certificate of Completion showing that they are in compliance to properly apply fertilizer in Charlotte County. Please check online for additional classes at https://gibmp.ifas.ufl.edu/workshop/register/listGIBMPWorkshops.faces.

Limited Urban Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certification Program
- the Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control can process applications for Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificates. Beginning in January of 2014, ALL commercial fertilizer applicators MUST BE certified by this Bureau in order to make ANY TYPE of fertilizer application to commercial turf or ornamental areas; and/or the turf or ornamental areas of parks or fields (other than agricultural areas), and/or the turf or ornamental area of any residential property. Prior to issuance of this certification, the applicator MUST PROVIDE proof of having received training in “Green Industry Best Management Practices”. These classes are offered by the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Fall Gardening Symposium
Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
$25, includes box lunch
A plethora of gardening and landscaping topics will be offered by Extension and Master Gardeners at the 2019 Fall Garden Symposium, held at the Extension office. The Symposium is a fall tradition for all Charlotte County gardeners. New as well as seasoned gardeners attend. Learn about the plants in your garden, what makes a garden grow, and what pests are most troubling in your yard. For more information call the Master Gardener Horticulture Plant Lifeline at 941.764.4340 or visit http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/charlotte/.
Parks That Teach
9:30 to 11 a.m.
Take a leisurely guided walk with a Charlotte County Master Gardener. Observe wildlife as they shelter in the mangroves. This free, environmentally friendly walk shows you how to identify natives like mangrove species, what palms make sense for your yard, and why our rivers, shorelines, and drainageways all contribute to the health of Charlotte Harbor. No preregistration is necessary. Visitors, new residents, or curious gardeners wanting to talk about Florida native or Florida-Friendly Landscaping are welcome. Tours start near the exercise station along the Punta Gorda pathway next to Fisherman’s Village. To learn more call 941.764.4340 or visit http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylfasufledu/charlotte/docs/pdf/Parks-that-teach-trifold-brochure04192018.pdf

Annual Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale
Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Every gardener looks forward to the Annual Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale! A treasure trove of affordable, widely-diverse plants grown by Charlotte County Master Gardener volunteers awaits you. Master Gardener volunteers and Extension staff will be present to answer all of your gardening questions. Don’t miss this one-a-year treat, but please, no early birds. For more information, please call 941.764.4340 or check out our website at http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/charlotte/.

Master Gardener Demonstration Garden
Visit our Demonstration Garden at 25550 Harbor View Road, Port Charlotte. The garden is located outside the gate on the left when entering the campus. There are beautiful garden pathways with all kinds of mature plants that do well in our area. You’ll find Master Gardeners actively working in the garden every Tuesday morning from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The garden is open daily to visitors from dawn to dusk. Watch your step as there are many wildlife visitors too.

The Vegetable Symposium
Sept. 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Join us for a comprehensive workshop on backyard vegetable gardening — great for the beginner and the long-time vegetable enthusiast! Several speakers will cover the basics, as well as alternative crops and techniques to get started on the right foot. Please see our website for more details and sign-up instructions. http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/charlotte/.
The Charlotte County Master Gardener Program
Are you a candidate for the Charlotte County Master Gardener Program?
Do you enjoy meeting and talking with people? Do you like searching for answers to gardening questions that you or others have? If so, you may be just who we are looking for! Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who provide the public with gardening programs and activities that draw on the horticultural research and experience of the University of Florida Extension Service. Each Master Gardener receives research-based instruction in all areas of Florida home horticulture and is kept up-to-date with the latest developments in home horticulture from the Charlotte County Extension Service. In return, Master Gardeners volunteer an equivalent number of hours sharing their knowledge and experience with interested gardeners in the community. Your chance is coming — the 2020 Training is just around the corner!

Charlotte County’s Master Gardener Program, along with similar programs in other counties in Florida, is directly linked to the University of Florida as part of its national Land Grant College charter. It is this tie to the University that provides Master Gardener’s state-of-the-art gardening knowledge. The Master Gardener Program is a world-class national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county Extension office to extend horticultural information throughout the community. The first Master Gardener program was started in Washington State in the early 70s and has been in Charlotte County since 1983; 2020 will be our 37th year with this program!

Our own Master Gardeners work on a variety of programs and activities. Master Gardeners who work the Plant Lifeline, open Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m., answer questions and diagnose plant insect and disease problems. Others operate booths at shows and fairs talking with people about gardening; some even work within the subject of horticultural therapy. Many volunteers conduct talks; others even host gardening radio call-in programs! An educational Demonstration Garden is also maintained as well as weekly plant clinics open across the county. What else? There are opportunities for advanced training, tours and conferences.

Who can be a Master Gardener? Literally anyone who enjoys gardening and has a desire to share their knowledge and skills in their community can become a Master Gardener. Candidates apply and are interviewed prior to attending the intensive, yet enjoyable, training course on all aspects of home horticulture or gardening. Volunteers then volunteer the required amount of time in bringing our educational message to the community. Volunteers are kept up-to-date with regular in-service trainings. Trips, tours, and other special activities round out the experience, which is as social as it is educational.

December and January are the months we begin to recruit for the next class which is scheduled to begin the first week of March 2019! Now is the time to apply. Give our office a call at 941.764.4340 for more information. Check out the application called a “Sprouting Kit” online - print it out and send it in - http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylisasufledu/charlotte/docs/pdf/sprouting-kit-2019.pdf. Or talk with a Charlotte County Master Gardener Volunteer - they will tell you why gardening is America’s number one hobby! Continue this tradition and consider becoming a Charlotte County Master Gardener volunteer!

4-H Youth Development
From teens learning about our legislative process, to youth raising and exhibiting show animals and everything in between, Charlotte County 4-H is the youth outreach program for all youth ages 5 to 18. 4-H is part of the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agricultural Services (IFAS). The 4-H Name & Emblem represent the ideals of the program with its focus on Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. 4-H Focus Areas for 2018-2019 are: Healthy Lifestyles, Leadership, Citizenship, STEM, and Workforce Preparedness.

Day Camps, workshops, clubs and activities targeting these areas are held throughout the year, in various locations in Charlotte County. Youth 5 to 18 years old may join 4-H at any time during the year and may select one or more project clubs to participate in, or participate in special interest club activities. Adults are invited to become 4-H club leaders, assistant leaders, and special interest day camp leaders for all areas of Charlotte County to provide youth with activities where they will learn life skills. Leadership trainings, subject matter trainings, and events are held throughout the year for adult leaders. For information on requirements to become a Charlotte County 4-H Leader, or for 4-H youth membership information, please contact the Charlotte County 4-H office at 941.764.4345.

SEA GRANT
Sea Grant is a partnership of academia, government, and industry focusing on coastal and marine resources. It operates through a university-based network to meet environmental and economic needs. Base funding for Sea Grant comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the Department of Commerce. This partnership has created a national network of researchers and educators focused on promoting better understanding and more informed use of our coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes resources. Today, there are 32 Sea Grant programs, one in every coastal and Great Lakes state, and in Puerto Rico. Sea Grant conducts research, education, and outreach to use and conserve coastal and marine resources for a sustainable economy and environment.
How do I get a library card?
Library cards are free of charge to any Charlotte County resident. Children under the age of 16 must have a parent or legal guardian present to apply for a library card. Acceptable proofs of residency forms include the following:

- Valid Florida Driver’s License with Charlotte County address
- Charlotte County Voter’s Registration
- Charlotte County Property Tax Receipt
- Florida I.D. Card (issued by Driver’s License Bureau)
- Certificate of Residency
- Business License issued in Charlotte County
- Employment I.D.
- Charlotte County School I.D.
- Charlotte County Utility Bills

Non-residents may have a card for:

- $10 for 3 months
- $20 for 6 months
- $35 for 12 months

Check out our Makerspace!
What is a Makerspace? A Makerspace is a collaborative work space for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses a range of high-tech to no-tech tools. These spaces are open to people of all ages.
LIBRARY CIRCULATION POLICIES

Up to **FIFTY** books and other materials may be checked out at any Charlotte County library with a valid library card for the following loan periods:

- **3 weeks:** Regular Books; Paperbacks; Audiobooks; Music CDs; Playaways, Kindles
- **2 weeks:** New Adult Fiction; New Adult Non-Fiction; Movies; Magazines

**Reserves and Renewals**
- Maximum number of holds per card is 15
- Place holds via Internet, in person, or by phone
- Renewals via Internet, in person, or by phone (maximum 3 renewals if no hold is pending)

**Returning Materials**
- Outside returns are available for after-hours returns at ALL locations

**Collections - Food for Fines**
- 1 item donated - $1.00 off fines

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**How do I request library materials online?**
1. Go to CharlotteCountyFL.gov and select **Libraries & History**.
2. Select **Library Catalog** from the left-hand menu.
3. Type in your search terms for the item that you would like to request and click **Search**.
4. Click **Place Hold** under the item’s title.
5. Enter your **Library Card** and **PIN** numbers OR your **EZ Log On**. Click **Log In**.
6. Specify the pickup location from the pull down menu. Click **Submit Hold**.
7. If you would like a specific volume or copy of an item, click in the circle beside “I want a specific copy” and then in the box next to the item that you wish to place on hold.
8. The library will notify you by phone, email or text message when the item(s) are available for pick-up.

**How do I renew my library materials online?**
1. Go to CharlotteCountyFL.gov and select **Libraries & History**.
2. Select **My Account** from the left-hand menu.
3. Enter your **Library Card** and **PIN** numbers and click **Log In**.
4. Click on **Account Activity** under the search box.
5. Check each box to the right of item(s) that you want to renew.
6. Click **Renew** from the top menu (under the **Print Loans** icon).
7. Scroll down through your list to find out the new due dates. Some items may NOT be renewable.
LIBRARIES AND HISTORY OUT AND ABOUT

**Beach Storytime**
Thursdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, March 19, April 16
Englewood Beach,
2100 N Beach Road Englewood FL 34224 Pavilion #3
Free
Ages 2 and up
Join us under the pavilion next to the playground to listen to fun stories and make a seasonal craft.

**Southland Trail Cemetery Tour**
Friday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Southland Trail Cemetery, 14516 McClellan Avenue, Port Charlotte
Free
Take a guided tour through Southland Trail Cemetery, also known as the Convict Cemetery. This cemetery's history has strong ties to our area's turpentine and early pioneer industries. This is an outdoor walking tour; closed-toe, athletic footwear is highly recommended. Tours take approximately 30 minutes. Registration is recommended to secure a time slot. Adults.

**International Archaeology Day**
Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda
Free
Part of the Archaeology Institute of America’s worldwide event, we invite you to join us and Florida Public Archaeology Network for a day of informative fun! Visit a Calusa village, learn from professional archaeologists, throw an atlatl, and much more! Activities for all ages will be available. For more information about the day, please visit the Archaeology Institute of America’s website at www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday. All Ages.

**Cookie House Tours**
Friday, Jan. 17 & 24, Feb. 7, 14, & 21, March 13 & 20; 1 to 4 p.m.
Saturday, January 25 & February 22; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road, Englewood
Free
Take a tour of the historic “Cookie House”! Formerly known as the Bass Biological Laboratory, the scientific exploration of this facility passed on to today’s world-renowned Mote Marine Laboratory. Tours start approximately every 15 minutes. All Ages.

**Self-Guided Activities/Exhibits/Public Participation Opportunities**

**History Quest!**
Ongoing
Free
Join the hunt for local historic treasures using geocaching and questing and earn rewards! All geocaches and quests are available online at CharlotteCountyFL.gov; click the ‘Playing’ tab and follow the link for Charlotte County History Services. Hard copies are also available at Charlotte County History Services. New caches and quests are continuously being added, so be sure to check for updates.

**Indian Spring Cemetery Self-Guided Tour**
Ongoing, dawn to dusk
Free
Indian Spring Cemetery, 9500 Indian Springs Cemetery Road, Punta Gorda
Enjoy a self-guided tour of Charlotte County’s second oldest marked cemetery. Pay your respects to some of Charlotte County’s oldest pioneers while learning about their many accomplishments in our community. Self-guided tour maps are available at the main entrance sign.

**Highwaymen Art in the Park**
Monday, December 9, 2 to 4 p.m.
Alligator Creek Preserve, 10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda
Monday, December 16, 1 to 3 p.m.
Cedar Point Environmental Park, 2300 Placida Road, Englewood
Monday, February 10, 1 to 3 p.m.
Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte
Free; registration required
Discover the story of Florida’s African American landscape painters, the Highwaymen. Attendees will learn the history of these self-taught artists and then create their own painting of the park’s beautiful landscape. Adults.

**Lt. Carl A. Bailey Cemetery Tour**
Friday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lt. Carl A. Bailey Cemetery, 27399 Holleyman Avenue, Punta Gorda
Free
Take a guided tour through Lt. Carl A. Bailey Cemetery and learn the story of the “Fighting Bailey Brothers”, as well as all other known pioneers interred in this historic cemetery. This is an outdoor walking tour; closed-toe, athletic footwear is highly recommended. Tours take approximately 45 minutes. Registration is recommended to secure a time slot. Adults.
Charlotte Harbor Cemetery Self-Guided Tour
Ongoing, dawn to dusk
Free
Charlotte Harbor Cemetery, 4410 Church Street, Port Charlotte
Enjoy a self-guided tour of Charlotte County’s oldest marked cemetery. Pay your respects to some of Charlotte County’s oldest pioneers while learning about their many accomplishments in our community. Self-guided tour maps are available at the main entrance sign.

Exhibit - Punta Gorda Army Airfield
Ongoing
Free; free 2 hour parking
Bailey Terminal, Punta Gorda Airport, 28000 Airport Road, Punta Gorda
This exhibit takes a glimpse into the past of the Punta Gorda Airport when it served as the Punta Gorda Army Airfield during World War II.

Exhibit - Looking Up: Local Impact During the Era of Space Exploration
January through December 2019
Free
Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte
Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte
Punta Gorda Library, 424 W Henry St., Punta Gorda
Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N Access Road, Englewood
These exhibits will showcase memorabilia from our historic collections and stories from the “Space Race” period.

Exhibit - Charlotte Scarborough Taylor Workbooks
January through December 2020
Free
Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte
Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte
Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda
Englewood Charlotte Library, 3450 N Access Road, Englewood
Saved from the scrap pile in 1964, two extremely rare workbooks dating to the mid-1800s were donated to Charlotte County’s collections. These workbooks were painted by Charlotte Scarborough Taylor, one of the earliest female entomologists in the Americas. Explore the art, science, and history that makes these workbooks a treasured part of our local culture.

Oral History Program
The Charlotte County History Services is looking to preserve the voices and memories of our areas past. We are currently seeking local individuals willing to tell their tales (or that of their family) about living in the Charlotte County area. These oral histories are recorded and preserved in our archives for generations to come. Help us to keep these stories alive and contact us to share today!
**BOAT RAMPS**

Charlotte County boat ramps are open 24/7 and have metered parking (pay-to-park). Seasonal and annual parking passes may be purchased at any Charlotte County recreation center, swimming pool, and the Charlotte County Tax Collector’s office, or by calling 941.625.7529. For more information, please see page 3.

- Ainger Creek Park - 2011 Placida Road, Englewood
- Butterford Waterway Park - 13555 Marathon Boulevard, Port Charlotte
- Darst Park - 537 Darst Avenue, Punta Gorda
- El Jobean Boat Ramp - 4224 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte
- Harbour Heights Park - 27420 Voyageur Drive, Punta Gorda
- Hathaway Park - 35461 Washington Loop Road, Punta Gorda
- Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park - 1000 S. McCall Road, Englewood
- Placida Park - 6499 Gasparilla Road, Placida
- Port Charlotte Beach Park - 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte
- Riverside Park - 8320 Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda
- South Gulf Cove Park - 10150 Amicola Street, Port Charlotte
- Spring Lake Park - 3520 Lakeview Boulevard, Port Charlotte

**CANOE/KAYAKING**

- Ainger Creek Park - 2011 Placida Rd., Englewood
- Allapatchee Shores Park - 3100 Hickory Ct., Punta Gorda
- Bayshore Live Oak Park - 23157 Bayshore Rd., Port Charlotte
- Bill Coy Preserve - 5350 Placida Rd., Englewood
- Butterford Waterway Park - 13555 Marathon Blvd., Port Charlotte
- Chester Roberts Park - 5084 Melbourne St., Port Charlotte
- Darst Park - 537 Darst Ave., Punta Gorda
- El Jobean Boat Ramp - 4224 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte
- Harbour Heights Park - 27420 Voyageur Dr., Punta Gorda
- Hathaway Park - 35461 Washington Loop Rd., Punta Gorda
- Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park - 1000 S. McCall Rd., Englewood
- Oyster Creek Environmental Park - 6941 San Casa Dr., Englewood
- Placida Park - 6499 Gasparilla Rd., Placida
- Prairie Creek Preserve - 1900 Duncan Rd., Punta Gorda
- Port Charlotte Beach Park - 4500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte
- Riverside Park - 8320 Riverside Dr., Punta Gorda
- South Gulf Cove Park - 10150 Amicola St., Gulf Cove
- Spring Lake Park - 3520 Lakeview Blvd., Port Charlotte
- William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park - 20499 Edgewater Dr., Port Charlotte
- Tippecanoe Environmental Park - 2400 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte

**ADA Compliant Kayak Launches***

- Bill Coy Preserve
- Hathaway Park
- Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park
- Oyster Creek Environmental Park
- Port Charlotte Beach Park
- Spring Lake Park

*Chosen based on their location at an existing ADA compliant boat ramp facility and/or that compacted surfaces and graded slopes are present to and from the launch.

**Blueway Trails**

The Charlotte County Blueway Trails are filled with unique opportunities to observe Southwest Florida’s native flora & fauna. Experience the natural wonders of Charlotte County’s 219 miles of coastline!

Visit us online and click on the link to find out more information or scan the following with your smartphone.

- View the Brochure
- View the Map
Charlotte County **Dog-Friendly** parks are a place for people to enjoy their dogs on-leash. With a little safety and knowledge of the rules, you and your furry loved one can enjoy a fun day at the park!

Charlotte County dog-friendly parks with designated areas open for walking your dog on a leash include:
- Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park
- Bayshore Live Oak Park*
- Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park
- Harbour Heights Park
- Kiwanis Park
- North Charlotte Regional Park
- Ollie’s Pond Park
- Port Charlotte Beach Park*
- Randy Spence Park

*Dogs are not permitted on beaches or fishing piers per County Ordinance: *(Ord. No. 98-070, § 14, 12-1-98; Ord. No. 2000-033, § 2, 9-26-00; Ord. No. 2012-023, § 1, 6-12-12; Ord. No. 2019-010)

**Rules for Dog-Friendly Parks:**
- Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Dog owners are responsible for the clean-up and removal of their dog’s feces.
- Dog owners are required to remain inside of the park with their animals. Dogs may not be left unattended at any time.
- No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
- Dogs only.
- Dogs must wear a collar with a current license attached.
- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited.
- Dogs 4 months of age or under are prohibited.
- Dogs are not allowed on athletic fields.
- Owners should fill in any holes that their dog digs.
- Owners should be respectful of others.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted.
- At the first sign of aggression the owner must remove their dog.

Contact Charlotte County Sheriff Non-Emergency at 941.639.2101 for assistance with aggressive dogs that are not properly addressed.

Many families cannot afford the luxury of providing quality park time with their dogs, separate from the time they can spend with their children. If you choose to bring your child to the dog park, it is very important for your child’s safety that you supervise your child closely. The safest place for your child while in the dog park is standing by your side or holding your hand. If you choose to let your child play within the dog area, please read the following guidelines:

**Kid Safety Procedures**
- Never run with the dogs
- Always ask the owner before petting a dog you don’t know
- Stay close to parents while in the park

**IF A STRANGE DOG CHARGES AT YOU:**
- Hide face, fold arms, and stand still “like a tree”

**IF YOU ARE KNOCKED TO THE GROUND:**
- Lie down
- Tuck arms and legs into the body and lie “like a log”
- Wait until an adult arrives or the dog leaves

Remember...

Owners are expected to know the temperament of their dog and are ultimately responsible for their actions of their dog, AT ALL TIMES, while inside of the park. Owners are NOT exempt from the Charlotte County Animal Control Ordinances in regards to dangerous/aggressive animals and may be subject to a fine of up to $515.00 in the event a violation occurs.

(Ordinance #98-70, Section 1-4-31, Section E)
Charlotte County Community Services invites you to experience nature’s beauty at one of your environmental parks or preserves. Walk through the beautiful pine flatwoods and wetlands at Charlotte Flatwoods, bring your binoculars to view migratory and wading birds around Lemon Lake at Amberjack, or hike to the top of “Mount Tippecanoe” for a scenic view. Come and explore natural Florida in Charlotte County.

All trails are open from sunrise to sunset. Trail maps for each environmental park and Conservation Charlotte Preserve are available on the Charlotte County Parks and Natural Resources webpage at CharlotteCountyFL.gov. For more information on any of the environmental parks preserves, please call the Department’s Environmental Land Management Specialist at 941.613.3220.

ENVIRONMENTAL PARKS

Amberjack Environmental Park
Amberjack Environmental Park is a 225 acre preserve made up of rare and unique scrub, pine flatwoods, marshes, and other beautiful natural areas, located on the southern half of the Cape Haze peninsula. Many different wildflowers can be seen blooming year-round in these habitats. Amberjack Environmental Park is traversed by two wetlands, one that formed the headwaters of a tributary to the Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve, and one that drains into the west branch of Coral Creek. They are havens for several species of wading birds, including great blue herons, glossy ibis, roseate spoonbills, and snowy egrets.

The park is located on the southern half of the Cape Haze peninsula in Englewood. Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto CR 775 (Placida Rd). Drive approximately 4.3 miles and turn left on Gasparilla Pines Boulevard. Drive to the end of Gasparilla Pines and the park is on the right side of the road. This park has ADA accessible trails.

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park and Oyster Creek Environmental Park
Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park encompasses over 250 acres of environmental lands. In the park you will find a sanctuary of old growth pines, scrub habitat, and mature pine flatwoods with mangrove fringe along Oyster Creek. Throughout these areas gopher tortoises have been observed, and along the creek perching snags are commonly used by osprey and the bald eagle. The boardwalk crossing Oyster Creek displays the variety of birds that utilize Oyster Creek and the surrounding tidal mangroves. The wetlands and mangroves provide habitat for wading birds species such as the wood stork, white ibis, roseate spoonbill, little blue heron, reddish egret, snowy egret, limpkins, and tricolored heron. The parks are located in Englewood south of SR 776.

Oyster Creek Entrance: Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto 775 (Placida Rd). Immediately after Lemon Bay High School the Park is on the left side across the street from Cedar Point. This park has ADA accessible trails.

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Entrance: Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto San Casa Rd, the Park is on the right side of the road, use the skate park entrance, approximately 2 miles, the Preserve is on the right side of the road. This park has ADA accessible trails.

Cedar Point Environmental Park
Cedar Point is one of the last remaining large tracts of undeveloped land on Lemon Bay in Charlotte County. Cedar Point has pine flatwoods, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, mangrove swamps, salt marshes, and wetlands. Many species of animals inhabit pine flatwoods at Cedar Point, including bobcat, grey fox, yellow rat snake, pileated woodpecker, and bald eagle. Mangrove swamps are tidal wetlands that inhabit low energy shorelines in the coastal areas of southwest Florida. Mangrove trees are specially adapted to salt- and brackish-water environments. Mangroves provide habitat and nursery grounds for many species of fish and invertebrates. Situated on Lemon Bay, a long narrow estuary, Cedar Point is a great place to see wading birds in the mangrove fringes, watch for dolphins near the adjacent seagrasses and explore the pine flatwoods to find bald eagles, gopher tortoises, as well as a myriad of native plants.

The park is located in Englewood south of SR 776. Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto SR 775 (Placida Rd). Immediately after Lemon Bay High School on the right is Cedar Point Environmental Park. This park has ADA accessible trails.

Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park
Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park is 487 acres of mature pine flatwoods, hydric pine flatwoods, dry prairie, depressional marsh wetlands, and permanent freshwater ponds. Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park abuts both Southwest Florida Water Management preserve lands as well as Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission preserve lands, creating an important wildlife corridor to the Babcock/Webb Wildlife Management Area.

The depressional marsh wetlands and larger slough system are home to several species of wading birds, as well as a family of sandhill cranes. The wetland areas also provide habitat for a wide assortment of reptiles and amphibians including the American alligator, banded water snake, and cricket frogs. Bobcats, deer, otters, and turkeys can be observed roaming through the pine flatwoods and dry prairies.
Cedar Point Environmental Park
2300 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224
941.475.0769

Cedar Point Environmental Park is one of Charlotte County’s unique environmental parks. Situated on Lemon Bay, a long narrow estuary, Cedar Point is a great place to see beautiful wading birds that visit the mangrove fringe and adjacent seagrasses. The pine flatwoods are home to a pair of bald eagles, as well as gopher tortoises and a myriad of native plants.

Some amenities at the park for you include:
- Canoe/Kayak
- Environmental Center
- Fishing
- Historic Cookie House
- Nature Preserve
- Nature Walking/Trail
- Picnicking
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Room rentals

This park has ongoing environmental programs which include nature walks and exploratory wading trips. Also located at this park is the Cedar Point Environmental Center, where you can find a variety of information and displays. Charlotte County Community Services has contracted with the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC), a non-profit organization, to provide free environmental programs on this and each of the County’s environmental parks. Be sure to watch for programs as they are scheduled. For more information about programs and nature walks or the park call 941.475.0769 or 941.613.3220.

The park is located in southern Punta Gorda, near the County line. Travel south on US 41 past Punta Gorda. The park is located on the northwest corner of Zemel Rd & US 41. A parking area is located to the right directly off US 41. This park has ADA accessible trails.

Tippecanoe Environmental Park
Tippecanoe Environmental Park is a 380 acre preserve with a diverse assortment of habitats including oak scrub, scrubby flatwoods, coastal hammocks, floodplain forests, salt marshes, and mangrove swamps. Scrub provides the ideal habitat for the Florida scrub-jay, as well as other protected species such as the gopher tortoise, eastern indigo snake, and gopher frog. Tippecanoe Environmental Park also boasts a rich history with multiple shell middens on the property, some dating as far back as 2,500 years.

The park is located in the El Jobean area of Port Charlotte. Travel onto SR 776 toward the El Jobean area. The park is located behind the Charlotte Sports Park Stadium, 2300 El Jobean Road. This park has ADA accessible trails.

CONSERVATION CHARLOTTE PRESERVES

Bill Coy Preserve
This 80.84 acre preserve is located along the northern section of Buck Creek on the Cape Haze Peninsula. The entire preserve is comprised of native habitat, predominantly scrubby flatwoods, and mesic pine flatwoods. These flatwoods transition into coastal hammock and mangrove swamp along Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay — an aquatic preserve and outstanding Florida water.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located along the northern section of Buck Creek on the Cape Haze Peninsula. Travel west on SR 776 (from Port Charlotte) and turn left onto CR 775 (Placida Rd). Proceed south approximately 4 miles; the Preserve is on the right side of the road.

Peace River Preserve
This 450 acre site is a mixture of scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, xeric and mesic hammocks, scattered depressional marshes, and mangrove swamp. The southern and eastern portions of this site transition into high marsh and mangrove communities that are typically flooded.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located in the Deep Creek area of Port Charlotte, along the western shores of the Peace River. Travel I-75 to the Kings Hwy exit, exit to the north. Turn right onto Sandhill Blvd and proceed approximately 2 miles, the Preserve is on the right side of the road.

Prairie Creek Preserve
The vast majority of this 1,603+ acre preserve is comprised of a mixture of upland habitats that have been well maintained by prescribed fires. The diverse array of habitat include scrub, scrubby flatwoods, palmetto prairies, and pine flatwoods. Prairie Creek, a tributary of Shell Creek Reservoir, traverses through the center of the property. The property provides habitat for several listed species of wildlife, including the Florida scrub-jay, gopher tortoises, and eastern indigo snake.
The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located in eastern Charlotte County along Prairie Creek, a tributary of the Shell Creek Reservoir. Travel I-75 to the Highway 17 exit, exit to the north. Proceed approximately 7 miles; the Preserve is on the right side of the road.

Shell Creek Preserve
This 370+ acre site was the largest area of unprotected native habitat remaining along the un-channelized portion of Shell Creek. The character of the preserve is unusual for south Florida. From the waterline, the creek banks rise almost vertically for several feet indicating that this creek is geologically very old in comparison to most south Florida waterways. Cypress and bottomland hardwoods line the creek shores giving way to xeric hammock, and further landward are intermittent small areas of mesic hammock and scrub leading to large expanses of longleaf pine dominated mesic flatwoods.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is located along the southern fork of Shell Creek in eastern Charlotte County. Travel I-75 to the Highway 17 exit, exit to the north. Turn right on Washington Loop Rd, following Washington Loop to Trails End Rd, turn right. Follow signs to the Shell Creek Preserve.

Thornton Key Preserve
Charlotte County’s Thornton Key Preserve contains 31+ acres in the central portion of Thornton Key, one of Charlotte County’s Gulf barrier islands. The Preserve contains valuable habitat such as tropical coastal hammock that includes several rare plant species, mangrove swamps, salt barrens, and herbaceous marshes. The preserve is one of the few examples of tropical hardwood hammock habitat remaining in southwest Florida.

The Conservation Charlotte preserve is a barrier island in Lemon Bay south of Stump Pass and east of Palm Island; in the center portion of the island. Access to Thornton Key is by boat, canoe, or kayak only. Access through Old Knights Pass east of Palm/Knight Island - Longitude: -82.332019, Latitude: 26.889019.

Tippecanoe II
Tippecanoe II is a 182 acre mitigation preserve for the Florida scrub-jay, and contains scrub habitat and scrubby flatwoods, xeric hammock, mesic flatwoods, upland mixed forest, marshes, and a small area of palm hammock. These habitats, home to Florida scrub-jay, are also home to other listed species such as the gopher tortoise, the Florida mouse, Eastern indigo snake, and gopher frog.
available in each section of the park, and explore the wildlife found along three marked trails. Visitors can also enjoy the resources provided by the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) located in the park. Visitors are welcome to explore other areas of the Preserve, unless posted as closed, but should be aware that these areas are a remote and primitive wilderness. Visitors should take a compass, a map, and sufficient water for their trip. No restrooms or drinking water are available.

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA PARKS

Gilchrist Park
400 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (Map Key - D)
941.575.3352
11 acres along Charlotte Harbor, sidewalk for walking, jogging, and biking, basketball court, playground, tennis and pickleball courts, one fishing pier, gardens, gazebo, restrooms, shelters, picnic tables, small beach, and four parking lots.

Laishley Park
100 Nesbit Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (Map Key - E)
941.575.3352
Gazebo with pond and fountain, Veterans memorial garden, shelter with picnic tables, restrooms, fishing pier, boat ramp, sidewalk for walking, jogging and biking, parking throughout park.

Ponce de Leon Park
3400 Ponce De Leon Parkway, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (Map Key - G)
941.575.3352
10 acres on Charlotte Harbor at Ponce de Leon Inlet, ¼ mile raised boardwalk through wetland area, educational signage, boat ramp, boat trailer parking, two fishing piers, playground, man-made beach, shelter, restrooms, picnic tables, Peace River Wildlife Center, parking, and beautiful view.

Nature Park
1623 Aqui Esta Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (Map Key - F)
941.575.3352
21 acre park situated in the center of Punta Gorda Isles neighborhood. The park includes palmetto forest and salt/high marsh habitats, which include a multi-use recreational trail and observation deck. The remainder of the park is disturbed upland areas which present opportunities for the development of a variety of outdoor recreational activities.

For locations of these parks please note their map key and refer to pages 34, 58, and 69.
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All Charlotte County fishing locations are public fishing areas and licenses are needed. For more information on Fishing & Licenses, please visit www.myfwc.com/license

For park locations, please turn to the Park Facility section.

*conditions change due to rainfall  **long walk to creek

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**KIDS PLAYGROUNDS**

- Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park - 6791 San Casa Dr., Englewood
- Bayshore Live Oak Park - 23157 Bayshore Rd., Charlotte Harbor
- Bissett Park - 12455 Path Ave., Punta Gorda
- Carmalita Park - 2610 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda
- Cedar Point Environmental Park - 2300 Placida Rd., Englewood
- Deep Creek Park - 25555 Sandhill Blvd., Punta Gorda
- Edgewater Park - 22410 Glass Ln., Port Charlotte
- Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park - 2100 North Beach Rd., Englewood
- Englewood East Park - 11120 Sunnyside Ave., Englewood
- Franz Ross Park - 19355 Quesada Blvd., Port Charlotte
- G. C. Herring Park - 3406 Indiana Rd., Cape Haze
- Harbour Heights Park - 27420 Voyageur Dr., Punta Gorda
- Harold Avenue Regional Park - 23400 Harold Ave., Port Charlotte
- Higgs Park - 21400 Higgs Ct., Port Charlotte
- Kiwanis Park - 3100 Donora St., Port Charlotte
- Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park - 1000 S. McCall Rd., Englewood
- Lake Betty Park - 2215 Conway Blvd., Port Charlotte
- Maracaibo Kidspace Park - 1505 Maracaibo St., Port Charlotte
- McGuire Park - 21125 McGuire Ave., Port Charlotte
- North Charlotte Regional Park, 1185 O’Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte
- Port Charlotte Beach Park - 4500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte
- Randy Spence Park - 4333 Kerrigan Cir., Port Charlotte
- Rotonda Community Park - 100 Rotonda Blvd. East, Rotonda West
- South County Regional Park - 670 Cooper St., Punta Gorda
- South Gulf Cove Park - 10150 Amicola St., Port Charlotte
- Tringali Park- 3460 N. Access Rd., Englewood
Online, You’re First in Line! Register at CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.

Natural Resources helps to protect, restore, and conserve the environmental resources of Charlotte County, such as the valuable ecosystems, along with plant and animal species. Natural Resources reviews all development activity proposed within Charlotte County for potential impacts to the soil, water, vegetation communities, and state or federally listed wildlife. Natural Resources is also tasked to manage Charlotte County’s environmental lands. Charlotte County has been acquiring environmentally sensitive lands since the mid 1990s through direct purchases, grant funds and, in 2006, the voters approved Conservation Charlotte program. For more information about Natural Resources, their programs or becoming a volunteer, please call 941.613.3220.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY’S ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

Starting in the 1950s, local businesses and clubs were deploying materials to create artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico. In 1960, the first documented Charlotte County reef was deployed in the Gulf of Mexico, the Englewood Fish Haven, consisting of materials from a bridge in Englewood. In 1982, the State created the State’s Artificial Reef Program to assist local governments in building artificial reefs. From 1981 to 2008, the local Sea Grant Agents assisted Charlotte County government, local businesses, and fishing clubs in developing and implementing the County’s Artificial Reef Program. In 2009, the program was passed on to Charlotte County’s Parks & Natural Resources Division. Today, with the help of local dive groups, fishing clubs, and local businesses, the program continues to thrive.

Several studies have shown that Artificial Reefs are extensively used and generate millions of dollars to the local economy. In 1997, a study in the Florida Keys showed that the natural and artificial reefs generated $127 million dollars annually to the Key’s economy. In 2009, a study of Charlotte County artificial reefs generated nearly $23 million dollars in net economic impacts annually that supports 306 full and part time jobs within the County.

BEACH NESTING BIRDS

Part of the Florida beach experience is enjoying the beautiful seabirds and shorebirds, from elegant white egrets to splendid black skimmers and graceful terns. Beachgoers are fortunate to observe a tremendous variety of birds along beaches which are critical to shorebird nesting. These stretches of beach provide a place where shorebirds can lay their eggs and raise their young, as they prefer isolated undisturbed areas. Florida coastline stretches nearly 1,200 statute miles with 13 million people living on or near the coast and another 50 million people visiting the beaches to vacation.

With the coastline experiencing rapid growth and widespread coastal development, shorebirds and seabirds have few places left to go.

Due to the decline in undisturbed beaches, nesting shorebirds utilize the same beaches as the public. Repeated disruptions from people and pets can cause the birds to take flight and endanger the survival of the eggs and chicks. Protecting shorebirds and seabirds in Florida is no small task. Realizing that the conservation and management of these species is beyond the reach of any one agency or organization, Charlotte County staff and volunteers, along with local and regional partnerships, maintain collaborative efforts to educate the general public and protect nesting sites. Each year, February through September, a portion of our beaches, known as historical nesting sites, are roped and posted to promote successful nesting. Nest sites outside the roped area are posted once a nest is discovered. Monitors walk the beaches regularly to observe, document nesting activity, and to ensure important sites within their respective areas are adequately protected. Volunteer Shorebird Stewards monitor nesting activity and conduct educational outreach informing the general public about shorebird nesting activity. These efforts have been created in an effort to make the most of our available resources and promote safe nesting.

SEA TURTLE PROTECTION

Sea turtles are reptiles in a shell; their bodies are covered by a thick, sturdy surface which provides protection for their soft, inner body and sensitive organs. Sea turtles must breathe air to survive. They lack gills, and have lungs just like human beings. Sea turtles can tolerate a wide range of salinities, making it possible for them to travel throughout our world’s warm-water environments. They spend their entire lives in the ocean. The only time they come ashore is to lay eggs and carry on a new generation. Their nesting season ranges from April through November, depending on the species. The females make their way back to the very beach they were hatched from to lay their eggs.

Sea turtles will lay a clutch, or group of eggs, averaging 50-200 eggs, depending upon the species. Incubation ranges between 45-65 days. At this time, hatchlings emerge from the nest cavity and make their sea-finding journey. Survival rates for hatchlings are extraordinary low; it is said only 1 in 1,000 hatchlings will reach adulthood. Artificial lighting is reported as the #1 cause of hatchling mortality. Landward lights can disorient hatchlings that depend upon the illuminated horizon for direction. Other threats to sea turtles include pollution, temporary structures left on the beach overnight, fishing line and other ocean debris, floating balloons or plastic bags which resemble jellyfish, and dogs running at-large on the beach. In May 1989, and later amended in June 1998, Charlotte County adopted a Sea Turtle Protection Ordinance (Article XII) which provides standards and criteria for the protection of sea turtle nesting, coastal development, and prohibits artificial lighting on the nesting zone during the nesting season. It is also designed to provide a balance between the needs of residents and visitors and threatened and endangered sea turtles.
### ATHLETIC LEAGUES - ADULT & YOUTH

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WILLIAM R. GAINES JR. VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK  
(20499 Edgewater Drive, Port Charlotte, 941.627.1074)
PICNIC PAVILIONS

ANN & CHUCK DEVER REGIONAL PARK
6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $40 per hour plus tax
*Additional fee of regular pool admission

Shelter Size: 1600 sq. ft.  Electric: Yes
Table #: 13 tables  Lighting: Yes
Seating Capacity: 160 people  Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes  Paid Parking: No
Water: Yes

BAYSHORE LIVE OAK PARK
23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33980

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $40 per hour plus tax

Picnic Pavilion
Shelter Size: 2200 sq. ft.  Electric: Yes
Table #: 10 tables  Lighting: Yes
(6 outdoor classroom)  Restrooms: Yes
Seating Capacity: 100 people  Paid Parking: No
Grill: Yes (pavilion only)  Fireplace: Yes (pavilion only)
Water: Yes
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $60 per hour plus tax

Amphitheater Shelter
Shelter Size: 2200 sq. ft.  Electric: Yes
Table #: 11 tables  Lighting: Yes
Seating Capacity: 88 people  Restrooms: Yes
Grill: No  Paid Parking: No
Water: Yes

BISSETT PARK
12455 Path Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Shelter Size: 40’ x 20’  Electric: No
Table #: 8 tables  Lighting: Security lighting only
Seating Capacity: 64 people  Restrooms: Located in park
Grill: Yes  Paid Parking: No
Water: No

ENGLEWOOD BEACH AT CHADWICK PARK
2100 North Beach Road, Englewood, FL 33223

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Pavilion #1 Located on peninsula (1857 Gulf Boulevard)
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $40 per hour plus tax
Shelter Size: 2400 sq. ft.
Table #: 16 tables  Seating Capacity: 128 people
Grill: Yes  Lighting: No
Water: Yes  Restrooms: Port-o-lets
Electric: Yes
Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour

For park amenities, see pages 23–27.
Pavilion #2
Located next to basketball court and horseshoe pits
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Shelter Size: 980 sq. ft.
Table #: 6 tables  Seating Capacity: 48 people
Grill: Yes  Lighting: No
Water: No  Restrooms: Yes
Electric: No
Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour

Pavilion #3
Located next to playground and sand volleyball court
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Shelter Size: 980 sq. ft.
Table #: 6 tables  Seating Capacity: 48 people
Grill: Yes  Lighting: No
Water: No  Restrooms: Yes
Electric: No
Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour

FRANZ ROSS PARK
19355 Quesada Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $40 per hour plus tax

Shelter Size: 1800 sq. ft.
Table #: 10 tables
Seating Capacity: 96 people
Grill: Yes
Water: Yes
Electric: Yes
Lighting: No
Restrooms: Yes
Paid Parking: No

HARBOUR HEIGHTS PARK
27420 Voyageur Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $40 per hour plus tax

Shelter Size: 1600 sq. ft.
Table #: 12 tables
Seating Capacity: 72 people
Grill: Yes
Water: Yes
Electric: Yes
Lighting: Yes
Restrooms: Yes
Paid Parking: No
## PICNIC PAVILIONS

### HATHAWAY PARK
35461 Washington Loop Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
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### LAKE BETTY PARK
2215 Conway Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

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For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

### KIWANIS PARK
501 Donora Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

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For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $40 per hour plus tax
Gazebo included in rental rate.

### LEMON BAY SUNRISE ROTARY PARK
1000 S. McCall Road, Englewood, FL 34223

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Pavilion North
Located next to marina canal
Pavilion Cost: $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax
PICNIC PAVILIONS

Electric: No
Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour

Pavilion South
Located next to boat ramp canal
Pavilion Cost: $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Shelter Size: 24’ x 24’
Table #: 4 tables
Grill: No
Water: No
Electric: No
Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour

PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK
4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax
*Additional Fee of Regular Pool Admission

Pavilion #1 Located beach side near boardwalk
Shelter Size: 800 sq. ft.
Table #: 8 tables
Seating Capacity: 48 people
Grill: Yes
Water: Yes

Electric: Yes
Lighting: No
Restrooms: Yes
Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour

Pavilion #2 Located beach side near playground
Shelter Size: 800 sq. ft.
Table #: 8 tables
Seating Capacity: 48 people
Grill: Yes
Water: Yes

Electric: Yes
Lighting: No
Restrooms: Yes
Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour

RANDY SPENCE PARK
4333 El Jobean Road, El Jobean, FL 33953

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Pavilion Size: 2 - 10’ x 30’
Use of both covered shelters included in one pavilion rental
Table #: 4 tables
Seating Capacity: 32 people
Grill: Yes
Water: No

Electric: Yes
Lighting: Yes
Restrooms: Port-o-lets
Paid Parking: No

MCGUIRE PARK
21125 McGuire Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Picnic Pavilion
Shelter Size: 576 sq. ft.
Table #: 4 tables
Seating Capacity: 24 people
Grill: Yes
Water: No

Electric: Yes
Lighting: No
Restrooms: Yes
Paid Parking: No
PICNIC PAVILIONS

ROTONDA COMMUNITY PARK
100 Rotonda Boulevard East, Rotonda West, FL 33947

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $40 per hour plus tax

- Shelter Size: 1600 sq. ft.
- Table #: 9 tables
- Seating Capacity: 72 people
- Grill: Yes
- Water: Yes

SOUTH GULF COVE PARK
10150 Amicola Street, Gulf Cove, FL 33946

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

- Shelter Size: 980 sq. ft.
- Table #: 6 tables
- Seating Capacity: 48 people
- Grill: Yes
- Paid Parking: No

PARK AMENITIES

- Boat Ramp
- Fishing
- Playground
- Picnic Shelters/Pavilion Rentals
- Picnicking/Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Restrooms

For reservations or information: 941.681.3742
Rental Rate is $10 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Pavilion #1 Located beach side near boardwalk
- Shelter Size: 980 sq. ft.
- Table #: 6 tables
- Seating Capacity: 48 people
- Grill: Yes
- Restrooms: Yes
- Paid Parking: No

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PARKING PAY STATION AND BEACH AND BOAT RAMP INFORMATION

BEACH AND BOAT RAMP PARKING PAY STATIONS

How To Pay with ParkMobile

Once registered, enter in Zone# located on stickers & signs on the meters or choose from nearby zones shown
Choose your parking duration (varies by location)
Confirm your information, including location, license plate, duration & payment
A ticker will countdown your time remaining, & in some locations, you may extend your session remotely

WHAT ARE THE PERKS OF USING PARKMOBILE?

Easy to register & use
See suggested nearby zones
$ Saves you time & money
Save “Favorite” parking zones
Round extend your parking session on-the-go (when permitted)
Set customizable parking expiration reminders
Multiple payment options offered
Add up to 5 license plate numbers on your account at a time

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Introducing new parking meters for Charlotte County!

HOW IT WORKS

- Remember your space number
- Enter the space number at the pay station machine
- Multiple payment options, including coins, bills, credit cards & smart cards*
  *NO CHANGE OR REFUNDS PROVIDED
- Pay and take your receipt

No need to walk back to your car and display the permit on the dashboard!

EXTEND BY TEXT

- Option to extend meter time by text
- Follow onscreen instructions

PARKING HOURS

Englewood Beach & Port Charlotte Beach
6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Boat Ramps
24 hours a day, seven days a week

For Parking Pass information, please contact
CHARLOTTE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
2300 EL JOBEAN ROAD
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL 33948
941.625.PLAY(7529)

Please note that if you have a State issued handicap permit, you may park for free at any Charlotte County park or boat ramp. You do not need to purchase a parking pass.

For parking pass information, see page 3.

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Bayshore Live Oak Park is the focal point of the Charlotte Harbor Historic District. Located along Charlotte Harbor, this dog friendly linear park provides beautiful vistas of the harbor and majestic sunsets. Historical nodes mounted on kiosks throughout the park describe important periods of the area. Learn more about the history of the area by contacting the Charlotte County Historical Center at 941.629.PAST (7278). Bayshore Live Oak Park features a playground, community open space, restroom facilities, piers, canoe/kayak launch, pedestrian promenades, and two pavilions — one with a fireplace. The Park is ideal for weddings, picnics, recreational activities, and private or community functions. Call 941.627.1628 x100 for more information or to reserve a space for your next function.
North Charlotte Regional Park is 103+ acres within the Murdock Village CRA. With four lighted baseball fields, a softball field, and four soccer fields, the park is also home to the Snowbird Classic College Baseball Tournament in March. The park also features a challenging 18 hole disc golf course.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

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VETERANS MEMORIAL WALKWAY

In 2009, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5690 partnered with the County to develop the Veterans Memorial Walkway. The walkway features a brick plaza with the US Flag, Florida Flag, and POW/MIA flag with a granite monument honoring all veterans. The walkway allows quiet retrospect to where a monument stands for each branch of the military as well as POW/MIAs. The VFW holds a memorial ceremony on Veterans Day each year.
North Charlotte Regional Park is now offering a new, state-of-the-art multipurpose recreation center. This center features a gymnasium that is lined to offer three basketball courts, four pickleball courts, and two volleyball courts. Two multipurpose rooms are also available for programs and special events. A fitness center is available, with various cardio equipment. A variety of recreational programs and classes are offered throughout the year.

Outdoor amenities include four lighted baseball fields, a softball field, and four soccer fields. The park is also home to the Snowbird Classic College Baseball Tournament in March. The park also offers a challenging 18 hole disc golf course.

The multipurpose rooms are available for private use. Rental fees are based on amount of space and type of event to be held. Dates are subject to change; please call to confirm.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Pickleball**
$3 per person. Punch passes are also available for $27 (10 punches) or $75 (50 punches).
Come enjoy playing indoor pickleball!

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Beginner - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
Intermediate/Advanced - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday
All Levels - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Drop-In Boccia Ball**
Tuesdays & Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free
Boccia can be played indoors or outdoors on a hard, flat surface in either individual or team play, socially or competitively, up to the Paralympic level. With assistive devices, boccia can be played by anyone, no matter their ability.

**Stroller Fit**
Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m.
$2 per adult
Parents, use our gym to stroll your child around while getting fit. This is a great chance to burn calories while walking and chatting with other parents.

**Card & Table Games**
Mondays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
Come and make friends while playing your favorites or try something new!

**Adult Creative Crafts**
First Tuesday of the month, 1 to 3 p.m.
$5 per class
Get creative and make a different craft every month! We offer fun craft themes like beach crafts, jewelry making, beading, sand crafts, scrapbooking, and much more!

**Outdoor Amenities**
- Four lighted baseball fields
- One softball field
- Four soccer fields
- Snowbird Classic College Baseball Tournament
- 18 hole disc golf course
Senior Fit Class  
Mondays & Fridays, 1 to 2 p.m.  
$2 per person  
This fun and active class gets you up and moving with stretching and cardio workouts.

IT Class  
Wednesday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. (Beginner)  
Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. (Intermediate)  
$10 per month  
Sharpen up your technology skills! Participants choose beginner or intermediate levels for these 4 week classes. We offer classes on computer use including emailing, Microsoft Office, and Internet use.

Zumba  
$7 per class  
Zumba fitness is an easy, fun and effective class that provides a total workout, combining all elements of fitness — cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy, and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Come join the party with Laurentz! You will need a towel and water. Call 941.237.8983 or email lalitenors410@gmail.com for more information.

Dynamic Fit  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.  
$3 per class (with 8 class punch card)  
$5 per class (w/o punch card)  
This class is for all fitness levels will improve your cardio endurance, balance, overall strength, and core. Work at your own pace. Modified versions of each exercise are offered if needed. Mats and hand weights optional. Call Dyan at 941.626.2399 for more information.

Yoga  
$10 per class  
Hatha yoga is the most widely practiced form of yoga in the world. Hatha yoga uses postures (asana) and conscious breathing (pranayama) in combination with mental focus to develop awareness, strength, flexibility, and relaxation. Classes are appropriate for all body types, ages, and fitness levels. Bring your mat and join us! Contact Tonya at 615.545.2101.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Drop-In Basketball  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m.  
Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
$2 per person  
Stop in and use our indoor basketball courts. Show up in a group or by yourself to participate in pick-up games.

Drop-In Volleyball  
Tuesdays & Fridays, 4:30 to 7 p.m.  
$2 per person  
Stop in and use our indoor volleyball courts. Show up in a group or by yourself to participate in pick-up games.

Drop-In Futsal (Indoor Soccer)  
Thursdays, 4:30 to 7 p.m.  
Saturdays, 3 to 6 p.m.  
$2 per person  
Stop in and use our gym to play futsal, a game similar to soccer. Show up in a group or by yourself to participate in pick-up games.

Imagination Mornings  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 to 10 a.m.  
$2 per child, ages 1–5  
Bring your child to preschool gym time! Have fun socializing with other parents while your child participates in crafts, coloring, reading, dancing, and tumbling in an exciting and encouraging environment.

Children’s Creative Crafts  
Third Tuesdays of each month, 1 to 3 p.m.  
$5 per class  
Get creative in this fun, exciting class. We offer themed crafts like summer, holidays, foam, DIY, bracelet making, and many more crafts!

Sensory Time  
Second & fourth Tuesdays of each month, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Free  
This adaptive class is great for young children with motor disabilities. This class will help your child express themselves creatively, build confidence, and aid in strengthening fine and gross motor skills.
This picturesque bayfront beach offers sand, sheltered waters, and spectacular sunsets year round. Amenities at this park include a boardwalk with fishing pier, boat ramp, canoe/kayak launch, horseshoe pits, bocce courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball court, playground area, small shelters with a picnic table, two large pavilions, restrooms, heated swimming pool, and a recreation center.

The pavilions and recreation center are available to rent for birthday parties, family reunions, corporate parties, large picnics and other special events. Please contact 941.681.3742 for pavilion rental information. Fees are based on area used and length of time. This is a pay-to-park facility ($.75/hour) and seasonal or annual parking passes may be purchased at any Charlotte County recreation center, swimming pool, the Tax Collector’s office, or by calling 941.625.7529.

4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.627.1628

This facility offers over 6,000 square feet of indoor rental space, a large kitchen, and a beautiful outdoor deck overlooking the beach and harbor. Outdoor facilities include boat ramps, picnic pavilions, barbecue grills, public beach, bocce ball courts, horseshoe courts, fishing pier, and a heated swimming pool. This facility is ideal for wedding receptions or social gatherings such as dances, meetings, or banquets. Fees based on the amount of space and hours of event.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Nature in Your Neighborhood
Second Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
The Nature in Your Neighborhood is a six-part lecture/field trip series covering local wildlife and environmental habitats. Participants will learn about local flora and fauna, visit some of Charlotte County’s beautiful parks to see topic areas in person, and gain an appreciation for the diverse wildlife and natural environments within Charlotte County.

November 13: Snakes
December 11: Alligators
January 8: Gopher Tortoises
February 12: Scrub Jays

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.
Beach Crafts
Tuesdays in February, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$35 for all 4 classes or $10 per class
Join this instructor led class to create 4 different beach themed crafts on 4 different mornings. Come enjoy a snack and coffee while creating something fun! All supplies included.

Charlotte Harbor Kids Fest
Saturday, February 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
Bring your kids, from newborn to 8th grade, out for a fun educational event. There will be games, prizes, fun activities, music, and demonstrations of all kinds.

Inshore Insight
Tuesday, March 4, 11 & 18, 6 to 8 p.m.
Free; call to reserve your spot
Join us for 3 fun evenings featuring top fishing guides who specialize in our local waters. Learn when, where, and how to fish for each species as well as what the guides do to produce consistently. Learn new skills and improve old ones. This is your chance to ask the “How to?” from the people who know!

Come Sail Away
Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free; registration required
Ever thought about sailing? This is your opportunity to experience sailing in beautiful Charlotte Harbor. Climb aboard and get a brief sailing lesson and a chance to feel the wind in the sails.

Volunteer Here
Thursday, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Free
Want to gain some insight on your community, while finding ways to give back? Volunteer Here focusses on opportunities throughout Charlotte County to learn about what we have to offer as well as being part of serving the community. Sit in on lectures from various organizations and sign up to volunteer. Call for more information.

Charlotte County Car Show
Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free to spectators
Come enjoy an array of beautiful cars showcased by the harbor. For more information regarding show entry contact our office. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Dance with Daddy
Saturday, June 6, 6 to 8 p.m.
$10 per ticket
Dads, bring your daughters ages 3–12 out for a night of dancing, fun activities, and quality time. Create lasting memories, while building a bond between daddy and daughter. Enjoy food provided on this themed night with music provided by a DJ.

Wild Wild West Fest
Thursday, November 14, 2 to 6 p.m.
Free
Come out and enjoy all the best from the West. There will be bull riding, BBQ, a pie eating contest, and much more at this family friendly Western-themed festival.
Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool is a picturesque recreational pool located on Charlotte Harbor. The pool features a shallow and deeper water play area and a pool lift for accessibility.

**Pool Hours**
Tuesday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**General Pool Admission**

- **Daily Fees**
  - Adult (18 and up) is $3.00
  - Child (ages 2-15) is $2.00

- **Yearly Passes**
  - Adult (18 and up) is $100 + tax
  - Child (ages 2-15) is $75 + tax
  - Family passes (2 adults & 2 children) is $230 + tax and $30 for each additional child

- **6 Month Passes**
  - Adult (18 and up) is $60 + tax
  - Child (ages 2-15) is $35 + tax

- **Water Exercise Punch Passes**
  - $27 for 10 classes (= one free class!)

**AQUATICS FOR FITNESS**

**Water Aerobics**
18 and Over
$3 per class
Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 10 a.m.
Tuesday through Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m.
An excellent way for people to increase strength, flexibility, and overall health. The class utilizes low impact movements to increase range of motion, strength, flexibility, heart rate, and breathing rate all in a relaxed fun atmosphere. Limit 25 participants.

**H2O Boot Camp**
Saturdays, 8 to 8:45 a.m.
$3 per class
This class incorporates high intensity interval training with some of our most challenging water aerobics exercises. This class will also consist of lap swimming, deep-water work, and resistance band training for an intense full-body workout. Limit 25 participants.
23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33980
941.627.1074
Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center offers two multi-purpose gymnasiums each with 6 basketball goals, one large meeting room, and one large fitness/meeting room with mirrored wall. Outdoor facilities include two children's playground areas, two lighted basketball courts, four lighted tennis courts, softball fields and baseball fields. The recreation center is perfect for sports, competitions, parties, dances, or meetings. Rental rates are based on amount of space used and type of event to be held. Dates and times of programs herein are subject to change, please call or reference calendar at CharlotteCountyFL.gov to confirm.

Open Gym
Most Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 4 to 5:30 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
Schedule varies depending on the season (please call ahead )

Open Gym Fees

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Charlotte County Table Tennis Club
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
No matter what your table tennis skill level is, there is a place for you. This schedule will continue through the school year and then be modified over the summer. We have eight tables in action, so there is plenty of room for everyone.

Drop-In Volleyball
Most Tuesdays, Feb. 4 to May 5, 6 to 8 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
All ages (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult)

Beginner/Intermediate Pickleball
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
$3 fee
Nets will be provided. Players should be prepared to provide their own paddles and balls. 10 and 50 punch passes available.

Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball
Mondays & Wednesdays, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
$3 fee
Nets will be provided. Players should be prepared to provide their own paddles and balls. 10 and 50 punch passes available.

ADULT PROGRAMS & LEAGUES

Ichiban Bonsai Kai
Charlotte County Bonsai Club
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$50 annual membership
Bonsai is the propagation and training of trees in special trays. Members are responsible for all materials. For additional information visit our website at www.IBonsaiK.wix.com/bonsai.
Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament
Saturday, February 22, time TBD
Registration opens - Nov. 18, Registration closes - Feb. 10
4 v 4 format
Team fee - $100
Get your team together and come out for this event that is guaranteed to be fun for all! Guaranteed a minimum of 3 games.

Adult 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament
Saturday, March 1, time TBD
Registration opens - Dec. 6, Registration closes - Feb. 14
3 v 3 format
Team fee - $75
Men’s and Women’s adult division (ages 20 & over)
Men’s and Women’s 50+ division (ages 50 & over)
Get your team together and come out for this event that is guaranteed to be fun for all!

Adult Drop-In Basketball
Schedule varies (please call ahead 941.627.1074)
Ages 18 and older
$2 fee
Charlotte County’s hot spot for pick-up games of basketball.

Introduction to Basketball Officiating Clinic
Saturdays, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 12 to 4 p.m.
Registration opens - Sept. 2, Registration closes - Oct. 26
Registration fee - $10
In this 8 hour clinic attendees will learn the fundamentals of officiating basketball and coaching theory. Rules and mechanics will be taught with emphasis on youth basketball officiating. Officials and coaches are welcome. Certificates of completion will be provided as well as information furthering a career as a FHSAA high school official or higher.

YOUTH PROGRAMS & LEAGUES

Co-Ed Youth Basketball League (Fall/Winter Session)
Player Evaluations - Oct. 23, 26 (depending on age level)
Jamboree Kickoff - Nov. 9
Regular Season runs Nov. 16 to Jan. 25
Practice Days - Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (occasional Monday practices)
Practice Times - Scheduled with coach between 6 to 9 p.m.
Games - Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (younger divisions start earlier)
Ages 4–15 (participants must provide copy of birth certificate)
*Minimum Age - 4
Registration fee - $65/player
Registration opens - July 31, Registration closes - Oct. 10
This is one of the most popular recreational youth leagues in Charlotte County. Many high school stand outs have started their careers in the league. Each player is guaranteed equal playing time over an 8-week regular season. 10u, 12u, 15u, and 17u divisions will participate in a tournament at the end of the season. Practices are limited to two per week (one indoor/one outdoor).

Teen 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament
Sunday, March 2, time TBD
Registration opens - Dec. 6, Registration closes - Feb. 14
3 v 3 format
Boys’ and Girls’ 15u division (ages 13–15)
Boys’ and Girls’ 19u division (ages 16–19)
Team fee - $60
Get your team together and come out for this event that is guaranteed to be fun for all!

Intro to Volleyball Class
Fridays, March 6 to May 1, 6:15 to 7 p.m.
Registration opens - Nov. 22, Registration closes - Feb. 21
Ages 8–14
Registration fee - $40
In this 8-week class kids will learn the fundamentals of volleyball.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.
Youth Drop-In Basketball
Monday through Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Fridays, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Most Saturdays, March 1 to May 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m. (call to confirm)
Ages 5–17 (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult)
$2 per session or open gym fees
*Other days are available. Please see website calendar for times.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball League (Spring/Summer Session)
Player Evaluations - May 6, 7, 9 (depending on age level)
Jamboree Kickoff - May 23
Regular Season runs - May 30 to July 25
Practice Days - Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (occasional Monday practices)
Practice Times - Scheduled with coach between 6 to 9 p.m.
Games - Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (younger divisions start earlier)
Ages 4–15 (participants must provide copy of birth certificate)
*Minimum Age - 4
Registration fee - $65/player
Registration opens - Jan. 17, Registration closes - April 23
No late registrations accepted after May 22
This is one of the most popular recreational youth leagues in Charlotte County. Many high school stand outs have started their careers in the league. Each player is guaranteed equal playing time over an 8-week regular season. 10u, 12u, 15u and 17u divisions will participate in a tournament at the end of the season. Practices are limited to two per week (one indoor/one outdoor).

POUND Rockout Workout Classes
Most Fridays, 6 p.m.
$10 drop-in or 10 class punch card for $75
*Ripstix for class is provided.
POUND® is a full-body cardio jam session which combines light resistance with constant simulated drumming. Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND® transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and Pilates-inspired movements. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND® provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rockin' out! The workout is easily modifiable, and the alternative vibe and welcoming philosophy appeal to men and women of all ages and abilities. Bring a bottle of water, a towel, a yoga mat, and an open mind! Contact Nicole Wilson at 941.815.6757 for details.

Yoga Classes
Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$10 drop-in fee
Hatha yoga is the most widely practiced form of yoga in the world. Hatha yoga uses postures (asana) and conscious breathing (pranayama) in combination with mental focus to develop awareness, strength, flexibility, and relaxation. Classes are appropriate for all body types, ages, and fitness levels. Bring your mat and join us! For more information find “Om Sweet Om Yoga” on Facebook. Contact Tonya Bramlage at 615.545.2101 for details.

FITNESS CLASSES

Zumba® Classes
Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
$10 drop-in or 10 class punch card for $75
The class that started the dance-fitness revolution and changed the way we look at a “workout” forever. It’s fun, effective, and best of all? Made for everyone! It’s not a dance class, it’s a party. No one is judging you by your dance abilities, just have fun and feel the music! Instructor Nicole knows the weight loss struggle firsthand; formerly 402 lbs, she has lost over 250 lbs! Contact Nicole Wilson at 941.815.6757 for details.
The Paw Parks offer over one acre of fenced-in land where your K-9 friend can behave like an animal! There are dog friendly water stations, bag stations, and trash cans for your depositing convenience and a small fenced-in area as an alternative for small dogs.

The Paw Parks were created as a place for people to enjoy their dogs, off-leash. Many families cannot afford the luxury of providing quality park time with their dogs, separate from the time they can spend with their children. If you choose to bring your child to the park, it is very important for your child’s safety that you supervise your child closely. The safest place for your child is standing by your side or holding your hand. If you choose to let your child play within the dog area, please read the following guidelines. We invite you to join us for some quality K-9 time!

Rules for Paw Parks:
• Dogs entering or leaving the park must be on a leash (voice command is not sufficient).
• Dog owners must be in the fenced area within view of their dogs.
• Dogs should be under voice control.
• No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
• No animals other than dogs are allowed in the park.
• No glass containers are allowed inside of the park.
• Food is not allowed in the park.
• Smoking is not allowed in the park.
• Be polite, scoop the poop!
• Bag stations and trash cans are available.
• Fill any hole your dog digs.
• Aggressive dogs are not permitted on the premises.
• Dogs must be removed from the dog park at the first sign of aggression.
• Dogs must wear current license tags.
• Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
• Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.
• Dogs 4 months or younger are not allowed inside the park.

Charlotte County Sheriff Non-Emergency 941.639.2101

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Kid Safety Procedures
• Never run with the dogs.
• Always ask the owner before petting a dog you don’t know.
• Stay close to parents while in the park.

IF A STRANGE DOG CHARGES AT YOU:
• Hide face, fold arms, and stand still “like a tree.”

IF YOU ARE KNOCKED TO THE GROUND:
• Lie down.
• Tuck arms and legs into the body and lie “like a log.”
• Wait until an adult arrives or the dog leaves.

Remember...
Owners are expected to know the temperament of their dog and are ultimately responsible for their actions of their dog, AT ALL TIMES, while inside of the park. Owners are NOT exempt from the Charlotte County Animal Control Ordinances in regards to dangerous/aggressive animals and may be subject to a fine of up to $515.00 in the event a violation occurs.
(Ordinance #98-70, Section 1-4-31, Section E)
2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
General Information: 941.613.3161
Reference: 941.613.3166
Youth Services: 941.613.3170

Library Hours
Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed Sunday

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Winter Candy Land!
Saturday, December 21, 12 to 2 p.m.
Free; no registration required
Family members of all ages welcome! There will be crafts to celebrate winter, activities, light refreshments, and a chance to visit with Santa!

2020 Photography Contest
Award reception January 31, 6 p.m.
Turn in entries by January 28; photos on display through February
Free; space is limited and registration is required
If you love taking photos this event is for you. All ages can participate. Entries will be displayed during the month of February 2020 at the Mid-County Regional Library.

- Color or black & white photos are welcome.
- 1 entry photo per person.
- Submit your photo in an inexpensive frame.
- Entry photos must be taken on or after June 1, 2019.
- The three age categories are: Adults ages 19 and up, Teens ages 13–18, and Children ages 6–12
- Print size can be one of the following: 5” x 7”, 8” x 10”, or 10” x 14”
- Your photo should reflect our Charlotte County community.
- Suggested topics include but are not limited to the pets and animals, landscapes, scenery and people of Charlotte County.
- Photo must be labeled on the back with name and age of photographer.
- Entries must be received at the Mid-County Regional Library by January 28, 2020.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes of $75, $50, and $25 will be awarded in each age category. One photo will be selected as the overall people’s choice winner at the end of February. Community professionals will judge all entries. Winners’ presentations will take place at 6 p.m. on January 31 at the Mid-County Regional Library. For more information please call 941.613.3160.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Baby Rhyme Time
Tuesdays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 8, 15, 22 & 29; Nov. 5, 12 & 19; Dec. 3, 10 & 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28;
Feb. 11, 18 & 25; March 3, 10, 24 & 31; April 14, 21 & 28
Birth to 36 months
Free
Babies and toddlers with a parent or caregiver are encouraged to come and share books, music and activities with us. An emphasis will be placed on activities related to early childhood literacy. No registration required.

Preschool Spanish Class
Thursdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2 to 2:30 p.m.
Ages 3–5
Free; space is limited and registration is required
Songs, rhymes, finger plays, games, stories, movements, and hands-on vocabulary building. A music-based curriculum in a relaxed environment where parents learn along with their children!

Preschool Story Time
Fridays, 1 to 1:45 p.m.
Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25; Nov. 1, 8, 5 & 22; Dec. 6, 13 & 20; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 6, 13 & 27; April 3, 10, 17 & 24
Ages 3–5
Free
This program, for children is designed to improve listening and group interaction skills through stories, movement activities, music and dramatic play. No registration required.
**Dog Tales!**
Saturdays, 15-minute time slots, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 21 & April 18
Ages 4 and up
Free; space is limited, registration is required to reserve your time slot
Read to a certified therapy dog! This program is open to children ages 4 and up. Reading to a therapy dog helps children build their literacy skills in a fun and low-pressure environment. Please register in person or by phone. We appreciate if you let us know if you can’t make it for your registered time!

**Library Laboratory**
Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
Oct. 9, Nov. 16, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 18, April 15
Grades 1–5
Free; space is limited and registration is required
Join us each month as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math at the library! Children in 1st–5th grades are welcome to join us at the library in experiments that encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creative thinking. Please register online or by phone.

**Let’s Get Crafty**
October 23, November 20, December 18, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Ages 4–10
Free; space is limited and registration is required
Crafts to celebrate the holidays of the year. Use your imagination with our craft supplies. Ages 4–10 are welcome, but children 5 and under must have a parent or guardian there to assist with the activity. Please register online or by phone.

**Halloween History & Craft**
Friday, October 25, 4 to 5 p.m.
Free
Learn how the tradition of Halloween started and how other cultures celebrate. Then we’ll make a spooky craft and snack.

**Girls Who Code Club**
Mondays, 4 to 5 p.m.
Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 30, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 30, April 27
Free
Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology. Their program educates, equips and inspires girls with the computing skills they’ll need to pursue 21st century opportunities. This club is for girls in grades 3–5 and will meet once a month throughout the school year.

**Winter Candy Land!**
Saturday, December 21, 12 to 2 p.m.
Free; no registration required
Family members of all ages welcome! There will be crafts to celebrate winter, activities, light refreshments, and a chance to visit with Santa!

**Noon Year’s Eve Party**
Tuesday, December 31, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free; space is limited, and registration is required
For school-aged children and their families Since midnight is late for kids, join us to celebrate the new year at noon! We will create some new year’s noisemakers, count down to 12 p.m., and eat some pizza to celebrate a happy 2020!

**2020 Photography Contest**
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**DIY Squishy**
February 5, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Ages 8–13
Free; space is limited, and registration is required
Using foam and basic craft supplies, create your own squishy toy. Please register online or by phone.

**Spring Break Performer**
Monday, March 20, 4 to 5 p.m.
All school age children and their families
Free; space is limited and registration is required
Come watch a family friendly performance to make sure that your spring break is really your fun break!

**Photo Shrink Charms**
March 11, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Ages 8–13
Free; space is limited and registration is required
Use digital images or hand draw your own image onto shrink plastic to create your own jewelry, magnet, or keychain.

**Spring Break Lego Challenge**
Thursday, March 19, 1 to 3 p.m.
All school age children and their families
Free
Use your imagination and challenge yourself using the library’s Legos! Play a board game or cards with friends. Snacks and beverages will be available.

**Slime, Slime, More Slime**
April 8, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Ages 6–11
Free; space is limited and registration is required
Make your own slime to help you de-stress during the end of the school year. Ingredients for sparkly and foam slime will be available.
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Wizards Unite Dueling Club**  
Thursdays, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12, 4 to 6 p.m.  
All ages  
Free  
Drop in and play the newest game from the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The game is called Harry Potter: Wizards Unite and is available for free from the app store on your device. Make friends in-game and out, and form teams to defeat the library’s Fortress.

**How Not to Fail—Life Skills for Teens**  
Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m.  
Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 5, Jan. 30, Feb. 20, March 26, April 23  
Ages 8–13  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
Learn practical skills to help you succeed in school and life! Please call or register in person.

**Get Your Game On**  
Saturdays, October 12, November 9, December 7, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Ages 12–18  
Free  
Teens, only for an hour and a half, play video and table top games and eat snacks in our teen area in the library!

**DIY Harry Potter Book of Monsters**  
October 24, 5 to 6 p.m.  
Ages 12–18  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
Make your own Monster Book of Monsters to display for Halloween.

**Girls Who Code Club**  
Mondays, 4 to 5 p.m.  
Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 30, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 30, April 27  
Free  
See page 48 for full description.

**DIY Gold Leaf Painted Rocks**  
November 21, 5 to 6 p.m.  
Ages 12–18  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
DIY gold leaf painted rocks are very easy to make and are a lovely décor item to display for fall or to give as a gift. More advanced than painting rocks but still great for beginners.

**Gingerbread House Decorating**  
December 19, 5 to 6 p.m.  
Ages 12–18  
Free; space is limited and registration is required.  
You’ll find everything you need to make a rad gingerbread house. Some food allergens may be present.

**Winter Candy Land!**  
Saturday, December 21, 12 to 2 p.m.  
Free; no registration required  
Family members of all ages welcome! There will be crafts to celebrate winter, activities, light refreshments, and a chance to visit with Santa!

**Noon Year’s Eve Party**  
Tuesday, December 31, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
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**Ultimate Werewolf**  
January 9, 5 to 6 p.m.  
Ages 12–18  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
The premise of Werewolf is simple: all the players in your game live in a village that is being attacked by werewolves. You want to identify the werewolves before they kill all the villagers. This game is easy to play and lots of fun!

**Quilled Photo Heart Frame**  
February 13, 5 to 6 p.m.  
Ages 12–18  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
This fun quilled heart photo frame is perfect for Valentine’s Day and a great way to give a gift from the heart.

**Squishy Sewable Circuits**  
March 19, 5 to 6 p.m.  
Ages 12–18  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
Learn how to use sewable circuits and make a cute doll whose eyes light up when you squish it.

**Slime, Slime, More Slime**  
April 8, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Ages 6–11  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
Make your own slime to help you de-stress during the end of the school year. Sparkly and foam slime ingredients will be available.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Hooked on Books
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 5
Free
Hooked on Books is an informal book discussion where participants meet with library staff to discuss and review recently read books, and share their recommendations with the group and people who visit the library. No assigned reading, and no registration required.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners
Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.
Free
Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care and pests. This is a partnership program with the University of Florida IFAS Extension Service.

Café Philo
Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
This group gathers to have stimulating real dialogue about the larger questions of life in an informal setting for people who are seekers, wishing to share and learn from and with others. This is a partnership program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Cook the Books
Fridays, October 11, December 13, January 14, 12 p.m.
Free
Do you love cooking and cookbooks? Join us for our book club that combines your love of reading with your love of cooking. Here’s how it works: Select a cookbook that fits the upcoming month’s theme. Spend some time perusing the cookbook and recipes. Register to attend and select an item to bring, using a recipe from the cookbook. (Feel free to use a favorite recipe from your own collection or one you found online as well, but make sure it relates to that month’s theme.) Bring your food item and a printed copy of the recipe to the meeting. Browse the display of related fiction and non-fiction connected to the theme. Swap ideas, recipes, techniques and chat about all things food and book related.
October: Practice for the upcoming holidays and explore Fall Recipes and browse our list of Native American writers.
December: Celebrate the season by cooking Holiday Appetizers & Soups and then check out our list of the best cookbooks published this year! February: Whether you’re celebrating Valentine’s Day with your partner, your BFF, or a big group of galentines, join us to indulge in Romantic Recipes and then peruse our collection of romantic reads.

Café Socrates
Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free
This is a philosophical discussion group using the Socratic Method of inquiring. It is devoted to learning about enlightenment, inner peace, and spirituality. This is a partnership program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Café Theo
Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m.
Free
This group gathers to have stimulating real dialog about the theological subjects. This is a partnership program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Super Saturday Movie
Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21
Free
Enjoy a family friendly movie on our large screen with surround sound. Popcorn provided.

Mid-County Book Discussion
Mondays, 6 p.m.
Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 30, April 27
Free
Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of featured book.
September 30: Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan
October 28: A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
November 25: Reader’s Choice
January 27: The Women’s Room by Marilyn French
February 24: Pick any Harry Potter Book
March 30: To Be Determined
April 27: Before the Fall by Noah Hawley

Pizza and a Movie
September 5, 12, 26, 5:30 p.m.
Free; no reservations needed
Complimentary pizza available while supplies last. Check with the library for film titles.
September 5: During an accident, ex U.S. Air Force fighter pilot Carol Danvers’ DNA is altered transforming her into the super human Captain Marvel. She tests her new powers when planet Earth becomes caught in the middle of a galactic war between two alien races. PG-13.
September 26: A musical fantasy sequel to the original 1964 classic, Miss Poppins returns after many years to help the bank siblings through a troubling time in their respective lives. PG.
**Film Noir Fridays**
October 4, 11, 18, 5 p.m.
Free
Screening of three classic noir films on designated Fridays in October. These programs will also include a discussion on the characteristics of noir films. Check with the library for film titles.
*October 4:* A private eye escapes his past to run a gas station in a small town, but his past catches up with him. Now he must return to the big city world of danger, corruption, double crosses and duplicitous dames.
*October 11:* An insurance representative lets himself be talked into a murder/insurance fraud scheme that arouses the suspicion of an insurance investigator.
*October 18:* A well-meaning crack shot husband is pressured by his beautiful marksman wife to go on an interstate robbery spree, where he finds out just how depraved and deadly she really is.

**Frightening Flicks and Cults**
October 21, 22, 23 & 24, 5:30 p.m.
Free
This series includes three ghastly films and a program on the nature of cults. All films and programs begin at 5:30 p.m. No reservations needed. Check with the library for film titles. Individuals under 18 should be accompanied by an adult for R rated films.
*October 21:* This 2019 horror blockbuster focuses on a family who is terrorized by doppelgänger during a vacation. This film is rated R for violence and language.
*October 22:* The classic horror film that tells the tale of a sweet young girl who is possessed by a terrible demon and the heroic catholic priests that try to exorcise the hellish beast. This film is rated R for strong languages and disturbing images.
*October 23:* This 2018 hit horror film follows a family who must live in silence to avoid deadly creatures with powerful hearing ability. This film is rated PG-13 for terror and some bloody images.
*October 24:* Cults
This hour-long presentation will explore common characteristics of cults. Special attention will be given to the Branch Davidian, Rajneesh and NXIVM cults and their respective cult leaders.

**Chilling Tales of Charlotte County**
Wednesday, October 23, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
This presentation explores the stories of strange and unexplained phenomena lurking in the corners of our regional history.

**Second Tuesday Foreign Film Series**
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Nov. 12, Dec. 11, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, April 16
Free
*November 12:* A psychoanalyst and his family go through profound emotional trauma when their son dies in a scuba diving accident. (Italian with English subtitles)
*December 11:* Javier is crushed after his new bride leaves him. When his psychiatrist has no answers, he turns to the arms of his ex-girlfriends. (Spanish with English subtitles)
*January 14:* An exploration of the life, lessons, and legacy of iconic children’s television host, Fred Rogers. (Documentary)
*February 11:* When her fiancé bows out on the eve of her wedding, Michal refuses to cancel the wedding arrangements. An Orthodox Jew, she insists that God will supply her a husband. As the clock ticks down. (Hebrew with English subtitles)
*April 16:* A senior chef lives with his three grown daughters; the middle one finds her future plans affected by unexpected events and the life changes of the other household members. (Mandarin with English subtitles)

**Immigration Film Series**
November 4, 18, 25 & December 2, 5:30 p.m.
Free
Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County’s Racial Justice Committee. Titles to be announced.

**Financial Fundamentals**
November 7, December 4, & January 23; 5 p.m.
Free
A series of programs geared toward helping patrons acquire knowledge to improve their financial literacy. Programs include information on topics such as Identity theft, avoiding scams, understanding your credit and other valuable information for protecting yourself.

**Florida Folk Art**
Wednesday, November 13, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free; registration required
This program starts with a presentation on Florida folk artists, before participants try their hand at creating their own folk-style artwork with guided instruction. All supplies will be provided.

**Reality Readers**
November 21, January 16 & March 19, 11 a.m.
Free
Join us for interesting discussions regarding newer nonfiction books. Titles to be announced.
Florida: A Cultural History
Tuesday, December 3, 6 p.m.
Free
Live performance of various individuals who shaped Florida’s cultural history such as Henry Flagler, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Walt Disney, and Zora Neale Hurston.

Winter Candy Land!
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Family members of all ages welcome! There will be crafts to celebrate winter, activities, light refreshments, and a chance to visit with Santa!

Noon Year’s Eve Party
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Free
Family members of all ages welcome! Since midnight is late for kids, join us to celebrate the new year at noon! We will create some new year’s noisemakers, count down to 12 p.m., and eat some pizza to celebrate a happy 2020! Space is limited and registration is required.

Florida Facts & Fables
January 15, 22 & 29, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Free
Can you detect the truth behind the legend? Explore the weird tales and fables of our region and their connections to local and state history facts. Topics include Florida hippo farming, tales of the pirate Gasparilla, and Punta Gorda’s citrus fame.

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Free; space is limited and registration is required
See page 47 for full description.

African American History Film Series
February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 5:30 p.m.
Free
Honoring the month of February as Black History Month, the Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture of Charlotte County and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County’s Racial Justice Committee presents a 4-part film series on the African American Experience. Titles to be announced.
2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.764.5562

Library Hours
Tuesday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed Sunday & Monday

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Gaming @ the Library
Saturdays, 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Free; space is limited
Stop by to play board games, computer games, Wii, and Xbox. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Love Your Community
Tuesdays, December 10 & February 11, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Join us as community non-profit organizations, clubs, and agencies showcase their offerings. Each session will be 45 minutes to an hour. Call the library at 941.764.5562 for details and registration.

OMG! School Project/Assignment Assistance
Saturdays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16, Dec. 7 & 14; Jan. 18, Feb. 1 & 15, March 7
Free; registration recommended
High school & middle school students, come to our open sessions to help you finish your projects. Specific targets include Google Docs, science fair, book reports, history fair, term/research paper, etc. Materials, computers, and other tools will be available. Note: If you have specific needs, please call the Port Charlotte Library (941.764.5562) a week in advance with your request, and we will do our best to accommodate.

Snack & Read
Saturdays, all day during regular library hours
Free
Read your favorite book or classroom assignment at the library. Dedicated readers will be provided with a snack by library staff. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Mini Movers Storytime
Fridays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Free
Children ages 2–5, along with a responsible adult, are invited to the library for stories, activities, music, and learning!

Halloween History & Craft
Thursday, October 24, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
Learn how the tradition of Halloween started and how other cultures celebrate. Then we’ll make a spooky craft and snack.

Homework Help
Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
Having trouble completing your school assignments successfully? Stop by the library for assistance! Note: if the assignment or learning task is quite involved, you will need to schedule an appointment by calling the library at 941.764.5562. Note: This is homework and project help, not reading instruction.

Dog Tales
Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free; registration recommended
Children practice their reading skills as they read to therapy dogs from the Suncoast Humane Society. The pooches are patient and willing listeners, helping to ease the stress learning to read. Call 941.764.5562 to schedule a time slot for your child.
Harvest Artistry
Saturday, November 16, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free; space is limited and registration is recommended
Join us to create crafts to decorate for the holiday season! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Winter Break Food & Fun
Thursdays & Fridays, Dec. 26 & 27, Jan. 2 & 3; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Program), 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Lunch)
Free; registration recommended
Join us for fun winter activities. A free lunch for ages 18 and under will be offered by the Champs Café C.O.W. All food must be eaten on the premises. Ages 18 & under. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ozbots, VR, and Other Techy Stuff
Saturday, January 18, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free; space is limited and registration is recommended
Join us to try your hand at programming these techno-gadgets to follow your commands. Some other cool technology will also be explored. Grades 3–6.

Sweetheart Crafts
Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free; space is limited and registration is recommended
Join us as we make crafts to celebrate Valentine’s Day! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Spring Break Food
Monday, March 16, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Lunch)
Free
The library is closed but a FREE lunch for ages 18 and under will be served behind the library via Champs on Wheels, aka “The COW.” Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Seating will be provided inside the library during that time. Food must be eaten on premises.

Spring Break Food & Fun
Tuesday through Friday, March 17–20
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Program), 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Lunch)
Free
Join us for Spring activities followed by a FREE lunch for ages 18 and under compliments of “The COW.” Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended. Go to the online calendar or call 941.764.5562 for registration and program details.

Adventures in Time
Thursday, March 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free
This family-friendly, steampunk program introduces icons from local, national, and world history. Attendees will be able to meet these figures face-to-face due to our living history “Time Portal” demonstration. This program is part of Spring Break Read & Feed and is followed by a free lunch for ages 18 and under. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

TEEN PROGRAMS
Gaming @ the Library
Saturdays, 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Free; space is limited
Stop by to play board games, computer games, Wii, and Xbox. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

OMG! School Project/Assignment Assistance
Saturdays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16, Dec. 7 & 14; Jan. 18; Feb. 1 & 15, March 7
Free; registration recommended
See page 53 for full description.

Mini-Manga/Anime Fest
Saturday, October 12, 1 to 3 p.m.
Free; registration recommended
Join us as we celebrate and explore the world of manga and anime. Activities may include how-to draw, videos, trivia, group discussion, etc. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes representing their favorite characters. Middle school to adult.

Winter Break Food & Fun
Thursdays & Fridays, Dec. 26 & 27, Jan. 2 & 3; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Program), 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Lunch)
Free; registration recommended
See column opposite for full description.

Spring Break Food
Monday, March 16, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Lunch)
Free
See column opposite for full description.

Spring Break Food & Fun
Tuesday through Friday, March 17–20
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Program), 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Lunch)
Free
See column opposite for full description.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Advice for Your Device
By appointment
Free
Do you need help with your laptop, tablet, or other tech device? If you do, give us a call at 941.764.5562 and make an appointment to meet with library staff who can help you figure things out! Appointments fill up fast, so book early and let us know if you need to cancel.

Makerspace Magic
By appointment
Learn how to use a 3D printer or try your hand being crafty with our Cricut cutting machine and Easy Press. Call 941.764.5562.

Library Resources Orientation
Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Feb. 5, March 4
Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21
Free; registration required. Call or visit the library to sign up
Whether you are new to the library or a seasoned patron who wants a refresher of what Charlotte County Libraries has to offer, come to an orientation and learn what’s available. The last 30 minutes will be devoted to assisting attendees on accessing resources on their devices, so feel free to bring your charged smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc., for the second half of the program. To allow for proper preparation, registration is required.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners
Thursdays (except Oct. 30, Nov. 28, Jan. 30), 1 to 3 p.m.
Free
Have a Florida gardening question? Certified Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care, and household pests.

Genealogy Round Table, a.k.a. Who’s Your Great, Great Granddaddy?
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m.
Free
The Charlotte County Genealogical Society recognizes the importance of providing education for genealogists at all levels. Because ancestors multiply exponentially, it is important to understand the concepts involving genealogy to assure that you are connecting each generation to the previous one in such a way that you are certain you are claiming the right ancestor. Come meet with us and explore your family history!

PC Sleuths Book Club
Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11
Free
Join in the discussion of the chosen book title or share one of your favorites. A limited number of Kindle Paperwhite devices will be provided for loan on a first-come, first-served basis. Titles are picked in advance; some are available in printed form. Sponsored by Friends of the Port Charlotte Library.
October 9: Stiff Arm Steal by A.J. Stewart
November 13: Verity by Colleen Hoover
December 11: Whisper Me This by Kerry Ann King
January 8: One for the Money by Janet Evanovich
February 12: The Thirteenth Tale: a Novel by Diane Setterfield
March 11: Bed and Breakfast and Murder (Fiona Fleming Cozy Mysteries, Book 1) by Patti Larsen

Everyday English Café
Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11
Free
Join other ESL speakers and native English speakers to practice your conversational English in a relaxed setting. Light snacks will be provided. This program is partnered with Charlotte County Hispanic Council’s Everyday English Literacy Program.

Writers’ Tea
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m.
Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17
Free
Peace River Writers is an organization dedicated to writers and the written word. Through an array of educational and informational programs, services, and events, this group aims at providing support for those who wish to pursue the craft of writing in any form. Have tea with us and join the community!

Fabric and Craft Artists & Quilter’s Quest
Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19
Free
Come meet others who love arts and crafts. Brag—bring in an article that you made and would love to show off. Swap—bring a piece of fabric from your stash that you would like to exchange. Participate—help make large projects that add quality to the community.
See You @ the Cinema!
Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
Free
Join us for a monthly movie with popcorn! Snacks are compliments of the Friends of the Port Charlotte Library.

Senior Blue Book University
Wednesdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4
Free
Join Senior Blue Book as they provide valuable information on how to handle the challenges of maturity. Registration required. Call Senior Blue Book at 941.351.3630 to register and for additional information.
Oct. 2: Dotting your “I’s” and Crossing Your “T’s” — Planning for Aging
Nov. 6: Things to Know About Aging
Dec. 4: Shortcuts When Shopping for Senior Living — What You Need to Know Before You Start Your Search
Jan. 8: Your Health from Your Head to Your Toes
Feb. 5: Senior Living Options in Charlotte County
March 4: Top 10 Commandments of Smart Money — Planning for Retirement and Long Term Care

Chilling Tales of Charlotte County
Tuesday, October 8, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
This presentation explores the stories of strange and unexplained phenomena lurking in the corners of our regional history.

Mini-Manga/Anime Fest
Saturday, October 12, 1 to 3 p.m.
Free; registration recommended
See page 54 for full description.

Military Trivia — Let’s Get Quizzical
Friday, November 1, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free; registration recommended
Try your hand at our homemade Trivia Challenge focusing on American military branches and history. Individuals, partners, and groups are welcome. We will even out the teams before we begin.

Chef Warren Caterson’s Thankful Thanksgivings - The No-Fuss, No-Muss Way to Enjoy the Holiday
Friday, November 8, 3 p.m.
Free
Learn dozens of tips to ensure that your Thanksgiving meal is a success, from roasting a turkey, preparing sides, and creating delicious leftovers. Seating will be first come, first served.

Stress Relief through the Arts
Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 13 & March 25
Free
Join us as we explore various ways to relieve stress utilizing the arts. Call 941.764.5562 to register.

Create Your Own Dried Flower Keepsake
Friday, December 6, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free
Join us to learn a new art and express your creativity as you make a keepsake bookmark, stationery, or greeting card. Registration recommended. Adults.

Love Your Community
Tuesdays, Dec. 10 & Feb. 11, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Join us as community non-profit organizations, clubs, and agencies showcase their offerings. Each session will be 45 min. to one hour. Call the library at 941.764.5562 for details and registration.

3rd Annual Cookie Exchange
Wednesday, December 11, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Free
Join us for a holiday tradition. Bake 1 to 2 dozen of a favorite cookie and bring them to exchange with other holiday bakers. Each participant will go home with a plate of different types of cookies. Enjoy coffee/tea/hot chocolate and conversation as you chat with fellow bakers and listen to holiday favorites.

Archives Art Lesson
Thursday, January 9; 1 to 3 p.m.
Free; registration required
This program starts with a presentation on an artist and their collection which is housed in Charlotte County Archives. Participants will then create their own artwork in a similar style with guided instruction. No art experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided.

2nd Annual Winter Art Show
Mid-January to early February (specific dates to be determined)
Free
Visit our library to see the works of our community’s artists on display. If you are a local artist and would like to share your talents by them at our show, contact the library at 941.764.5562. Novices to experts are welcome.
The Charlotte Sports Park is one of the showcase facilities within Charlotte County and a perfect location for special events, corporate functions, sports tournaments, and other recreation activities. This 82 acre park is the Spring Training Home of the Tampa Bay Rays and Home of the Charlotte Stone Crabs, the Tampa Bay Rays High-A affiliate.

This state-of-the-art facility features a 360 degree fan-friendly pedestrian concourse, a luxury hospitality suite level, two outfield berms, a children's play area, an outfield bar, practice fields, batting cages, a covered pavilion, and meeting rooms. The stadium seating capacity is approximately 7,500.

The Charlotte Sports Park is also connected to Tippecanoe Environmental Park which features walking trails, a boardwalk, a canoe/kayak launch, and plenty of birding opportunities.

For Charlotte Sports Park events, please see the special events section on page 85.
Punta
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Locations

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CAPTAIN DON CERBONE MEMORIAL SKATE PARK
2605 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686

Monday through Sunday: Dawn to dusk
Tuesdays & Thursdays, bikes allowed

The Captain Don Cerceone Memorial Skate Park is a shining example of a community project made possible by the determination and commitment of private citizens, the generosity of the business community, and the support of local government.

Charlotte County Community Services offers two Skate Parks. All skaters must abide by the rules and have a signed waiver on file with Charlotte County. Patrons may go to any County Recreation Center or Pool to pick up and submit the waiver form. Those skaters 18 years and older may sign the waiver themselves. For children 17 years of age and younger, the waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian in front of a staff member. If it is not signed in front of a staff member, the form must be notarized. Picture ID is required at all times when using the skate parks. Our staff, as well as the local Rotary Clubs, will randomly check waivers and IDs.

Rules for the Skate Park:
• BMX is allowed on specific days only
• Skating is at your own risk
• Anyone under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over
• All participants must have a signed waiver on file to skate
• Helmets are required by all participants at all times while they are on the skating surface. Elbow pads, knee pads, and other additional safety equipment is strongly recommended
• Scooters, motorized vehicles, or other powered devices are not allowed within the skate park
• No food or beverages within the skating area. Glass containers and chewing gum are not permitted at the facility
• Profanity, reckless behavior, and willful destruction of property will not be tolerated
• Failure to adhere to rules will result in loss of skating privileges

Admission is free to all patrons on a drop-in basis daily, except for special events or activities such as tournaments or classes.

SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK

670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686

Located in the heart of Punta Gorda between Carmalita and Cooper Street lies a 84.3 acre regional park. Amenities include baseball and soccer fields, a recreation center and pool with diving well, basketball and tennis courts, an RC car track, community garden, playground, splash pool, and retention lakes stocked with redfish. For information about the Sailing and RC Clubs that meet at the park, refer to page 22 for a list of leagues.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.
670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686

Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dates subject to change, please call to confirm.

South County Regional Park offers a multipurpose recreation center featuring a gymnasium with six basketball goals and a large meeting room. A variety of recreational programs and classes are offered throughout the year. Outdoor amenities include two lighted basketball courts, four lighted baseball and one lighted softball fields, four lighted soccer field with a fourth soccer field offering daytime use, two lighted tennis courts, RC car track, 18 hole disc golf course, and a 25 yard heated swimming pool. Pool activities include open swim, lap swim, swim lessons, and aquatic exercise classes. The gymnasium, meeting room, and pool are available for private use; rental fees are based on amount of space used and type of event to be held.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Tot Sports Program**
Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Ages 3–5
$35 per child
Basketball: Sept. 19 to Oct. 17
Flag Football: Feb. 20 to March 19
Soccer: Nov. 7 to Dec. 19
Baseball: April 2 to 30
Hockey: Jan. 9 to Feb. 6

These five week programs are offered to learn the basics of the sport program in an age appropriate setting. Parent participation is required.

**Jr. Sports Program**
Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Ages 6–8
$42 per child
Basketball: Sept. 19 to Oct. 17
Flag Football: Feb. 20 to March 19
Soccer: Nov. 7 to Dec. 19
Baseball: April 2 to 30
Hockey: Jan. 9 to Feb. 6

These five week programs are offered to learn the basics of the sport program in an age appropriate setting. Parent participation is required.

**Youth Drop-In Basketball**
Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
$2 per person
Ages 17 and under

**School Year Break Camps**

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**Single Day Camp Breaks**
- Aug. 30 (All Schools): $20 SCRP/HARP/ACDRP/
- Sept. 2 (Year Round): $20 SCRP/HARP
- Oct. 18 (All Schools): $20 SCRP/HARP/JAT/ACDRP/NCRP
- Nov. 27 (Regular Schools): $20 SCRP/HARP/JAT/ACDRP/NCRP
- Jan. 17 (All Schools): $20 SCRP/HARP/JAT/ACDRP/NCRP
- Feb. 14 (Year Round): $20 SCRP/HARP
- April 10 (All Schools): $20 SCRP/HARP/JAT/ACDRP/NCRP
- May 29 (All Schools): $20 SCRP/HARP/JAT/ACDRP/NCRP

**Parents’ Night Out**
Last Friday of each month, January through April, 6 to 10 p.m.
$20 per night, registration opens Dec. 1
Sorry, no parents allowed! Bring your child to SCRP on a Friday night and go out and have some “you” time. Kids will have games, crafts, pizza, and more!

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Yoga**
Mondays & Wednesdays, starting November, 10 a.m.
$8 per class or $32 for 5 classes
Gentle yoga for all body types, ages, and fitness levels. Bring your yoga mat and have some fun getting your mind, body, and spirit in shape.

**Drop-In Basketball**
Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
$2 per person
Stop in and use our indoor basketball courts! Show up in a group or by yourself to participate in pick-up games. For all ages!

**Adult Drop-In Basketball**
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sundays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
$2 per person
For 18 and above
Stop in and use our indoor basketball courts! Show up in a group or by yourself to participate in pick-up games.

**Radio Controlled Planes**
Tuesdays, starting November, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
$5 drop-in fee
Bring your radio controlled airplanes over and fly them high in the gym.

**Pickleball**
$3 per person, punch passes are also available for $27 or $75
Enjoy playing indoor pickleball. Paddles are available to rent for $1 per day.

- **Monday**
  Beginner/Intermediate - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  Intermediate/Advanced - 1 to 4 p.m.

- **Tuesday**
  Intermediate/Advanced - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  Beginner/Intermediate - 1 to 4 p.m.

- **Wednesday**
  Intermediate League - 9 to 11 a.m. (8 weeks, starts Oct. Preregistration required)
  All Levels - 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Thursday**
  Beginner League - 9 to 10:45 a.m. (8 weeks, starts Oct. Preregistration required)
  Instructional - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  All Levels - 1 to 5 p.m.

- **Friday**
  Instructional (starts November) - 9 to 10:45 a.m.
  Beginner/Intermediate - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  Intermediate/Advanced - 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

- **Saturday**
  Beginner League - 9 to 10:45 a.m. (8 weeks, starts Oct. Preregistration required)
  All Levels - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Sunday**
  Advanced - 4 to 6 p.m.
Wine Glass Painting
Second Friday of each month, starting October, TBD
$35 per person, preregistration required
Paint a set of wine glasses. Light refreshments and snacks will be available. All supplies included. This is a BYOB event. Please call 941.505.8686 for more information.

Tri Like a Sloth
Starts November 1
Ages 18 and above
$30 per month
Program will be run on a monthly basis. Participants will have until the end of each month to complete an Olympic Triathlon and continue to complete Half and Full Ironman races. Participants will have daily access to the fitness center and pool from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. M-F, and weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. during their participation month. Access may be limited during special events and/or rentals.

On the Rise Fitness Class
Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.
$3 drop-in fee
On the Rise Fitness Class will offer a fun way to get in shape, lose weight, or maintain a healthy lifestyle in a group setting workout. Anyone will be able to participate as the workouts can be modified to fit anyone's needs.

Line Dancing
Starts Nov. 5, 9 a.m.
$5 per person
We'll start with basic steps and easy beginner dances, and as you become more adept at these dances we’ll move up to improve.

Card and Game Club
Mondays, starting in January, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$2 per person
Bring some friends, drink some coffee, and play your choice of bridge, pinochle, cribbage, euchre, chess, mahjong, and Scrabble! It’s a great way to get out of the house, meet new people, and have some fun! But above all else, it’s your chance to showcase your skills! We’ll provide the games and coffee.
SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK POOL

670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.505.8686
Lifeguard Office: 941.833.3810

South County Regional Park Pool is a heated, eight lane, twenty-five yard competition pool with a shallow water play area and separate dive well equipped with a one meter diving board, and wheelchair ramp for accessibility. Recreational amenities include a water basketball hoop. An additional children’s activity pool located just off the main pool area features a transitional shallow wading pool with small slide, downspouts, and bubblers.

Recreational Swim Hours
Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Spring and Summer
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fall and Winter
(Daylight Savings Time)

*Pool hours are subject to change.

General Pool Admission
Daily Fees  
Adult (18 and up) is $3.00
Child (ages 2-17) is $2.00

Yearly Passes  
Adult (18 and up) is $100 + tax
Child (ages 2-17) is $75 + tax
Family passes (2 adults & 2 children) is $230 + tax
and $30 for each additional child

6 Month Passes  
Adult (18 and up) is $60 + tax
Child (ages 2-17) is $35 + tax

Water Exercise Punch Passes  $27 for 10 classes (= one free class!)

contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

Learn to Swim
Tuesday through Friday
Ages 6 months to adult
$45 per session; scholarship opportunities available
Session 1: March 3 to 13
Session 2: March 24 to April 3
Session 3: April 14 to 24
Session 4: May 5 to 15
Session 5: May 26 to June 5
Session 6: June 16 to 26
Session 7: July 7 to 17
Session 8: July 29 to August 8
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**SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK POOL**

$5 for Group Swim Lessons
... Easy to Apply, Easy to Qualify!

Please contact South County Regional Park Pool at 941.833.3810 or Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool at 941.681.3743 for details!

Charlotte County Community Services and the American Red Cross Centennial Campaign

Swim Lesson Scholarship Program

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**AQUATICS FOR FITNESS**

**Busy Bodies Aqua Dance Fitness**
- Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. (Year Round)
- Wednesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. (Sept. through May)
- 18 and older
- $8 per class (or punch card $32 for 5 classes)
- Have fun dancing to Latin and other rhythms while improving your fitness without wear and tear on the joints.

**Lap Swim**
- Tuesday through Friday
- Early Bird, 6:30 to 8 a.m.
- Lunchtime, 12 to 1 p.m.
- Twilight, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- At least two lap lanes (4 people) are available for swimmers. Kick boards and pull buoys are also available. Yearly passes required for Early Bird lap swim.

**Water Aerobics**
- Monday through Saturday, 9 to 10 a.m.
- 18 and older
- $3 per class
- Increase range of motion, strength, heart and breathing rate all in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

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**SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK POOL**

**LIGHTNING NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

WeatherBug® Outdoor Lightning Alerting Systems have been installed at all three (3) aquatic facilities to enhance the safety of our patrons and allow for continual live updates on the county website.

Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool,
Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool, and South County Regional Park Pool are now equipped with the most advanced, automated lightning warning system available. This alert system provides both audible and visible alarms while alerting staff and patrons to the presence of lightning within 10 miles of the pool. By viewing the real-time lightning status at any of our pools through the county’s website, patrons can now know ahead of time whether pool activity is temporarily suspended due to lightning.

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**Charlotte High School Swimming & Diving Schedule**

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ALL AGES PROGRAMS

International Archaeology Day
Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free
Part of the Archaeology Institute of America’s worldwide event, we invite you to join us and Florida Public Archaeology Network for a day of informative fun! Visit a Calusa village, learn from professional archaeologists, throw an atlatl, and much more! Activities for all ages will be available. For more information about the day, please visit the Archaeology Institute of America’s website at www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday. All Ages.

Cultural Music Series
Saturdays, 1 p.m.
Oct. TBA, Nov. TBA, Dec. 14
Free
Join us and explore unique cultural styles of music and dance. December 14: Barynya- Experience Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian, Jewish and Gypsy Roma traditional dancing, music, songs, and virtuoso performances on instruments including the balalaika, garmoshka (Russian folk button accordion) and balalaika contrabass presented by the Brynya Ensemble. All ages.

Holiday Traditions of the 1800s
Saturday, December 21, 1 to 4 p.m.
Free
Join the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library and Charlotte County History Services for this fun holiday event. There will be presentations of historical treats, crafts, and activities from holidays past—as well as a reading of ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Yoga Tots Storytime
Fridays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Free; space is limited, registration required
Come with your toddler and towels or yoga mats to stretch your mind and muscles with a story and fun yoga poses. Ages 0–36 months. Please register for this program through our library calendar.

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Free; space is limited, registration required
This program is designed to improve listening and group interaction skills through stories, movement activities, music and dramatic play. Ages 3–5.

Family Storytime
Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
Come alone or with the whole family to listen to stories. Enjoy family time and make new friends as well.

Make It, Take It Time
Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 18, Jan. 16, Feb. 20
Free; space is limited, registration required
Join us for creative, seasonal activities. Visit the library or go to our website to see what the special theme of the month will be. Please register for this program through our library calendar. All ages; children 5 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Library Laboratory
Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
PUNTA GORDA CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free; space is limited, registration required
Join us each month as we use our imaginations with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. We will make, build, experiment, and create special masterpieces. Both children and their caregivers are welcome. Visit the library or go to our website to see what the special theme of the month will be. Please register for this program through our library calendar. Grades K–6.

Pajama Storytime
Wednesdays, 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.
Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Feb. 5, March 4
Free; space is limited, registration required
Come with your favorite stuffed toy for a few stories before bedtime. We will be serving snacks after our stories! Please register online or by phone. Ages 2–5.

Spring Break-Out
March 16–20; TBD
Free; space is limited, registration required
Join us for Spring activities.

Girls Who Code Club
Monthly meetings beginning in October; please contact library for dates and times
Free
Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology. Their program educates, equips, and inspires girls with the computing skills they’ll need to pursue 21st century opportunities. This club is for girls in grades 3–5 and will meet once a month throughout the school year.

Holiday Traditions of the 1800s
Saturday, December 21, 1 to 4 p.m.
Free
See page 64 for full description.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Applying for FAFSA
Wednesday, October 9, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
Targeted for aspiring college students and parents, this informational presentation walks through the step-by-step process of preparing and applying for federal student aid.

Girls Who Code Club
Monthly meetings beginning in October; please contact library for dates and times
Free
See previous section for full description.

Holiday Traditions of the 1800s
Saturday, December 21, 1 to 4 p.m.
Free
See opposite page for full description.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Writers’ Read
Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
Meet and hear local writers reading their work. Supported by the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County and with the help of the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, the Charlotte Harbor Writers will meet and read their latest works. All those interested in writing, published or not, are welcome to attend. Just as in Dickens’ time, when they met in the coffee houses of London, those who wish to can eat lunch together at one of Punta Gorda’s wonderful restaurants.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11
Free
Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care and household pests.

Wednesday Movie Matinee
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 18
Free
Check with the library for movie titles and themes.

What Are You Reading?
Thursdays, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Free
Do you enjoy talking about what you are reading? Do you enjoy learning about what others are reading? Come over to the library and share a book you have recently read and hear about what others are reading. The group’s title recommendations and summaries are posted in the library.

Thursday Book Club
Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 26
Free
Café Philo
Fridays, 11:30am
Free
This group gathers to have stimulating real dialogue about the larger questions of life in an informal setting for people who are seekers wishing to share and learn from and with others. Café Philo is a co-sponsored program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Cultural Music Series
Saturdays, 1 p.m.
Oct. TBA, Nov. TBA, Dec. 14
Free
All ages.
See page 64 for full description.

Conducting an Oral History Interview with Family Members
Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
Free
Your stories and the stories of the people around you are unique, valuable treasures for your family and your community. You and your family members can preserve unwritten family history using oral history techniques. Join us for a presentation on how to begin the conversation to capture the stories and give you basic suggestions for collecting and preserving the valuable oral treasures around you.

Chef Warren presents Plant Based Cooking
Wednesday, December 11, 1 p.m.
Free
We all know we should be eating more veggies, so why not learn to incorporate them in creative ways? The kids and grandkids will love it!

Chef Warren presents Healthy Southern Cuisine
Wednesday, March 11, 1 p.m.
Free
Learn how to transform traditional Southern dishes into healthier ones without losing their essence with these simple hints and tips.

Cooking the Books
Mondays, October 21, December 16, February 17, 1 p.m.
Free
Do you love cooking and cookbooks? Join us for our book club that combines your love of reading with your love of cooking. Here’s how it works: Select a cookbook that fits the upcoming month’s theme. Spend some time perusing the cookbook and recipes. Register to attend and select an item to bring, using a recipe from the cookbook. (Feel free to use a favorite recipe from your own collection or one you found online as well, but make sure it relates to that month’s theme.) Bring your food item and a printed copy of the recipe to the meeting. Browse the display of related fiction and non-fiction connected to the theme. Swap ideas, recipes, techniques and chat about all things food and book related.

October 21: “Fall Family Favorites”- Bring in one of your family’s favorite go-to recipes for Fall and check out our selection of books related to fall activities.

December 16: “Holiday Hors d’oeuvres” — Celebrate the holiday season by making a finger-food treat to serve at a party and peruse a selection of books on the holidays and holiday entertaining.

February 17: Whether you’re celebrating Valentine’s Day with your partner, your BFF, or a big group of galentines, join us to indulge in Romantic Recipes and then peruse our collection of romantic reads.

Chilling Tales of Charlotte County
Tuesday, October 22, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
This presentation explores the stories of strange and unexplained phenomena lurking in the corners of our regional history.

Florida Folk Art
Tuesday, November 19, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free; registration required
This program starts with a presentation on Florida folk artists, before participants will try their hand at creating their own folk-style artwork with guided instruction. All supplies provided.

African Healthcare Origins in Punta Gorda
Wednesday, December 4, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free
Learn the African origins behind modern healthcare and the pioneers of Punta Gorda who practiced these medical wonders. After an initial presentation, participants will create their very own care package inspired by African traditional medicine. This program is in collaboration with Punta Gorda Founders’ Day Week celebration.

Holiday Traditions of the 1800s
Saturday, December 21, 1 to 4 p.m.
Free
See page 64 for full description.

Friday Night Music Series
Fridays, January 31, February 14 & March 13, 6 p.m.
Free
January 31: Tom and Sandy Doyle, Tribute to Les Paul and Mary Ford
February 14: Ray Kamalay, A Musical Flea Market
March 13: Sonny & Perley, Brazilian Romance, The Bossa Nova Phenomenon

Online, You’re First in Line! Register at CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.
Whether you’re looking for something to do or are planning your next big event, the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center has it all. The Event Center has been voted the “Best Banquet Facility” in the Charlotte Sun’s Reader’s Choice Awards the last five years and the “Best Place for Business and Brides” in the Florida Weekly.

Save the date for YOUR special occasion. The Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center is truly a multi-functional facility offering panoramic waterfront views of the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor. In addition to the ample rental space, delicious food and beverage options, and expert customer service, we can provide audio-visual service and support for your event productions. We pride ourselves in providing a level of service and attention to detail that keeps our clientele coming back. Whether you are managing a show or exhibiting at one, we provide the tools and assistance to help your event be successful.

- Holiday Parties/Celebrations
- Anniversary Parties
- Fundraisers
- Wedding Ceremonies & Receptions
- Birthday Parties/Celebrations
- Special Occasions
- Conventions
- Expos/Tradeshows

The Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center is managed by SMG (www.smgworld.com). Founded in 1977 and headquartered in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, SMG provides management services to over 210 public assembly facilities including convention centers, arenas, stadiums, and performing arts theaters worldwide, totaling more than ten million feet of exhibition space and over 1.5 million entertainment seats.

Since 1983, SAVOR has been providing food and beverage services to a wide range of public facilities across the United States, and in Europe and Mexico. Key to our operating philosophy is to consider each venue individually, remaining flexible to specific needs, and responsive to regional preferences. The ongoing excellence of our food and beverage services heightens your patrons’ enjoyment of an event and provides an important revenue source for your facility.

Listed below are the events open to the public. For more information, please call 941.833.5444 or visit our website at www.CharlotteHarborECC.com.

- 10/15 - Quarters for a Cause
- 10/23–24 - Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants
- 10/25–26 - 4th Annual Concours D’Elegance 2019
- 11/16 - Mindi Abair’s Punta Gorda Wine + Music Festival
- 11/19 - Quarters for a Cause
- 12/6–7 - The Gulf Coast Classic Auction
- 12/17 - Quarters for a Cause
- 1/15 - All Aboard Travel Cruise & Travel Expo 2020
- 1/26 - The Charlotte Chorale presents Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles
- 2/21–22 - Gathering of Quilts - Quilt Show 2020
- 2/29 - Port Charlotte Doll Club 36th Annual Doll & Bear Show and Sale
- 3/17 - Presidential Preference Primary
- 3/20–21 - The Gulf Coast Classic Auction

Follow us on Facebook: Facebook.com/CHEventCenter or visit our website www.CharlotteHarborECC.com
Online, You're First in Line! Register at CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.

PARK NAME | ADDRESS | MAP KEY
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Ainger Creek Park | 2089 Placida Road | 1
Amber Jack Environmental Park | 6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd | 3
Anger Fishing Pier | 1385 Beach Road | 4
Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park | 491 San Casa Drive | 5
Bill Coy Preserve | 2390 Placida Rd | 22
Boca Grande Fishing Pier | 5800 Gasparilla Road | 8
Butterford Waterway Park | 12555 Marathon Boulevard | 11
Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park | 968 Gasparilla Road | 12
Cedar Point Environmental Park | 2300 Placida Road | 14
Centennial Fishing Pier | 4020 Gasparilla Rd | 19
Englewood Beach/Chadwick Park | 2900 North Beach Road | 26
Englewood East Park | 1120 Sunnydale Avenue | 27
G. C. Herring Park | 1400 Indiana Road | 29
Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary Park | 800 S McCall Road | 7
Oyster Creek Environmental Park | 2333 Placida Road | 43
Placida Fishing Pier | 1320 Pier Rd | 45
Placida Park | 6499 Boca Grande Causeway | 46
Rotonda Park | 800 Rotonda Boulevard East | 51
San Domingo Park | 4598 San Domingo Boulevard | 91
South Gulf Cove Park | 8250 Amicola Street | 54
St. Paul Linear Park | 4000 St. Paul Drive | 56
The Learning Garden ** | 1377 Blake Drive | 58
Thornton Key Preserve | 8 Thornton Key Preserve | 59
Tringali Park | 3460 N Access Road | 62
In 2010, the Rotary Club of Placida wanted to honor the late Ann Dever, who many knew as a tireless advocate and champion of our Community Services Department of Charlotte County. Ann Dever served the community and the department in many capacities, including serving several terms as the District 3 nominee to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, as well as serving as the Chairman. Ann and her husband Chuck spent many hours dedicated to improving the quality of life in Charlotte County.

Ann's personality and love of children, parks, recreation, and fishing were larger than life and all of these can be demonstrated here at this park. By naming this facility in her honor, we will always remember her for all she has done and generously given!

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

**SKATE PARKS**

**J.M. BERLIN/ROTARY SKATE PARK**

6941 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224
(at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park)

941.681.3769

**Hours when school is in session**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 3 to 9 p.m.

Closed Wednesday

Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**School Summer Vacation**

Monday through Sunday , 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Closed Wednesday

All skaters must abide by the rules and have a signed waiver on file with Charlotte County. Those skaters 18 years and older may sign the waiver themselves; photo ID is required. For children 17 years of age and younger, the waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian in front of a staff member. If it is not signed in front of a staff member, the form must be notarized. Once the waiver has been submitted patrons are given a skate pass which must be presented when entering the facility.

Admission is free to all patrons on a drop-in basis daily, except for special events or activities such as tournaments or classes.

**For Skate Park Rules sefor the Skate Park:**

- Skateboarding and Inline skating only
- Skating is at your own risk
- Anyone under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over
- All participants must have a signed waiver on file to skate
- Waxing is not allowed
- Required Safety Equipment must be worn at all times: strapped helmet. Elbow pads, knee pads, and wrist guards strongly recommended
- No food or beverages within the skating area
- Profanity, reckless behavior, and willful destruction of property will not be tolerated
- Failure to adhere to rules will result in loss of skating privileges
**Rules for Paw Parks:**
- Dogs entering or leaving the park must be on a leash (voice command is not sufficient).
- Dog owners must be in the fenced area within view of their dogs.
- Dogs should be under voice control.
- No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
- No animals other than dogs are allowed in the park.
- No glass containers are allowed inside of the park.
- Food is not allowed in the park.
- Smoking is not allowed in the park.
- Be polite, scoop the poop!
- Bag stations and trash cans are available.
- Fill any hole your dog digs.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted on the premises.
- Dogs must be removed from the dog park at the first sign of aggression.
- Dogs must wear current license tags.
- Dogs must be current on rabies vaccines.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.
- Dogs 4 months or younger are not allowed inside the park.

**Learn to Skate 2020**
Saturdays, January through March & June through September
Free; registration required for beginner lessons. Call 941.681.3769 to register

Participants of all ages will learn the fundamentals of skateboarding, including how to push properly, riding, stopping, going down ramps, and beginner level tricks. Beginner lessons are 9:30 to 11 a.m., and require registration. Skateboards and safety gear is available. Intermediate lessons are from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and participants must bring their own skateboard and helmet.

**BMX Hours**
Tuesdays, 3 to 9 p.m.
Last Sunday of every month, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**BMX School Summer Vacation Hours**
Tuesdays and the last Sunday of every month from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
*BMX is only allowed at the park on these days

This 18,000 sq. ft. amenity was designed and built by Team Pain, world famous/Florida-based skate park designers, and features China banks, concrete bowls, beginner, street, and transition elements. The Skate Park was funded, in part, through a significant donation by the Berlin family and the fundraising efforts of Englewood area Rotary Clubs.

**ANN & CHUCK DEVER REGIONAL PARK**
6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3742

The Paw Parks offer over one acre of fenced-in land where your K-9 friend can behave like an animal! There are dog friendly water stations, bag stations, and trash cans for your depositing convenience and a small fenced-in area as an alternative for small dogs.

The Paw Parks were created as a place for people to enjoy their dogs, off-leash. Many families cannot afford the luxury of providing quality park time with their dogs, separate from the time they can spend with their children. If you choose to bring your child to the park, it is very important for your child’s safety that you supervise your child closely. The safest place for your child is standing by your side or holding your hand. If you choose to let your child play within the dog area, please read the following guidelines. We invite you to join us for some quality K-9 time!
ANN & CHUCK DEVER REGIONAL PARK RECREATION CENTER

6961 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3760

Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fitness Center is free through 11/30, $2 beginning 12/1

Charlotte County Community Services proudly presents the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center. The 23,000 sq. ft. recreation center features a multi-purpose gymnasium with six basketball goals, lined for four pickleball courts and two volleyball courts, two multi-purpose rooms perfect for your next meeting, family reunion, party or wedding reception, a fitness center featuring cardio equipment and changing rooms, and a community garden.

The gymnasium and multi-purpose rooms are available for private use. Rental fees are based on amount of space and type of event to be held. Dates subject to change, please call to confirm.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Junior Magic Youth Basketball Clinic
Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 to 11:30 a.m., 12 to 2:30 p.m.
Ages 7–16
$45 per child, register by September 19
This clinic is partnered with the Orlando Magic of the National Basketball Association and is designed to be a high energy continuation to Jr. Magic Basketball. Youths will participate in drills and exercises that will help to develop and enhance their basketball knowledge and fundamentals. Preregistration required.

Youth Golf Program
Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Ages 7–14
$40 per participant, preregistration required
This is an off-site, 5-week developmental golf program for youth. This will be held at The Cove of Rotonda Golf Center located at 12455 South Access Road, Port Charlotte. Call for registration details.

Youth Sports Program
Thursdays, times vary
Ages 4–14
$30 per child, $15 per additional child in the same family
A variety of 4-week sports programs that will provide fundamental to advanced instruction in sports skills. Preregistration required.

Sprouts (ages 4–6): 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Rookies (ages 7–10): 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Champs (ages 11–14): 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Basketball: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26
Soccer: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24
Mini Golf (Sprouts) & Volleyball (Rookies/Champs): Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30
T-Ball (Sprouts) & Flag Football (Rookies/Champs): Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27
Tennis (All Levels): April 9, 16, 23, 30

Single Day Camp
Aug. 30, Oct. 18, Nov. 27, Jan. 17, April 10 & May 29, 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Grades K–8
$20 per participant, preregistration required
Participants must provide their own lunch and two snacks per day.

Tot Time
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.
Ages 2–5
$2 drop-in per child
A drop-in program offered to parents/guardians and their children. Participants will create crafts, participate in story time, and play fun tot activities.
**Family Fun Day**
Saturdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
A drop-in program for families to spend time playing a variety of games.

**Drop-In Youth Basketball**
Fridays, 5 to 7 p.m.
Ages 5 – 17 (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult)
$2 drop-in fee
Play basketball indoors in a safe environment.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Charlotte County “Fit for Life” Senior Games**
March 1–31
Charlotte County “Fit for Life” Senior Games provides a fulfilling and rewarding experience for all. Our Olympic-style event focuses on athletic competitions, camaraderie, and recreational opportunities for seniors of all ages. Games are sanctioned by the Florida Sports Foundation and serve as a qualifier for the Florida Senior Games State Championships. Registration begins January 2, 2020.

**Drop-In Pickleball**
$3 drop-in or $27 and $75 punch passes
Enjoy pickleball indoors on four courts. Nets and pickleballs provided.

**Monday**
All Levels: 1 to 4 p.m.
**Tuesday**
Beginner: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
All Levels: 5 to 7 p.m.
**Thursday**
Intermediate/Advance: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
**Friday**
All Levels: 12 to 3 p.m.
**Saturday**
Intermediate/Advance - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Drop-In Badminton**
Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
Play badminton indoors. Racquets and shuttlecocks provided.

**Hawaiian Hula for Beginners**
TBD
For more information call Keoki at 941.474.6412.

**Drop-In Indoor Ultimate Frisbee**
Sundays, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
This drop-in program is designed to bring the game of Ultimate Frisbee indoors.

**Walking Fitness**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
$2 drop-in fee, or $20/20 visits
This is an indoor fitness program where participants will walk, do balance exercises, work on flexibility, and perform resistance exercises.

**Line Dancing**
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$3 drop-in fee
Come practice your dance moves in a comfortable, self-led program.

**Senior Lecture Series**
Second Monday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m.
Free
Stop in for a variety of interesting and informative topics.

**Card and Game Club**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
Bring some friends and play a variety of card and board games.

**Mahjong**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
Drop in to play a friendly game of Mahjong in a fun atmosphere.

**Bridge**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
Stop in, make new friends, and play bridge.

**Dynamic Abs and Legs**
Mondays & Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.
$5 drop-in fee or $3 per class punch card
This program focuses on the core muscles as well as the glutes and legs. Firm and tone those tough areas while strengthening the back as well as the entire lower body. As an extra bonus, you will improve your posture and increase your energy levels! Contact instructor Dyan Beyer at 941.626.2399 for more information.
**Hatha Yoga**
Tuesdays, 8 to 9 a.m., 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$10 per class
Hatha yoga is the most widely practiced form of yoga in the world. Hatha yoga uses postures (asana) and conscious breathing (pranayama) in combination with mental focus to develop awareness, strength, flexibility, and relaxation. Classes are appropriate for all body types, ages, and fitness levels. Bring your mat and join us! For more information find “Om Sweet Om Yoga” on Facebook.

**Slow Flow to Freedom Yoga**
Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
This 60 minute class will release stress, create space, and open us up to a place of freedom! We will practice a gentle flow of poses to strengthen, lengthen and free the body, mind, and spirit! Contact Debbie at 502.507.3850 or debwwm@yahoo.com for more information.

**Restorative Yogaaaah**
Thursdays, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
This 60 minute class allows the body to ‘surrender’ to gravity, releasing ALL tension in the body and mind. Not a practice of power, but one of release and renewal to a place of ultimate peace. A wonderful end to the day…Namastè. Contact Debbie at 502.507.3850 or debwwm@yahoo.com for more information.

**Jewelry Design**
First Friday of each month, 6 to 8 p.m.
Grab your friends for a fun night of jewelry making. Each class will feature a different project. You’ll learn various jewelry-making techniques while having fun with old friends and making new ones. At the end of the evening, you will have created a piece of jewelry to keep or give as a gift. All materials and tools will be supplied. Anyone with questions can contact Tracy Beck at 941.313.3337 or at seasideserenitycreations@gmail.com.

**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**

**Open Gym**
Mondays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Friday, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
$2 drop-in fee
Enjoy our gym alone or with a group of friends.
ANN & CHUCK DEVER REGIONAL PARK RECREATION CENTER

Drop-In Basketball
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m.
Sundays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$2 drop-in
Enjoy our indoor basketball court in a group or solo. Basketballs provided.

Drop-In Volleyball
Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m.
Enjoy a game of indoor volleyball. Volleyballs and net provided.

Family Style Yoga with Dianne and Debbie
First & third Saturday of each month, 8 to 9 a.m.
This 60 minute class is available for family stretching, breathing, and strengthening the bonds in the body...and with each other! Plan to have fun for the whole clan! We will end with a few minutes of meditation together. Contact Dianne at 941.720.6053 or Yogadi77@yahoo.com for more information.

ANN & CHUCK DEVER REGIONAL PARK POOL

7001 San Casa Drive, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3743

Built in 2007, the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool is a heated twenty-five yard competition pool with a shallow water play area, attached dive well, and wheelchair ramp for accessibility. Formerly known as the Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool, the pool was renamed in 2018 in memory of Ann and Chuck Dever. Amenities include 8 twenty-five yard lap lanes, water basketball hoop, one meter diving board, and locker rooms with showers.

Recreational Swim Hours
Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fall & Winter)
*Pool hours are subject to change.
Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.

Lap Swim
Monday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday - 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Spring & Summer)
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fall & Winter)
*The high school swim team practices from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. August to October, only two lanes will be available during this time.

General Pool Admission

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AMERICAN RED CROSS COURSES

Learn to Swim 2020
Tuesday through Friday
Ages 6 months to adult
$45 per session
Call 941.681.3743 for more information.
Session 1: March 3 to 13
Session 2: March 24 to April 3
Session 3: April 14 to 24
Session 4: May 5 to 15
Session 5: May 26 to June 5
Session 6: June 16 to 26
Session 7: July 7 to 17
Session 8: July 28 to Aug. 7

Lifeguard Training Classes
October to May, one class per month
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Ages 15 and up
$200 or FREE for scholarship recipients
One class each month October to May. Every class starts the first
Wednesday of each month and runs for two and a half weeks. Students
successfully completing will earn national Red Cross Lifeguard
certification. Please schedule a swim skills test. Free training available
for Charlotte County residents over the age of 18 who pass the swim
test, and scholarship forms are available at the pool. Please call
941.681.3743 for more information.

AQUATICS FOR FITNESS

Water Aerobics
Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 10 a.m., Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m.
18 and older
$3 per class or $27 for a 10 class pass
Increase range of motion, strength, and cardiovascular ability in a
relaxed, fun atmosphere.

Deep Water Aerobics
Tuesday & Thursday, 10:15 to 11 a.m.
October to April
18 and older, $3 per class
Class limited to 15 participants
This class uses deep water jogging and exercises to challenge and
strengthen the entire body. Participants are in a vertical position, in
water up to 12 feet deep. Water noodles are used but swimming ability
is required.
Tringali Park Recreation Center offers a wood floor gymnasium, equipped with six basketball goals and a climbing wall. The gym is ready to use for indoor pickleball and volleyball. Our newly renovated multi-purpose room is available for rental, and is the perfect space for your meeting, baby/wedding shower, or birthday party. Outside the Recreation Center are four lighted tennis courts, and a lighted inline hockey/basketball arena. Our treehouse playground features equipment for children of all ages, and a covered picnic area.

Tringali Park’s newly-renovated Community Center offers a 2,580 sq. ft. multi-purpose hall with a theater style stage, spacious kitchen, and meeting room. It is home to the Tringali Park Theater Arts Program, Youth Camps, and various other classes. The Community Center is also available to rent; the location is perfect for wedding receptions, dances, plays, banquets, and meetings. Rental fees and insurance requirements are based on the type of event and space required. Please call for more information.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Youth Drop-In Open Gym**
Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.
Ages 5–17, children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult
$2 per session
Spend time with friends and enjoy basketball, volleyball, and more!

**Tot Time**
Thursdays, starting in September, 10 to 11 a.m.
Free
Designed for children from birth to 5 years old, this instructor-led class will focus on song and dance while developing your child’s mobility and peer socializing skills. Age appropriate toys and props will be provided. Bring your little ones in for some fun while meeting other parents too! Call for more information.

**Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.**

**Super Mini Sports**
Mondays, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
$20/first child & $10/each additional child in same family per sport
Our Super Mini Sports program is a developmental program specifically designed to introduce and instruct 4–6 year olds in a variety of sports. Each sport will be held in a four-week format. Preregistration and athletic footwear is required. Limited to 30 participants. No equipment required. Classes will be held at Tringali Park and various Charlotte County parks.

Basketball: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Street Hockey: Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 23
Flag Football: Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 16
Soccer: March 30, April 6, 13, 27
Tennis: Jan. 6, 13, 27, Feb. 3
T-Ball: May 4, 11, 18, June 1

**Junior Sports**
Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$20/first child & $10/each additional child in same family per sport
Our Junior Sports program is an introductory/intermediate level program for children 7–12 years old. During each sports’ four-week format participants will learn the fundamentals and instruction of each sport. Preregistration and athletic footwear is required. Limited to 30 participants. No equipment required. Classes will be held at Tringali Park and various Charlotte County parks.

Basketball: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Street Hockey: Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 23
Flag Football: Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 16
Soccer: March 30, April 6, 13, 27
Tennis: Jan. 6, 13, 27, Feb. 3
T-Ball: May 4, 11, 18, June 1

**Saturday Sports Clinic**
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Ages 9–14
$10 per session
During our Saturday Sports Clinics participants will receive introductory level instruction in a particular sport. Our recreation staff will focus on game rules, play techniques, and end the session by playing a full game of the sport that was introduced. Preregistration and
appropriate footwear is required. Bring a water bottle. A light snack will be provided. Limited to 30 participants. No equipment required.
Classes will be held at Tringali Park.

Volleyball: Oct. 5
Pickleball: Nov. 2
Speedball: Jan. 11

Volleyball: Oct. 5
Ultimate Frisbee: Feb. 8
Street Hockey: April 4
Cricket: May 9

Introduction to Disc Golf
October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9 to 11 a.m. (Nov. 2 until 12 p.m.)
Free
In this four-week session, participants will learn the history and basics of disc golf, including grips, releases, and throwing techniques. Learn the fundamentals of the game in an interactive group setting, culminating in a full 18 hole game during the last week of the program. Preregistration is required.

Theater Arts Program
Monday & Thursday, starting September 16, 5 to 7 p.m.
$30/child & $20/each additional child in the same family
This 12-week program focuses on acting, dancing, and set design. Participants will learn to express and develop their talents while increasing confidence and having fun. The program will culminate in a live performance of an original musical play. Designed for budding performers between the ages 9–14. Registration available online or by calling the recreation center.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS

Social Meet-Ya
Third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$5 per session, per participant
Social Meet-Ya is an opportunity for teens and adults with learning disabilities to meet new friends and build social skills. Enjoy a meal together, while participating in a different activity each month! Activities will be designed to build independent living, vocational, and motor skills. Dinner and all materials are included in the cost of registration. Preregistration is required.

Oct. – Cooking with Friends: Gourmet Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Nov. – Thanksgiving Dinner: Thanksgiving Table Centerpieces
Dec. – Holiday Treats: Cookie and Cupcake Decorating, and Gift Wrapping
Jan. – Pizza and Tunes: Karaoke Night
Feb. – Hawaiian Luau Dinner and Dance
March – Lucky BINGO Night

Introduction to Disc Golf
April 7, 14, 21, 28, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Learn the history and basics of disc golf in a gymnasium setting. Designed for individuals with special needs, this program utilizes portable disc golf equipment to bring the disc golf experience into an accessible environment. Participants will learn different techniques of gripping/releasing discs, controlling their flight, and landing their discs in the basket!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Facebook Made Easy for Seniors
November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free
Facebook can be a great way to stay in touch with friends and family from around the world. In this class, learn the basics of the Facebook platform, from setting up your profile, to sending friend requests and birthday wishes! The course is free, but preregistration is required, as space is limited. Please plan on bringing a laptop, tablet, or smartphone to access Facebook.

Remembering When: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults
October 7 & February 3, 3 to 4 p.m.
Free
According to the National Fire Protection Association, older adults are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires, and this risk increases with age. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that falls are the leading cause of death from unintentional injury in the home of older adults. This fire and fall prevention program was developed to help promote awareness and provide key safety messages that help older adults live safely at home.

Brains and Balance Past 60
Monday & Wednesday, February 3 until March 18, 2 to 2:45 p.m.
$3 per session, or $30 for all sessions
Maintain your quality of life with our Brains and Balance Past 60 program. This class combines balance exercises and brain training drills in a fun and interactive program. Research shows that staying mentally sharp and physically stable will improve the quality of life as we age. This program combines specific activities designed to improve memory, reasoning, and language, in addition to exercises to strengthen core and improve balance.
**Introduction to Disc Golf**
October 8, 15, 22, 29, 9 to 11 a.m. (Oct. 29 until 12 p.m.)
Free
In this four-week session, participants will learn the history and basics of disc golf, including grips, releases, and throwing techniques. Learn the fundamentals of the game in an interactive group setting, culminating in a full 18 hole game during the last week of the program. Preregistration is required.

**Zumba**
Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Fees vary
This is a total body workout, combining all elements of fitness — cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Class instructor Laurentz gets the adrenaline pumping with current music and a variety of routines! For more information, call 941.237.8983 or find “Zumba with Laurentz” on Facebook.

**Walking Fitness**
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 10 to 11 a.m.
$2 drop-in fee, or $20/20 classes
Walk with a group indoors, learn how to use resistance techniques to develop and enhance flexibility, increase your balance, bone density, body image, and overall strength.

**Adult Ballet**
Monday & Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m.
Fees vary
Instructor Susanna Mazzar teaches adults of all ages the art of ballet, tap, and jazz dancing. This activity helps instill grace and confidence in addition to muscle toning, flexibility, and balance.

**Intro to Latin Dance**
Start date TBA, please consult facility calendar
$20
Spice up your life with our Intro to Latin Dance class. Two left feet? No worries! No partner? No problem! Learn the merengue, cha-cha, and the salsa/mambo. For a little extra fun we’ll also learn the swing! This introductory class will teach beginner steps for each dance. No previous experience needed! Preregistration is required; space is limited!

**Drop-In Basketball**
Tuesday & Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. (schedule varies, call to confirm)
All ages, children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult
$2 drop-in fee, multi-use passes are also available
West Charlotte County’s hotbed for pick-up basketball. So if you think you got game, this is the perfect place to put it to the test while having fun in the process.

**Drop-In Pickleball**
Schedule varies by skill level, please call ahead
All ages, children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult
$3 drop-in fee, multi-use passes are also available
It’s a little tennis, a bit of ping pong, a splash of badminton, and not to mention fun to say! Come enjoy a friendly pick-up game of pickleball in our air conditioned gymnasium.

**Family Open Gym**
Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m. (schedule varies, call to confirm)
All ages, children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult
$2 drop-in fee, multi-use passes are also available
Bring the kids out for some quality family fun time! Meet other local families while enjoying basketball, volleyball, and more!

**Hatha Yoga**
Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$10 per class
Hatha yoga is the most widely practiced form of yoga in the world. Hatha yoga uses postures (asana) and conscious breathing (pranayama) in combination with mental focus to develop awareness, strength, flexibility, and relaxation. Classes are appropriate for all body types, ages, and fitness levels. Bring your mat and join us! For more information, visit “Om Sweet Om Yoga” on Facebook. Contact Tonya Bramlage at 615.545.2101 for details.
2100 N. Beach Road, Englewood, FL 34223  
941.681.3742  
This pristine beach offers white sand, sparkling blue waters, and spectacular sunset views year round. This beach offers many amenities including a 900 foot boardwalk with three covered lookouts, restroom facilities, showers, water stations, two volleyball courts, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, playground area, food vendors available on site, four small shelters with picnic table and grill, and three large pavilions, all of which contain picnic tables and charcoal grills. The pavilions are available to rent for birthday parties, family reunions, corporate parties, large picnics, and other special events. Reservations may be made at any recreation center. Fees are based on area used and length of time. This is a pay-to-park facility ($.75/hour) and seasonal or annual parking passes may be purchased at any Charlotte County recreation center, swimming pool, the Tax Collector’s office, or by calling 941.625.7529.

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3450 N. Access Road, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3736

Library Hours
Tuesday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed Sunday & Monday

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Chess Club
Every Tuesday, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
All ages and experience levels are invited to drop in for a game of chess. No experience necessary.

Pumpkin Painting and Crafts
Saturday, October 26, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free
All ages are welcome to join us for pumpkin painting and some other fall crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Kaye Byrnes Storyteller – Stories of the Season
Saturday, December 7, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Bring the entire family and join Kaye Byrnes for engaging tales of the holiday season, shared in the oral tradition of storytelling. You’ll experience a unique performance as characters come to life, events unfold as if you were there, and the stories move seamlessly from beginning to end, carried along by your own imagination. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

American Girls Tea Party
Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
All ages are welcome to join us for an American Girl Tea Party. Daughters are encouraged to invite their dads. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Lemon Bay Fest
February 1 through 8, times vary
Free
The 17th annual Lemon Bay Fest: Englewood History with Zest! is celebrated February 1–8, 2020. This event is a weeklong celebration of Englewood’s past, featuring tours, a series of informative Englewood history programs, and a day-long Cracker Fair. The programs are held at the Englewood Charlotte Public Library and the Elsie Quirk Library. For more information, check the website at www.lemonbayfest.com.

Magic and Mayhem
Friday, March 13, 4 to 5 p.m.
Free
Join us for an amazing magic show for all ages with Magic and Mayhem Productions. There are only 8 colors in a standard crayon box, only 8 notes on a music staff, and only 8 real magic tricks. But with a little imagination ANYTHING is possible! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Chess Club
Every Tuesday, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
All ages and experience levels are invited to drop in for a game of chess. No experience necessary.

Drop-In Story Time
Fridays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
Children ages 1–8 are invited to join us for stories and fingerplays in the Meeting Room. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Elementary STEM Fun
Fridays, 4 to 5 p.m.
Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6, April 3
Free; space is limited and registration required
Children in K–5th grade and their caregiver
Join us as we celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at the library! Come and experiment with us - while learning in the process! Check the library website or visit your local library to discover the theme for each month.
ENGLEWOOD CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Maker Day
Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21, April 18
Free; ages 10 and up
Come and create in our Makerspace. We have a 3D printer, Cricut machine, and video cameras!

Beach Storytime
Thursdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, March 19, April 16
Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Road, Englewood, Pavilion #3
Free
Join us under the pavilion next to the playground to listen to fun stories and make a seasonal craft. Ages 2 and up.

Pumpkin Painting and Crafts
Saturday, October 26, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free
See page 78 for full description.

Kaye Byrnes Storyteller – Stories of the Season
Saturday, December 7, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
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American Girls Tea Party
Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
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Lemon Bay Fest
February 1 through 8, times vary
Free
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Magic and Mayhem
Friday, March 13, 4 to 5 p.m.
Free
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TEEN PROGRAMS

Chess Club
Every Tuesday, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
All ages and experience levels are invited to drop in for a game of chess. No experience necessary.

Teen Tech Time
Saturdays, 12 to 2 p.m.
Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14, April 11
Free
Teens ages 13–19 are invited to join us as we try out some amazing electronics, thanks to SWFLN! Curious as to how 3D printers work? Always wanted to make a GoPro movie? Just want to game? Join us!

Maker Day
Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21, April 18
Free; ages 10 and up
Come and create in our Makerspace. We have a 3D printer, Cricut machine, and video cameras!

Teen Geek Club
Saturdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
Free
This monthly meeting gives teens aged 13–19 an opportunity to discuss and showcase teen fandoms of pop culture including television shows, movies, books, gaming, and podcasts. Enjoy light snacks and fun geek activities.

Pumpkin Painting and Crafts
Saturday, October 26, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free
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Free
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ADULT PROGRAMS

**Knitting & Crocheting Group**
Tuesdays, 12 to 3 p.m.
Free
All experience levels are invited to stop by and learn or teach how to knit and crochet, or just join the party while you do it. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own materials.

**Advice for your Device**
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free; registration required
Do you have a question about one of your electronic devices? iPhone, iPad, Kindle, Android and more – make an appointment to meet with one of our computer gurus during these sessions for 15 or 30 minutes to get the help you need. Please register online at the library event calendar.

**Chess Club**
Every Tuesday, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
All ages and experience levels are invited to drop in for a game of chess. No experience necessary.

**SHINE Medicare Counseling**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays by appointment
Tuesdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
Counselors from SHINE are available to assist with Medicare enrollment. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and your local Area Agency on Aging. Specially trained volunteers can assist you with your Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance questions by providing one-on-one counseling and information. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. Please call the Elder Helpline to schedule an appointment at 1.866.413.5337.

**Charlotte County Master Gardeners**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care and household pests.

**Café Philo**
Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.
Free
This group gathers to have stimulating dialog about the larger questions of life in an informal setting. For people who are seekers, wishing to share, and learn from and with others. This is a partnership program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

**Book Discussion**
Third Wednesday of the month, 6 to 7 p.m.
Free
Come prepared to join in the discussion of the chosen title. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of the featured book.
October 16  *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
November 20  *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea
December 18  *The Greatest Gift* by Philip Van Doren Stern
January 15  *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
February 19  *When All is Said* by Anne Griffin
March 18  *The Garden of Lost and Found* by Harriet Evans
April 15  *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

**Computer Tutoring**
Wednesdays & Thursdays, one-hour sessions by appointment
Free
Need help with your laptop, tablet, or other tech device? Bring your laptop or other device to the library and let our computer tutor help you figure things out. Appointments fill up fast so please book your appointment early and let us know if you need to cancel.

**Cooking with Chef Warren**
Thursdays, 2 to 3 p.m.
Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 9
Free
Chef Warren presents cooking tips and a demonstration on how to cook healthy and affordable meals for all tastes.

**Fiction Writers Group**
Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
Join our volunteer Tammie for a discussion about writing fiction. For more information please contact Tammie Diehl at tamiamifl@comcast.net or call the library at 941.681.3736.

**Basic Sewing**
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 7, April 4
Free
Learn the basics of sewing with our volunteer on our new sewing machines. Once you are familiar with the machines you can schedule time to come in and work on a project of your own.

**Victorian Tea Party**
Friday, October 4, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free
Dress up in your Victorian finest and enjoy a cup of tea. Activities will include creating your very own fan to learn and practice the secret Victorian language of the fan.
Literary Discussion Group
Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.
Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 26, April 30
Free
Join our volunteer Tammie for a literary discussion—not a book discussion. This group discusses short stories from five to fifteen pages. For more information please contact Tammie Diehl at tamiamifl@comcast.net or call the library at 941.681.3736.

Archives Art Lesson
Friday, November 8, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free; registration required -please register at our online calendar
This program starts with a presentation on an artist and their collection which is housed in Charlotte County Archives. Participants will then create their own artwork in a similar style with guided instruction. No art experience is necessary and all materials will be provided.

Author Cassandra King Conroy
Tuesday, January 14, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Author Cassandra Conroy discusses her work. She is an award-winning author of five novels, a book of nonfiction, numerous short stories, magazine articles, and essays. She has taught creative writing on the college level, conducted corporate writing seminars, and worked as a human-interest reporter.

Florida Facts & Fables: Gasparilla
Thursday, February 6, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Can you detect the truth behind the legend of the pirate Gasparilla? Explore the weird tales and fables of our region and their connections to local and state history facts.

Author Jonathan Putnam
Thursday, February 13, 12 to 1 p.m.
Free
Author Jonathan Putnam discusses his work. He is a writer and attorney. His books on the Lincoln and Speed Mystery series, published by Crooked Lane Books in New York, include A House Divided (July 2019), Final Resting Place (2018), Perish from the Earth (2017), and These Honored Dead (2016).

Art with Emily
Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.
Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21, April 18
Free
Adults are welcome to learn basic painting techniques in different mediums. Please register online at the library event calendar.
International Archaeology Day  
Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Free  
Punta Gorda Charlotte Library (404 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda)  
Part of the Archaeology Institute of America’s worldwide event, we invite you to join us and Florida Public Archaeology Network for a day of informative fun! Visit a Calusa village, learn from professional archaeologists, throw an atlatl, and much more! Activities for all ages will be available. For more information about the day, please visit the Archaeology Institute of America’s website at www.archaeological.org/archaeologyday. All Ages.

Wild Wild West Fest  
Thursday, November 14, 2 to 6 p.m.  
Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center (4500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte)  
Free  
Come out and enjoy all the best from the West. There will be bull riding, BBQ, a pie eating contest, and much more at this family friendly Western-themed festival.

Southland Trail Cemetery Tour  
Friday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Southland Trail Cemetery, 14516 McClellan Avenue, Port Charlotte  
Free  
Take a guided tour through Southland Trail Cemetery, also known as the Convict Cemetery. This cemetery’s history has strong ties to our area’s turpentine and early pioneer industries. This is an outdoor walking tour; closed-toe, athletic footwear is highly recommended. Tours take approximately 30 minutes. Registration is recommended to secure a time slot. Adults.

Florida: A Cultural History  
Tuesday, December 3, 6 p.m.  
Mid-County Regional Library (20250 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte)  
Free  
Live performance of various individuals who shaped Florida’s cultural history such as Henry Flagler, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Walt Disney, and Zora Neale Hurston.

3rd Annual Cookie Exchange  
Wednesday, December 11, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Port Charlotte Public Library (2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte)  
Free  
Join us for a holiday tradition. Bake 1 to 2 dozen of a favorite cookie and bring them to exchange with other holiday bakers. Each participant will go home with a plate of different types of cookies. Enjoy coffee/tea/hot chocolate and conversation as you chat with fellow bakers and listen to holiday favorites.

Winter Candy Land!  
Saturday, December 21, 12 to 2 p.m.  
Free  
Mid-County Regional Library (20250 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte)  
Family members of all ages welcome! There will be crafts to celebrate winter, activities, light refreshments, and a chance to visit with Santa! Drop in, no registration required.

2020 Photography Contest  
Award reception January 31, 6 p.m.  
Turn in entries by January 28; photos on display through February  
Mid-County Regional Library (20250 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte)  
Free; space is limited and registration is required  
See page 47 for full description.

Lemon Bay Fest  
February 1 through 8, times vary  
Location vary  
Free  
See page 78 for full description.

American Girls Tea Party  
Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Englewood Charlotte Public Library (3450 N. Access Road, Englewood)  
Free  
All ages are welcome to join us for an American Girl Tea Party. Daughters are encouraged to invite their dads. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Adventures in Time  
Thursday, March 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Port Charlotte Public Library (2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte)  
Free  
This family-friendly, steampunk program introduces icons from local, national, and world history. Attendees will be able to meet these figures face-to-face due to our living history “Time Portal” demonstration. This program is part of Spring Break Read & Feed and is followed by a free lunch for ages 18 and under. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Dance with Daddy  
Saturday, June 6, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center (4500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte)  
$10 per ticket  
Dads, bring your daughters ages 3–12 out for a night of dancing, fun activities, and quality time. Create lasting memories, while building a bond between daddy and daughter. Enjoy food provided on this themed night with music provided by a DJ.
Charlotte County Community Services presents...

**SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS**

**2019-2020**

Year Round School is for K–5
All Schools is for K–8

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### BREAK CAMPS

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PARKING PASS APPLICATION

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
(Phone) 941.625.7529  (Fax) 941.235.5021

Parking Pass Information

Parking Passes are available in three forms:

1 Year  Effective for 1 year from the month of purchase with a cost of:  $50.00 (plus $3.50 tax) = $53.50
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Parking passes are nonrefundable and/or transferable. These passes are for use at Port Charlotte Beach, Englewood Beach and all Charlotte County operated public boat ramps.

Parking passes must be affixed to the FRONT WINDSHIELD, PASSENGER SIDE, LOWER CORNER to avoid parking tickets issued by Charlotte County Sheriffs Parking Enforcement Deputies. For questions or concerns regarding parking violations call 941.639.0013 or 941.474.3233.

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If you have a State issued handicap permit (plate or placard), you may park for free at any Charlotte County park or boat ramp provided the person issued the permit is present.

Providing a self-addressed stamped envelope helps to reduce the cost of this program.

Parking passes may also be purchased in person at the following locations:

- Charlotte County Tax Collector
  - 6868 San Casa Dr., Englewood
  - 18500 Murdock Cr., Port Charlotte
  - 21229 Olean Blvd., Ste. B, Port Charlotte
  - 410 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda
- Port Charlotte Beach Park
  - 4500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte
    (M - F 10a.m. – 4p.m.)
- Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool
  - 7001 San Casa Dr., Englewood
- Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park – Recreation Center
  - 6961 San Casa Dr., Englewood
- Tringali Park
  - 3460 N. Access Rd., Englewood
- South County Regional Park
  - 670 Cooper St., Punta Gorda
- Harold Avenue Regional Park
  - 23400 Harold Ave., Port Charlotte
- North Charlotte Regional Park – Recreation Center
  - 1120 O’Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte

Please make checks payable to: Board of County Commissioners
Mail to: Community Services Department – Administrative Services – 1120 O’Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33953
(if mailing your application please allow 10 days for processing and return mail)
(Cash is not accepted if mailing in your application – Checks and Credit Cards only)

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NAME: _______________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________

CITY: __________ STATE: __________ ZIP CODE: __________ PHONE: __________

LICENSE PLATE (State/Number): __________________________

☐ 1 Year   ☐ 6 Months   ☐ 3 Months

SIGNATURE: _______________________________________

DATE: __________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: _______________________________________

Primary use of this parking pass will be at:

☐ Boat Ramps   ☐ Beaches   ☐ Both

If both, approximate percentage usage at each:

________% Boat Ramp   ________% Beaches

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

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Port Charlotte, FL 33980
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Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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Punta Gorda, FL 33955
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Charlotte Sports Park
2300 El Jobean Road
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
941.235.5010

Englewood Beach at Chadwick Park
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Englewood, FL 34223
941.681.3742

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Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3736

Harold Avenue Regional Park
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23400 Harold Avenue
Port Charlotte, FL 33980
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2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.613.3160

North Charlotte Regional Park
1185 O’Donnell Boulevard
Port Charlotte, FL 33953
941.627.1074

North Charlotte Regional Park Recreation Center
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Port Charlotte, FL 33953
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Port Charlotte, FL 33952
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Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.764.5562

Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
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Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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