Get Up, Get Out, Get Active!

The Guide

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

April to September 2019
In September of 2017, Charlotte County Community Services achieved national accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This accreditation 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.

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In 2014 the citizens of Charlotte County voted to extend the 1% Local Sales Tax, with an emphasis placed on improving the Quality of Life in Charlotte! Since then, staff has been working to bring these projects to completion. The new Veterans Memorial Park, new Splash Pad at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool, in addition to renovations to McGuire Park and South County Regional Park Recreation Center have been completed. The construction of the two new Recreation Centers, one at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park and one at North Charlotte Regional Park, as well as the new Punta Gorda — Charlotte Library are well underway and are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2019. Renovations to the Harold Avenue Regional Park and Tringali Park Recreation Centers will be completed soon, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was just approved and will create a road map to add to the Counties multi-use trails and bicycle lanes. Thank you for your support of this process and patience as we have been under construction. These projects truly improve the lives of our citizens and guests.

In an effort to provide information about our facilities and programs, inside you will find information about Charlotte County: services, programs and resources available through UF/IFAS Extension office; the preservation of our County’s rich history through Historical programs and facilities; beaches, boat ramps, fishing piers, artificial reefs and many other water based activities; environmental parks, trails, and nature programs; recreation centers, athletic facilities and programming; parks, playgrounds and amenities; libraries and their thousands of books and services; and of course we are home to the Charlotte County Sports Park and Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center!

It’s all right here in Charlotte County!

Please be safe and enjoy the opportunities available to us all here in Charlotte County!

Sincerely,

Tommy Scott
Director of Community Services

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Charlotte County Parks and Recreation
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.

Get Active Online
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 all those who frequently visit and enjoy our beautiful Charlotte County beaches and boat ramps.

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.

We encourage beach and boat ramp patrons to renew or apply for a new parking pass by mail.

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

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

Community Services Department
Administrative Services
2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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 Pool, 7001 San Casa Drive, Englewood (Closed Mondays)
• 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 Avenue, Port Charlotte
• Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte (M-F 12-4 p.m.)
• South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda
• Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood

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

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 pay station information, see page 31.

RENTAL INFORMATION

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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.

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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.

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 www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov to find user guidelines, amenity guides, and group areas for most popular parks. Please contact 941.681.3742 for pavilion rental information.

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<td>400–1500 sq. ft.</td>
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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.

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<td>Up to 5000 people</td>
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*Please contact the Charlotte Sports Park for open space and rental fees.

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

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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
- Port Charlotte Beach Park, 941.627.1628
- Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool, 941.629.0170
- Port Charlotte Public Library, 941.764.5562
- Punta Gorda Public Library, 941.833.5460
- South County Regional Park, 941.505.8686
- Tringali Park Recreation Center, 941.681.3742
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.

Mid-County Regional Library Volunteer Luncheon

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**

April 25, May 17, June 20, Sept. 18
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. For more information and registration, please check: http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer2.htm.

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).

**Purchase a Rain Barrel**

Rain barrels are important tools for water conservation. Homeowners who harvest rainwater reduce their monthly water bill. Rainwater is preferred by plants. Use for vegetables in raised beds or flowers growing in landscapes or containers. Yard advisors with the Charlotte County’s Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ program build each rain barrel from a recycled, food grade drum. Each rain barrel holds 55 gallons of rain water and comes with an installed spigot and overflow. Each sells for $40 plus $2.80 tax. Purchase one or more during normal business hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) at the University of Florida/IFAS/Charlotte County Extension Service, Suite 3, 25550 Harbor View Rd., Port Charlotte. A learners guide is provided with each sale.
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 2019 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; 2019 will be our 36th 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/sfylifasufledu/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
- **1 week**: Movies; Magazines; Playaway Views; Reference

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

How do I request library materials online?
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?
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

**History Quest Walking Tour**
Thursday, April 4, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce
252 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Free
Discover more about the Historic District of Punta Gorda with a guided session of History Quest. History Quest is a geocaching and questing program of the Charlotte County History Services designed to encourage visitors to our local historic sites. This program follows the Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society Walking Tour.

**Heritage Monitoring Scouts**
Monday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
Cookie House, Cedar Point Environmental Park
2300 Placida Rd., Englewood, FL 34224
Learn about the Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida) — a public engagement program focused on tracking changes to archaeological sites at risk.

**Ice Cream Sandwich Day**
Friday, August 2, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
Bayshore Live Oak Park
Find out the historic connection between ice cream sandwiches and Governor Albert Gilchrist of Punta Gorda, then cool off with your own ice cream sandwich!

**History Quest! (Self-Guided)**
Ongoing
Free
Join the hunt for local historic treasures using geocaching and questing and earn rewards! All geocaches and quests are available online on the library website - follow the link for History Services. Hard copies are also available. New caches and quests are continuously being added, so be sure to check for updates.

**Indian Spring Cemetery Tour (Self-Guided)**
Ongoing, dawn to dusk
Free
Indian Spring Cemetery
9500 Indian Springs Cemetery Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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.

**Exhibit – Punta Gorda Army Airfield**
Ongoing
Free; free 2 hour parking
Bailey Terminal, Punta Gorda Airport
28000 Airport Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33982
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.

**Looking Up: 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing**
January through December
Free
To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, these exhibits, at all library locations, will showcase memorabilia from our historic collections and stories from the “Space Race” period.

**Oral History Project**
Libraries and History 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 at 941.629.7278 to share today!

**Storywalk @ the Charlotte Sports Park**
April 29 to May 5
Free
See page 42 for description

**Storytime @ the Ball Park**
TBD
Free
See page 42 for description

**Beach Storytime**
Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.
June 6 & 20; July 11 & 25; August 8
See page 73 for description.
**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
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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

**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)

**Charlotte County Dog Park Locations**

- Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park
- Edgewater Park

**Rules for Dog-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 inside 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.

**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.

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)
ENVIRONMENTAL PARKS & CONSERVATION CHARLOTTE PRESERVES

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 www.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.

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.

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.

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 CR 775 (Placida Rd). Immediately after Lemon Bay High School on the right is Cedar Point Environmental Park.

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.

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 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.

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 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES
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.

**CHARLOTTE HARBOR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (CHEC)**

**Alligator Creek Location**
10941 Burnt Store Road, South Punta Gorda, FL 33955 *(Map Key - A)*
941.575.5435
The Alligator Creek Preserve, established in 1987, is adjacent to the 30,000-acre Charlotte Harbor State Park Preserve. CHEC is located on property owned by the State of Florida, and the Center’s portion is leased to the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. for environmental education and recreation. The Alligator Creek Preserve includes four (4) miles of nature trails. Year-round volunteers offer interpretive trail walks to the public free of charge. Please take only pictures and leave only footprints!

**Cedar Point Location**
2300 Placida Road, Englewood, FL 34224 *(Map Key - 14)*
941.475.0769
Cedar Point Environmental Park was purchased by Charlotte County in 1992, the trails established in 1995, and the Visitor Center opened to the public in 1998. CHEC has been actively involved in its management and the coordination of its educational and recreational programs since 1995. This is a 115 acre Charlotte County Park that borders Ainger Creek, Oyster Creek, and Lemon Bay. The Visitor’s Center is free and open to the public. Three trails lead directly to Lemon Bay. Please take only pictures and leave only footprints!
## FISHING

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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
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 extraordinarily 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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(6450 Gasparilla Pines Boulevard, Rotonda)

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### ANGER FISHING PIER
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### ANN & CHUCK DEVER REGIONAL PARK
(6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood)

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### AUDUBON-PENNINGTON NATURE PARK
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### BAYSHORE LIVE OAK PARK
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### BILL COY PRESERVE
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### BISSETT PARK
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### BUTTERFORD WATERWAY PARK
(13555 Marathon Boulevard, Port Charlotte)

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| **DEEP CREEK PARK**  
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| **EDGEWATER PARK**  
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| **ENGLEWOOD EAST PARK**  
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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

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

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

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 $60 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
Rental Rate is $20 per hour plus tax
Commercial use is $20 per hour plus tax

Shelter Size: 2400 sq. ft. Electric: Yes
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 21–25.
## Pavilion Rental Information:
- The minimum rental time for shelters is four hours as stated by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners approved fee resolution.
- Reservations are for the picnic pavilion only and do not include reservation of exclusive use of other park areas or amenities. Rental of open space areas is available to accommodate additional needs, such as a bounce house.
- Liquor Liability insurance is required when renting a pavilion when alcoholic beverages will be consumed.
- Call 941.681.3742 for rental information.
- You may not limit access to park patrons nor charge admission to the park.
- Sale of food and/or beverage to the public is prohibited.
- Glass containers are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages are permitted from sunrise until sunset. * 
- No music can be played or performed before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
- Noise levels must follow County Noise Ordinance 94-02.
- Parking fees (if applicable) are not included in the shelter rental.
- Pavilion and surrounding area must be left in the same condition upon arrival.
- Licensee must observe all posted park rules.

* The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any County parks & recreation facility located within a Community Redevelopment Area AND between sunset & 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, and Chester Roberts Park
- Parkside CRA - McGuire Park, Lake Betty Park
- Murdock Village CRA - North Charlotte Regional Park

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

## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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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   Seating Capacity: 16 people
Grill: No   Lighting: No
Water: No   Restrooms: Yes
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.   Electric: Yes
Table #: 8 tables   Lighting: No
Seating Capacity: 48 people   Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes   Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour
Water: Yes

**Pavilion #2** Located beach side near playground
Shelter Size: 800 sq. ft.   Electric: Yes
Table #: 8 tables   Lighting: No
Seating Capacity: 48 people   Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes   Paid Parking: Yes - $.75 per hour
Water: Yes

**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   Lighting: Yes
Seating Capacity: 32 people   Restrooms: Port-o-lets
Grill: Yes   Paid Parking: No
Water: Yes

**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.   Electric: Yes
Table #: 9 tables   Lighting: Yes
Seating Capacity: 72 people   Restrooms: Yes
Grill: Yes   Paid Parking: No
Water: Yes
PICNIC PAVILIONS

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

PARK AMENITIES
Boat Ramp Fishing
Playground Picnic Shelters/Pavilion Rentals
Picnicking/Picnic Tables 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. Grill: Yes
Table #: 6 tables Restrooms: Yes
Seating Capacity: 48 people
Paid Parking: No

CHECK OUT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FL APP!
Staying connected just got easier!

Host your next personal or company event at one of our many picnic pavilions! Call us at 941.681.3742 to make your reservations!

Charlotte County, FL makes your government available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
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.

ParkMobile Parking Zones

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Online, You’re First in Line! Register at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.
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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

1185 O’Donnell Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
941.627.1074

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.

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.

THE PRESERVE DISC GOLF COURSE
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 ($0.75/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.

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**
First Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
January to May
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.
**PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK RECREATION CENTER**

**Pitch, Hit and Run**  
April 27, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Harold Avenue Regional Park  
Free  
A fun, competitive day of baseball and softball skills. This is an MLB sponsored event that showcases three drills for youth age 7–14, a pitching event, a hitting event, and a running event. After completing these drills each contestant will be scored and the winners may advance to a higher level of competition.

**Mom & Son Painting**  
May 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
$45 for 2 tickets/$12 each additional child  
A special instructional painting class for moms and sons to create their own masterpiece to treasure forever. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Ages 3 and up.

**Dance with Daddy**  
June 8, 6 to 8 p.m.  
$10 per ticket  
This fun dance is for girls ages 3–12 and their dads to spend a little quality time together. This event helps build the daddy-daughter bond and creates lasting memories. We will have themed decorations, food, and a DJ.

**PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK POOL**

4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
941.629.0170  

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 (16 and up) is $3.00  
Child (ages 2-15) is $2.00  
Yearly Passes  
Adult (16 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 (16 and up) is $60 + tax  
Child (ages 2-15) is $35 + tax  
Water Exercise Punch Passes  
$27 for 10 classes (= one free class!)

**Private Swim Lessons**  
By appointment  
$25 per lesson or $100 for a series

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.
PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK POOL

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, 9 to 9:45 a.m.
18 and Over
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.

HAROLD AVENUE REGIONAL PARK RECREATION CENTER

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 a multi-purpose gymnasium with 6 basketball goals and two large meeting rooms. Outdoor facilities include a children's playground area, two lighted basketball courts, four lighted tennis courts, softball fields and baseball fields. The recreation center is perfect for parties, dances, sports, competitions or meetings. Rental rates are based on amount of space used and type of event to be held.

Open Gym
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 4 to 5:30 p.m.
$2 drop in fee
Other times available throughout the year. Please see monthly calendar for details.

Open Gym Fees

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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

Charlotte County Table Tennis Club
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 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. 27 to May 15, 6:30 to 8:30 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 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.

Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball
Monday through Friday, 12:30 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 Volleyball Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 7
Registration opens - May 1, Registration closes - Aug. 22
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 Fall Basketball League
Men’s League, Aug. 25 1 to Nov. 3
Games Sunday afternoons/evenings - Schedule TBD
Ages 18 & up
Registration closes - Aug. 16
Team fee - $350
Eight week regular season with playoffs following to determine the champion.

Adult Fall Volleyball League
6 v 6 Co-ed League
Aug. 5 to Oct. 21
Games Monday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Ages 18 and older
Registration opens - May 1, Registration closes - July 22
Team fee - $200
Eight week regular season with playoffs following to determine the champion.

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. You never know who you will meet on the court!

Intro to Sports Class
Fridays, 6:15 to 7 p.m.
Sept. 6 to Oct. 25
Registration opens - June 1, Registration closes - Sept. 1
Ages 5–8
Registration fee - $50
In this 8 week class kids will learn fundamentals and be introduced to basketball, flag football, volleyball, and soccer.

Youth Drop-In Basketball
Most Tuesdays & Thursdays outside of summer camp, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Ages 5–17 (children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult)
$2 per session or Open Gym fees

Co-Ed Youth Basketball League (Spring/Summer Session)
Player Evaluations - May 8, 9, 11 (depending on age level)
Jamboree Kick Off - May 25
Regular Season runs June 1 to July 27
Practice Days - Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (occasional Monday practices)
Practice Times - Scheduled with Coach between 6 to 9 p.m.
Games (15u & under) Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (younger divisions start earlier)
Games (17u) Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.
Ages 5–17 (participants must provide copy of birth certificate)
*Minimum Age - 4
Registration fee - $65/player
Registration opens - Jan. 19, Registration closes - May 1
(No late registrations accepted after first game)
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 a 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).

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**Summer Camp**

All lunches are included in the price

Discovery - Entering K to 2nd grade
Full Session 1 (6 weeks)
$510 / $95 weekly (weeks 1-6)
Full Session 2 (4 weeks)
$340 / $95 weekly, weeks 7-10

Explorer - Entering 3rd to 5th Grade
Full Session 1 (6 weeks)
$510 / $95 weekly (weeks 1-6)
Full Session 2 (4 weeks)
$340 / $95 weekly, weeks 7-10

Adventure - Entering 6th to 8th grade
Full session 1 (6 weeks)
$540/$100 weekly (weeks 1-6)
Full session 2 (4 weeks)
$360/$100 weekly, weeks 7-10

**Girls Youth Volleyball League**

Player Evaluations - Aug. 17
Jamboree Kick Off - Aug. 31
Regular Season runs - Sept. 7 to Oct. 19
Practice Days - Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday
Practice Times - Scheduled with Coach between 6 to 9 p.m.
Games - Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (younger divisions start earlier)
Ages 6–8, 9–11, 12–14
Registration fee - $65/player
Registration opens - May 1, Registration closes - Aug. 1
This is a developmental league open to girls in the area. Girls will practice once a week and play games on Saturday mornings/early afternoons. Total of 7 games in the regular season. The 9–11 and 12–14 divisions will compete in a tournament at the end of the season.

**Co-Ed Youth Basketball League (Fall/Winter Session)**

Player Evaluations - Oct. 16, 19 (depending on age level)
Jamboree Kick Off - Nov. 2
Regular Season runs Nov. 9 to Jan. 18
Practice Days - Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (occasional Monday practices)
Practice Times - Scheduled with Coach between 6 to 9 p.m.
Games (15u & under) Saturdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (younger divisions start earlier)
Ages 5–15 (must provide copy of birth certificate) *Minimum Age - 4
Registration fee - $65/player
Registration opens - July 27, Registration Closes - Oct. 10
(No late registrations accepted after first game)

This is one of the most popular recreational youth leagues in Charlotte County. Each player is guaranteed equal playing time over a 8 week regular season. 10u, 12u, and 15u divisions will participate in a tournament at the end of the season. Practices are limited to two per week (one indoor/one outdoor).

**FITNESS CLASSES**

**Zumba® Classes**

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.
$7 Drop-In rate or 10 class punch card for $50
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 & feel the music! The instructor was formerly 402 lbs and has lost over 250 lbs! Nicole knows the weight loss struggle first hand! Contact Nicole Wilson at 941.815.6757 for details.

**POUND Rockout Workout Classes**

Fridays, 6 p.m. Twice a month, check schedule for classes
$7 Drop-In rate or 10 class punch card for $50
*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.

**Soles in Motion: Beginner Clogging Classes**

Call for details
Perfect for the beginning level clogger, this class will go over all the basic steps that you will need to know to be able to move on to even more awesome clogging routines! Contact Anna Arnold at 941.759.3672 or solesinmotioncloggers@gmail.com for details and to register.
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!

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.

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.

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.
ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Storywalk® @ the Charlotte Sports Park
April 29 to May 5
Free
All ages are invited to enjoy Charlotte County Community Services first StoryWalk®. Walk around the ballpark at Charlotte Sports Park and enjoy Over in a River — Flowing Out to the Sea by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jill Dubin. StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children (and adults) to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children’s book are attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll along the stands, you’re directed to engage in the story with provided activities and guided to the next page of the book. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

“Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration
Monday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
Pick up a reading log or bingo card and join in the fun! “A Universe of Stories” is our theme for the summer, so get ready for an out of this world good time with family friendly performances and activities! Each child and teen who joins the summer reading program will get a free book to keep while supplies last. Free lunch will be provided to all attendees up to age 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. with the performance from 12 to 1 p.m.

Special Guest Performer for Kids and Families
Mondays, June 3 & 17; July 8 & 22, 12 to 1 p.m.
Free
Each of these dates will feature a different entertaining performer. Bring the whole family and join in the fun! A free snack and beverage will be served to all children under 18 after the performance. Check the library event calendar online for more details about each performer.

Summer Reading Finale — Glow Party
Saturday, July 27, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
We will celebrate the end of our summer reading programs with a family friendly glow-in-the-dark galaxy themed party. Join us for face painting, games, music and more. Wear neon or white and you’ll stand out in the crowd!

Storytime @ the Ball Park
TBD
Free
Combine your love of baseball with your love of reading in this special storytime at the ball park. We’ll tour the park, walk around the outfield and enjoy stories.

The Moon over Charlotte County
Every day in July
Free
In this activity, community members of all ages are invited to contribute photographs (taken with cell phones, film cameras, or more sophisticated equipment) of the moon. The images collected over the course of the month will be hung in chronological order to display the Moon’s changing appearance in our sky and should only be images taken during the month of July 2019. Images can be submitted in person or files can be emailed to MidCountyLibrary@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.
Talk Like a Pirate Day  
Thursday, September 19, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Free  
Aargh! Calling all pirates! Come and celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day with us. We will have cool photo ops, dangerously fun games to test your pirate skills, and plenty of buccaneers around to teach you landlubbers how to loot and pillage like a pro.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Storytime @ the Ball Park**  
TBD  
Free  
See page 42 for description.

**Drop-In Storytime**  
Fridays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.  
April 5, 12, 19 & 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; Aug. 2, 9, 26, 23 & 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27  
Free  
Join us for our Drop-In story times! Listen to a variety of stories, sing songs, and make simple crafts. Storytime will continue in June and July, as well, with a focus on stories related to the Zodiac.

**Dog Tales**  
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14  
Free, sign up by calling the library or visiting the youth desk in person  
Children will be participating in reading to a pet therapy dog. Each child will read one on one with their pet partner for 15 minutes. This is a fun and low pressure way for children to increase their literacy skills.

**Storywalk® @ the Charlotte Sports Park**  
April 29 to May 5  
Free  
See page 42 for description.

**Summer Read & Feed**  
Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
June 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-28; July 8-12, 15-19, 22-26  
Free; registration required due to limited space. Call 941-613-3170 to register.  
Join us for summer activities and a free meal. Children and teens are welcome to enjoy a free lunch. Lunch is for ages 18 & under and must be eaten on premises. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and activities will take place Monday – Thursday at 12 p.m. and at 11 a.m. on Fridays. Mondays will feature a craft or a performer; Tuesdays a children’s movie; Wednesdays board games and Legos; Thursdays a special guest or craft; Fridays story time will take place before lunch at 11 a.m.

**“Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration**  
Monday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Free  
See page 42 for description.

**Special Guest Performer for Kids and Families**  
Mondays, June 3 & 17; July 8 & 22, 12 to 1 p.m.  
Free  
See page 42 for description.

**Zodiac Story Time**  
Fridays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.  
June 7, 14, 21, 28 & July 12, 19, 26  
Free  
Join us for our story times on Fridays in June and July! There will be stories focusing on the constellations and the zodiac, as well as singing and games for younger children.

**Summer Reading Craft**  
Mondays, June 10 & July 15, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Free  
Children’s programming may include story times, crafting, a visiting special guest, and other literacy based activities. Check the library event calendar online for details about each day’s activities. Grades K–5.

**Moon Landing Anniversary Activity**  
Monday, June 24, 12 to 1 p.m.  
Free  
2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the first manned Moon landing. This children’s activity will teach a brief history of the Space Race with a fun and educational activity.

**Summer Reading Finale – Glow Party**  
Saturday, July 27, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Free  
See page 42 for description.

**The Moon over Charlotte County**  
Every day in July  
Free  
See page 42 for description.
Back to School Scavenger Hunt
Thursday, August 8, 5 to 6 p.m.
Free
This program is for students to learn about how the library can help them during the school year. Participants who complete the scavenger hunt will be able to choose a prize from a limited assortment of school supplies. Grades K–12.

Girls Who Code Club
Monthly meetings starting in September, 5 to 6 p.m.
Free
Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology. Their curriculum 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 meets once a month throughout the school year.

Talk Like a Pirate Day
Thursday, September 19, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
See page 43 for description.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Storywalk® @ the Charlotte Sports Park
April 29 to May 5
Free
See page 42 for description.

Get Your Game On!
Saturdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
April 13, May 11, June 8, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 14
Free
Parents drop off your teens and let them play games and hang out with their friends at this fun supervised program, held in our newly renovated teen area in the library. Are you ready for more Smash, Kart, and all around Nintendo goodness? Want to fight to the virtual death playing Injustice on our PS4? Snacks provided. Ages 13–18.

Storytime @ the Ball Park
TBD
Free
See page 42 for description.

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Free; registration required due to limited space. Call 941-613-3170 to register.
See page 43 for description.

How Not to Fail
Thursdays, June 6, 13 & 20, 5 to 6 p.m.
Free
Come and learn some useful life skills! Topics will include cooking, budgeting, and basic car repair. Ages 12–18.

Special Guest Performer for Teens
Thursdays, June 27 & July 18, 5 p.m.
Free
Each of these dates will feature a different entertaining performer just for teens. Check the library event calendar online for more details about each performer. Ages 12–18.

“Universe of Stories” Activities for Teens - Solar Eclipse T-shirt
Thursday, July 11, 5 to 6 p.m.
Free, Registration required and shirt size will be requested
With the power of bleach we will create our own eclipse designs. We’ll provide a black t-shirt and show you how to create a one-of-a-kind solar eclipse graphic on it. More advanced crafters are welcome to attempt more difficult designs! Feel free to bring your another dark shirt or tote bag of your own if you’d like to make a second design. Register on the event calendar online or by calling 941.613.3170. Ages 12 - 18

“Universe of Stories” Activities for Teens - Custom Galaxy Shoes
Thursday, July 25, 5 to 6 p.m.
Free, Registration is required and shoe size will be requested
Amazing looking customized shoes will be yours! We’ll provide plain canvas shoes and show you how to create a one-of-a-kind galaxy effect on them using paint and dye. More advanced crafters are welcome to attempt more difficult designs! Bring a second pair of your own shoes if you want to create more! Register on the event calendar online or by calling 941.613.3170. Ages 12–18.
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Saturday, July 27, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
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The Moon over Charlotte County
Every day in July
Free
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Monthly meetings starting in September, 5 to 6 p.m.
Free
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ADULT PROGRAMS

Hooked on Books
1st Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 5
Free
Hooked on Books is an informal book discussion where participants meet with library staff to discuss and review recently read books, and to share their recommendations with the group and people who visit the library. No assigned reading, and no registration required.

Choices and Chances Film
Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m.
Free
Choices and Chances is a local film shot entirely in Charlotte County, Florida. This unique film is a joint production of Charlotte County Fire/EMS in partnership with CC-TV, Charlotte County Public Schools, Fawcett Memorial Hospital, and the Other West Coast Productions. Watch a screening of the film and meet the director and various cast members.

Cook the Books
Fridays, 12 p.m.
April 12, June 14, Aug. 9
Free
Do you love cooking and cook books? Join us for our latest book club that combines your love of reading with your love of cooking. 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 make a recipe from the cookbook. Feel free to use a recipe from your own collection, or one that you found online, as well.) Bring a printed copy of the recipe to the meeting. Browse the list of related fiction and non-fiction connected to the theme. Swap ideas, recipes, techniques, and chat about all things food & book related.
April 12: Bring in your favorite dish to go with English Tea and check out our list of writers from the United Kingdom.
June 14: Celebrate the warm weather by making a Light Spring Dish and checking out some of our favorite beach reads.
August 9: Explore other cultures with us by making a Mediterranean dish and exploring the folklore and mythology of that region.

Adam Miller: Folksinger
Wednesday, April 17, 6 p.m.
Free
Renowned American folksinger and storyteller Adam Miller will perform traditional folksongs and ballads about shanty boys, freshwater sailors, miners and lake freighters.

Modern Classic Movie
3rd Saturday of the month, 2 p.m.
April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21
Free
Join us for an oldie but a goodie on our large screen with surround sound. Popcorn provided; titles to be announced.
Like us on Facebook

Earth 911
Wednesday, April 24, 11 a.m.
Free
Join us for a free program on the value and importance of recycling. We will also be doing an upcycling craft to highlight how recycling can be fun and useful.

Geocache Photography Club
April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Free
Do you love seeing new parks and places to take photographs? Does participating in the world’s largest treasure hunt give you some great ideas of places to go? If so, this club is for you! Once a month we will embark on an adventure to a local park to take photos and find hidden geocaches. This is a great way to see new areas, take some amazing photographs and get some exercise. Smartphones are helpful but not necessary. All cameras and skill levels welcome. Please note that many of the paths in the county parks are unpaved and uneven. Pants and closed toe shoes are highly suggested, also bring water as well. April 27 meeting at Mid-County Regional Library, all other meetings will be held outside the library. Please contact the library for upcoming meeting locations.

Storywalk® @ the Charlotte Sports Park
April 29 to May 5
Free
See page 42 for description.

Storytime @ the Ball Park
TBD
Free
See page 42 for description.

Charlotte County in WWII
Wednesday, May 8, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Charlotte County played a vital role in training and production during WWII. Hear the stories from those who lived and worked here during that time and learn about the impact WWII had on our area. This presentation will be paired with the traveling exhibit, Punta Gorda Army Airfield.

Caring for Family Photos and Documents
Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free
Learn how to take care of your precious memories and rare personal documents.

Reality Readers
May 21, July 16, & Sept. 17, 11 a.m.
Free
Join us for interesting discussions regarding newer nonfiction books. Titles to be announced.

Special Guest Performer for Kids and Families
June 3 & 17, July 8 & 22, 12 to 1 p.m.
Free
See page 42 for description.

Adult Summer Reading Programs
Fridays, 1:30 p.m.
June 7, 14, 21, & 28, July 12, 19, 26, & Aug. 2
Free
Programs may include special guest speakers, movies, virtual reality, and escape rooms. Come and celebrate our amazing universe. Dates and times may be subject to change. For adults, but all ages are welcome with an adult.

Founding Fathers of Charlotte County
Thursday, June 20, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free
Learn about the “Founding Fathers” of Charlotte County’s development from Punta Gorda to Englewood.

Weeds & Seeds
Tuesday, July 9, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Cattle, citrus, and many other common foods today were brought to Florida by the Spanish, so what were people eating before then? This talk covers what people would have had for dinner in Southwest Florida 2,000 years ago. Topics of environment, flora and fauna, archaeological research, and historical documents all come together to answer this question.

Looking Up: 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing
Friday, July 19, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Free
July 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the first manned Moon landing. This presentation delves into the great Space Race and the impact this had on our region, state, and world. The program relates to the Looking Up exhibits on display in all Charlotte County libraries.

Summer Reading Finale – Glow Party
Saturday, July 27, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
See page 42 for description.
The Moon over Charlotte County
Every day in July
Free
See page 42 for description.

Summer Concert Film Series
Thursdays, 5 p.m.
August 1, 8, 15 & 22
Free
Each Thursday in August we will feature a music concert film from various classic rock artists such as Yes, Moody Blues and David Bowie.

Paranormal Florida History
Mondays, 2 to 3 p.m.
August 5, 12, 19 & 26
Free
Each session reveals a different paranormal topic from historic UFOs to skunk ape sightings using information we've unearthed from Charlotte County and Florida. Each program includes a fun activity or craft.

Charlotte Scarborough Taylor Workbooks from the Charlotte County Archives
Tuesday, September 10, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free
Saved from the scrap pile in 1964, two extremely rare entomology workbooks dating to the mid-1800s were donated by a Punta Gorda Library volunteer. These workbooks were painted by Charlotte Scarborough Taylor, one of the earliest female entomologists in the Americas, and they are now bound together in one volume. This amazing book has many stories to tell. If you love moths, dragonflies and insects, come listen to the stories and find out more about Charlotte's extraordinary drawings and her unique connection to the area!

Pizza and a Movie Film Series
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26
Free
Enjoy a movie and some free pizza while supplies last.
September 5 - Bohemian Rhapsody
September 12 - Old Man and the Gun
September 19 - The Upside
September 26 - Molly’s Game

Fierce People
Thursday, September 12, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free
The Calusa were called “the fierce people” and for good reason. They held off Spanish domination for almost 200 years, but before that they ruled the entirety of Southwest Florida. We’ll talk about the engineering, trade and power that made this possible.

Talk Like a Pirate Day
Thursday, September 19, 4 to 6 p.m.
Free
See page 43 for description.

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.

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.

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

On-site services available: Florida Notary

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Kickoff: A Universe of Stories
Friday, May 31, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
You are invited to Port Charlotte Library for our fun-filled Summer Reading Kickoff! Stop by to collect your summer reading supplies and goodies. Enjoy exciting activities as we celebrate this year’s theme: “A Universe of Stories”. Each child who joins the summer reading program will get a free book to keep while supplies last. All ages.

Wii Bowling Tournament
Saturday, June 1, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free, registration required
Demonstrate your Wii Bowling skills as you compete against a wide range of opponents. Players will be matched in a single or double elimination format - dependent upon the number of participants. Final championship will be the last competition. Snacks will be provided. All ages.

Just Dance Tournament
Saturday, June 29, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free, registration required
Demonstrate your Wii and/or Xbox One Just Dance skills as you compete against a wide range of opponents. Players will be matched in a single or double elimination format - dependent upon the number of participants. Final championship will be the last competition. Snacks will be provided. All ages.

Intergalactic Escape Room
Saturday, August 3, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Free, registration required due to limited space

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Port Charlotte Library.
As a family unit, try your hand at outsmarting the masterminds of our Intergalactic-themed Escape Room.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Teacher Workday? Here’s an Idea!
Friday, April 19 & Aug. 30, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free, registration recommended
Join us for a movie or craft activity to pass the time on your day off from school. Ages 5—14. Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Mini Movers Storytime
Fridays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
April 5, 12, 19 & 26; May 3, 24 & 31; Aug. 9, 16, 23 & 30; Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Free
Children, along with a responsible adult, are invited to the library for stories, activities, music, and learning! Ages 2—5.

Gaming @ the Library
Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.
April 13 & 20; June 8 & 15; July 13 & 20; Aug. 10 & 17; Sept. 14 & 21
Free; space is limited, registration recommended
Join us to play board games, computer games or try your hand at Wii or Xbox One. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Dog Tales
Saturdays, 1 to 2 p.m.
April 27, May 25, June 28, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28
Free
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 of learning to read.
FSA Stress Busters
Wednesday & Thursday, May 1 & 2, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
On Wednesday join us for some crafts or try your hand at Karaoke or Wii Just Dance...just the thing to ease the stress during state testing. Thursday, join us to try your hand at programming Ozobots so they follow your commands. Some other cool technology will also be introduced and explored. Ages 8–16.

Summer Reading Kickoff: A Universe of Stories
Friday, May 31, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
See page 48 for description.

Wii Bowling Tournament
Saturday, June 1, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free, registration Required
See page 48 for description.

Summer Read & Feed
Tuesday to Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 (Activity) & 11:30 to 12 p.m. (Lunch)
June 4–7, 11–14, 18–21, 25–28; July 9–12, 16–19, 23–26
Free, registration Required.
See page 50 for description.

Evans Entertainment: Magic and Comedy
Thursday, June 6, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration recommended
Join us as Evans Entertainment presents their space-themed magic and comedy show, followed by a free lunch. Ages 18 and under; Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

PB&J - How (and why!) Archaeologists Find Sites
Wednesday, June 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration required
Systematically excavate a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to explore the concepts of stratigraphy and survey, emphasizing how archaeologist use the scientific method in the field. Free lunch after. Presented by Florida Public Archaeological Network. Ages 18 and under; Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

John Storms’ World of Reptiles
Thursday, June 20, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration recommended
Join us as John Storms shares his knowledge along with a presentation of some of his amazing creatures, followed by a free lunch. Ages 18 and under; Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Just Dance Tournament
Saturday, June 29, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free, registration required
See page 48 for description.

Showtime for Kids - Magic & Comedy
Thursday, July 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free
Join us for a space-themed magic and comedy show followed by a free lunch. Ages 18 and under; Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pyrotechnology
Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration required
This activity introduces students to prehistoric culture, focusing on ways that local prehistoric people used fire to meet their daily needs. A hands-on experiment provides a bang as students use balloons to explore how prehistoric people could cook prior to the advent of pottery, followed by a free lunch. Presented by Florida Public Archaeological Network. Ages 18 and under; Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Intergalactic Escape Room
Saturday, Aug. 3, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Free, registration required due to limited space
See page 48 for description.

Back to School Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free, registration recommended.
Join us for a library exploration activity. Participants who complete the tasks will receive a prize from our school supplies box. Grades K–12; Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Ozobots, VR and Other Techy Stuff
Thursdays, Sept. 19 & 26, 3 to 4 p.m.
Free, registration required
Join us to try your hand at programming these techno-gadgets so they follow your commands. Some other cool technology will also be introduced and explored. Grades 3–5.
TEEN PROGRAMS

Gaming @ the Library
Saturdays, 3 to 4 p.m.
April 13 & 20; June 8 & 15; July 13 & 20; Aug. 10 & 17; Sept. 14 & 21
Free; space is limited, registration recommended
Join us to play board games, computer games, or try your hand at Wii or Xbox One. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

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June 4–7, 11–14, 18–21, 25–28; July 9–12, 16–19, 23–26
Free, registration required
Join us for a fun or informational activity followed by a free lunch courtesy of Charlotte County Public Schools C.O.W. mobile food bus. Call 941.764.5562 or check the library website for a specific day’s activities. Ages 18 and under.

Evans Entertainment: Magic and Comedy
Thursday, June 6, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration recommended
Join us as Evans Entertainment presents their space-themed magic and comedy show, followed by a free lunch. Ages 18 and under.

PB&J - How (and why!) Archaeologists Find Sites
Wednesday, June 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration required
Systematically excavate a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to explore the concepts of stratigraphy and survey, emphasizing how archaeologist use the scientific method in the field. Free lunch after. Presented by Florida Public Archaeological Network. Ages 18 and under.

John Storms’ World of Reptiles
Thursday, June 20, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration recommended
Join us as John Storms shares his knowledge along with a presentation of some of his amazing creatures, followed by a free lunch. Ages 18 and under.

Just Dance Tournament
Saturday, June 29, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free, registration required
See page 48 for description.

Showtime for Kids - Magic & Comedy
Thursday, July 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration recommended
Join us for a space-themed magic and comedy show followed by a free lunch. Ages 18 and under.

Pyrotechnology
Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Free, registration required
This activity introduces students to prehistoric culture, focusing on ways that local prehistoric people used fire to meet their daily needs. A hands-on experiment provides a bang as students use balloons to explore how prehistoric people could cook prior to the advent of pottery, followed by a free lunch. Presented by Florida Public Archaeological Network. Ages 18 and under.

Intergalactic Escape Room
Saturday, Aug. 3, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Free, registration required due to limited space
See page 48 for description.

Back to School Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free, registration recommended
Join us for a library exploration activity. Participants who complete the tasks will receive a prize from our school supplies box. Grades K–12.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Let’s Get Quizzical
Wednesday, April 3, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Free, registration recommended
Try your hand at trivia in a team setting. Solo players welcome — teams will be created when you arrive.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners
Thursdays, April 4, 11 & 18; May 2 & 23, Sept. 5 & 19, 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 household pests. Contact the library to check for additional dates.

Drop-In Card Games
Fridays, 1 to 2 p.m.
April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6
Free
Join other card players for a pick-up game of your choice — Pinochle, Euchre, Bridge, etc. Cards provided. Friendly play only, no wagering.

Genealogy Round Table
Tuesdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
April 9 & 23; May 28; June 11 & 25; July 9 & 23; Aug. 13 & 27; Sept. 10 & 24 (No meeting on May 14)
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.
April 10, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11 (No meeting in May)
Free
Come prepared to join in the discussion of the chosen mystery 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 by the club members.

Everyday English Café
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
April 11, Aug. 8 & Sept. 12 (No meetings May to July)
Free
Join other ELL speakers to practice your conversational English in a relaxed setting. Light snacks will be provided.

Writers’ Tea
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m.
April 16, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17 (No meeting in May)
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!

Wednesday, April 17, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free
Cattle, citrus, and many other common foods today were brought to Florida by the Spanish, so what were people eating before then? This talk covers what people would have had for dinner in Southwest Florida 2,000 years ago. Topics of environment, flora and fauna, archaeological research, and historical documents all come together to answer this question. Presented by Florida Public Archaeological Network.

Fabric and Craft Artists & Quilter’s Quest
Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
April 18, May 16*, June 20*, July 18*, Aug. 15, Sept. 19
*Group will meet at Cultural Center Café in May, June & July
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.

Karaoke @ the Library
Fridays, 2 to 3 p.m.
April 19, May 24, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20
Free, registration highly recommended
Come hum a few bars and share a song with others as you enjoy karaoke. An assortment of songs are available but you are welcome to bring your own disc.

See You @ the Cinema!
Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24
Free
Join us for a monthly movie! Enjoy light refreshments and freshly popped buttery popcorn!

Online, You’re First in Line! Register at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.
**Like us on Facebook**

**PORT CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Summer Reading Kickoff: A Universe of Stories**
Friday, May 31, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
See page 48 for description.

**SCAM Alert!**
June - Contact the library for exact date and time
Free
Information on the latest scams and how to avoid them.

**Wii Bowling Tournament**
Saturday, June 1, 2 – 4 p.m.
Free, registration required
See page 48 for description.

**Just Dance Tournament**
Saturday, June 29, 2 – 4 p.m.
Free, registration required
See page 48 for description.

**Healthy Tips for Food Connoisseurs**
July - Contact the library for exact date and time
Free
Learn about healthy shopping, cooking, and snacking.

**Social Media for the Young @ Heart**
August - Contact the library for exact date and time
Free
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more. It’s never too late to join the social media revolution.

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**Intergalactic Escape Room**
Saturday, Aug. 3, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Free, registration required due to limited space
See section below for description.

**Fierce People – Southwest Florida’s Most Notorious Inhabitants**
Wednesday, August 21, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free, registration recommended
The Calusa were called “the fierce people” and for good reason. They held off Spanish domination for almost 200 years, but before that they ruled the entirety of Southwest Florida. We’ll talk about the engineering, trade, and power that made this possible. Presented by Florida Public Archaeological Network.

**Personal Safety and Survival**
September - Contact library for exact date and time
Free, registration required
Join us as Charlotte County Emergency Management provides training for Stop the Bleed, Hands-Only CPR, AED, and Fire Extinguishers. You never know when an emergency may arise, so take the time to learn how to handle situations so you are ready. This two-hour course will provide you with practical knowledge and practice but does not constitute official certification.

**Prehistoric Snowbirds**
Wednesday, September 18, 1 to 2 p.m.
Free, registration recommended
Discover the prehistory of humans in Florida, and find out just how long folks have been living seasonally in Southwest Florida. This discussion offers an overview of the entire history of humans in Southwest Florida until the Spanish arrived in the 1500s. Presented by Florida Public Archaeological Network.
2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
941.235.5010

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 75.

Trip to the Trop
Tuesday, Sept. 24
Take a bus trip to Tropicana Field to watch the Rays play the Yankees. For more information call 941.235.5010.

Charlotte County Community Services presents...
Leave your mark at the Charlotte Sports Park with your own personalized Fan Bricks!

All proceeds from the sale of Fan Bricks will fund the annual stadium improvements.

Order your bricks online at www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/charlotte-sports-park-stadium or call 855.274.2574

2 sizes to choose from!  
4x8 $75  
8x8 $125

See your Fan Bricks every time you visit the Home Plate Cafe entrance!

Charlotte Sports Park  
2300 El Jobean Road  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
941.235.5010

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.
Punta Gorda 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 Cerbone 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:
- Skateboarding and Inline skating only
- Bikes at Don Cerbone are allowed only on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 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

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 19 for a list of leagues.

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

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.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tot Sports Program
Year Round
Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Ages 3–6
$45 per child
These five week programs are offered to learn the basics of the sport program in an age appropriate setting. Parent participation is required.

Tae Kwon Do
Year Round
Wednesdays & Fridays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Ages 5 and up
$45 per month for first student/$25 per month per additional student
$5 drop-in class
Multi skill level program taught by a 4th degree black belt and Certified Instructor that will take you through the requirements necessary to advance belt degrees and become a successful student of your craft. Call Gene Marshner at 941.815.7500 for more information.

Drop-In Laser Tag
2nd Friday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
All ages
$5 per person
On Friday evenings stop by for two hours of continuous laser tag; grab some friends or come by yourself, either way it’s sure to be a blast! Compete in different games, such as capture the flag, last man standing, and more.

Contractual agreements, insurance requirements, and rental fees are required for all activities, programs, and events.
**Summer Camp**
June 3 through Aug. 9, 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.
All lunches included in the price

Discovery - Entering Kindergarten to 2nd grade
- Full session 1 (6 weeks)
  - $50/$95 weekly
- Full session 2 (4 weeks)
  - $340/$95 weekly

Explorer - Entering 3rd to 5th grade
- Full session 1 (6 weeks)
  - $50/$95 weekly
- Full session 2 (4 weeks)
  - $340/$95 weekly

Adventure - Entering 6th to 8th grade
- Full session 1 (6 weeks)
  - $50/$100 weekly
- Full session 2 (4 weeks)
  - $360/$100 weekly

**Young Athletes at Play (YAP)**
Tuesday & Thursday, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Starting June 5
Free, preregistration required
The Young Athletes Program is an innovative sports play program for children ages 2–7 with disabilities and their peers, designed to introduce them to the world of sports. These activities will help children improve physically, cognitively, and socially. The program will consist of activities including foundational skills, walking & running, balance & jumping, trapping & catching, throwing, kicking, striking, and advance skills.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Drop-In Basketball**
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 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.

**Radio Controlled Planes**
Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Starts October 15
$5 drop-in fee
Bring your radio controlled airplanes over and fly them high in the gym.

**Pickleball**
Through May 29
$3 per person, punch passes are also available for $27 or $75
Enjoy playing indoor pickleball. Paddles are available to rent for $1 for the day.

**Monday**
- Skills & Drills - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Beginner/Intermediate - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Intermediate/Advance - 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- Skills & Drills - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Beginner/Intermediate - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Intermediate/Advance - 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**
- Intermediate/Advance - 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- Beginner/Intermediate - 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday**
- Novice League - 9 to 10:45 a.m.
- Instructional - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- All Levels - 1 to 5 p.m.

**Friday**
- Intermediate League - 9 to 10:45 a.m.
- Drills - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Beginner/Intermediate - 1 to 4 p.m.
- Intermediate/Advance - 4 to 7 p.m.

**Saturday**
- Beginner/Intermediate - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Intermediate/Advance - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Subject to change

**Summertime**

**Summer Hours**

**Friday**
- Intermediate/Advance - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday**
- Same as above
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 (16 and up) is $3.00
- Child (ages 2-15) is $2.00

Yearly Passes
- Adult (16 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 (16 and up) is $60 + tax
- Child (ages 2-15) is $35 + tax

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

**Lifeguards Wanted**
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m.
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monthly courses August to May
Ages 15 and older
$200

Students successfully completing will earn national certification.

Please schedule a swim skills test. Courses taught at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool and South County Regional Park Pool. For more information call 941.681.3744. Free training available for Charlotte County residents over the age of 18 who pass the swim test. Pick up a scholarship form at Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool or South County Regional Park Pool to apply.

**Learn to Swim**
Ages 6 months to adult
$45 per session
Tuesday through Friday
Session 3: April 9 to 19
Session 4: April 30 to May 10
Session 5: May 21 to 31
Session 6: June 11 to 21
Session 7: July 9 to 19
Sessions may be added or removed due to inclement weather.

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

American Red Cross
100 Years of Water Safety

Deep Water Aerobics
Tuesday & Thursday, 10:15 to 11 a.m.
September to May
18 and older
$3 per class
Forty-five-minute aquatic fitness workout. Challenge yourself with low impact exercises that are lively and choreographed to your favorite songs. Moving through the water increases intensity with the feeling of weightlessness. You may wear a flotation belt for support or rely on your own strength. A minimum of 3 people is needed for class.

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
Monday 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 four lap lanes are available for swimmers. Kick boards and pull buoys are also available. Yearly passes required for Early Bird lap swim.

Water Aerobics
Monday through Friday, 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.

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.

On-line, You’re First in Line! Register at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.
424 W. Henry Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.833.5460

Library Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday & Monday

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration
Saturday, June 1, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free
Pick up a reading log and join in the summer fun. Our theme this year is “A Universe of Stories.” Each child who joins the summer reading program will get a free book to keep while supplies last.

Saturday Family Game Day
Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
Come alone or with the whole family to play games. We provide the games and puzzles or feel free to bring your own. Enjoy family time and make new friends as well.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Yoga Tots Storytime
Fridays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Free
Come with your toddler and towels or yoga mats to stretch your mind and muscles with a story and fun yoga poses.

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
Free
This program is designed to improve listening and group interaction skills through stories, movement activities, music, and dramatic play. Ages 4–5.

Saturday Family Game Day
Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
See opposite page for description.

PJ Storytime
Thursday, April 4 & Friday, May 3, 5:30 to 6 p.m.
Free, 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.

Family Storytime
Saturdays, 2 to 2:30 p.m.
April 6, 13, 20 & 27; May 4, 11, 18 & 25
Free
Dance, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. For children up to age 5 and their parent or caregiver.

Library Laboratory
Thursday, April 11, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Free, registration required
Join us as we use our imaginations with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. We will make, build, experiment, and create special masterpieces. Children K-5th grade and their caregiver are welcome. Please register through our library calendar.

Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration
Saturday, June 1, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free
See opposite page for description.
Summer Reading - Universe of Stories
Fridays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28; July 12, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Check the library website for weekly activities. Grades K–7.

Moon Landing Anniversary Party
Friday, June 28, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the first manned Moon landing. This children’s activity will teach a brief history of the Space Race with a fun and educational activity.

Back to School Scavenger Hunt
Friday, August 2, 2 p.m.
Free
This program is for students to learn about how the library can help them during the school year. A limited assortment of school supplies will be provided. Grades K–12.

Girls Who Code Club
Monthly meetings starting in Sept.
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.

Filling Out the FAFSA
September 14 at the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Date TBA at the Cooper Street Recreation Center; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
(650 Mary St., Punta Gorda)
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 (FAFSA).

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Saturday Family Game Day
Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
See page 60 for description.

Writers’ Read
Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3
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 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.
April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11
Free
Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care and household pests.
What Are You Reading?
Thursdays, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12
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. This group’s title recommendations and summaries are posted in the library.

Wednesday Movie Matinee
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.
April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18
Free
Check the library calendar for movie titles and themes.

Craft N’ Creations
Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21
Come socialize with other crafters while you work on your current project. Share your favorite craft and learn from other crafters.

4th Thursday Book Club
Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26
Free
Come prepared to join in the discussion of the chosen book.

Café Philo
Fridays, 11:30 a.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. Café Philo is a co-sponsored program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Advice for Your Device
Fridays, by appointment
Free, call to schedule
Do you have a question about one of your electronic devices, including iPhones, iPads, Kindles, Androids, and more? Make an appointment to meet with one of our library technicians to get the help you need. Sessions are 15 minutes long; if you believe you will need more time, let us know and we will book you for multiple sessions in a row.

Chef Warren Caterson presents Spanish Cuisine
Wednesday, May 8, 1 p.m.
Free
Learn to make meals from the various regions of Spain with ingredients you can find in any grocery store.

Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration
Saturday, June 1, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free
See next section for description.

When We Left Earth
Fridays, 4 to 5 p.m.
June 7, 14, 21 & 28; July 5 & 12
Free
Join us as we explore the history of the nation’s Space Program through the Discovery Channel’s program “When We Left Earth.” Each week an episode is watched and discussed. Light refreshments will be provided.
June 7: Ordinary Superman       July 5: The Shuttle
June 28: The Explorers          June 21: Landing the Eagle
June 14: Friends and Rivals     July 12: A Home in Space

Astronomy for Adults
Friday, July 19, 4 to 5 p.m.
Thomas Segur presents an astronomy program for adults. He will be giving two presentations - one on the Solar System and another on either Eclipses, Telescopes, or Meteor Showers - which the audience will be allowed to choose from.

Prehistoric Snowbirds
Friday, August 16, 3 to 4 p.m.
Florida Public Archaeology Network will discuss the prehistory of humans in Florida, and find out just how long folks have been living seasonally in Southwest Florida. This discussion offers an overview of the entire history of humans in Southwest Florida until the Spanish arrived in the 1500s.

Chef Warren Caterson presents New Mexican Cuisine
Wednesday, September 11, 1 p.m.
Free
It may be fast but it isn’t fast food! Find out why new interpretations of traditional Mexican meals can be very different from what we get at the take-out window. It can be fast, but also flavorful and healthy.
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 our website at www.CharlotteHarborECC.com.

4/14  Neil Diamond Tribute Concert
4/16  Quarters for a Cause
4/18-20  Expo Management Spring Home and Garden Show
5/12  Harry Goulding Society Mother’s Day Hibiscus Show and Plant Sale
5/21  Quarters for a Cause
7/13  Charlotte Idol
7/27-29  Fit Nation Thunderdome Cross Fit Competition
8/15  Chef’s Competition Cosponsored by Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce

Follow us on Facebook: Facebook.com/CHEventCenter or visit our website www.CharlotteHarborECC.com
ENGLEWOOD LOCATIONS

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Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park has over 306 acres of land, 50 acres for active use, 120 acres of environmental land, and 36 acres north of the creek. There is more to this park than a swimming pool and basketball courts. It also features a diving well, football fields, tennis courts, a cricket/multipurpose field, a dog park, a skate park, pavilion rentals, restrooms, and nature trails. The Oyster Creek Waterfront Trail connects the Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park with Cedar Point Environmental Park. The trail allows unfettered access to both parks providing trail users the opportunity to experience both parks’ marine life, water fowl, and flora from a unique perspective by allowing them to traverse Oyster Creek under SR 775. The trail can be accessed by either the Oyster Creek Environmental Park or Cedar Point Environmental Park and in part by a grant from the State of Florida Recreation Trails Program.

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!

ENGLEWOOD BEACH AT CHADWICK PARK

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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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

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.

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

BMX Hours (this location only)
BMX days are every Tuesday from 3 to 9 p.m. and the last Sunday of every month from 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.

PAW PARKS

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.

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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!
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 (6) basketball goals, lined for four (4) pickleball courts and two (2) volleyball courts, two (2) 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. Estimated completion date late spring 2019.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Sprouts**
Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
Ages 4–6
A developmental program to introduce the fundamental skills of a sport.

**Rookies**
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Ages 7–10
Sport instruction for the beginner and intermediate level participant.

**Champs**
Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Ages 11–14
Participants will enhance and advance their sport skill.

**Summer Specialty Break Camps**
Monday through Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.
For campers in grades K–5th and 6th–8th
$150/session or $75/weekly
Space is limited, registration required
Not sure what to do with your kids during summer break while you have to work? Don’t worry, we’ve got it covered!
*Parents must provide child a lunch and two (2) snacks each day
Session 1: Discover Science, Nature and Wildlife
June 3 to 14
Session 2: Music, Dance and Drama
June 17 to 28
Session 3: Time Travel and Around the World
July 8 to 19
Session 4: Sports
July 22 to Aug. 2

**Mother’s Day**
Thursday, May 9, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Ages 4–10
$5
Create a gift and card for mom on her special day. Parent/Guardian participation and pre-registration required.

**Father’s Day**
Thursday, June 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Ages 4–10
$5
Create a gift and card for dad on his special day. Parent/Guardian participation and pre-registration required.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Card and Game Club**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Year round
$2 per person
Bring some friends, drink some coffee, and play your choice of Bridge, Pinochle, Cribbage, Euchre, Chess, and Scrabble, etc.
Pickleball
$3 per person
Nets will be provided. Players should be prepared to bring their own paddles and balls.

Monday
Beginner/Intermediate - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Intermediate/Advance - 2 to 5 p.m. — Camp
All Levels - 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday
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Friday
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Saturday
Intermediate/Advance - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
All Levels - 1 to 4 p.m.

Line Dancing
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
$3 drop-in
Come practice your dance moves in a great atmosphere in this drop-in activity.

Walking Fitness
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to 10 a.m.
$2 drop-in
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. Get the benefit of training with a certified, professional trainer in a relaxing and friendly setting.

Abs and Legs
Wednesday & Friday, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
$2 drop-in
Looking to strengthen you legs and core? This class is for you!
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)
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Spring & Summer)

* Pool hours are subject to change.
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**Lap Swim**
Monday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday - 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. *only two lanes after 5:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Spring & Summer)
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*The high school swim team practices from 2:30 p.m. 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**
Tuesday through Friday
Ages 6 months to adult
$45 per session
Call 941.681.3743 for more information.

**Spring/Summer 2019**

| Session 1: March 5 to 15 | Session 2: March 26 to April 5 |
| Session 3: April 16 to 26 | Session 4: May 7 to 17 |
| Session 5: May 28 to June 7 | Session 6: June 18 to 28 |
| Session 7: July 9 to 19 | Session 8: July 30 to Aug. 9 |

**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.

**Charlotte County Swimming Bluefins - Swim Team**
Ages 5 to 18
Tryouts: Tuesday to Friday, 5:30 to 6 p.m.
Charlotte County Swimming is a swim team club that practices year round. For more information on the club, please contact Coach Marcat at marcwdavidson@gmail.com.
Tringali Park Recreation Center & Community Center

3460 N. Access Road, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3742
Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tringali Park Recreation Center includes a small multi-purpose room available to rent, a wood floor gymnasium and is equipped with six basketball goals. The gym is ready to use for indoor pickleball and volleyball. It is home to a variety of athletic leagues and pickup games. Outside the Recreation Center are four lighted tennis courts and a lighted inline hockey/basketball arena. Our treehouse playground supports 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, kitchen, and multi-purpose room. It is home to the Tringali Park Youth Theater Program, Youth Camps, and various other classes. The Community Center is also available to rent; the location is perfect for wedding receptions, parties, 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

Tot Time

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.
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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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June 20, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Free
A nationwide event organized to build awareness about the fundamental importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning & provide kids and parents exposure to life-saving water safety skills. Facilities across the world support the event by teaching participants a half hour swim lesson covering water safety and fundamentals of swimming.

Moonlight Movies

June 8 and July 27
$3
Gates open at 7 p.m., movie starts at sunset
Fun for the whole family! Enjoy watching a movie on a giant screen while swimming in the pool under the stars.

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AQUATICS FOR FITNESS

Water Aerobics
Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 10 a.m., Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m.
18 and over,
$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
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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.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Ballet
Mondays & Thursdays, 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.

Yoga
Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m.
Fees vary
Looking for some tranquility in your life? Yoga might be the activity for you! Enjoy an atmosphere of stress relief, relaxation, and overall health with our instructor Linda Davidson. A floor mat or cover and loose fitting attire are recommended.

Intro to Latin Dance
Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
$20 preregistration is requested
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!

Zumba
Monday, Wednesday and 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!

Walking Fitness
Monday, Wednesday and 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, and strength.

TRINGALI PARK RECREATION CENTER

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 is required. Classes will be held at Tringali Park and various Charlotte County parks.
Basketball: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30
Flag Football: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Tennis: Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 2, 6

Jr. Sports Program
Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$20/first child & $10/each additional child in same family per sport
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 is required. Classes will be held at Tringali Park and various Charlotte County parks.
Basketball: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30
Flag Football: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28
Tennis: Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 16

Summer Camp
Need somewhere for your K–5th grader to be this summer while you work? Our traditional summer camp program offers weekly field trips in addition to weekly visits to the County pools. All field trips and lunch are included in the cost of registration unless noted otherwise. Additional drinks and snacks need to be provided daily. For payment plan options or more information call 941.505.8686.

Session 1  June 3 to July 12  $510 or $95/weekly
Session 2  July 15 to Aug. 9  $340 or $95/weekly

Theater Arts Program
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting Sept. 16
$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. Register online or call.

WEST COUNTY
ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Family Night
Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18
Free
Families are welcome to join us for Family Night in the Meeting Room. Come listen to stories and play together. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 1 and up

A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Kick-Off
Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
Join us as we get the summer off to a fantastic start! The theme for this summer is ‘A Universe of Stories’. We will have lots of special guests and space themed activities. Fun for the whole family with face painting, hot dogs, crafts, and more! Don’t forget to get your Reading Logs. Each child who joins the summer reading program will get a free book to keep while supplies last.

Harry Potter Birthday Party
Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Join us in celebrating the 39th birthday of The Boy Who Lived! Wear your wizarding best for a birthday party of magical proportions! Come be sorted into your Hogwarts House, learn to play Quidditch (no brooms required), enjoy the stories of Beedle the Bard, find fantastic beasts, and feast on magical treats!

Back to School Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, August 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
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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.

Hurricane Preparedness
TBD, TBD
Free
Join Rob Duns, NBC2 Meteorologist, for a discussion about our Florida weather and hurricane preparedness. Learn how hurricanes form, what an average storm season looks like, what storm surge is, why you should evacuate, your zones, seasonal forecasts and preparedness tips.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Family Night
Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18
Free
See opposite page for description.

A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Kick-Off
Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
See opposite page for description.

Summer Reading Program
Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
June 5, 12, 19 & 26; July 10, 17 & 24
Free, registration required
The library is the place to celebrate summer! Following our summer reading theme of ‘A Universe of Stories’ we will share fun stories, crafts, and activities all summer long. In addition to special guests, we will make collectable take home crafts that come together in a most cosmic way by the end of July! You don’t want to miss any of the fun!
Online, You're First in Line! Register at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.

A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Kick-Off
Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free
See page 72 for description.

So You Want to be a YouTuber?
Saturday, June 22, 12 to 2 p.m.
Free
Teens aged 13–19 are invited to join us to learn how to edit video content and potentially become famous on YouTube.

Pyrotechnics
Wednesday, July 3, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Join the Florida Public Archaeology Network for a program about Pyrotechnics. Students learn the properties of fire as they study how the Timucua tribe used fire to solve the problems of daily life. Ages 18 and under.

Anime Afternoon
Every Saturday, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Free
Teens ages 13–19 are invited to join us for some fun with Anime and Manga. Hang out with other teens and read comics, graphic novels, watch some anime movies, and have light snacks.

ENGLEWOOD CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check the library calendar for specific performers or crafts.

Beach Storytime
Thursdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
June 6 & 20; July 11 & 25; Aug. 8
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.

Kids Cooking Classes
Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m.
June 13 & July 18
Free, registration required
School age children and their families are invited to join Chef Warren Caterson for a fun filled kids cooking class. The Chef demonstrates some basic cooking techniques and simple recipes that kids love. Limited to 20 participants. Grades K–12. Please register using the online library calendar.

Pyrotechnics
Wednesday, July 3, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
See opposite page for description.

Drop In Story Time
Fridays, 11 a.m.
Free
Join us for stories and fingerplays in the Meeting Room. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 1–8.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Tech Time
Saturdays, 12 to 2 p.m.
April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14
Free
Teens ages 13–19 are invited to join us as we try out some amazing electronics. Curious as to how 3D printers work? Always wanted to make a GoPro movie? Just want to game? Join us!

Game Night
Fridays, 12 to 2 p.m.
April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 27
Free
Ages 16 and up. Come hang out at the library and play a board game with some friends. We have Catan, Dungeons & Dragons, Sorry, Scatagories, The Hunger Games and more. Light snacks will be served.

Archives Series
Saturdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
April 6 & May 4
Free
Join us for these programs to introduce you to the Englewood Archives. April 6 - Caring for Family Photos and Documents: Learn how to take care of your precious memories and rare personal documents. May 4 - Scanning 101 for Archives: Scanning your historic photos and documents for various uses.

Fiction Writers Group
Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25; June 8 & 22; July 13 & 27; Aug. 10 & 24; Sept. 14 & 28
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.
Book Discussion
3rd 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.
April 17  Still Me by Jojo Moyes
May 15  Force of Nature by Jane Harper
June 19  Heart Berries by Terese Marie Mailhot
July 17  God Save Texas: A Journey into the Soul of the Lone Star State by Lawrence Wright
August 21  The Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalian
September 18  The Elizas by Sara Shepard

Advice for your Device
Every Tuesday, 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.

Summer Cooking Demonstration
Thursday, June 13, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free
Join Chef Warren Caterson for a presentation about cooking some fun summer recipes. Chef Caterson tells interesting cooking stories before ending the presentation with a demonstration of a simple and quick recipe.

Sewing for Beginners
TBD
Free, registration required
Learn the basics of sewing from a professional seamstress, Linda Lee of ‘Sewing by Linda Lee’. Linda goes through the basics of sewing and shows you how to use our new sewing machines so you can come in and start a project of your own. Limited to the first 15 participants. Please register using the online library calendar.

Shelling in the Summer
TBD
Free
Join volunteers from the Englewood Shell Club for an interesting discussion about the shells you can find on our area beaches. Learn how to identify the different types of shells and how to make simple shell crafts.

SHINE Medicare Counseling
Tuesdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment
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 Help Line to schedule an appointment at 1.866.413.5337.

Café Philo
Every 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.

Knitting & Crocheting Group
Every Tuesday, 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.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free
Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners can answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care, and household pests.
Choices and Chances Film
Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m.
Mid-County Regional Library
Free
Choices and Chances is a local film shot entirely in Charlotte County, Florida. This unique film is a joint production of Charlotte County Fire/EMS in partnership with CC-TV, Charlotte County Public Schools, Fawcett Memorial Hospital, and the Other West Coast Productions. Watch a screening of the film and meet the director and various cast members.

StoryWalk® @ the Charlotte Sports Park
April 29 through May 5
Charlotte Sports Park
Free
All ages are invited to enjoy Charlotte County Community Services first StoryWalk®. Walk around the ballpark at Charlotte Sports Park and enjoy Over in a River — Flowing Out to the Sea by Marianne Berkes, illustrated by Jill Dubin. StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children (and adults) to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll along the stands, you're directed to engage in the story with provided activities and guided to the next page of the book. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Summer Reading Kickoff Celebrations
Friday, May 31, 3 to 5:30 p.m. – Port Charlotte Public Library
Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Englewood Charlotte Public Library
Saturday, June 1, 2 to 4 p.m. – Punta Gorda Public Library
Monday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Mid-County Regional Library
Pick up a reading log and join in the fun! “A Universe of Stories” is our theme for the summer, so get ready for an out-of-this-world good time with family friendly performances and activities! Each child who joins the summer reading program will get a free book to keep while supplies last. All ages.

Harry Potter Birthday Party
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Englewood Charlotte Public Library
Free
Join us in celebrating the 39th birthday of The Boy Who Lived! Wear your wizarding best for a birthday party of magical proportions! Come be sorted into your Hogwarts House, learn simple spells, create your custom wand, take a Potions class, learn to play Quidditch (no brooms required), enjoy the stories of Beedle the Bard, find fantastic beasts, and feast on magical treats!

Back to School Scavenger Hunts
Saturday, Aug. 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Englewood Charlotte Public Library
Friday, Aug. 2, 2 p.m. - Punta Gorda Public Library
Thursday, Aug. 8, 5 to 6 p.m. - Mid-County Regional Library
Saturday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Port Charlotte Public Library
Free
This program is for students to learn about how the library can help them during the school year. A limited assortment of school supplies will be provided. Grades K–12.

Trip to the Trop
Tuesday, Sept. 24
Charlotte Sports Park
Take a bus trip to Tropicana Field to watch the Rays play the Yankees. For more information call 941.235.5010.
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55th Annual
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 2019
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

North Charlotte Regional Park, 1185 O'Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33953

- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting
- Music
- Laser Tag
- Games
- Food

- Vendor Booths
- Raffles
- Meet the
- Easter Bunny
- And more!

Come and join the Easter Bunny as we celebrate Charlotte County’s 55th production of this great event! Children 12 and under are welcome to participate. There will be games, bounce houses, crafts, face painting, laser tag, music, prizes and one of the largest egg hunts in Charlotte County. Don’t forget to bring your Easter basket! This event is free for all!
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SUMMER CAMP

EMPLOYMENT

OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals can apply to work the following sessions:
(End dates of second session flexible for education staff)

WHOLE SUMMER  6/3 - 8/9
FIRST SESSION   6/3 - 7/12
SECOND SESSION  7/15 - 8/9

Positions available: Camp Counselor and Camp Supervisor
in Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte, and Englewood

Charlotte County Community Services is looking for mature, responsible, and
dedicated employees to help make our camp program a success. Camp Counselors
and Camp Supervisors work directly with the summer camp program and is hands-
on with the campers. If this sounds like the job for you, then visit our Employment
Opportunities page at CharlotteCountyFL.gov. All applicants must be a minimum of
16 years of age and willing to commit to 40 hours a week.

APPLY ONLINE!

Whole Summer  6/3 - 8/9
First Session   6/3 - 7/12
Second Session  7/15 - 8/9

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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

- **6 Months**: Effective for 6 months from the month of purchase with a cost of: $35.00 (plus $2.45 tax) = $37.45

- **3 Months**: Effective for 3 months from the month of purchase with a cost of: $25.00 (plus $1.75 tax) = $26.75

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.

Possession of a parking pass does not insure the availability of a parking space.

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 12p.m. – 4p.m.)

- **Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Pool**
  - 7001 San Casa Dr., Englewood (Closed Mondays)
- **Harold Avenue Regional Park**
  - 23400 Harold Ave., Port Charlotte
- **South County Regional Park**
  - 670 Cooper St., Punta Gorda
- **Tringali Park**
  - 3460 N. Access Rd., Englewood

Please make checks payable to: **Board of County Commissioners**
Mail to: **Community Services Department – Administrative Services – 2300 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33948**
(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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**Parking Pass Application**

**NAME:**
**ADDRESS:**
**CITY:**
**STATE:**
**ZIP CODE:**
**PHONE:**

**LICENSE PLATE (State/Number):**

**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:**

- [ ] VISA
- [ ] MASTERCARD

**CARD NO:**
**Exp:**

**Verification Code (3 numbers on back of card):**

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Try out the new Passport to Community Services, aka Recreation Passport. The Recreation Passport allows you to use a single card for entry to pools, gyms, and other programs run by Charlotte County Community Services. For more information, visit your local recreation center or pool and ask about the Recreation Passport.
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