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HERE'S WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST WEEK AND WHAT'S TO COME!

Living in Punta Gorda means knowing how quickly hurricane season can change a sunny day into an emergency situation. The best protection for your family, pets, and property is to plan ahead—long before a storm is named or makes its way into the forecast. Taking proactive steps to secure your home and build a comprehensive hurricane kit can make all the difference in keeping you safe during and after a hurricane.

One of the first things homeowners should do is conduct a thorough inspection of their property. Trim trees and remove weak branches that could become dangerous projectiles in high winds. Check your roof for loose shingles, secure gutters and downspouts, and seal any gaps or cracks around windows and doors. Reinforce your garage door, which is often one of the most vulnerable points of entry for wind damage. If you live in a flood-prone area, consider installing flood barriers or sandbags to help keep water out. Options range from reusable, water-filled dams to metal or plastic shield systems that can be placed at doorways and garage openings. These barriers can significantly reduce the risk of water intrusion and costly flood damage. For added protection, ensure that landscaping is graded away from your home

Permanent or temporary hurricane shutters are an excellent investment for windows and glass doors. If shutters aren't available, pre-cut plywood can serve as a strong backup to board up openings. It's also wise to bring patio furniture, grills, planters, and any loose outdoor items inside or securely anchor them so they won't become airborne during a storm.

Inside your home, safeguard important documents such as identification papers, insurance policies, and medical records by storing them in a waterproof, fireproof container. Additionally, take photographs or videos of your property and valuables for insurance purposes should you need to file a claim later.

Equally important as securing your home is preparing a well-stocked hurricane kit. This kit should contain essential supplies to help you and your family remain self-sufficient for at least 72 hours if utilities and emergency services are disrupted.

Start with enough drinking water—one gallon per person per day. Non-perishable food items such as canned goods, peanut butter, protein bars, and ready-to-eat meals are critical. Don't forget a manual can opener. A first-aid kit with bandages, antiseptic, and necessary medications (including prescription refills) should also be included.

Other must-have items are a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlights with extra batteries, and a fully charged portable phone charger. Sanitation supplies such as moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties help maintain hygiene during power outages. Include basic tools, duct tape, and plastic sheeting to make emergency repairs if needed.

For households with infants, elderly members, or pets, plan accordingly by adding baby formula, diapers, pet food, and extra water. Keep a set of spare clothes, sturdy shoes, and blankets or sleeping bags for each person. Cash in small bills is also recommended, as ATMs and credit card systems may be unavailable following a storm.

Finally, review your evacuation plan with your family well in advance. Know your designated shelter locations, routes out of your neighborhood, and communicate with neighbors who may need assistance.

Hurricanes can be unpredictable, but preparation is your strongest defense. By securing your home and assembling a reliable hurricane kit now, you'll face the season with confidence and peace of mind, knowing you've taken essential steps to protect what matters most. For additional information, please contact *City Manager Melissa Reichert* at citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com or by calling (941) 575-3302

Dev. Missy



Lawn Watering Schedule Table Attention Punta Gorda Residents!

Beginning August 4, 2025, twice a week irrigation returns to the City of Punta Gorda. Twice-per-week watering allows customers additional flexibility for determining when to water. Residents are encouraged to water only if their lawn and landscape needs it and to turn off irrigation systems when rain is forecast. Some of the signs that a lawn needs water include a blue-gray appearance, blades folded in half lengthwise and footprints remaining on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

Lawn Watering & Micro Irrigation of Plant

Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and any time. Lawn watering is limited to no more than twice per week.

ADDRESSES ENDING WITH:	MAY WATER ON:	MORNING HOURS:	OR	EVENING HOURS:
0 OR 1	MON & THURS	12:01 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.	OR	4:01 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
2 OR 3	TUES & FRI	12:01 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.	OR	4:01 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
4 OR 5	WED & SAT	12:01 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.	OR	4:01 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
6 OR 7	THURS & SUN	12:01 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.	OR	4:01 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
8 OR 9	FRI & TUES	12:01 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.	OR	4:01 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
LETTER OR NO ADDRESS	FRI & TUES	12:01 a.m. – 9:59 a.m.	OR	4:01 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.



The City of Punta Gorda offers a very generous benefit package to include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and an employee pension plan. If you are interested in a position listed below, submit an application on the Employment Opportunities | City of Punta Gorda, FL (punta-gorda.fl.us)

- Controller, Finance
- Treatment Plant Operator A – Water Treatment Plant
- Engineering Design Analyst
- Firefighter/EMT
- Right of Way Maintenance Worker I – Public Works

Upcoming Employment Testing

Internship Program—The police department is currently accepting internship applications for the Fall 2025 semester. Our program is open to college students and high school seniors interested in gaining educational experience in law enforcement, criminal justice, and small government administration. Spots fill up quickly, and the selection process can be competitive; therefore, we encourage potential interns to apply as soon as possible.

To apply for employment or more information, please visit www.pgpdjobs.com or contact our Employee Development Coordinator at (941) 575-5571 or by email at employeedevelopment@pgorda.us.



DISTRICT ONE DISTRICTWIDE ROADWATCH REPORT #32 FOR WEEK August 3 - August 9, 2025 District One is twelve counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, and Sarasota Click on the link below for updates from FDOT road watch. [fdot-district-one-roadwatch.pdf](https://www.fdot.com/district-one-roadwatch.pdf)



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY



As we progress through towards the end of summer, remember that schools are starting back up in the next couple of weeks. Please watch out for our children. In the early morning hours, children can be waiting at bus stops, riding bikes, or walking to school. We consider all residents of Punta Gorda our priority, we especially want to watch out for our children.

1. Be alert in our communities for bus stops and children
2. Drive carefully and follow posted speed limits
3. Expect delays through school zones
4. If walking or biking, try to wear bright or reflective clothing
5. Watch out for and follow instructions of Crossing Guards

And above all, Be Safe.

BACK to SCHOOL
Be SAFE Be SMART

- Watch for school zones
- Put your phone away – don't get distracted
- Drop off and pick up in designated areas
- Carpool so there are less vehicles on the road
- Watch for children around parked cars
- Stop for buses loading or unloading students
- Watch for warning signs and signals

For more Back to School Safety Tips go to:
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/back-school-safety>

City Maintenance Updates

City Seawall Maintenance Program – Construction staging sites at one location have opened, and letters have been mailed to one homeowner regarding upcoming construction.

Canal Maintenance Seawall Failure Update – Construction schedules for the next six months have been updated and posted on the Canal Maintenance website. 23 projects are under construction in Punta Gorda Isles, and 192 projects have been completed. The city's in-house program has one site under construction and one completed in PGI. All seawall projects in Burnt Store Isles have been completed. Hurricane Ian Related Seawall Failures | [Hurricane Ian Related Seawall Failures](#) | [City of Punta Gorda, FL \(punta-gorda.fl.us\)](#)



Storm & Recovery

Beware of Solicitors - Soliciting is prohibited in the residential areas of the city. If you are approached by a solicitor, please contact the Code Compliance Division at (941)575-3352 during business hours or the non-emergency Police line at (941)639-4111.

Dock Match Program — The Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor Boaters Alliance has launched a program that helps connect boat owners in need of temporary docking with others who have available dock space. To learn more or participate, visit the Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance website at boat2puntagorda.org and click on the Dock Match button.

Unlicensed Contracting — Unlicensed contracting is a felony of the third degree per State law. Protect yourself and contact the City's Building Department at (941)575-3324 to verify a contractor is registered with the City before entering a contract for repair work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St. For additional information, visit <https://www.charlotteharborecc.com/events>

Fishermen's Village events can be accessed at <https://www.fishville.com/events/>

Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at <https://puntagordachamber.com/calendar-events/>

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce events can be accessed at <https://business.charlottecountychamber.org/events/calendar>

Military Heritage Museum events can be accessed at Upcoming Events – Military Heritage Museum

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve Street; for all community events and class information, visit <https://pgica.org/>.

The Visual Arts Center events can be accessed at Welcome to the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda, FL (visualartcenter.org)



— THE 1ST INAUGURAL —
WALK-A-THON
Honor Their Strength — Step By Step
 Join us for a community walk-a-thon to support and celebrate our military veterans! Walk with purpose, raise mental health awareness, and show your appreciation for those who served.

📍 Port Charlotte Town Center
 📅 Date: August 2 9am-12pm
 🗺️ Indoor Walking Route | Veteran Resource Booths
 🎵 Live Music | Face Painting

Proceeds support Chapter 82 Disabled American Veterans
 Open to all ages and fitness levels – walk a little or walk a lot!

REGISTER NOW! \$20 for participants
 Ages 0-5 FREE

SAVE THE DATE
 SECOND ANNUAL
NEIGHBORHOOD FALL FESTIVAL

FAMILY GAMES | TRICK OR TREATING
 COSTUME CONTEST

OCTOBER 25, 2025
 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 PUNTA GORDA CHARLOTTE LIBRARY
 401 SHREVE STREET

JOIN US AS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COME TO LIFE!
 PRESENTED BY:

SAVE THE DATES - EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

August

August 2
8 am - 1 pm Farmers
Market Downtown
Punta Gorda Every
Saturday



August 25
Pre-Agenda
Council Meeting
Laishley
Community Room
9 am - 10 am

August 2
WALK-A-THON
9 am - 11:30 am
Port Charlotte Town
Center Register @
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-inaugural-walk-a-thon-dav-robert-l-cochran-jr-ch-82-tickets-1364830066469?aff=oddtcreator>

August 5
5:30 pm - 7 pm
Punta Gorda
Fire Department
Family & Friends
CPR program
401 Shreve Street
Register at
<https://charlottecountyfl.libcal.com/event/14764360>

August 27
9 am - 12 pm
Council Meeting
Laishley Community
Room

August 2
11 am
Caribbean Festival
Laishley Park
Punta Gorda

August 18
Pre-Agenda
Council Meeting
Laishley
Community Room
9 am - 10 am

SPONSORED BY THE CELTIC RAY
AND THE PGI CAR CLUB
PARK IN THE EMPTY LOT ACCROSS
NESBIT FROM THE RAY

CELTIC RAY CAR
SHOW
2ND THURSDAY EVERY
MONTH-2-5PM
ALL MAKES AND MODELS

August 20
Council Meeting
9 am - 12 pm
Laishley Community
Room

Billing & Collection Department

Notice: Temporary Issue with Online Portal Access

We are currently experiencing a technical issue where verification emails are not being received by users trying to access many of our online portals. As a result, customers may be unable to log in and use our online services at this time. This issue is affecting business tax receipts, code compliance, building and utility billing. We are actively working with our vendor to resolve the problem as quickly as possible, and we appreciate your patience.



Utility Billing accounts are maintained in the name(s) of the property owner(s) only. Bills may be mailed in care of a third party, such as a tenant, provided a written, signed request is submitted by the property owner.

It is the responsibility of the property owner(s) to keep a current mailing address and telephone number on file with the Billing and Collections division and provide written notice within twenty-four (24) hours of changes in property ownership from both the seller and buyer.

Written notice of all changes to account information can be submitted by the property owner to:

- Email to pgcollections@pgorda.us,
- By mail to the Harvey Street address, 126 Harvey Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
- In person at the Billing and Collections office, located at 126 Harvey Street, Punta Gorda, Florida

Billing and Payment Information

Bills are produced monthly for all residential and non-residential uses, whether occupied or vacant. Failure to receive the bill does not exclude the account from penalty charges. Monthly charges include, but are not limited to, the monthly rates for water, wastewater and refuse service, depending upon the number of City services available. If any charge remains unpaid for forty (40) days, the account shall be subject to immediate service disconnection, additional service fees, penalties and lien assessment.



Payment options

- Autopay - sign up using the enrollment form on the back of your statement.
- By phone 1-844-795-7984 (service fee of \$2.55/transaction)
- On our website <https://punta-gov.asp.gov/Click2GovCX/index.html> (service fee of \$2.55/transaction)
- By mail to City of Punta Gorda 126 Harvey St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
- In person at 126 Harvey St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
- Drop-boxes
- In the parking lot behind our building (accessible 24 hours)
- In the lobby on the ground level at 126 Harvey St (only accessible during business hours)

ALL payments received in our office AFTER 2:30 PM of the DUE DATE printed on your statement will be posted **THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS DAY**.

City Clerk

2025 Vote-by-mail Ballot Requests

All requests to receive vote-by-mail ballots on file with the Supervisor of Elections Office expired at the end of the 2024 calendar year in accordance with Florida Statutes. In order to renew your request to vote by mail, contact the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections Office at (941)833-5400, visit her office at 226 Taylor Street, or [visit her website](#).

Signature Update – Did you know your signature can change significantly over the years? Stop by the Supervisor of Elections' Office (226 Taylor Street, Unit 120, Punta Gorda, FL 33950) to update your signature.

Current Board and Committee Vacancies – If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please visit our online portal to [complete an online application](#). Unless otherwise noted, all boards meet in Council Chambers, which is currently located at the Lashley Community Room, 120 Lashley Court. The following boards have current vacancies:

- **Building Board** (one alternate and one contractor) – Meets the fourth Tuesday at 9 a.m. Board of seven members with two alternates; four members must be involved with building industry and three members must never have been involved in the building industry. City residency not required. Term period is three years with a limit of three terms. Financial disclosure required. Reviews enforcement of all codes related to construction standards and acts as condemnation board in matters of violation of minimum standards. Hears alleged complaints against contractors.

Code Enforcement Board (one regular and two alternate) – Meets the fourth Wednesday at 9 a.m. Board of seven members with two alternates; a background in architecture, business, engineering, contracting, or realty is preferred but not required. City residency required. Term period is three years with a limit of three terms. Financial disclosure required. Hears and decides alleged violations of the City Code of Ordinances, requests for fine reductions, and contests of revocation of lot mowing exemptions.

General Employees' Pension Board (one regular) – Meets quarterly and as called. Board of five members; two City residents at-large, two pension plan members, and one board-appointed member. Term period is four years with no term limit. Financial disclosure required.

New Businesses – Are you thinking of opening a business in the City? You can learn more about filing for a City business tax receipt [on our website](#). Still have questions? Contact the City Clerk's Office via email businesstax@cityofpuntafordafl.com or call us at (941)575-3369. As part of our effort to promote economic development and vitality in our area, we offer the following list of new or transferred business within our community this week:

- C&B Performance LLC, 1613 Steadley Avenue
- RFK – Real Food Knowledge, 6210 Scott Street, Units 107 and 108
- Vacation Rental – La Casa Concha in Punta Gorda, 1111 La Salina Court
- Vacation Rental – Tram Le, 341 Segovia Drive
- Best Care Senior Living at Punta Gorda, 2259 Shreve Street

Utilities

Leaks

If you notice a water or sewer leak outside of normal business hours please call the after-hours number (941) 575-5070 or the Water Treatment Plant at (941) 639-2057.

Per Florida Statutes, irrigation is prohibited daily between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.- 40 D - 22 . 2 0 1 (3) F . A . C .

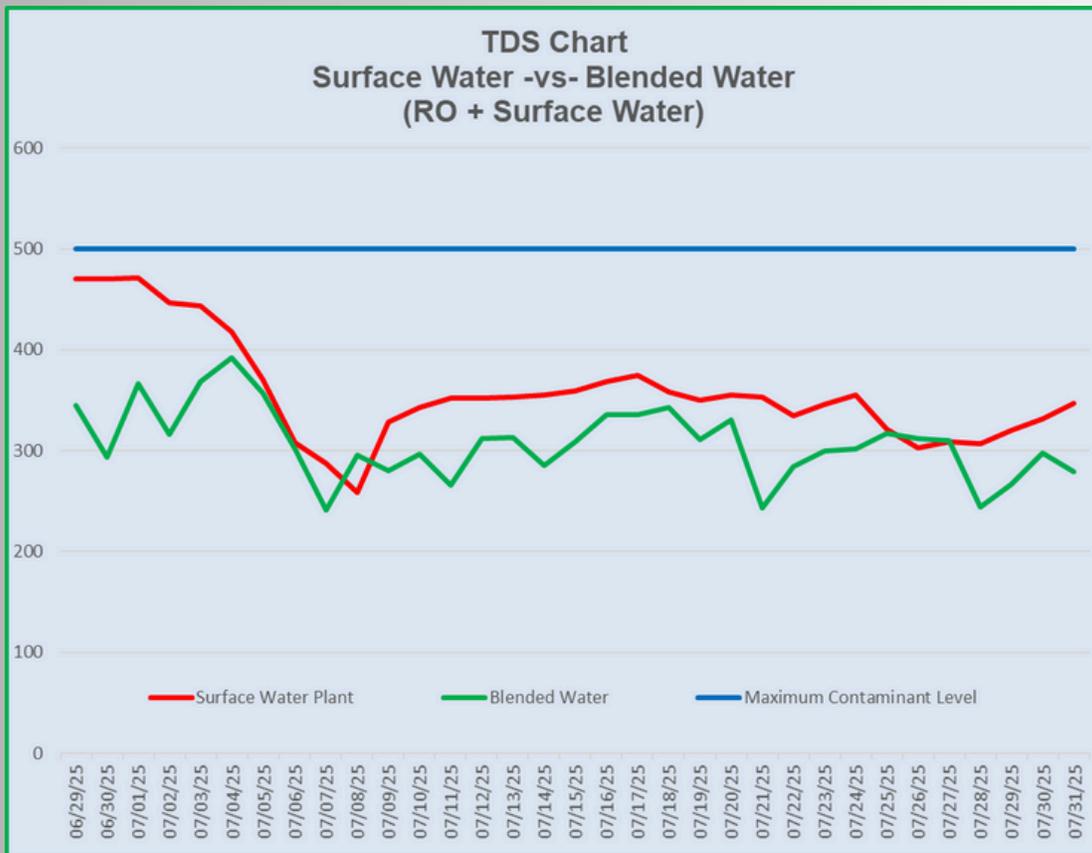
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New Lawns - New lawns may be watered for the first 30 days following installation on any day.

Water Meters:

Our crews are out reading water meters, and we need your help! Please make sure your meter box is not blocked by plants, rocks, decor, vehicles, or anything else. Clear access is essential for safe and accurate readings. Notices will be issued where meters are obstructed—thank you for your cooperation!

Water Treatment Plant



Plant Operations

- 50.8 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system during the last 7 days.
- 7.3 MG for a daily average

Total Hardness/Grains of Hardness

Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. At the current level the City’s water is considered “Hard”.

Peace River Authority Emergency

Interconnect

Current Condition

- 700 gpm from the new Interconnect (Phase 1 Pipeline)
- 1740 gpm to the tank on 17 (Phase 1A Pipeline)

Rain

- July 2024 – 4.21”
- July 2025 - 7.69”

Current Condition

- 5 Grains of hardness
- 92 PPM Total hardness
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TDS Information

- Current - July 31 – 279 ppm
 - Low - July 31 – 215 ppm
 - High - July 31 – 598 ppm
- 15 Year Average - July 31 – 368 ppm

Reservoir Information

Current Level - July 31 – 5.70'	Record High - July 31 – 6.62'
Record Low - July 31 – 4.96 '	59 Year Average July 31- 5.49'

Maintenance: Team members continue to mow and trim the plant and remote station grounds.

Staff hauled and injected 63,000 gallons of Bio solids to field 2 this week.

A small maintenance crew drained and rinsed out the south storage tank at the Booster Pumping Facility. After letting the tank air out overnight the crew tested the interior of the tank for air quality and safety. After getting adequate air readings one staff member entered the tank to perform a cleaning. After cleaning, the tank was left empty and opened to allow a construction crew to enter the tank to make needed repairs.

Operations: The average daily flow for the past week was 3.04 million gallons for a total of 21.25 million gallons of wastewater being treated this week.

Rain totals Plant = 0.30

URBAN DESIGN

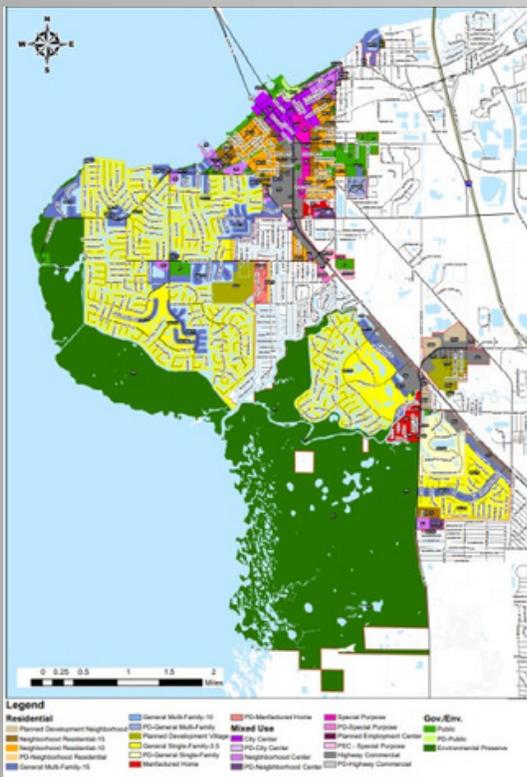
What Is Zoning, Really?

Zoning is how cities organize land use – it helps decide what types of buildings and activities go where. It's what keeps factories away from neighborhoods, guides where new development can happen, and helps maintain the character of different areas.

Zoning has been around for over a century and continues to shape how communities grow. Punta Gorda uses zoning to manage land use in a way that supports both residents and future planning goals.

Take a look: Here's a quick peek at Punta Gorda's current zoning map to see how everything fits together.

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA ZONING MAP



Keeping It Tidy: Vegetation & Overgrowth

With vegetation growing fast this time of year, keeping yards maintained is more important than ever. Punta Gorda's property maintenance code requires grass and weeds to stay under 12 inches to help prevent safety hazards and pest problems. Overgrowth can block visibility near sidewalks and roads and take away from the look of a neighborhood. A quick trim goes a long way in keeping our community clean, safe, and looking its best!



Welcome to Planning Corner's New Monthly Planting Guide!

Each month, we'll bring you a simple guide to help you decide what to plant and what to expect from your garden. Plant growth varies by season, climate, and timing, so following a month-by-month plan can make a big difference in your success.

August Planting Guide

August is a transitional month, with summer crops still thriving and fall planting just around the corner. If you're looking to keep your garden productive, now is a great time to plant:

- Vegetables: Eggplant, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and peppers can still go in the ground, especially in warmer climates.
 - Eggplant and tomatoes thrive in warm soil, so make sure the ground is still consistently above 70°F. Plant in full sun and give them plenty of water.
 - Sweet potatoes need loose, well-drained soil—try raised beds or mounded rows.
 - Peppers benefit from mulch and regular watering to maintain even moisture. Space them about 18 inches apart.
- Flowers: Marigolds and zinnias are excellent choices for late summer.
 - Start from seed or transplant seedlings. Both love full sun and are drought-tolerant once established.
 - Deadhead blooms regularly to keep flowers coming through the season.

Prepare for Fall

Now is also the time to start seeds indoors or in a shaded outdoor spot for cool-season crops like broccoli, cauliflower, and kale. These can be transplanted in early fall for a productive autumn harvest. Keep the soil moist and cool during germination, and use shade cloth if temperatures are extreme.

Stay tuned each month for more planting tips to keep your garden growing strong!

Lot Mowing Program — The lot mowing cycle is currently under way and is scheduled to be completed August 4.

Public Works

Administrative Office – As a reminder:

Residents may report a problem using any of the following methods:

- Online: Report a Problem | City of Punta Gorda, FL
- Email: pubworks@pgorda.us
- Phone: 941-575-5050

All report contacts are responded to the same day.

Canal Maintenance — Canal Maintenance crews produced 60 seawall panels.

Dockside Dredging – Property owners included on the Hurricane Ian Seawall Damage list are not permitted to conduct dockside dredging next to the damaged seawall until repairs are completed. Dredging in these areas could lead to further structural damage

Establishing sod after seawall replacement
Laying sod marks the final phase of seawall replacement construction. According to the City ordinance, property owners are responsible for maintaining and establishing the sod once it has been installed. The City will not reimburse water costs incurred during this process.

Seawall Canal Assessment — The City Seawall Program has awarded a construction extension contract for Marine Construction Group. Work will begin in May.

Stabilizing Erosion — This is a friendly reminder for property owners to routinely inspect the condition of any tarps or plastic covering eroded areas. Over time, exposure to sunlight can cause these materials to become brittle and break down. Using plastic during rain events can help protect the soil and minimize further erosion.

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Vessel Speeds — Canal Maintenance is asking people to be mindful of the current situation in the canals with damaged seawalls. The city code states that vessels in the canals shall be slow at speed with minimum wake in the waterways within the city limits. The speed and operation in the Ponce Inlet, Pompano Inlet, Bass, and Snook Inlets are Idle Speed and No Wake. Wakes from watercraft can cause additional erosion and damage to seawalls already compromised.

Engineering

Swale Program — The contractor has completed re-grading Andora Drive., Madrid Boulevard, Monaco/Tripoli, Royal Poinciana, East Cashew, Rio Tiber, and San Mateo. The contractor has begun re-grading the swales on Almar Drive. Please be aware of the equipment and personnel that will be present working in the right-of-way. Please pay attention to all regulatory signage and flagging operations. The next location will be on Flora.

- **City Council Chambers:** The contractor has finished the mold remediation inside the council chambers.
- **City Hall Building:** The roofing contractor will be submitting the permit application this week into the building department for review to remove/replace the roof on the entire City Hall.

Parks and Grounds

- Completed repainting and mulching beds at the Marriage Point area at Laishley Park
- Crews completed the second shade structure at Hounds on Henry and are ready for use
- Crews worked alongside Right of Way crews to replace Hurricane anchors for the surge panels at Herald Court Parking Garage
- The department received the delivery of the Tiger Dams this week. Crews will be working with 311 Locates in preparation for the anchor install

Right of Way

- Crews replaced the sidewalk over by Fisherman's Village, also by Henry Street and Olympia Avenue.
- The Vactor crew cleared drainage pipes along Almar Drive and other locations.
- Crews are preparing the parking garage for the next storm event.
- Mowing crew mowed from Marion Ave to Nesbit and other locations.
- Pot hole crew repaired 2 pot holes.
- Sign replacement and repairs continue at several locations. Crews are replacing signs as we receive them from the County. To date, crews have replaced 214 street signs and 22 Poles. Over 382 poles have been straightened since Hurricane Milton.
- The sod on Padre Island Drive has been replaced.
- Crews completed pipe repairs on Bal Harbor Boulevard near Aquí Esta.

Sanitation

- Collection Information – City of Punta Gorda – Waste Management Guidelines

Yard Waste

- Limit: 3 cans or bags per week
- Cans not provided by the City – purchase your own with:
 - Lid
 - Wheels
 - Metal bar across the front

Vacant Lots

- Not eligible for trash or yard waste services
- Do not place debris on vacant lots – it's considered trespassing and will not be collected

Tree Removal / Lot Clearing

- Not part of regular service
- Permit required for tree removal:
 - Contact Urban Design at (941) 575-3372 or

Tree Removal Permit Request

- Tree removal company is responsible for debris removal - The Responsibility of the tree removal company and the property owner.
- The City does not collect:
 - Whole tree remains
 - Lot clearing debris

Unacceptable Yard Waste Materials

- Tree removal/lot clearing debris: Wood, dirt, rocks, pavers
- Cement edging, mulch, sod

Household Items

- Limit: 1–2 pieces per collection
- Examples: couch, end table, dresser, kitchen table, mattress
- Glass inserts must be wrapped with tape to protect collection crews
- Sanitation crews do not collect whole-house cleanouts

Remodeling/Home Repair materials – Construction debris

- Our sanitation crew does not collect construction debris such as: concrete, PVC, drywall, flooring, plywood/wood, or metal studs, windows, roofing materials, fencing, etc.

Boxes

- New residents: Contact the City for large box pickup
- Special arrangement made with Waste Management on your regular recycling day

Appliances

- Collected on Fridays and Saturdays
- Schedule by Noon on Thursday by contacting the Public Works department at 941-575-5050 or by email: pubworks@pgorda.us



Police Department

**Chief Pam Smith
Speaks at FDLE Groundbreaking**

On Thursday, Chief Smith attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) new Fort Myers Regional Operations Center. The ceremony brought together state and local leaders, public safety partners, and community stakeholders as they celebrated the next chapter of FDLE's presence in Southwest Florida. The event highlighted FDLE's commitment to building a modern, mission-ready facility to better serve the residents and visitors of the 10 counties covered by FDLE's Fort Myers office. The new building is expected to be completed just over one year from this groundbreaking ceremony.





Fire Department

This week the Punta Gorda Fire Department conducted training focusing on a firefighter medical emergency, after being removed from a Hazardous environment, such as a structure fire. Personnel practiced how to begin CPR while removing Firefighter Protective gear. FTO Felico and FTO Mcleod demonstrated a technique that removes the air-pack, Fire Jacket and Pants all in one motion in less than 10 seconds. C-Shift Battalion Chief Klages also used this training to review and practice rope techniques to properly secure a victim to the Ladder Truck stokes basket and safely guide them down the aerial ladder to the ground. This is a critical technique that is rarely required, but if a victim or firefighter was found to be severely injured on a roof, it is an efficient and safe manner to lower them down for medical assistance.



Thank you for reading!