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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT APRIL 3, 2020

City Manager

- **Sales Tax** – City Council determined the City of Punta Gorda slate of Sales Tax Projects for the cycle starting in 2021, if favorably voted on by Charlotte County residents in Nov. 2020.

1% SALES TAX FUND - SALES TAX COMMITTEE UPDATE 04-01-2020
1% Sales Tax Infrastructure Projects
 (All figures in thousands of dollars)

SOURCE OF FUNDING UNIDENTIFIED PROJECT IDENTIFICATION	PROPOSED 1% SALES TAX Tier 1	Tier 2
Public Safety		
Expansion of Public Safety Building	4,432	159
Historic District Infrastructure	1,038	1,250
Henry Street Crosswalk	249	
Henry Street Sidewalk	156	
Shreve Street Complete Street Improvements	130	
Sidewalk Connections W Marion: Bal Harbor to Shreve St		345
Complete Street Improvements - Cooper Street		991
Complete Street - US 17 Improvements	519	
ADA Improvements - Citywide	779	
Public Safety and Water Quality		
Drainage Improvements - Boca Grande Area	2,076	900
Preservation of Infrastructure		
Historic City Hall Preservation	2,953	655
Freeman House Preservation	208	
Bayfront Activity Center	343	
Quality of Life		
Henry St Property Improvements & Connecting Points of Interest	1,817	1,000
Totals	14,700	5,300

- **FY 2021 Budget** – The community conversation aimed to garner input into development of FY 2021 budget priorities scheduled for Apr. 7 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 social distancing and meeting protocols. However, the City is still seeking public input into budget priorities. Please email your suggestions to citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com through the month of Apr. Staff is planning to present a budget update at a City Council meeting in May.
- **Development Impact Fees** – City Council approved a 60-day grace period for payment of the new rate structure for public safety, parks and mobility impact fees that is to take effect May 20, 2020. Fees can be paid anytime within that timeframe related to issuance of new construction building permits.

- **Additional Park Usage Guidance** – The City of Punta Gorda parks are not available for sitting in lawn chairs or sitting on sea walls. This is in accordance with Section 3 of Governor DeSantis’s Order [EO-91](#). Active recreational activities are allowed such as walking and running with appropriate social distancing.
- **Enforcement of COVID-19 Governor’s Orders** – Residents have been asking questions about who is responsible for enforcement of the Governor’s Orders and it varies by order. [Executive Order 20-71](#) suspends on-premises food consumption at all restaurants and suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at all licensed alcoholic beverage vendor premises. Restaurants are still able to offer take-out and delivery. [Executive Order 20-87](#) orders all parties engaged in rental of vacation rental properties to suspend vacation rental operations, which prohibits the making of new reservations or bookings and the acceptance of new guests for check-in for the duration of the order. To report concerns regarding compliance with Executive Order 20-71 or Executive Order 20-87, please submit information to Department of Business and Professional Regulation through the [online complaint form](#). Governor DeSantis also enacted [Executive Order 20-86](#) which was targeted at travelers driving to the state from areas with a substantial community spread (such as Louisiana). It built upon [Executive Order 20-87](#) which imposed self-isolation and quarantine restrictions on people flying in from Connecticut, New Jersey or New York. The enforcement of these orders is being handled through the Florida Department of Health (941) 624-7200. Governor DeSantis issued [EO 20-91](#) a Safer at Home order. The Punta Gorda Police Department will be working with individuals and businesses to obtain voluntary compliance with the directives in the order. The Punta Gorda Police Department will also assist the Department of Health with any violations of EO 20-86 and EO 20-87 upon request from the Department of Health.

Lot Mowing Program

- Barring any changes in the Stay at Home Order, the City will begin a new mowing cycle on Monday April 13, 2020. At that time crews will begin mowing the following areas:
 - Colony Point (Colony Point Dr., W. Marion Ave., Socorro Dr., and Coronado Dr.).
 - PGI (Magdalina Drive, Via Vento, W Henry Street, Appian Drive, and Columbian Drive).

Urban Design

- As part of their continued storm hardening plan, FPL will be removing trees throughout the City. Improvements within the statewide plan include the completion of hardening main (feeder) power lines serving critical community facilities, upgrading the main power lines across FPL's service area, *initiating upgrades of smaller neighborhood (lateral) power lines* and continuing to replace wooden transmission line structures with steel and concrete towers. In order to improve service to our community, the removal of vegetation for better power reliability, access to their facilities for maintenance and storm secure hardening upgrades is required. FPL will be working in the Shreve Street area and will be removing numerous trees in and around the History Park. Once these trees are removed staff will review the area and determine if additional trees need to be replanted.



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- The City of Punta Gorda website offers a clearinghouse of opportunities for business and residents in need of information, programs and support during the COVID-19 situation at <http://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/i-want-to/advanced-components/covid-19-microsite>.

Public Works

Engineering

- **Madrid Sidewalk Construction** - Concrete sidewalk, curb and grade work continues. The work area is from the western drive of the Burnt Store Publix Plaza to US 41 SB. This project is scheduled to complete by the end of May 2020
- **ADA Interior Signage and Wayfinding** - The signs for the Public Works and Utilities Campus are being manufactured. Installation is anticipated to be completed by mid-May.
- **Boca Grande Drainage Improvements** - Properties are currently in the acquisition phase for pond usage which will determine design completion.
- **City wide Drainage Swale regrading** - To date JRL Underground has completed work at 698 properties totaling 523,000 square feet of grading/sodding. Work completed during the week of March 30 included 506-534 Toulouse Drive and will then move to 600-613 Zafra Ct. Work is underway at 3236-3254 Tripoli Blvd and will then move to 3600-3629 Cassandra Dr.
- **Harborwalk (Gilchrist Gazebo to Berry)** – City Council awarded agreement to Pavement Maintenance, LLC. Construction projected to take six months after notice to proceed.
- **Sullivan Street renovation** – Pre-submittal Conference is complete.
- **Veterans Park Phase II** - Contractor continues their work on punch list repairs.



Canal Maintenance

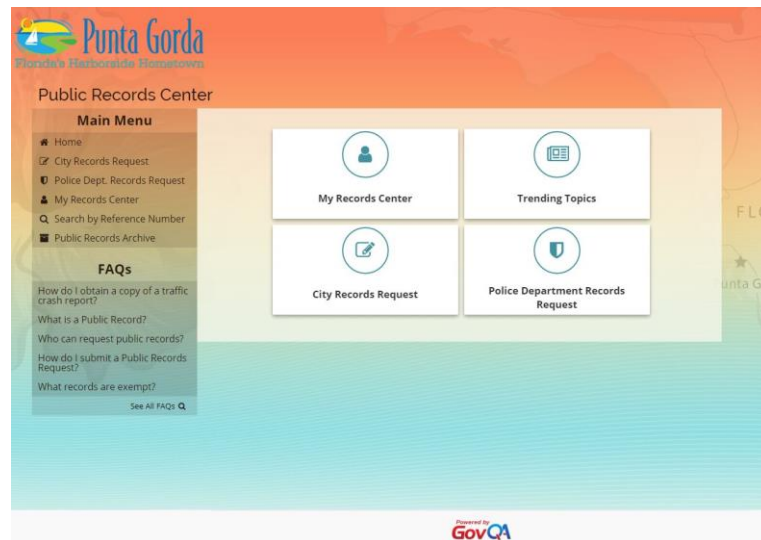
- **Bonefish Bayou Dredging** – Dredging in the Bonefish Bayou continues. This canal is located between Ocean Dr. and Palm Tree Dr. Construction is expected to be completed by April 3, 2020. It is expected to take an additional week for the contractor to relocate spoil material and restore the staging site located on Palm Tree Dr.
- **Burnt Store Isles Perimeter Canal Dredge** – Dredging has begun in the Burnt Store Isles Perimeter Canal in the Mayor Cut location adjacent to Macedonia Dr. The Contractor has completed the dredging operations in the Terin Ct area. Dredging is expected to be completed this week.
- **Mangrove Trimming** – Annual mangrove trimming is still underway. The contractor is currently working on the barge canal in PGI. Burnt Store Isles is scheduled to begin the week of April 6.
- **Seawall Replacement Projects** - The seawall replacement contractor has completed nine seawall replacement projects. There are seven projects under construction in PGI and three under construction in BSI. There is 2 completed seawall replacement project in BSI. A seawall replacement project is not considered complete until the sod has been placed.
 - Crews filled depressions at 20 locations.



- **Buckley’s Pass** – Buckley’s Pass is complete! The Pass will be open to boaters starting Friday evening, April 3. Boaters with deep draft vessels should use caution when operating through Alligator Creek until the captains “know” the local conditions. Alligator Creek was dredged by the County a few years ago to the same depth as Buckley’s Pass. The staging lots are being restored. Please visit the City’s YouTube channel to view drone footage taken of the construction progress. Check out the very popular playlist by visiting: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn0c8jp5fQiW4fNFEdownKc85_W-fSqI5.

Police Department

- **Officer Responses** – We wanted to remind everyone that due to the current state of emergency, we have made adjustments to how we respond to calls for the safety of our officers and the public. Calls that do not require an in-person response will be handled over the phone. Calls that do require an in-person response from an officer will be handled outdoors when possible utilizing social distancing measures. In addition, officers may be utilizing personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves on calls. We appreciate everyone working together to keep everyone healthy and safe!
- **Online Records Requests** – You can now submit public records requests for the Punta Gorda Police Department online by visiting www.pgpdrecords.com. We encourage everyone to submit requests online, especially during this time while the public safety lobby is closed. Public records requests can also be submitted by mailing your request to PGPD Records Unit, 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.



- **Police Officer Testing** – The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Testing will be held on Sept. 14 with oral board interviews scheduled on Sept. 15 and Sept. 16. You can apply to participate by visiting www.pgpdjobs.com. For more information, please contact the Employee Development Coordinator at (941) 575-5571 or by email at employeedevelopment@pgorda.us.
- **Public Safety Dispatcher Testing** – The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher. Testing will be held on Sept. 21. To apply visit www.pgpdjobs.com. For more information, please contact the Employee Development Coordinator at (941) 575-5571 or by email at employeedevelopment@pgorda.us.

- **Internship Program** – The police department is currently accepting internship applications for the Fall Semester of 2020 and the Spring Semester of 2021. Our internship program is open to college students and high school seniors interested in gaining educational experience in law enforcement, criminal justice, and small government administration. Please contact the internship program coordinator at (941) 575-5571 or employeedevelopment@pgorda.us for additional information or to have an application package sent.

Utilities Department

Utilities Administration

- The resampling for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) has been conducted at 601 Shreve Street. A table of the resample values is on the City’s web-page under the Utilities Department. All resample values at this sample site as well as throughout the water system were below the 80 ug/L drinking water standard.

Groundwater R.O. Construction Update



Week 91- Started to asphalt the driveways around the RO Plant.

Water Treatment Plant Operations

- 43.7 MG of water was delivered to the distribution system with a 6.3 MG daily average
- Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority Emergency Interconnect – Receiving water at a rate of .5 million gallons per day, started Sept. 30.
- Rainfall in Mar. 2019 1.70”, Mar. 2020 0.00” April 2019 1.30” April 2020 .30”
- Hardness is a measurement of calcium and magnesium ions naturally occurring in the raw water. Current Condition “very hard” – Grains of Hardness 18 ppm – Total hardness 307 ppm
- TDS for April 2 – Current 520 ppm, Low 389 ppm, High 687 ppm, 12 Year Avg. 535 ppm
- Reservoir April 2 – Current 5.05’, Record Low 4.87’, Record High 5.87’, 55 Year Avg. 5.21’