

INFORMATION SHARING REPORT

May 20, 2019

Welcome

Jose Gonzalez is the newest addition to the Public Works Department. Jose joins the staff of the City of Punta Gorda as a Sanitation Worker I.



Emma Heitman student from Florida Gulf Coast State University's accounting program is interning with the Finance Department.



Volunteering in our Community

Not only does Robert Troise (retired NYPD Sergeant) volunteer his time as the Deputy Coordinator of the VOP (Volunteers on Patrol) for the Punta Gorda Police Department. He is also a member of the Retired Law Enforcement Officers Association of SWF. The group consists of retired LEO's from all across the country. The Retired Law Enforcement Officers Association of SWF provides two very valuable services. They run various fund raisers to provide bullet proof vests for police K-9s. Since 2009, they have paid for and vested 63 K-9's in 17 different police jurisdictions in SWF. The first of which was for the Punta Gorda Police Department. The second big function is to visit the Jacobson State Veterans Home, in Port Charlotte twice a month. They do this on the second and fourth Monday's. The organization assists the Veteran's play Bingo. They call the numbers, assist the many who are unable/incapable of playing and provide winning funds at the end for the final "cover all" games. Robert shared, "This small token is instrumental in the moral of the Veterans who reside there and the feeling we get from volunteering is indescribable." Thank you, Robert, for all of your time and efforts dedicated to improving our community!

Community Engagement

Mayor Prafke, Vice-Mayor Matthews, Council Member Carey, Police Chief Davis, Lt. Duvault, Communications Manager Reichert and City Manager Kunik welcomed Chase Bank to the community at their May 20 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

