

March 2009



Governor Crist has declared March as Bicycle Month in Florida

On March 18, the City of Punta Gorda will read a Proclamation declaring March 21-28 as Bicycle Week in Punta Gorda. On March 21, TEAM Punta Gorda will kick off the week with Bikes and Brunch leaving Acme Bicycle Shop at 9 am. They will have a four-stop progressive breakfast and will return to Acme Bicycles. During the week, educational classes on traffic safety, helmet fittings and other bicycle-related subjects will be held at the four area bicycle shops. On March 24, Charlotte County will read their Proclamation on Bicycle Month. On March 28, a children's bicycle decorating class and parade will be held during the Rotary Club's Taste of Punta Gorda at Lashley Park. The Peace River Riders will also participate and will have the latest info on the week's activities on their website, www.peacerridersbicycleclub.com.



Due to the overwhelming response of the **City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan Charrette**, the City is continuing to take survey input through March 27. TEAM Punta Gorda membership has been asked to go to the City's website at www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us and click under the What's New! Section, then click on the Parks Master Plan Charrette and then click on the survey icon. The City would like to thank TEAM for all of its support and assistance in completing this survey. If you have any questions, please contact Joan

2009 TEAM Punta Gorda Golf Tournament

TEAM Punta Gorda will hold its 2009 Golf Tournament on **April 4, 2009** at St. Andrews South Golf Course in Punta Gorda Isles. This is TEAM's primary fund raiser and your support in the past has made it successful. Things are tough this year and we need you more than ever. Organize your team and come out for a day of golf, prizes, food and lots of laughs. There will be a \$5K putting challenge and a great prize for the first hole-in-one.

Proceeds from this event support TEAM's active projects and operations. Please go to the registration form button on the website home page and print out your entry form.

If you need more information, contact Dee Papa at floatn@comcast.net or by calling 941-575-7145.



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Did you see this? Our CEO, Nancy Prafke, is the cover photo on the March 2009 issue of *Harbor Style* and a great article by Lew Morrissey is inside about TEAM's continued success. Although Nancy shies away from personal recognition, she certainly does a great job in keeping TEAM Punta Gorda in the news and actively collaborates with the City on upcoming projects and encourages her committee chairs to come up with ideas for Punta Gorda's continued growth.



Some of the great things going on with TEAM to bring a higher education campus to Punta Gorda High students; the Maritime Committee Advisory Council and the Punta Gorda Boat-loaner program with the City.

are the feasibility study, chaired by Tom Kerr, Gorda; Jr. TEAM is being organized by Char-has met with the Waterfront Developmenters Alliance; and TEAM has discussed a bike

Volunteers are needed to attend the monthly Parks and Recreation meetings and the MPO meetings in order to keep TEAM abreast of their activities. If you are interested, please contact Audrey Seay at audreyseay@comcast.net.

Remind your friends to sign up for **Membership in TEAM Punta Gorda** so that they can keep informed of what's going on in and around our City. Have them go to our website and fill out the information. It's FREE!

Upcoming Events

The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau will hold a seminar on Friday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Great Lawn of the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center to challenge community residents to use their connections to bring meetings to Charlotte Harbor. Contact Elizabeth.Parker@charlottefl.com for information.

New Operation Cooper Street will present An Oldies Concert on Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts & Education. Contact the Center at 941-639-3034 for information.

On Friday, April 3 at 6 p.m., the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County is holding "Dancing with the Charlotte Stars" at the Cultural Center in Port Charlotte. Six Charlotte County celebrities will be paired with local dance instructors and voted on by local judges for the People's Choice. Tickets are \$55 per person. Contact Judy Malbuisson at 941-764-8100 for tickets or information.

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra is having their annual Choose the Guest Conductor contest. Each vote is \$10 and they have five people competing for the chance to lead the orchestra. All votes must be received by 12 noon on April 3. Contact the Symphony office at 941-625-5996 for more information.

Main Street Punta Gorda is hosting Coconut Craze Day on Saturday, April 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Laishley Park. Contact their office at 941-575-9099 to find out how to purchase a coconut and participate in the event.

Leadership Charlotte Class of 2009 will hold a Vintage Vegas event on Saturday, May 9 at 6 p.m. at Kingsway Country Club, to benefit Enterprise Village, where students learn how to make business, financial and personal decisions.

Remember **THINK THURSDAY** in Punta Gorda. There are activities all over town.

You can still order a **PAVER** to go around the Interactive Fountain in Laishley Park. Get info from the TEAM website.

Save the Date

The City of Punta Gorda is planning a Five-Year Extreme Makeover Celebration on August 15. Activities will be held at Laishley Park. This should be a great event. More information as the date gets closer.