

# PGH COMMUNITY NEWS IN PUNTA GORDA

## TEAM Punta Gorda meeting celebrates success

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In November, TEAM Punta Gorda held its annual meeting, where the keynote speaker was John Rhodes, an economic development consultant. Some 200 people attended the meeting, where Rhodes addressed the topic



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Charlotte County Commissioner Chris Constance inspects some of the produce growing at the Community Garden in South County Regional Park.

of whether Punta Gorda should remain a predominantly retirement area or if changes should be made to attract a more diverse population.

In addition to his speech, CEO Nancy Prafke spoke about TEAM's many projects this past year, including expanding the bicycle loaner program. The Wyvern hotel in downtown Punta Gorda is the

latest site participating in the program, bringing the number of free bicycles in the city to 31.

Prafke also spoke of the booming Artisans' Atelier at the Herald Court Centre, Harborwalk and the Community Gardens project.

A design award was given to Charlotte High School for the unique historical

and sustainable design of the new facility. TEAM also gave out its first beautification award, which was given to Antar and Rose Mishmeh, owners of Antar's Food Mart in Punta Gorda.

For more information on the happenings of TEAM Punta Gorda throughout the year, call 941-637-8326 or visit [www.teampuntagorda.org](http://www.teampuntagorda.org).