

April 2009



Kathy Dieke & Naomi Gazzola preparing for the reception in 2008.

Volunteer Appreciation Reception Happy Hour

TEAM Punta Gorda wants to show its appreciation by honoring and inviting our volunteers to a Happy Hour Reception on Thursday, April 30 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association Pavilion at 2001 Shreve Street.

This has always been a fun event and we look forward to seeing everyone that evening.

If you are able to attend this Reception, please RSVP to Naomi Gazzola at nomes2@comcast.net no later than April 24.

Ribbon Cutting at Interactive Fountain

TEAM Punta Gorda will have a ribbon cutting at the Interactive Fountain at Lashley Park on Friday, May 1 at 5 p.m. to commemorate the installation of the donor pavers. This event will be in conjunction with the Red Fish Cup Tournament that weekend.

You may purchase wine/beer and snacks from the booths set up for the Red Fish participants.

TEAM will continue selling the pavers for around the fountain. If interested, please contact Suzanne McCormick at the TEAM office, or visit the TEAM website.



Several children were enjoying the fountain this week.

Construction Updates

The Aqwi Esta roadwork has begun. Only a few disruptions so far.

The Parking Garage downtown is moving along. Free parking later this summer.

The Sheraton looks great. The Crab House has a silver roof and some paint.

The Alligator Creek S-Curve Project received final approval. Burnt Store Isles has David Phelen to thank for beginning this project before his untimely death.

The City Wayfinding System has finally been granted conditional approval.

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Celebrate Arbor Day



The City of Punta Gorda has invited first graders from Neil Armstrong, East Elementary and Sallie Jones Schools to help plant large mahogany and geiger trees at Gilchrist Park on April 28 and April 29. Volunteers are needed for both days from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please contact Suzanne McCormick at 941-575-9543 or scm619@embarqmail.com if you can help.

You can become a Charlotte Harbor Meetings Ambassador and be awarded an acre-foot deed of Charlotte Harbor!

The **Bring Your Meeting Home** program has been established by the Charlotte Harbor & The Gulf Islands Visitor and Convention Bureau. This incentive program asks residents to provide information about a conference or company that might want to hold their event in Punta Gorda or Port Charlotte. This will help our communities by bringing people to see what publications such as *Golf Digest*, *SAIL Magazine* and *U.S. News & World Report* have said about our area. Please contact Sean Doherty at 941-743-1900 or sean.doherty@charlottefl.com for more information.



Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

The citizens of Punta Gorda have been asked to participate in workshops on April 9 and also in June 2009 and September 2009 to identify concerns and give suggestions regarding the development of a Weather Adaptation Plan for the City of Punta Gorda. Discussions will be about preparing for weather changes, drought, availability of potable water, sea level rise, shorter winter seasons, storm surges, etc. If you would like more information on these workshops, please contact Maran Brainard Hilgendorf, Communications Manager at 239-338-2556, ext. 240 or mhilgendorf@swfrc.org.

Upcoming Events

Main Street Punta Gorda is hosting Coconut Craze Day on Saturday, April 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lashley Park.

Earth Day is April 22. Take your used computer ink cartridges to Pies & Plates, who will sell them to a company that recycles them, and the money raised will be donated to the **Charlotte County Red Cross**.

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition is having a wine tasting, food, music and raffle on Saturday, April 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Vivante. Tickets are \$75 each. Contact Patty at 941-565-8239 or Dianne at 941-769-1733.

The **Charlotte County Young Professionals** will sponsor their Fourth Annual Cardboard Boat Race on Saturday, May 2 in conjunction with the Red Fish Cup. Go to their website at www.ccyboatrace.com for information.

An auction will be held on May 3 from 11 a.m. to noon, during the Red Fish Cup at Lashley Park, to benefit the **Still Waters** homeless teen residential home.

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. Tickets are \$50 each. You can purchase tickets at www.leadershipcharlotte2009.com.

13th Annual Florida Frontier Days is May 7 through May 9 at Bayshore Live Oak Park.

THINK THURSDAY and support our local shops and restaurants.

Save the Date

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

THANK YOU, Dee Papa, for organizing a great TEAM Punta Gorda Annual Golf Tournament. Ninety-six golfers enjoyed a beautiful day!

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