

February 2009



2009 TEAM Punta Gorda Golf Tournament

Mark your calendar for **April 4, 2009** for the 2009 TEAM Punta Gorda Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held 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. Please sign up 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 Contribute/Coming Events tab on TEAM's website and print out your entry form.

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



The next **Bikes and Brunch** will be held on March 14. Meet at ACME Bicycle Shop at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$5 fee for participants.

ACME is giving a 10% discount on merchandise other than bicycles to TEAM members.

Express Yourself by Thinking Out Of The Box

The City of Punta Gorda is having a Parks Master Plan Charrette at the Laisley Park Marina Community Room (100 East Retta Esplanade) on Tuesday, February 24 through Thursday, February 26.

The sessions on February 24 begin at 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., then an Open House at 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The sessions on February 25 begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.

The sessions on February 26 are at 11 a.m. to noon and 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A charrette is a high speed, intensive creative session concentrating on specific design problems with citizens and presents solutions to these problems. Your commitment to the three day session will help to shape the future park system and improve the quality of life in the City of Punta Gorda.

For more information, please contact the Charrette Leader, Mitchell Austin at 941-575-3372 or visit www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us.

If you would like to volunteer to help at these sessions, please contact Karen Davis at kdavis917@comcast.net.

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Thank you to New Committee Leaders

Danne Varel has become the new Committee Chair for the **Communications Committee**. One of the goals last year was to increase TEAM's profile within the community. That has been accomplished by regular columns in the *Charlotte Sun*, monthly segments on Charlotte Speaks with Ken Lovejoy, monthly spots on Seaview 104.9 with Charlie Shoe and the e-newsletter IMPULSE. And, our website has been totally revamped.

Audrey Seay has become the new Committee Chair for the **Government Relations Committee**. The committee members attend the City Council and Charlotte County Commissioners meetings and report the information back to other TEAM committees.

If you are interested in joining either committee, please contact the TEAM office. We'd be happy to welcome you.



Jack's Restaurant has opened.

Construction Updates

The Crab House is coming along.



Purchase your Paver NOW

The Interactive Fountain at Laishley Park is almost completed and the pavers around the fountain will be installed soon. A 4" x 8" paver costs \$100 and you can have up to three lines inscribed. Won't it be great to go see your paver at a park where everyone will be having fun? Please check on the website for the order form and send it in as soon as possible.



Kudos

Fishermen's Village Yacht Basin was awarded the 2008 Marina of the Year award by Marina Dock Age Magazine. The Marina will be featured in the March issue of the magazine.

Upcoming Events around Town

The Welcome To Charlotte County parade for the Tampa Bay Rays will be on February 19 starting from downtown Punta Gorda at 3 p.m. After the parade, there will be a Meet and Greet at Laishley Park.

The Wine and Jazz Festival will be held on February 21 at Laishley Park from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce at 639-3720 for ticket information.

The Punta Gorda Historical Society is having a home tour and Garden Party on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the historic district and refreshments at the History Park on Shreve Street.

The Military Heritage Museum will have their second annual fundraising tribute to the USO on March 14. Please contact Kim Lovejoy at 505-9003 for more information.

The United States Navy Blue Angels will headline the 2009 Florida International Air Show on March 21 and 22. Ticket info can be found at www.floridaairshow.com.

Save the Date

The City of Punta Gorda is planning a Five-Year Extreme Makeover Celebration in August. Activities will be held throughout the city. This should be a great event. More information as the date gets closer.