HURRICANE RECOVERY UPDATE
Monday, October 24

The chamber office is open weekdays 9 am to 4 pm.

Please support our local businesses!

If you have anything for our next Hurricane Update, please email Lcraigford@puntagorda-chamber.com

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'Harvest For The Harbor' Annual Fundraiser, Friday, November 11

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) is hosting its Seventh Annual fundraising event "Harvest for the Harbor" on Friday, November 11 at the PGICA, hosted by John Wright. This event allows us to bring together our community and provides the opportunity to celebrate our years work in environmental education and recreation!

As a fundraising event, we are currently seeking donations and sponsorships. Sponsoring this event provides us with the funds needed to further our mission of raising public awareness of our precious Florida environment. We would be thrilled to have more organizations as part of our support team.

If you are interested in making a donation, becoming a sponsor or contributing a silent auction item, please email somer@checflorida.org to discuss opportunities further. Or if you'd like to attend the event, purchase a ticket here https://www.checflorida.org/event-details/harvest-for-the-harbor

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PG Social House - After many conversations, ideas and

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We have had a lot of requests for a Facebook-sized link to our web page from member websites. **Click Here** to find the logo below, and several other different-sized logos, so that you can link your website to ours.

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dead-ends, we have sadly decided to close PG Social House indefinitely. This is one of the most difficult decisions we will ever make, but the obstacles have overcome the vision. We appreciate your support, love and overflow of welcome into the community. We loved every moment of becoming your go-to family outing, sweet treat destination and a place where so many memories have been made. Don't be surprised to see a PG Social House "pop-up" event around town in the near future. @264onmarionave will remain open and we plan to generate and recreate some new ideas at our new home. Thanks PG for all your love.

Sunny Days Ice Cream - Is open! Put smiles on the staff's faces by having the Sunny Days Ice Cream truck come to your place of business! Perfect for hurricane stress relief. Email us at info@sunnydaysicecream.com or give us a call at 941.255.1889 to book our services. www.sunnydaysicecream.com

Pomegranate & Fig Gift Boutique - We know it has been a struggle for many in our community since Hurricane Ian. One group impacted is still in need of assistance, those living in the C.A.R.E. shelter. The Center for Abuse & Rape Emergencies, the families that turn to this local shelter for safety often arrive with nothing and they need our help. We received a Wish List for Children and Adults from Karen McElhany and Judith Harris, we will be collecting these items for the next couple of weeks to donate to the shelter. If you have any questions please give us a call or send us a email 941.205.2333 pomegranateandfig@yahoo.com
Click here for the Wish Lists for children and adults.

Pool Boy Inc. - Jobs available immediately. Please come to our office at 27147 Del Prado Parkway in Harbor Heights to apply. Come Monday-Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. We will train the right person.

Charlotte County Homeless Coalition - Job opportunities:
Retail Specialist and Driver $15-16/hr. Hiring full-time and part-time.
Job description: Coordinate deliveries and pick-ups from donors/ Unload and load trucks/ Move furniture and goods/ Occasional store duties as needed for coverage/ *CDL not required*
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Valid driver's license/ good driving record. 18 years of age or older. Ability to lift 40+ lbs. Ability to operate a 16' box truck. 40 hrs a week with full benefits

Donation Intake Specialist $14-$15/hr. Hiring part-time only
Job description: Assist with receiving donations,

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sorting, and placing them on the sales floor. Must be able to analyze the quality of merchandise brought in by donors. Must be able to promote the sale of inventory. Must be able to assist in store when directed by the management team and have good customer service.
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent preferred. Ability to lift 50+ lbs.

Kitchen Staff $12-$13/hr. Hiring part-time only.
Job description: Work alongside Head Chef and Sous Chef in assisting with food preparations for all meals. Review recipes. Assemble, combine, and cook ingredients. Maintain a sanitary kitchen by adhering to proper food handling, sanitation, and safety procedures. Meal prep. Assist with pantry operations - log food donations, sort and properly store away.
Qualifications: Demonstrate knowledge of and skill in the ability to safely and effectively operate standard food service equipment. Adaptability. Customer service. Planning, problem solving, and teamwork. Minimum (1) years of hospital, cafeteria, or restaurant cooking experience. Current SERVSAFE certification or willingness to learn and obtain certification within the first 30 days of employment. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to lift 50+ lbs. Must be able to be exposed to extremely warm or extremely cold elements. Must be able to stand for an extended period of time.
To apply, call 941.627.4313, Ext.132

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida -Staff will be visiting several of our most impacted areas offering free tarps, MREs, water and much more. We will be at our Englewood Goodwill located at 1501 Placida Rd. on Wednesday, October 26 starting at 11 am. We will be there until supplies run out.

Charlotte Community Foundation - As we grapple with the long-term impacts of Hurricane Ian, one question everyone is asking is, "what is the scope of the impact on non-profits?" As a result, we launched the Charlotte County Disaster Relief Assessment. Charlotte County non-profit organizations: we want to hear from you. Click here to link to assessment.
The CCF has activated the Charlotte County Disaster Relief Fund to provide immediate aid to residents in Charlotte County who need financial assistance and resources.

Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County -Open from 10 am-4 pm. 7 days a week and accepting appointments for adoptions. Our H.E.L.P. program is once again accepting applicants for low-cost spay and neuter. Please check the website or call us at

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941.625.6720 to see if you qualify for this program. Also visit the website at www.awlshelter.org, to see the animals available for their "furever" home as well as lost and found animals. A huge thank you the community for all the wonderful donations of much needed supplies. We applaud this community for supporting the well-being of the all the animals here at the shelter. 3519 Drance Street, Port Charlotte.
Summer raffle extended and PetOberfest rescheduled. Please come out and see us on Saturday November 12, from 11-3 for the 2022 PetOberfest! There will be card readings by Madame Lissette, Our DocTalk series with Dr. Vernet will have 2 sessions open to the public, and we'll also have some other Pawsome vendors: Healthy Pet Products, Rita's Italian Ice, Foaming Fun Florida, Charlotte County Animal Control, Florida Family Pharmacy, C&L Natural's, Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Gardens, and Julie's Gifts. For more information, or if you are interested in Sponsorships & Vendor opportunities please visit http://awlshelter.org/petoberfest/

Charlotte Players - Open Monday-Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm. Call 941.255.1022 or online at *www.charlotteplayers.org* "Blithe Spirit" is being rescheduled to November. Dates TBD. The play "Rumors" has been cancelled.

Tender Touch Hair Removal - Open regular hours. 252 W. Marion Ave., Suite 1122, Punta Gorda. Call for an appointment. 941.916.5693

Bella Napoli Pizzeria & Restaurant - Reviews from millions of TripAdvisor travelers place this restaurant in the top 10% worldwide in 2022! Thank you to all of our amazing customers. It's been a incredible year and we look forward to having an even busier year ahead.

TherapyOne - We are open and continue to serve your PT needs. 150 W. McKenzie St. Suite 118, Punta Gorda.

Harbor Social PG - 1980's Halloween Party. October 29, 8-11 pm. Best 1980s costume wins a cash prize. 212 West Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

Perch 360 at The Wyvern Hotel- Reopened Saturday. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

The Grill at 1951 - Reopening in November. 1951 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.

United Way of Charlotte County - UWCC is postponing our **HOPE Block Party** and **Beaujolais**. Our focus has been shifted to ongoing emergency relief efforts in our community. The faster we can act, the

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quicker we can get Charlotte County back up and running again. Beaujolais, originally scheduled for November 4, will now be held on March 3. *(And, yes, we will still be at the Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens!)* Updated information on the Block Party will be shared as soon as possible.
The United at Work Hurricane Ian Response Fund will provide relief to the employees of Charlotte County employers. Every dollar you donate will be matched up to $500,000 by the Elsa & Peter Soderberg Charitable Foundation. In order to bring in $1,000,000 to help the Charlotte County workforce, we need YOUR contribution. This tax-deductible gift will show your support for our community and provide needed dollars to strengthen our local workforce following this crisis. If you are ready to donate, **CLICK HERE.** If you would like to discuss how this opportunity will benefit your business and your employees, please contact Executive Director, Angie Matthiessen or Development Director, Tricia LaPointe at 941-627-3539.

Florida Division of Emergency Management - For businesses still without internet access, we have some Starlink mobile units that we will bring into the area to assist. Contact Luke Strickland, Chief of Staff, at 850.596.4669.

Delta Hearing - Due to Hurricane Ian we have relocated to a new office at 6210 Scott Street, Suite 115 Punta Gorda 33950. 941.205.8815
Email: info@deltahearingservices.com
Please update your records with our new information.

Top Golf - Half-Price Tuesdays on single bay golf. Currently offering 10% discount for First Responders, linemen and teachers. 2021 Top Golf Way, Fort Myers. 239.933.2035.

Kelting Inspections - Offering the following services: post hurricane inspections, pressure washing, wind mitigation and mold testing. We are also offering 10% off to first responders and linemen to thank them for their hard work in getting SWFL back up and running. Just mention this ad when you call. Reach out to us today at 941.655.8888 to schedule!

Charlotte County Economic Development Office - Launched a post-Hurricane Ian outreach effort to contact business owners to determine their needs. “We want to talk to them, gauge their needs and try to connect them with resources to help them recover,” said EDO Director Dave Gammon.Business owners can contact the EDO at 941.764.4941 to learn about immediate assistance programs being offered in Charlotte County.

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Nino's Bakery & Restaurant - Temporarily closed. We will be back as soon as humanly possible and appreciate your patience.

ARCHway Institute - ARCHway's Annual Helicopter Golf Ball Drop is on December 3. There is still plenty of time to purchase golf balls and/or sponsor this event in support of those in our community impacted by substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders. Don't miss your chance at winning 1 of the 13 prizes. To help rebuild the SWFL community that was so drastically impacted by Hurricane Ian, ARCHway is putting all Helicopter Golf Ball Drop proceeds this week towards our Hurricane Ian Relief Fund. This fund will support all treatment and recovery providers in SWFL who had damage from the hurricane. Click here for more info.

Creative Window Treatments - We are here for your window treatments needs. Charlotte Sun Best Place to Buy Window Treatments 18 years running. Area's only Hunter Douglas Showcase Dealer, Plantations Shutters, Blinds, Shades, Drapery and much more. Call 941.637.0015.

The Yoga Sanctuary - Open to a full class schedule for both in-studio visits and online classes. Classes daily. Please follow us on Facebook for continued updates. 112 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. 941.505.9642.

C.A.R.E. - Our plans to kick off October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month were interrupted by Hurricane Ian! Karen McElhaney, our Executive Director, wants to make sure you know our C.A.R.E. outreach offices and our emergency shelter facility remain open 24/7. Abusers do not stop their violence during times like this and C.A.R.E. Advocates are continuously answering Hotline/Helpline calls and Texts for Help for victims and survivors. Click here for our October newsletter.

The Ramos Center for Interventional and Functional Pain Medicine - Began providing help to those devastated by Hurricane Ian immediately after the record-breaking storm hit. The Ramos Center is now partnering with local organizations who are providing hurricane relief. Click here to see how the Ramos Center's marketing manager played a key role in getting Charlotte County schools back open.

Pedelec - Did your eBike suffer damage during Hurricane Ian? Bring it to us to see if it is repairable. If your eBike suffered water damage, especially if it was submerged, do not try and turn it on or install the battery. Remove the battery if it was on the bike and inform your insurance company. Call us at 941.276.3126 with any questions. If your eBike suffered any non-water damage

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State Farm Insurance Agency

we can do a Safety Check to ensure it is safe to ride. Click here for our latest newsletter.

Charlotte County Habitat For Humanity - We are striving to be a resource to our community and our homeowners. Habitat Homeowners are not being charged a late fee for their October Mortgage Payments. Our Punta Gorda ReSale Store located at 1750 Manzana Ave., Punta Gorda is open Monday-Saturday from 9 am-5 pm. Port Charlotte and Murdock locations will be open soon. Our Englewood store is closed for the foreseeable future. Donations can be brought to our Punta Gorda ReSale store from 9 am-4 pm.
As we complete our assessments and help our existing homeowners with repairs and insurance claims, we have paused the acceptance of Pre-Qualification Applications for our Homeownership Program.

Punta Gorda Mural Society – The History Class scheduled for October 25 and 26 has been **cancelled**.

Gettel of Charlotte County - We want to let our community know that we are here to help! In addition to the previously announced $1,000 Hurricane Customer Relief, we have just released a $1,000 Cash Back Certificate with the purchase of a new Lincoln or Hyundai for customers residing in areas that have been impacted by Hurricane Ian - You do not have to trade in your current vehicle to receive this customer relief. Please call 941.216.2069 for Lincoln and 941.841.1557 for Hyundai to schedule an appointment.

Home Showcase Interiors - Open. Call 941.639.8882. We are a Hunter Douglas dealer and can assist with quotes for replacement shades, window treatments, etc. 25173 Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

Iguanaland - Open from 10-6 daily. Last entrance at 4:30. 33900 Bermont Road, Punta Gorda. For more information, visit iguanaland.com

Beyond Transformation - Our #1 priority is to support the community, and while we are unable to see clients in our office location due to the storm, we have gotten creative and will schedule appointments as needed. We are working this week to get the office back up and running, and will keep the community posted once we are able to resume normal operations. Until that time, treatments can be scheduled by phone at 954.856. 2032. We have a temp location for in person meetings and can hold sessions through phone calls for those needing psychological counseling. We look forward to connecting with all of you!

Johnson-Taylor Funeral & Cremation - We have a

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temporary office set-up to serve the families of our community while we await the delivery of our modular office unit. We will continue to provide progress updates while interior restoration is underway. Please feel free to call us anytime at 941.833.0600 or visit our website, www.johnsontaylorfuneral.com for more information.

Fishermen's Village - Open. Several restaurants stay open until at least 8 pm or later.

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau - Let's show everyone globally that we are SWFL strong! For the October Update, click here.

CareerSource of Southwest Florida
Can provide assistance to public and non-profit agencies by using National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) funds to operate disaster relief
temporary employment programs to assist with humanitarian and clean-up efforts after an emergency declared event. Click here for an overview of the program and contact us to discuss your specific workforce and recovery needs.
Call 941.764.4944 or 941.676.0712

Punta Gorda Farmer's Market - Open Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm.

Punta Gorda Chamber - If you are a non-profit organization and need volunteers to help you clean-up, feed people or any other miscellaneous hurricane-related issues, please let us know! Call 941.639.3720, or email reception@puntagorda-chamber.com.

- **Wednesday, October 26**: Networking Lunch at Village Fish Market Restaurant at Fishermen's Village.

BioCide Labs - We can help with mold removal, treatment and prevention. Our main focus is the mitigation and remediation of water-damaged structures. We will walk you through the entire mold remediation process step by step over the phone. Our trained experts can assist you from start to finish. We are offering 15% off mold testing and remediation products when you mention the PG Chamber. Call 239.206.2854 or visit BioCideLabs.com

Copperfish Books - Open regular hours. We will be open on Mondays again starting today.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County/Crossroads Hope Academy - Clubs are currently closed. We are working to open our doors at the Family Services Center in Port Charlotte as soon as possible.

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Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic - Open to serve uninsured patients 9 am-3 pm Monday through Friday. Call 941.766.9570 for an appointment. Walk-ins welcome! Pharmacy hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am-2 pm.

Kays Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home - Open for business. Most of our staff are working out of our Port Charlotte and Venice locations. For further information please contact us at any location:
Punta Gorda 941.639.1133
Port Charlotte 941.625.4113
Venice 941.493.4900
Englewood 941.474.5575

Punta Gorda Historical Society - The Sunday Market at History Park is closed for the remainder of October. There are roof issues at the Woman's Club, Train Depot and at least two of our four buildings at History Park. If you can donate your skills and time, please contact Sandy Moon, Executive Director at 118pghs@gmail.com. If you can assist with a donation, checks can be mailed to: PGHS, 118 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda FL 33950.

Built Right Pool Heaters - We have hundreds of heaters in stock and ready to deliver to you. We are open and back to normal operations.

Friendly Floors - Open 10 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday and Saturdays, 10 am to 3 pm.

Military Heritage Museum - Temporarily closed. Click here for information about the museum. For the Gulf Theater season schedule, click here.

Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens - Seeking volunteers to help clean up. Bring sunscreen, rakes and gloves. 5827 Riverside Dr. in Punta Gorda.

YMCA - The Y is here for all. If you can help by making a gift, the individuals and families of Southwest Florida thank you. Your donation will open doors for adults and children needing respite as they clean up their homes and provide a safe place for kids to be while schools are closed. The Y will continue to help distribute food and be a resource to Southwest Florida. Your gift will also allow YMCA of Southwest Florida to serve as a disaster recovery site in areas impacted the greatest. Click here for information.

Hoff's Air Authority - We are posting information to our Instagram page and our Facebook page to keep everybody up-to-date.

New Life Church - Samaritan's Purse - a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization - is providing disaster relief. They are based at New Life Church, 507 W. Marion Ave. in Punta Gorda and provide chainsaw work, yard debris cleanup, removing water damaged interior area and temporary roof tarping. This is a free service for homeowners who have little or no insurance. Requests are handled depending on need and volunteer availability. To volunteer, call 941.290.8648.

Better Business Bureau Resources -
For Consumers: https://www.bbb.org/article/news-releases/27645-bbb-warns-consumers-to-watchout-for-storm-chasers-after-hurricane-ian
For Businesses: https://www.bbb.org/article/news-releases/27647-bbb-urges-businesses-to-watch-out-for-storm-chasers-after-hurricane-ian
For Donors: https://www.bbb.org/article/news-releases/27668-bbb-of-west-florida-tips-five-things-to-know-before-donating-to-hurricane-ian-relief

Quick Mobile Repair - We are offering discounted prices, due to the hurricane and a quick turnaround. We are scheduling house calls for any home tech issue. Located in the Cross Trails Center, 615 Cross St. #1104. For information, to schedule appointments and courier service, please call 941.655.6681.

Elie Electric Services LLC - Open 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. We normally are marine based and working on our waterways, however during this time we will be working on land projects. 1512 Nina St., Port Charlotte. 941.763.5348. elieelectricservice.com

Peace River Wildlife Center - Donations for recovery costs and to rebuild are so welcome and can be made at prwildlife.org.

Copy Life - We have inventory of copy machines and printers to help you get back to business. Email tmacia@copylifeinc.com or call 404.230.8443.

CDBIA - Share this link with anyone you know who has emergency services for the home.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18G2VcQjIOB4EUpt1PX4pTRdk57MdD6sSj50xRPR8Jx8/prefill
Hiring Licensed Contractors: We have also see an influx of people coming into town. Unlicensed Activity is a Felony and they will be arrested. List of trusted local contractors: http://www.tinyurl.com/SWFLHurricaneIanRepair

SandStar Remodeling/AR Homes - We will not be able to take on any storm-related damage repairs at this time.

SCORE - Offering disaster assistance to small businesses.

Open Restaurant/Bars

(Menus may be limited and may be cash only)

Burg'r Bar
Carmelo's Italian Ristorante
The Celtic Ray Public House
FourPoints By Sheraton
F.M. Don's
Harbor Social
Harpoon Harry's Restaurant and Sports Bar
Hemingway's Grille
Jersey Mike's
Laishley Crab House
Leroy's Southern Kitchen
Punta Gorda Coffee & Tea
Punta Gorda Chocolate & Wine
River City Grill/Italia
Riviera Bar and Grill
Village Brewhouse
Village Fish Market Restaurant (fully open with internet so we can take credit cards now too)
264 on Marion Ave

COMMUNITY NEWS

Make Alternate Trick or Treat Plans

After much discussion and careful consideration, the City of Punta Gorda is encouraging residents to make alternate plans this Halloween. Hurricane Ian has left the City with a number of areas that no longer have functioning street lights. There are also many intersections missing traffic signals or stop signs, and an abundance of debris throughout City neighborhoods. Streets will not be closed and the City Hall Annex will not be offering trick or treating. We look forward to welcoming residents and visitors back to a traditional Halloween experience in 2023.

Four Storm Debris Drop-off Locations Remain Open

Charlotte County has four storm debris drop-off locations for residents to bring their storm-related debris:

- Placida West Boat Ramp (debris drop-off only, not for launching boats), 12560 Placida Road, Placida
- Florida Street (south county area), 7000 Florida St. Punta Gorda
- West Charlotte Mini-Transfer & Recycling Facility (unlimited visits until further notice), 7070 Environmental Way, Englewood
- Mid-County Mini-Transfer & Recycling Facility (unlimited visits until further notice), 19765 Kenilworth Blvd., Port Charlotte

The following restrictions apply at all drop-off locations:

- Trailers cannot exceed 12 feet in length

- Only white goods, storm-related yard or vegetation debris, and construction and demolition debris from residential properties can be dropped off
- Just storm debris: no perishable waste, such as household garbage, no yard trimmings in bags
- All other regular operations and collection (recycling, sharps, etc.) at the Mini-Transfer Facilities are suspended
- Residential only - no business or commercial use

For Hurricane Ian information, call the Charlotte County Emergency Operations Center from 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday at 941.833.4000 or 941.743.1320.

Follow Charlotte County Emergency Management's recovery information at www.charlottecountyfl.gov/em, www.facebook.com/oemcharlottecounty, and www.twitter.com/ccoem.

FEMA Fact Sheet

Click here.

FEMA Residential Registration Site Opens

A Federal Emergency Management Agency individual assistance registration site opened at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda. The site will operate from 9 am- 6 pm, seven days a week. FEMA may provide financial help with essential disaster-related needs, temporary housing expenses, basic home repairs, vehicle replacement and other needs. Storm victims may apply:

1. Online at *DisasterAssistance.gov*
2. Using the FEMA App for mobile devices
3. Calling FEMA toll-free 800.621.3362 from 7 am to 11 pm

For Hurricane Ian information, call the Charlotte County Emergency Operations Center from 8-5 Monday-Friday at 941.833.4000 or 941.743.1320.

Business Recovery Center Open

A Business Recover Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 am - 4 pm at Promenades Mall - 3280 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. Florida SBDC at FGCU Disaster specialists are working alongside SBA representatives to provide on-site support with loans and other post-disaster challenges.

Charlotte County Hurricane Resource List

Click here.

FWC Displaced Vessel Hotline

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has established a hotline for reporting displaced vessels still on Florida state waters because of Hurricane Ian. The FWC and partner agencies are working with vessel owners to remove or relocate these vessels. Report displaced or damaged vessels by calling Hotline at 850.488.5600, 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday. Callers will be asked to provide the vessel's registration number, current location and detailed description.

Tax Collector Open For Services

Charlotte County Tax Collector locations are open for walk-in driver licenses, motor services and tax services without an appointment.

- Murdock: 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte Monday –

Friday 8 am - 5 pm.
- Port Charlotte: 21229 Olean Boulevard Suite B, Port Charlotte

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
- Englewood: 6868 San Casa Drive, Englewood Monday – Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Renew vehicle registrations at the Kiosk: Quesada Commons Publix Super Market, 19451 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte

County Care Stations

Charlotte County Community Services Library and History Division has opened the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, as well as care stations to provide public Wi-Fi and laptops for public use. All locations are open seven days a week until further notice. Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, located at 401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, is open daily 10 am to 6 pm.
Mobile Wi-Fi stations and laptops for public use are also available at:
- Family Services Center, 21500 Gibralter Drive, Port Charlotte, 10 am to 4 pm
- Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood,, 11 am to 6 pm

Licensing On Wheels Mobile Location

Florida Licensing on Wheels mobile location is providing residents with no-fee replacement driver licenses, identification cards and titles. FLOW is located at Port Charlotte Town Center Mall, 1441 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte and will operate 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, seven days a week. Dates, locations, and hours of operation for FLOW mobiles are subject to change and will be announced through FLHSMV social media channels.

Free Disaster Cleanup Assistance

If you need assistance cleaning up damage from Hurricane Ian, call 1.800.451.1954. Crisis Cleanup will connect you with volunteers from local relief organizations, community groups and faith communities who may be able to assist with:
Cutting up fallen trees
Drywall, flooring and appliance removal to curb
Tarping roofs
Debris removal to curb
Mold mitigation
All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to overwhelming need. The 1.800.451.1954 hotline will remain open through Friday, Oct. 28.

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