HURRICANE RECOVERY UPDATE
Monday, October 31

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

The Board and Staff of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the City of Punta Gorda and Charlotte County employees and officials, our local Police and Fire Departments as well as our dedicated First Responders who immediately began to assess and implement strategies to return our beloved community back to normal as quickly as possible after Hurricane Ian.
Your efforts have been - and continue to be - greatly appreciated by our residents, business owners and visitors.

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

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) is hosting its 7th Annual fundraising event "Harvest for the Harbor" on Friday, Nov. 11 at the PGICA, hosted by John Wright. This event brings together our community and celebrates our years work in environmental education and recreation. As a fundraising event, we are seeking donations and sponsorships. Sponsoring this event provides us with funds to raise public awareness of our precious Florida environment. 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.
To attend the event, purchase a ticket here: https://www.checflorida.org/event-details/harvest-for-the-harbor

Yogaz - Is a clothing line launched in Florida on Pine Island in January 2022 with rave reviews from customers. Customers say, “This is the most comfortable clothing I have ever worn, it’s so soft, and so well made and a great value for the money.” Yogaz founders Barbara and Buck Pelton have relocated to Punta Gorda and the Yogaz clothing line is now available at Punta Gorda’s local markets. For more information, go to yogaz.com or yogi@yogaz.com or call 507.382.7232

Suncoast Humane Society - It's been a chaotic couple of weeks since Hurricane Ian, but Suncoast has been working diligently to restore our facilities due to the damage caused by the storm. The repairs have been extensive and the property is not yet safe. Our staff has been working around the clock to provide basic needs for our babies and for our community. There have been some tiring days, but we are closer and closer to reopening our doors. Click here for our latest newsletter.

The Wyvern - The all-new Wyvern Hotel is completely refurbished and 100% open for your stay. PERCH 360 rooftop is open from 11 am-10 pm. 88Keys dining room is open Tuesday-Saturday 4-9 pm Taking reservations for Thanksgiving dinner now and also booking holiday parties as well. Call 941.639.7700 for more information or email salesandcatering@edgewatergrpllc.com

Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens - Reopens tomorrow, 9 am-4 pm, Tuesday-Sunday. For the month of November, we're offering no admission, donation only, in hopes we can all rebuild together.
Hurricane Ian caused $450,000 in damage to The Gardens. They still need volunteers to help clean up. 5827 Riverside Dr. in Punta Gorda. To help restore the sanctuary, visit givebutter.com/sHWEqk or call 941.621.8299.

The Homeless Coalition - Would like to thank everyone that jumped in and helped us feed and find sources for so many

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people after the storm. Every donation is truly appreciated but our work of alleviating and preventing hunger and homelessness has grown in the aftermath. We will continue to serve individuals, families and veterans in our community. We are back to doing our regular Food Pantry Mondays and Wednesdays. We are back to full services Monday-Friday 9-5 or call 941.627.4313. Mistletoe Ball, December 10, is still on and tickets and sponsorships are on sale. Contact Jenifer Welch jenifer.welch@cchomelesscoalition.org.
Homeless Coalition job opportunities:
Retail Specialist and Truck Driver for Fabulous Finds $15-16/hr. FT and PT. No CDL required.
Donation Intake Specialist $14-$15/hr. FT and PT
Shelter Client Coordinator $14-$15/hr.1 PT, 2 FT
Kitchen Staff $12-$13/hr. PT

Military Heritage Museum - Reopens tomorrow. Visit through November 5th to receive a Buy One - Get One Free Admission - Adults and Military. Join us on Veterans Day (Nov, 11) for a full day of celebrating our veterans. The Museum needs volunteers. By giving your time, volunteers make an important contribution toward preserving our military heritage for future generations.

Punta Gorda Symphony - Office has re-opened. We are preparing for the start of another exciting season of Mainstage Concerts featuring Brahms Symphony No. 1 on Nov. 20 at 7:30 PM at Charlotte Performing Arts Center. We are partnering with The Homeless Coalition for the evening's concert and will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for those in need. Please help us support our community.
Our Jazz on the Lawn 3-Concert Series kicks off on Dec. 3 at 4 pm with Patricia Dean & Friends at Florida Southwestern State College, Charlotte Campus. Mainstage Concert and Jazz on the Lawn Season Subscriptions are still available – Subscribe now and Save 10%. Individual and Group tickets are also available. Visit us at PGSymphony.org for more information and to purchase your tickets today! Or call us at 941.205.5996.

Illusions salon & spa - Join Illusions for their STEAMPUNK Fantasy Hair Show on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Visani's from 11:30 am-2 pm, benefitting the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition. Tickets are $45 including lunch and are available at https://illusionsofpg.com/events/.

Fishermen's Village - Lighting of the Village, Saturday, Nov. 12 featuring The Shane Duncan Band performing live at the Sunset Beach Tiki Bar 5-10 pm. November calendar of events. Sunset Beach Club events.

Marco Office Supply - Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you continue to rebuild your homes and businesses. Marco Office Supply is here to help. If your building. storefront, office space received damaged and contents literally destroyed or washed away, we have used and gently used furniture to replace what was lost. In addition, we have an economic line called "Offices to Go," very much like "Rooms to Go," with very affordable furniture. We will work within your budget. If you have purchased furniture from us in the past and need invoices for your insurance company, we are happy to pull those up. 239.775.7513.

Keller Law - Temporarily relocated due to Hurricane Ian damage. Keller Law has been at the Bank of America building in Punta Gorda for the past 13 years. Unfortunately, the roof

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damage there has required us to temporarily relocate to the Wilshire Walk Plaza, located at 425 Cross Street (41 southbound), Suite 213, between Virginia and Charlotte Aves. We are continuing to provide compassionate advocacy in our areas of practice of Elder Law and Civil Litigation for our individual and business clients as well as the elders in our community. While you are all recovering from the hurricane, please keep an eye out for elderly and vulnerable citizens who are suffering or displaced due to the hurricane. In the year following Charley, there were more court case filings for probate and guardianship matters than for personal injury cases. So please be mindful of how a missing street sign or damaged home can impact a vulnerable or elderly person. Our doors are open to assist or refer people needing help.

Charlotte County Habitat For Humanity - Our 24th Annual Turkey Trot - the 5k/Fun Walk - will take place on Thursday, Nov. 24, at FSW Punta Gorda Campus. Cost is just $40 ($45 day of) and includes a finisher medal. All funds raised benefit our Homeownership Program to help local families achieve the dream of affordable homeownership. Join us for this annual Thanksgiving tradition! For additional information and to sign up visit: https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/PuntaGorda/CCHabitatTurkeyTrot

UnWINEd Punta Gorda - The rumors are true! We are making The Orange House at 320 Sullivan St. our new home. Grand opening details coming soon. Thank you to the community for all the love and support.

Punta Gorda Historical Society - We are re-opening! History Park has taken the brunt of this storm and clean-up was extensive with 310 volunteer hours by our Sunday Market vendors and volunteers. We are also grateful for Team Punta Gorda's volunteers who put in two work days as well at the Park. The Sunday Market at History Park is re-opening on Nov. 6. Our season opening of Music in the Park will be Wednesday, Nov. 9 with Dave Hevron & Friends. The Woman's Club reopens today and we welcome back our monthly classes and programs and individuals who celebrate their occasions at our building. Downtown Kava has regular business hours at the Train Depot!

The Fresh Jersey Tomatoes - A group of women originally from New Jersey who now reside in Charlotte County, are holding their 7th Annual FJT's Toy Drive for underprivileged children currently receiving services from Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC). The drive runs November 4-December 9. Donations of new/unwrapped toys for boys and girls, infants to 18 years old would be appreciated. Each participating partner will have a list of toy suggestions by age group. Click here for places to drop off donations.

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association (PGICA) - The Annual Arts and Crafts Fair at the PGICA is coming up on Saturday, 9 am-4 pm. This popular event featuring all handmade items is happening just in time for holiday shopping. With the indoor space sold out, the fair is now expanding outdoors on the beautiful PGICA property, including food trucks.

Roger Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller - In light of the Hurricane Ian disaster, we have a free online feature to the Clerk's office:

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SelfHelp.CharlotteClerk.com provides the public with free legal resources, including forms and 20-minute legal consultations with Charlotte County Legal Aid Society. While the Clerk's office cannot provide legal advice, we can point residents in the right direction.

The Grill at 1951 - We welcome you to see our changes, enjoy delicious new food items and listen to live entertainment! Enjoy the best martinis in town, along with our great selection of fine wines. Open 6 days. Monday-Saturday. Lunch, 11:30 am-3 pm, Happy Hour 3-5 pm, Dinner, 4-9 pm.1951 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte.

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" new dates: now-Sunday, November 13.

C.A.R.E. - Has a Sexual Violence support group that meets Wednesdays from 3-4 pm. Please call the SV Helpline for further information 941.637.0404. Survivors can talk openly and honestly about their feelings and experiences with others who understand, while gaining tools for managing the effects of trauma.

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 - It has been a struggle for many in our community since Hurricane Ian and one group impacted is still in need of assistance: those living in the C.A.R.E. shelter. 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 and will be collecting these items for the next couple of weeks to donate to the shelter. If you have any questions please call or email 941.205.2333 pomegranateandfig@yahoo.com
Click here for the Wish Lists for children and adults.

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

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida - The staff has been visiting several of our most impacted areas offering free tarps, MREs, water and more.

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

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applicants for low-cost spay and neuter. Please check the website or call us at 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. 3519 Drance Street, Port Charlotte.
Summer raffle extended and PetOberfest rescheduled. Please come out and see us on Saturday Nov. 12, from 11-3 for the 2022 PetOberfest! For more information, or if you are interested in sponsorships and vendor opportunities visit http://awlshelter.org/petoberfest/

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 placed 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. 1938 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte.

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

United Way of Charlotte County - UWCC is postponing our HOPE Block Party and Beaujolais. Beaujolais, originally scheduled for Nov. 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 soon. 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 million to help the Charlotte County workforce, we need YOUR contribution. 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

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.

Charlotte County Economic Development Office - Launched a post-Hurricane Ian outreach effort to contact business owners to determine their needs. Business owners can contact the EDO at 941.764.4941 to learn about immediate assistance programs being offered in Charlotte County.

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

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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. 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 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.

The Ramos Center for Interventional and Functional Pain Medicine - 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 we can do a Safety Check to ensure it is safe to ride. Click here for our latest newsletter.

Gettel of Charlotte County - We are here to help! In addition to the previously announced $1,000 Hurricane Customer Relief, we have 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.

Johnson-Taylor Funeral & Cremation - We have a 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

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The Punta Gorgeous Store

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Visual Arts Center

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.

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, 8-1.

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 including Mondays.

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.

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

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.

Kelting Inspections - Is offering the following services to help you and your family with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian: 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.

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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 and Facebook pages to keep everybody up-to-date.

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 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
264 on Marion Ave

COMMUNITY NEWS

Waterway Debris Removal Begins Today

Debris removal from county waterways will begin today. Boat ramps will be occupied while debris is offloaded. Patrons are advised to use caution around the area.
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
www.twitter.com/ccoem.

Flu Season Arrives Early: What Employers Need to Know

This could be a severe flu season. How do we know? Out of all doctor visits, the share of people going in for flu-like symptoms is higher now than during any October of the previous five years. Nine states, including New York and Texas, are at high levels of flu; during this time in 2019 (the last flu season before the pandemic), only one was. And this comes as COVID-19 continues to spread and evolve.

Voting Location Information

Some voting locations have been changed due to Hurricane Ian. For information about voting locations (early voting and Election Day) in Charlotte County, visit www.soecharlottecountyfl.gov.

FEMA Sending Temp Housing To Four Florida Counties

Last week, FEMA approved a state request to house Ian survivors by sending travel trailers and manufactured housing to Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto and Lee counties.
For FEMA updates, click here.

County Allows Trailers, RVs For Displaced Residents

The Charlotte County Commission voted to suspend the county code restricting living in recreational vehicles or

trailers on developed residential lots. The code suspension will allow residents who have been displaced by Hurricane Ian to reside in a trailer or recreational vehicle for up to two years from Nov. 4, 2022 to Nov. 3, 2024. The County will issue guidance to assist residents in complying with regulations on discharge of waste, temporary connection to utilities and other regulations as needed.
For information, call 941-743-1964 or email Zoning@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

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