Punta Gorda Englewood Beach

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

This Week's Happenings

Week of Mar. 20–26, 2017

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BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

Charlotte Stone Crabs Baseball, Home Opener against the Bradenton Marauders ***Apr. 6:*** stonecrabsbaseball.com

Blues Brews and BBQ ***Apr. 8:*** facebook.com/PuntaGordaChamber/

Charlotte County Spring Festival & Race Day ***Apr. 22***: facebook.com/MuddyWaterEntertainment

Charlotte County Pride Fest ***Apr. 29***: facebook.com/CharlotteCountyPride

Punta Gorda Block Party ***Apr. 29:*** facebook.com/PuntaGordaBlockParty

World's Richest Tarpon Tournament ***May 25 and 26:*** worldsrichesttarpon.com

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC

Kickin' It Island Style: **Barrier Island Parks Society's 21st Annual Green Gala** Country western theme, barbque, dancing, live music, auction and a cash bar! $135 per person. Visit facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety for details, a link to purchase, and a sneak preview of the auction items. Mar. 20, 6:00–11:00 pm. Boca Bay Pass Club, 770 Gulf Blvd., **Boca Grande**

Trucks Gone Wild Spring Break 2017 Get ready to get wild and muddy! One ticket covers everything, the entire weekend: park admission, mud truck races, airboat races, truck pulls, monster mud holes, miles of trails to ride, DJ and wild contests at the stage Friday and Saturday nights, camping, vendors, and more. ***$65 advance ticket sales end Mar. 21 at midnight,*** then tickets are $70, cash-only at the gate all weekend. Visit facebook.com/MuddyWaterEntertainment for details. Mar. 24, 25, 26. Redneck Mud Park, 44570 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Karaoke Night at Long Marsh Entertainment provided by Leo's Dance Party. Visit facebook.com/rotondagolf. Mar. 21, 6:30–9:30 pm. Rotonda Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Cir., **Rotonda**

Bert's Spring Break The best Spring Break Bash in all of SWFL! Live music from Mike Imbasciani and Koko Ray Band, giant Twister, good food, Cornhole Tournament, and more! Visit facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson. Mar. 25 and 26, open hours. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

10th Anniversary Taste of Punta Gorda Laishley Park will be filled with sample menu items from area restaurants, live music from The Kollections, a K9 Show, drone demonstrations, Way Too Tall Torrie, Clawford & Sparky, KENGO martial arts show, static displays from area businesses, and booths of all kinds with handmade items, homemade treats and much, much more! This year's event is dedicated to Those That Serve: veterans, police, SWAT, Forestry, and Fire Departments will all be on hand. Admission: $4; under 12: free. Visit facebook.com/tasteofpg for details. Mar. 26, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. 100 Nesbit St., **Punta Gorda**

***Drag Quest* by Charlotte County Pride** Drag competition for Kings and Queens to showcase their talent and win a spot to perform at Charlotte County Pridefest 2017, taking place Apr. 29! Winners will be selected based on performance, crowd involvement, tips collected, costume, and judging. Visit facebook.com/CharlotteCountyPride for details. Mar. 26, 7:30–10:00 pm. Liquid Nightclub, 4300 Kings Highway, Ste. 415, **Charlotte Harbor (Port Charlotte)**

***Happenings* Happenings**

Don't miss: *Pedal and Play in Paradise Bicycle Tour 2017* and *Pedal & Paddle in Paradise* in ***Get Out/Sporting;*** *Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary Community Appreciation Day in* ***Get Out/Nature Adventures;*** *American Alpha Apparel Annual Fashion Show* and *Flair for Spring Fashion Show* in ***Get Out/About Town;*** *Adoption Day at Mom & Pop Pet Shop* in ***Dog Days;*** and *Safety Day 2017 by Skydive Southwest Florida* in ***Lecture and Learning.***

5th Annual Moonlight Serenade A delightful evening of dinner and dancing to Big Band Tunes. Dinner and show: $40 per person or $75 per couple; show only: $20 per person or $35 per couple. Entertainment provided by the Charlotte High Blue and Gold Jazz Bands. Silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Visit facebook.com/silverkingband for details. For reservations contact Jeana Kukuk at 941.575.5450, ext. 1120 or 941.916.2948; to purchase via PayPal, visit silverkingband.com. Mar. 25; dinner and show: 5:45–10:00 pm; show only: 7:00–10:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Crafts, Food, and Music for Spring: An Afternoon at the Farm Honey tasting, fresh tomatoes, and more! Search "The Family Farmers Market" on Facebook. Mar. 26, noon. The Family Farmers Market, 14600 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Flower Show Search "Punta Gorda Garden Club Inc." on Facebook for updates. Mar. 21, noon. First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 507 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Quarters for a Cause for Homeless Coalition Play for prizes valued from $12 to $50 and higher; win great prizes for just quarters! Paddle rental: $3. Bring a roll or two of quarters for bidding, extra cash for 50/50 drawing, cash bar, and food vendors. Contact Kay Padgett at 941.286.2056 or search "Quarters for a Cause" on Facebook for details. Mar. 20, 6:00–9:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Weekly Pasta, Karaoke & Mickey Mouse Club Party Dinner and drinks provided, BYOB if desired. Members: $8, non-members: $9. Call 941.764.9003 with red or white sauce preference. Search "Sons of Italy Lodge #2507" on Facebook for menu details. ***Thursdays, 5:00–9:00 pm***. Sons Of Italy Lodge #2507, 3725 Easy St., **Port Charlotte**

Emil's DC presents Texas Hold'Em, Mar. 20–23, 11:00 am–3:00 pm and Bar Bingo, Mar. 22, 8:00–11:00 pm. 941.764.0640 or facebook.com/EmilsSports. 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

Friday Night Dance Top local entertainers including Erich, Jay Smith, Mc2 and more. $7 admission. Visit theculturalcenter.com for more information. ***Fridays***, 7:00–10:00 pm. The Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte

ON STAGE

The Turtle Club presents live jazz with Danny Sinoff, Mar. 20, 8:00–11:00 pm and contemporary jazz with Tony Boffa and Doug Cassens, ***Thursdays***, 6:00–9:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/turtleclubpg for details and full entertainment schedule. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

The Toe Tappers at Ricaltini's Bar and Grille Originals and covers from the '70s. Visit facebook.com/SarasotaToeTappers. Mar. 20, 5:30–8:30 pm. 1997 Kentucky Ave., **Englewood**

Tom Jones Meets Elvis by Jeff Gordon. Advance tickets: $19; CC members: $17 (limit two); day of show: $21 (no discounts). Visit facebook.com/TomJonesImpersonator for details and a link to purchase. Mar. 20, 7:00–9:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Crystal Trio Concert Tickets: $10, available in the PGICA office, Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5:00 pm. Call 941.637.1655 for more information or search "Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association" on Facebook. Mar. 20, 5:30 pm. 2001 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Comedy Club Night at CURVE Headliner: Lou Angelwolf, featuring Jerry Costello with special guest Mary Tischbein. Advance tickets: $10 per person; $15 at the door. ***Reservations recommended:*** degame@att.net or 305.343.2930. Visit facebook.com/TheCurvePG for details. Mar. 21, 7:00–10:00 pm. The CURVE Sports Tavern at the Wyvern Hotel, 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

It Takes Two: Celebrating Music's Iconic Duos Featuring tributes to the Everly Brothers, Sonny and Cher, Simon and Garfunkel, Barbra Sterisand and Neil Diamond, and many more. Advance tickets: $17; CC Members: $15 (limit two); day of show $19 (no discounts). Visit facebook.com/latitudeduo. Mar. 21, 7:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Born On The Bayou and South Bound: *Lynryd Skynrd and Frynds Concert* Tickets: $26.15. Visit facebook.com/CHEventCenter for details and a link to tickets. Mar. 21, 6:30 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Event Center presents Night Ranger, Mar. 22, 6:00–9:00 pm; Shoji Tabuchi, Mar. 24, 6:00 pm; and The Lemon Bay Chord Company: Big Band Barbershop, Mar. 25, 2:0 pm. To purchase tickets or more information, call 941.270.3324 or visit facebook.com/englewoodeventcenter. 3069 S McCall Rd., **Englewood**

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Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Concert with Robert Austin Relax to the healing tones of the quartz crystal bowls. Advance tickets: $15; at the door: $20. All are welcome! Visit facebook.com/lemonbayyoga for details. Mar. 23, 7:00–8:30 pm. Lemon Bay Yoga Studio, 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

JR Southern, Deck and Dance Party Dance the night away under the blue sky! Visit facebook.com/DeepCreekGolf. Mar. 23, 4:00–7:00 pm. Deep Creek Golf Club, 1260 San Cristobal Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Faure and More by Bion Cantorum Faure Requiem and other music. Violin soloist: Karen Gettel-Bell. Dinner and show: $25; dinner only: $10; show only: $15. Visit facebook.com/BionCantorum. Mar. 24, 4:00–7:00 pm. First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte, 2230 Hariet St., **Port Charlotte**

Portside Tavern presents Jimi Banks, Mar. 21, 6:00 pm; Monkey Business, Mar. 24, 6:00 pm; and Tiki Tom and L.A., Mar. 26, 2:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/PortsideEvents. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

2017 CCPS Elementary Honor Chorus Concert Talented fifth-grade singers from all ten elementary schools in the county perform an array of spirited selections! Free and open to the public. Visit facebook.com/LESmusicPC. Mar. 24, 7:00–8:00 pm. The Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., **Punta Gorda**

Live Music by Chris G: Burg'r Bar, 317 Tamiami Tr, Punta Gorda: Mar. 23, 5:30–9:00 pm and Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda: Mar. 25, noon–3:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/ChrisGProductions for details and full schedule. **Punta Gorda**

Diablo Creek House Concert featuring Rich Schooner McGuire Get up close and personal! Visit facebook.com/highway.oneband. Mar. 25, 7:00–10:00 pm. 1430 San Jose Dr., **Englewood**

Johnny's Dream Fundraiser Featuring Angie Keilhauer All proceeds benefit Johnny's Dream. Preferred seating must make reservations: 941.828.1591. $15 donation will go directly to helping the community. Search "Johnny's Dream" on Facebook. Mar. 25, 7:00–9:30 pm. Ricaltini's Bar and Grille, 1997 Kentucky Ave., **Englewood**

Elton John Tribute Dinner and show: members: $35, non-members: $40. Show only: members: $20, non-members: $25. ***Reservations required:*** 941.474.1404. Mar. 25; dinner: 5:30; show: 7:30. Elks Lodge 2378, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood

Pat Travers Live in Concert General admission: $20; VIP: $50, includes open bar, a meal, and premiere seating. Search "Pat Travers Live" on Facebook and visit brownpapertickets.com to purchase. Mar. 25, 7:00 pm. Charlotte County Fair Grounds, 2333 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

The Rusty Wright Band at Porky's Roadhouse Admission $10, advance tickets available at thephoenixradio.com. ***This is the Pat Travers show after party.*** Visit facebook.com/rustywrightband. Mar. 25, 9:00 pm. 4900 Kings Hwy., Ste. 412, **Port Charlotte**

The Freecoasters at The Celtic Ray, Mar. 25, 9:00 pm–1:30 am. Visit facebook.com/TheFreecoasters. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Free Concert in McGuire Park Featuring Jordan Copas and Juryla and Doughboy. ***Bring your own chairs.*** Free food! Search "First Alliance Church of Port Charlotte, FL" on Facebook. Mar. 25, 11:00 am–2:00 pm. 21125 McGuire Ave., **Port Charlotte**

The Open Studio presents LM Acoustics Suggested donation: $10; kids under 12: free. Visit facebook.com/TheOpenStudioEnglewood for details and tickets. Mar. 26, 3:00–6:00 pm. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Gilded Grape presents *Karaoke with Jeannie Smith,* Mar. 22, 7:00–9:00 pm and *Steve Widmeyer: One Voice, One Guitar,* Mar. 25, 6:30–9:30 pm. The Wine Bar offers a wide selection of wines from around the globe, made on site, as well as a variety of beer and craft beer to tempt all taste buds. Visit gildedgrape.com. . 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Nav-a-Gator Grill presents Latitude, Mar. 23, 6:00–9:00 pm; Don Middlebrook, Mar. 24, 6:00–9:00 pm; Bruce & Tiki D, Mar. 25, 2:00–5:00 pm; and Sunny Jim, Mar. 26, 2:00–5:00 pm. Cover charge: canned good and non-perishable food items. 941.627.3474, facebook.com/navagator.grill, or nav-a-gator.com. 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Stage Play: *Tuesdays with Morrie* The autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career and his reconnection with Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor, who passes lessons of life to the younger man. Adults: $18, students: $12. Visit lemonbayplayhouse.com for details and tickets or call 941.475.6756. ***Runs until Apr. 2***. Lemon Bay Playhouse, 96 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Jam with Ambush Everyone is welcome to "Jambush"! Local musician or singer? Come on out to meet, greet, and jam. Visit facebook.com/ambushtheband for details. ***Tuesdays***, 6:00–9:00 pm. Eagles Aerie 3296, 23111 Harborview Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Fishermen's Village presents live entertainment up to six days a week! Facebook.com/fishermensvillage, fishville.com or 941.639.8721. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Punta Gorda Guitar Army—Electric Don't miss the party at Fishermen's Village Center Court! Visit facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy and fishville.com for details. ***Tuesdays through March, 5:00–9:00 pm***. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Punta Gorda Guitar Army—Acoustic A great evening of music, weekly! Visit facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy for details. ***Thursdays***, 6:00 pm. History Park, 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

TT's Tiki Bar presents live music weekly, Wednesday–Sunday. Visit facebook.com/thetikibarpg. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Visani Comedy Zone presents nationally-recognized comedians, stellar tribute bands, and periodic "Visani Got Talent" amateur nights. For details and tickets to any show, visit visani.net. Call 941.629.9191 for more information. 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

LIVE MUSIC VENUES

All genres of live music thrive in Charlotte County! Visit individual websites and Facebook pages or call for line-ups.

All-Star Sports Grill • 941.743.4140 • facebook.com/allstarsportsgrillpcfl • 2360 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

The Bean Depot Cafe • 941.627.3344 • facebook.com/TheBeanDepot • 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson • 941.883.8000 • blackwidowh-d.com • 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Beyond the Sea Restaurant • 941.474.1400 • beyondtheseafl.com • 3555 S. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Carmelo's Italian Ristorante • 941.621.4091 • carmelosristorante.com • 209 W. Olympia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Celtic Ray Irish Pub • 941.916.9115 • celticray.net • 145 E. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Cold River Saloon • 941.505.0798 • facebook.com, search by name • 3149 Duncan Rd., Punta Gorda

Common Grounds Meeting Hall • 941.564.8739 • commongroundshall.com • 12735 S. Tamiami Tr., **North Port**

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County • 941.629.4175 • theculturalcenter.com • 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Dean's South of the Border • 941.575.6100 • deanssouthoftheborder.com • 130 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Diablo Creek • 240.394.0266 • facebook.com/diablocreek • 1430 San Jose Dr., **Englewood**

Downtown Gatorz • 941.347.7518 • facebook.com/DowntownGatorz • 502 King St., **Punta Gorda**

D'Vines Wine Bar & Gift Emporium • 941.627.9463 • dvineswineandgifts.com • 701 JC Center Ct., **Port Charlotte**

Emil's DC • 941.764.0640 • facebook.com/EmilsSports • 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

The End Zone Sports Grille • 941.473.9663 • facebook.com, search by name • 2411 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Englewoods on Dearborn • 941.475.7501 • Englewoods.tripod.com • 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Farlow's on the Water • 941.474.5343 • farlowsonthewater.com • 2080 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Fishermen's Village • 941.639.8721 • fishville.com • 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Fishery • 941.697.2451 • thefisheryrestaurant.com • 13000 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Flounders Restaurant and Tiki Bar • 941.460.8280 • floundersonthebeach.com • 1975 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar • 941.235.9463 • gildedgrape.com • 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Gulf View Grill • 941.475.3500 • thegulfviewgrill.com • 2095 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Harpoon Harry's • 941.637.1177 • harpoonharrys.com • 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

History Park • facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy • 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Hurricane Charley's • 941.639.9695 • HurricaneCharleys.com • 300 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Jacks on Marion • 941.637.8800 • jacksonmarion.com • 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

JD's Bistro • 941.255.0994 • jdsbistroandgrill.com • 1951 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Lock 'N Key • 941.474.1517 • lockandkeyrestaurant.com • 2045 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Mango Bistro • 941.681.3500 • mangobistro.com • 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Nav-a-Gator Grill • 941.627.3474 • nav-a-gator.com • 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

The Orange House Wine Bar • 941.505.8233 • theorangehousewinebar.com • 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

The Placida Pearl • 941.474.8730 • facebook.com/placidapearl • 2643 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Porky's Roadhouse • 941.629.2114 • facebook.com/porkysroadhousepc • 4900 Kings Hwy., Ste. 412, **Port Charlotte**

Portside Tavern • 941.629.3055 • theportside.com • 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Ricaltini's Bar & Grille • 941.828.1591 • ricaltinis.com • 1997 Kentucky Ave., **Englewood**

The Rooftop Terrace/Wyvern Hotel • 941.637.5858 • TheWyvernHotel.com • 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Snook's Bayside Bar & Grill • 941.475.3712 • facebook.com/SnooksbaysidebarandGrill • 779 W. Wentworth St., **Englewood**

Sunset Grill on the Harbor • 941.743.2800 • sunsetgrilloth.com • 23241 Bayshore Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Bar • 941.637.6770 • docksideandtiki.com • 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Vino Loco • 941.473.8466 • vinolocowine.com • 420 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Visani Comedy Zone • 941.629.9191 • visani.net • 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

White Elephant Pub • 941.475.6801 • whiteelephantpub.com 855 Gulf Blvd., Englewood

Will's Honky Tonk Englewood • 941.474.8131 • willshonkytonk.com • 232 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Zydeco Grille • 941.828.1472 • zydecogrille.com • 8501 Cape Haze Plaza, **Placida**

GET OUT

Sporting

Pedal and Play in Paradise Bicycle Tour 2017 is about having fun, but also supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma Soiety (LLS) and TEAM Punta Gorda's Bicycle Friendly Community Initiatives. Something for everyone—the casual bike rider, more serious cyclists, mystery lovers, families, and folks who just want to tour beautiful Punta Gorda and learn about its past and future. All events begin and end at Laishley Park Pavilions. Most will pedal, but everyone is welcome to play! Visit facebook.com/PedalAndPlay and pedalandplayinparadise.com for details and to register. Mar. 24–26. Laishley Park, 100 Nesbit St., **Punta Gorda**

Pedal & Paddle in Paradise South Broward Wheelers joins Team Punta Gorda and Pedal and Play in Paradise for an unforgettable kayak experience! Kayak rentals, 1–9 people: single: $35; double: $50; 10 or more people: single: $30; double: $45. Visit facebook.com/SouthBrowardWheelers for details. Mar. 26, 9:00 am. Hathaway Park, 35461 Washington Loop Rd., **Punta Gorda**

2nd Annual Fallen Heroes Race Visit facebook.com/FallenHerosRun. Mar. 25, 7:00–10:00 am. 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Rotonda Men's Golf Association Scholarship Scramble Tournament No handicap required. Door prizes, raffles, 50/50, and more! Call 941.697.2414 to reserve your spot. Visit facebook.com/rotondagolf for details. Mar. 23; sign-in: 7:30 am; shotgun start: 8:00 am. Rotonda Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Cir., **Rotonda**

SpringFling NCAA Women's Lacrosse:
Franz Ross Park, 19655 Quesada Blvd., Port Charlotte:
- Mar. 21: 10:00 am

Ann Dever Park, 6791 San Casa Dr., Englewood:
- Mar. 20: 10:00 am, 12:30 pm
- Mar. 23: 10:00 am

Call Gene DeLorenzo at 802.989.0239 or Rick Nelson at 518.495.4526 for details. **Charlotte County**

Punta Gorda Pro League Tennis Four events, including singles and doubles matchups. Open to the public and beverages are provided by the Isles Yacht Club. Visit facebook.com/239Tennis. Mar. 21, 5:00–8:00 pm. Isles Yacht Club, 1780 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Snowbird Baseball Classic A college baseball fan's dream: 19 Division 1 teams and 26 Division 3 teams, playing venues around the County. Visit snowbirdbaseball.info for details and full schedule. ***Runs until Mar. 23.*** **Charlotte County**

Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training Take yourself—and everyone you know—out to the ballgame! Call 1.888.FAN.RAYS or 941.206.HITS(4487) for tickets. Visit tampabayrays.com for details and promotions and to sign up for the Rays newsletter! **No pets or outside beverages allowed. All games begin at 1:05 pm.** Home games:

Pirates, Mar. 20 Red Sox, Mar. 25 Twins, Mar. 30
Yankees, Mar. 23 Orioles, Mar. 29

Charlotte Sports Park, 2300 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

4-17 Southern Speedway & Events Race track and event grounds. Visit 417southernspeedway.com and facebook.com/pg/417SSE for details and updates or call 941.628.8128. 8655 Piper Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Florida Tracks & Trails Florida's biggest outdoor adventure park is open weekends! Overnight stays, ATV rentals, 22 miles of trails, five tracks, seven paintball fields, mudzone, pro shops, family-friendly lake with white-sand beach, general store and tiki bar with food and drinks. Adults: $30, children: $15. Call 1.844.RIDE FTT(743.3388), or visit floridatracksandtrails.com for more information. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Nature Adventures

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary Community Appreciation Day Free admission! Meet the residents—including two new tigers—and volunteers, enter a 50/50 raffle, and enjoy food and beverages and great photo opportunities. ***Note: merchandise payment by cash or check only.*** Visit facebook.com/OctagonWildlifeSanctuary for details or call 239.543.1130 with questions. Mar. 26, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary, 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Kayak Tour of Shell Creek with Gaea Guides For kayaking and nature enthusiasts, this three-hour tour of the undisturbed wilderness of Shell Creek and its surrounding areas is a wonder! A University of Florida-certified Master Naturalist guide will lead an exploration of cypress and oak trees, many fish species, and various birds, including the rare limpkin. You'll be on the water for about two hours; bring your own water, and lunch or a snack. Tickets: $40 (gratuity not expected but appreciated), available at gaeaguides.com or call 239.694.5513 for more information. Mar. 20, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Hathaway Park, 35461 Washington Loop Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Edible Landscaping Tour by The Open Studio The first of its kind for Englewood. Tour six properties, both public and private, for a glimpse into these types of landscapes in various stages of establishment, from young gardens to mature and productive food forests. Tour only: $15; tour with lunch, $23. Visit facebook.com/TheOpenStudioEnglewood for details and link to purchase. Mar. 25, 9:00 am–4:00 pm. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Last Chance Lobster Hoorah: Pompano Day Trip Cash or check discount: $65 per trip, plus tax; credit card rate: $67 per trip, plus tax. Tanks and air not included. Limited space! Visit facebook.com/FantaseaScuba and call 941.627.3888 with questions. Mar. 26, 8:30 am. Meet at 3781 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Nature Boat Tour by Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP) Board a comfortable, 25-foot Windsorcraft boat for a two-hour long informative tour to view local wildlife that call the aquatic preserves home, including dolphins, manatees, white pelicans and other colonial wading and diving birds. Binoculars, ice, and water will be supplied; bring own (other) drinks and snacks. No large coolers allowed; $5 parking fee, payable to the Marina office prior to boarding. Limited to six people. $30 per person, ***must purchase tickets in advance:*** visit facebook.com/CharlotteHarborAquaticPreserves for details and link to purchase. Mar. 24, 10:00 am and 12:30 pm. **Departure location:** Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

Peace River Weekly Kayak Group Bring sun screen, hat, and two bottles of water per person; expect to get wet! Kayak and equipment rental with loading/launching service: $20 per person; no charge if bringing own kayak. ***Online waiver required if renting; registration required for all.*** Visit kayakecotours.com to complete waiver and sign up; call 941.249.4579 with questions. ***Tuesdays***, 9:00–11:00 am. Kayak Eco Tours, Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina, 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours Experience the natural heart of Florida! Visit facebook.com/babcockranchecotour and babcockranchecotours.com for details; call 1.800.500.5583 for reservations. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

Barrier Island Park Society (BIPS) offers a variety of outings and special events; ***reservations may be required:*** visit barrierislandparkssociety.org, call 941.964.0060, or email infoatbips@gmail.com for more information. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) Offers guided walks, wading trips, Mom-and-Tot educational events, lectures and exhibits, boat rides and more, all led by CHEC naturalists. Call 941.475.0769 to register for events and for information; visit checflorida.org or search "Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center" on Facebook for complete schedule, information, volunteer opportunities, and directions. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

Depthfinders Dive Center provides everything required to explore diverse underwater environments. Friendly and knowledgeable staff, dive information, equipment sales and service, training, rental equipment, equipment repair, air or Nitrox refills, as well as training in PADI, and DAN certifications. 941.766.7565 and depthfinders.com. 1225 Tamiami Tr., Unit A-5, **Port Charlotte**

Fantasea Scuba offers quality education and customer service, dive equipment, dive training, tech training, snorkel equipment, rentals and service, spearfishing, local dive charters, and dive trips. 941.627.3888, fantaseascuba.com, and facebook.com/FantaseaScuba. 3781 Tamiami Tr.**, Port Charlotte**

Horses for a Cure, Inc. Private and semi-private lessons, trail rides, birthday parties, weekend/summer kid's camps, corporate events, and overnight campouts in the Florida wilderness. Call 941.916.5712 or search "Horses for a Cure, Inc." on Facebook. 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Lemon Bay Conservancy offers nature outings and exciting volunteer opportunities. Venues charging entry fee will be designated, most are free. ***Volunteers*:** contact the office at 941.830.8922 to get started. Visit lemonbayconservancy.org for details and full event calendar. ***No pets or smoking.*** For all outings and volunteering: bring water, lunch, and a shady hat and wear good shoes. Various locations, **Englewood**

Hooked on SUP Visit hookedonsup.com or call 941.504.1699 for details, tour times, and to book. ***Must be able to swim.*** 6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Stump Pass Beach Guided Adventure Tour Dolphin, manatee, sea stars, birds of prey, and local fish are abundant and the water is usually crystal clear.

Snorkel & Paddle Tour at Stump Pass Beach State Park No live shelling, but bring a small net bag to collect empties. Must be 13 years or older.

Boca Grande "Old Florida" Wildlife Tour Grass flats and sand bars teem with fish, birds, manatee, dolphins and an occasional sea turtle. ***Note: $6 toll to cross the bridge.***

Don Pedro Island Mangrove Tunnel and Beach Picnic Tour Traverse a mangrove tunnel with starfish, seahorses, and more, to a quiet hidden lagoon.

Palm Island/Coconut Canal Live Seashell Tour Learn to identify local fish, sea creatures, and wading birds. Dolphin and manatee are regular sights!

Woolverton Trail Mangrove Tunnel Guided Tour Historic mangrove tunnels; wildlife includes migratory white pelicans, Roseate Spoonbills, and often dolphin and manatee!

Light Up the Night Kayak or paddleboard will be lit from beneath, illuminating starfish, live shells, sponges, and tons of fish species!

PaddleFit Technique—Paddle Training Learn how proper technique increases speed and health. Weekly classes; distance and speed will accelerate.

PaddleFit Basic Intro To SUP, aka "Virgin Hookers" Learn basic strokes and turns, along with safety rules and etiquette.

Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary "The wildest retirement home in Punta Gorda," is a non-profit sanctuary for abused and unwanted exotic animals. Adults: $10; seniors 55+ and kids 8–17: $5; children 7 and under: free. ***Cash or check only. No pets allowed. Saturdays and Sundays,*** 11:00 am–4:00 pm; weekday visits by appointment only. 239.543.1130 or octagonwildlife.org. 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Audubon Society A great resource for nature lovers and of course, bird-watchers! Offers walkabouts, field trips, and volunteer opportunities. Visit peaceriveraudubon.org and facebook.com/PRASaudubon or email peaceriveraudubon@gmail.com for more information and full schedule of events. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

This Week's Happenings

Week of Mar. 20–26, 2017

Peace River Wildlife Center Daily Pelican Feedings Come to the "pelican yard" daily ***at 2:30,*** weather permitting, to learn about native Florida wildlife. Many wild pelicans and great blue herons stop by for lunch! Permanent residents are available for viewing in attractive, spacious habitats based on their native environments. $5 donation requested. ***No pets***. Call 941.637.3830 or visit peaceriverwildlifecenter.org for more information. Open seven days a week, 365 days a year, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. A great place for families! Peace River Wildlife Center, 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy., **Punta Gorda**

PG Farms and Horse Boarding, Inc. Child and adult lessons in English or Western, private or semi-private, covering basic horsemanship, grooming, tacking, and groundwork, as well as trail rides and training. Call 941.575.2756 or visit pgfarms.com or facebook.com/pgfarms for details. 31600 Bermont Rd., Punta Gorda

Riding Star Ranch Offers hand-led pony rides, $30/pony, perfect for the little ones, and Saddle-Up Stroll, $45/rider, for those who have never ridden or would like a refresher. Call 386.848.7953 or visit ridingstarranch.org. 7701 Cleveland Dr., **Punta Gorda**

Riding the Waves Tour local waterways driving your own fun, compact Personal Power Catamaran boat. Certified Florida Naturalist guides lead the way and share their expertise and insight on local history and valuable sea- and wildlife and habitat protection information while they take you on a fun-filled adventure along beautiful waterways. Visit facebook.com/RidingTheWavesFL and RidingTheWaves.COOL for details or call 941.460.358. Skip's Marina, 1990 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Scuba Trek offers classes and refreshers, scuba and snorkeling gear, snowbird specials, exciting day- and weekend trips, and more. 941.347.8454, scubatrekdivers.com, and facebook.com/ScubaTrekPA. 1080 Taylor St., #111, **Punta Gorda**

SW Florida Skydive Club For those who've always wanted to experience flight in its truest form, skydiving is it! Call 941-875-8554 or 1-888-447-JUMP(5867), email info@skydiveswflorida.com, or visit skydiveswflorida.com. Shell Creek Airport, 36886 Washington Loop Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Three Suns Ranch Tours Relaxing and educational tour exploring American Bison, their history, and their lives at the ranch, as well as cracker cattle, the descendants of the originals brought over by the Spanish Conquistadors. $16.75 per person; visit threesunsranch.com for details and tickets or call 941.639.7070. ***Saturdays***, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. 2351 FL-31, **Punta Gorda**

About Town

American Alpha Apparel Annual Fashion Show Featuring several exclusive sneak peaks! Tickets: $10 at the door. Raffle packages: $10–$200; winners will be announced after the show. Candy Bar Bingo: bring as many candy bars as you'd like. Each candy bar=1 bingo card and scavenger hunt. Everything shown will be available for purchase. After party: Harpoon Harry's, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade. Visit facebook.com/AmericanAlphaApparel. Mar. 25, 6:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

***Flair for Spring* Fashion Show** Benefits The Scholarship Fund. $25 per person, non refundable. Contact Randy Ann at 941.255.3555 and search "ABWA - Punta Gorda Charter Chapter" on Facebook. Mar. 216, 1:00–4:00 pm. Visani Comedy Theater, 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

Meet Annie the Owl and Luna the Screech Owl by Peace River Wildlife Center and Fishermen's Village. See these beautiful birds up close and learn more about them and the Center! Call 941.637.3830 or email peaceriverwildlife@yahoo.com for details. ***Tuesdays and Fridays until Apr. 14,*** 11:00 am–1:00 pm. Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Drum Circle *Every Sunday,* year-round (weather permitting), about one hour before sunset. Everyone is welcome to drum, hoola hoop, dance or just enjoy as the sun sets. You don't have to know the rhythm to drum along! 941.445.1365 or danceenglewood.com for more information. Note: parking fee is .75 per hour. 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

History Quest: Historical Geocaching and Questing Explore local historic sites with questing and geocaching! Contact the Historical Center at 941.629.PAST(7278) or visit CharlotteCountyFL.gov, and click the "Playing" tab. Ongoing. 514 E. Grace St., **Punta Gorda**

Joshua Citrus A real Florida orange grove! Fresh-squeezed orange juice, strawberry orange juice and grapefruit juice. Free samples of juices, citrus and gourmet items, grove walks, and see the packinghouse in operation. Visit joshuacitrus.com or search "Joshua Citrus, Inc" on Facebook. Oct.–mid-May, Monday–Saturday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. 4135 SE County Road 760, **Arcadia**

Liquid Premiere LGBT nightclub in Southwest Florida, offering a sensual yet sophisticated atmosphere and featuring dance music from the '70s through 2000, spun by some of the hottest DJs in Florida. Visit liquidfl.com and facebook.com/pg/liquidfl for details and special events. 4300 Kings Highways, Ste. 415, **Charlotte Harbor**

The Placida Pearl Bar & Nightclub Clean, smoke-free environment, cocktails, variety of craft beers, dancing, open mic nights, and more. The only nightclub in town! Visit facebook.com/placidapearl, placidapearl.com, or call 941.474.8730. 2643 Placida Rd., **Placida**

RIZE Nightclub & Terrace Port Charlotte's only nightclub dedicated to nothing but dance music! Visit facebook.com/Rizeclub for details. 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

CRAFTY BREWS AND BEVERAGES

Alligator Bay Distillers Craft distillery, producing quality, handcrafted, "cane-to-bottle" rum. Offers tours and tastings. Call 941.347.8419 and visit alligatorbaydistillers.com and facebook.com/alligatorbayrum for more information. 25522 Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Catania's Winery Award-winning custom-blended and red and white wines, full line of winery equipment for home and commercial use, gourmet coffees, first cold press extra virgin olive oil from Italy, gift baskets made to order, espresso and cappuccino machines for sale, and wine making classes and tastings. Call 941.475.7553 and visit cataniaswinery.com and search "Catania's Winery" on Facebook for more information. 524 Paul Morris Dr., Ste. B, **Englewood**

Fat Point Brewing Produces fresh, local, hand-crafted beers and features live music, bar bingo, open mic nights, and other special events. Call 800.380.7405 and visit fatpoint.com and facebook.com/FatPointBrewing for details. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar Boutique wine shop, wine hobby shop, wine cellar, and wine bar. Features *Art with Wine* event at Seagrape Gallery during *Alive After Five*, third Thursday of every month, make-your-own wine classes, craft beers, snacks, live music, and tastings. Available for event rental. Call 941.235.9463 and visit gildedgrape.com and facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery for more information. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Southwest Florida Food Tours offers a variety of innovative, interesting, and delicious culinary adventures including ***Tour d'Europe***; ***Harbor Sights & Bites Tours***—boat rides with both lunch and dinner options; the original ***Bites of Punta Gorda Culinary Walking Tour***; the decadent wine-and-chocolate experience of ***The Austrian Temptation***, and the exclusive elegance of ***A Taste of Austria***. Visit swffoodtours.com for details, schedule, and to purchase tickets, or call 941.276.6384 for more information. Various times and locations, **Punta Gorda**

Visit pureflorida.com/restaurants to browse and search for great new culinary experiences! **Charlotte County**

ART AND CRAFT

Events and Exhibits

Artist Reception: Antonio Suares exhibits his wonderful collection of photography. Vintage 1900s theme, refreshments will be served. Visit facebook.com/charlottearts. Mar. 23, 5:00–7:30 pm. Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home, Cemetery and Crematory, 9400 Indian Springs Cemetery Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Art Exhibit and Opening Reception: *Transformations* by Gabriele Childs Refreshments provided. Search "Gabriele Childs Studio & Gallery" on Facebook. Mar. 25, 5:00–8:00 pm. 251 E Olympia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

36th Annual Englewood Rotary Fine Arts Festival Street art fair and food, rain or shine! Visit facebook.com/GloriaUrbanArtist155 and facebook.com/RotaryClubofEnglewood for more information. Mar. 25 and 26, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Visual Arts Center Goff Gallery: *Painters, Potters & Jewelers*, ***runs until Mar. 30***; First Federal Gallery: *Primavera Exhibit*, ***until Apr. 6***. Free and open to the public and much of the art is for sale! Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for details. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Emerging Artisans Program Venue and support for emerging artisans, musicians, and craftspeople to display, sell, and demonstrate their hand-crafted art and wares—as wide a range of styles and techniques as possible! Visit facebook.com/EmergingArtisansProgram for details. ***Sundays***, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. The Open Studio Gardens, 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Placida Art Market A weekly art and craft show in historic, charming Placida. Visit facebook.com/placidaartmarket for details and photo gallery. ***Saturdays, 9:00–4:00 pm***, ***runs until April 22***. 13020 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

The Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society strives to preserve the area's rich history through mural art. With 28 so far, Punta Gorda is one of the leading mural towns in the country! Private Tours available for groups of 10–20. Visit puntagordamurals.org for more information. **Punta Gorda**

Radio Show: *Exposed: Behind the Doors* Inside the arts in Charlotte County! Hosted by Marie LaBrosse, Advanced Toastmaster: marie@kdwradio.com or call 941.815.6230 or 941.624.2912. Listen online at kdwradio.com. Wednesdays, noon–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

***Art in Public Places* by Charlotte Arts** Nearly 100 free exhibits annually, in all 2D media; all pieces available for purchase. Visit charlottearts.org and email info@charlottearts.org for details on artists, exhibiting, or hosting.
Englewood: Englewood/Charlotte Library • Englewood Event Center • West Charlotte County Annex
Port Charlotte: Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County • Charlotte County Administration Center • Mid-County Regional Library • Port Charlotte Library
Punta Gorda: Bayfront Health • Campbell's Enrolled Agents Co. • Cayo Costa Dental • Charlotte County Justice Center • Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center • Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home • FGCU: Herald Court Centre • Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home

Paint/Create Parties

Corks 'N Canvas Become your own Van Gogh under the direction of Kathleen Kelly! Wine and nibbles provided. Visit facebook.com/PuntaGordaChamber. Mar. 13, 6:00–8:00 pm. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maude St., **Punta Gorda**

Bisque IT Art Studio presents *Kids' Art Class,* Mar. 14 and 15, 10:00 am, $25 plus tax; *Black Light Canvas Painting* for ages 7 and up, Mar. 16, $25; and paint nights, glass fusing classes, wine glass painting, and much more! Visit bisqueitstudio.com and facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun for full schedule, to make reservations, and to view paintings and projects. No experience needed, BYOB. Price includes all materials. ***Registration and prepayment required:*** 941.624.5955. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Painting with a Twist presents a special one-time painting event: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar,* Mar. 19, 3:00 pm. "Uncork" your inner artist! Bring your own wine, beer, soda and snacks; everything else needed to complete your masterpiece—including a talented local artist to take you from blank canvas to finished artwork—will be provided. Visit facebook.com/PWATPortCharlotteFL and paintingwithatwist.com for schedule, details, to register, and to view upcoming paintings; call 941.764.3914 for more information. 18700 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 8, **Port Charlotte**

Art by the Glass A creative evening out! No experience needed; all supplies included. Choice of premium wines, beer and non-alcoholic beverages for purchase. Visit artbytheglassllc.com, call 941.780.1743, or email artbytheglassllc@gmail.com for details, party schedule, and upcoming paintings. 1700 Tamiami Tr., Unit F4, **Port Charlotte**

Artists in Action Work on whatever you want in a collaborative environment!. $2 donation requested. Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for details. ***Saturdays,*** 9:00–noon. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Creative Classes

The Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County (***Charlotte Arts***) is the one-stop shop for creative classes and ***all things art and culture*** in the area! Visit charlottearts.org, click "Events," then "Cultural Calendar." **Charlotte County**

Greeting Card Class All supplies—including envelopes—included. Each participant will make two cards. $6 per person, adults only. ***RSVP required:*** 941.815.6436. All experience levels welcome. Search "Stampin' With Robyn" on Facebook for details. Mar. 20, 2:00 pm. Panera Bread, 1808 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay Visit artsallianceoflemonbay.org or call 941.475.7141. 452 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

The Boca Grande Art Center Everything from drawing to beading, ceramics to photography, and more! Visit bocagrandeartcenter.org or call 941.964.1700. ***Note: there is a $6 toll to cross the bridge.*** 236 Banyan St. **Boca Grande**

Charlotte County Cultural Center Sewing, lapidary, jewelry/silversmithing, pottery, and more Visit theculturalcenter.com; register by phone at 941.625.4175 ext. 223, or in person Monday–Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte Players offers ***acting classes for all ages.*** Visit facebook.com/pg/CharlottePlayers/services or charlotteplayers.org for details. Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Cir., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte Sewing Studio Large selection of sewing accessories, notions, quilting and garment fabric, and extensive guide classes and creative project classes. Visit facebook.com/pg/CharlotteSewingStudio or call 941.235.3555. 1109 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

The Craftin' Cow A lounge for socializing, creating, and learning, with classes, clubs, and special events. Call 941.505.0155 or search "The Craftin' Cow" on Facebook. 29291 Tribune Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Art Center All media, exhibitions and events; four galleries, two well-equipped 2D studio classrooms, pottery studio, a digital media studio, lending library. Visit ringling.edu/EAC or contact at 941.474.5548 or eac@ringling.edu. 350 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Expert Sewing Center Inc. Fabric, notions and more, and lessons and classes! Visit facebook.com/ExpertSewingCenter or call 941.766.7118. 3846 Tamiami Trail Unit D, **Port Charlotte**

Inspiration Studio Fine art, jewelry making, healing arts and more, and a wide variety of unique jewelry, art and gift items, and paint and birthday parties! Call 941.321.8585 or visit inspirationstudiofl.com for a full class schedule. On the grounds of Pottery Express Bamboo Farm, 25370 Zemel Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Old Florida Outdoor Center and Gallery Classes, paint/create parties, and much more! Contact at 941.460.1561 or oldfloridaoutdoorcenter@gmail.com and visit facebook.com/oldfloridaoutdoorcenter for upcoming classes and parties. 463 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

The Open Studio Art, craft, healing and fitness. Visit theopenstudio.org for class schedules or call 941.681.2782. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The Painted Cabana Fine art to scarf painting, jewelry making, and more. Full class schedule available at thepaintedcabana.com. Turtle Crossing Plaza, 16500 Burnt Store Rd, Suite 110, **Punta Gorda**

The Visual Arts Center Creative workshops and classes in fine art, craft, and technology. Cork N Canvas Feb. 9, 6:00–8:30 pm, $40; Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 or stop by for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Galleries

The Albritton Gallery Working gallery and studio, home to original work by Margaret and Garry Albritton. Margaret runs the store and works on her art in public view. She's always happy to discuss her process and answer any questions, so don't be shy. Call before you go: 941.698.0603 to be sure they're open; they may be on island time! Visit thealbrittongallery.com for details. 13020 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Artisans Atelier In-house artisans work right before your eyes! All will answer questions as well as sell their works. Monday–Saturday, 11:00 am–5:00 pm. Call 941.637.8484 or email artisansatelier@yahoo.com for more information. 117 Herald Court Centre, Unit #113, **Punta Gorda**

The Artists' Gallery at The Open Studio Find unique handmade items. You may even encounter an artist or two in their natural habitat! Visit theopenstudio.org or call 941.474.4060 for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay Jewelry, bags, paintings, more! Visit artsallianceoflemonbay.org for details. Monday–Saturday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm, Sunday, 11:00 am–3:00 pm. 452 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Creations at the Village Seaside Art Gallery Fine, fun and functional art local artists: paintings, gifts, jewelry, pottery, glass, fiber art, much more. Call 941.639.6363 for details. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Unit C46, **Punta Gorda**

Erlenbach Modern Art Gallery & Studio Paintings and prints, fused glass and pottery, artisan jewelry, and natural bath and body products. Call 941.227.4335 or visit erlenbach-modern.com or Facebook.com/ErlenbachModernArtGallery for details. 612 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

Gabriele Childs Studio & Gallery Contemporary art gallery and working studio. Search "Gabriele Childs" and click "Gabriele Childs Studio & Gallery" under "Intro" on Facebook. 251 E. Olympia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

The Hatch Gallery Once a clam shack, now an art gallery, filled with whimsical wildlife driftwood art, antiques, and more. Call 941.697.9531, email HATCH_JON@hotmail.com, or visit jon-hatch-originals.com. 13060 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

Old Florida Outdoor Center and Gallery 941.460.1561 or oldfloridaoutdoorcenter@gmail.com. Visit facebook.com/oldfloridaoutdoorcenter for details. 463 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

The Potter's Studio and Gallery Inspiring working pottery studio complimented by a unique gallery. Browse innovative and contemporary pieces in every form and style, from functional to whimsical. Visit thepotterstudio.com or Facebook.com/ThePottersStudio for details or call 941.661.8925. 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd., Ste. 1151, **Punta Gorda**

Sea Grape Gallery features Artists of the Month and various guest artists. Call 941.575.1718 or visit seagrapegallery.com or facebook.com/SeaGrapeGallery for details and to see a lot of great art, or just stop by to enjoy and explore! The Gallery is always open until 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month for *Alive After Five.* 113 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Stoneware Pottery by Jack Vartanian & Friends Art Gallery Browse functional and decorative pottery and fused glass home decor by Jack—who has been teaching pottery for the last seven years at the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda—and a creative group of his former pottery students. Visit cargo-collective.com/stonewarepottery for details.1080 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Sunart Gallery & Framing is a unique family-owned shop offering a fine art gallery, custom framing and handcrafted gifts. Stop in and browse, enjoy the gallery openings and other events, have that precious artwork framed, or just say hello! Call 941.639.3956 or visit sunartgallery.net for more information. 307 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Tamiami Art & Frame Offers award-winning photo restoration and custom framing of all types of memorabilia including sports jerseys, diplomas, 3D objects, prints, photographs, and fine art. Serving the Charlotte County area for over 30 years! Visit tamiamiartandframe.com or call 941.629.8888. 21234 Olean Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

The Visual Arts Center features art and craft in three exhibition spaces: First Federal Gallery, Goff Gallery, and Rebecca Hall. All exhibits are free and open to the public. Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 or stop by for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

KID STUFF

Featured

Fairy Tale Princess Story Time Princesses and heroes—including Beauty, Princess Anna, Jack the Pirate and more—will take pictures with the kids after the interactive story time. Visit facebook.com/sandmanbooks or sandmanbooks.com, or call 941.505.1624 for details and updates. Cameras and costumes welcome! Free and open to the public. Mar. 25, 11:30 am–12:30 pm. Sandman Book Company, 16480 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Mid-County Regional Library presents *Career Conversations* for ages 12 and up, Mar. 21, 5:30 pm; *Kids Got Game*, Mar. 22, 4:30 pm; and *YA YA Writers-Young Adult Writers Group,* Mar. 23, 5:30 pm. Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec for details on these, and many other programs! ***Registration required:*** call 941.613.3170. 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Wheely Cool Tricks Learn the fundamentals of a variety of bike tricks, including rolling in, flying out, and stalling. Free, all ages welcome! Participants must provide own bike and helmet. For more information, visit facebook.com/Charlotte-FLParksRec or call 941.681.3769. ***Last Sundays***: Mar. 26, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. J.M. Berlin Skate Park, 6749 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**

Library Programs

Gotta Catch 'Em All Pokémon Tournament Wild Pokémon have been spotted in the library! Replenish and sign up at the Pokéstop at the front door, then catch new Pokémon. Whoever catches the most will receive a cool prize. ***Saturdays***, noon–2:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries for details. Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte County Library System Visit youseemore.com/charlottecounty, click "Calendar" for full schedule.

- **Englewood-Charlotte** (Englewood) • 941.681.3736 • 3450 N. Access Rd.
- **Mid-County** (Port Charlotte) • 941.613.3160 • 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.
- **Port Charlotte** (Port Charlotte) • 941.764.5562 • 2280 Aaron St.
- **Punta Gorda** (Punta Gorda) • 941.833.5460 • 424 W. Henry St.

Story Times

Copperfish Books • copperfishbooks.com • 941.205.2560 • 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**
Sandman Books • sandmanbooks.com • 941.505.1624 • 16480 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Exploration

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) • checflorida.org • 941.575.5435 or 941.475.0769
Horses for a Cure • facebook.com, search "Horses for a Cure, Inc." • 941.916.5712 • 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**
Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary • octagonwildlife.org • 239.543.1130 • 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**
Peace River Wildlife Center • peaceriverwildlifecenter.org • 941.637.3830 • 3400 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**
Riding Star Ranch • ridingstarranch.org. 386.848.7953 • 7701 Cleveland Dr., **Punta Gorda**

Parks: Complete list and details: charlottecountyfl.gov, "Playing"

Pools

Ann Dever • 7001 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**
Port Charlotte Beach • 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**
South County • 670 Cooper St., **Punta Gorda**

Playgrounds

Gilchrist Park* • 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**
Laishley Park Fountain* • 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**
Kidstar Park • kidstarpark.com • 941.235.3131
***Details: ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/visitors

Sporting

Bowland • bowlandcenters.com • 941.625.4794 • 3192 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**
Englewood Bowl • englewoodbowl.net • 941.474.5400 • 299 S. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**
Treasure Lanes • treasurelanes.com • 941.625.3930 • 1059 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**
Fish Cove Adventure Golf • coralcaygolf.com/fishcove • 941.627.5393 • 4949 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Creativity

Bisque IT Art Studio • Pottery painting, kid's classes, mom-and-kid events, more • bisqueitstudio.com • 941.624.5955 • 1931 Tamiami Tr., #3, **Port Charlotte**
Art by the Glass • Birthday parties • artbytheglassllc.com • 941.780.1743 • 1700 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**
Painting with a Twist • Kid's events/theme paintings • paintingwithatwist.com 941.787.2443 • 18700 Veterans Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

DOG DAYS

Featured

Adoption Day at Mom & Pop Pet Shop The Animal Welfare League is looking for loving homes for numerous dogs and cats. Stop by to find your special someone! Visit facebook.com/MomPopPetShop. Mar. 25, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Cross Trails Center, 615 Cross St., #1105, **Punta Gorda**

Dog-Friendly Restaurants

Many Charlotte County restaurants allow leashed dogs on their patios and outdoor spaces. Call first: pureflorida.com/restaurants is a good place to start!

Shopping

Leashed, under-control dogs are welcome at notable shopping venues **Fishermen's Village** in Punta Gorda **(fishville.com)** and **West Dearborn Street** in Historic Old Englewood **(oldeenglewood.com)**, as well as at the various Farmers Markets in the area.

Off-Leash Parks

Edgewater Paw Park • 22410 Glass Ln., **Port Charlotte**
Ann Dever Paw Park • 6791 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**
Hounds of Henry Street • 557 W. Henry St. (W. Henry St. and Shreve St.), **Punta Gorda**
Brohard Paw Park/Dog Beach • 1600 Harbor Dr. S., **Venice**
(Dogs are not allowed on Charlotte County Beaches)
Leashed dogs are welcome at most Charlotte County parks. Visit charlottecountyfl.gov/services/parksrecs for more information.

LECTURE AND LEARNING

Adult Snowbird Sailing Camp Learn how to sail on beautiful Lemon Bay! Registration: $175. Search "Englewood Sailing Association - ESA" on Facebook. Mar. 20–24, 9:00 am–3:00 pm. 210 Winson Ave., **Englewood**

3rd Annual Charlotte Winter Wellness Fair Featuring free screenings, demonstrations, product sampling, door prizes and more! Search "Charlotte Winter Wellness Fair" on Facebook. Mar. 22, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Author Talk: Lola Haskins Award-winning Florida poet Lola Haskins will talk about and read from two of her books of poetry and prose: her thirteenth poetry collection, *How Small, Confronting Morning* (Jacar, 2016), is plein air poetry about inland Florida, and *Fifteen Florida Cemeteries: Strange Tales Unearthed,* (University Press of Florida, 2011) is a prose book containing both history and the wildest stories she could find. Visit lolahaskins.com for more information. ***RSVP required:*** call 941.205.2560 or email copperfishbooks@comcast.net, and visit facebook.com/CopperfishBooks for details. Mar. 23, 6:00 pm. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Fantasea SCUBA presents Nitrox Class Extended your bottom times, have shorter surface intervals, reduce chances of nitrogen narcosis, make shorter decompression stops, and much more. This is the entry level certification course for recreational divers wishing to utilize enriched air nitrox (EAN) as a breathing gas. The objective of this course is to train divers in the benefits, hazards and proper procedures for using nitrox mixes from 22% to 40% oxygen content. Visit facebook.com/FantaseaScuba and call 941.627.3888 with questions. Mar. 22, 6:00 pm. 3781 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Safety Day 2017 by Skydive Southwest Florida Informative workshops to polish up safety skills in the plane, in the air, and on the ground. Whether you have 10 jumps, or 10,000, there is always something to learn! It's also a great day to meet up with fellow skydivers. BBQ provided. ***RSVP required:*** call 888.447.5867 or search Skydive Southwest Florida on Facebook. Mar. 26, 10:00 am. 36886 Washington Loop Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Shimmy Me Timbers A grounded, well-executed shimmy can electrify an audience! Whatever style bellydance is your passion, shimmies are a crucial part. In this workshop, Amunet will show you how to get that 'perfect' shimmy. $15 per person. Visit facebook.com/shakeyourbeautywithamunet. Mar. 26, 2:30 pm. 2372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Adventure and Wildlife Hosted by the Shark Brothers Get the inside scoop on The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast, its natural environments, outdoor recreational opportunities, its people, communities, and quality of life in this unique web series! Visit pureflorida.com/adventure-series to watch. **Charlotte County**

Friends of Boca Grande Community Center presents *Boca Grande Camera Club Regular Meeting*, Mar. 21, 10:00 am; *Boca Grande Sleuths: Jump Cut,* Mar. 21, 4:00 pm; *Boca Grande Live: The Jazz Masters,* Mar. 24, 5:00 pm; and *Bolshoi Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty,* Mar. 26, 1:00 pm. Visit friendsofbocagrande.org or search "Friends of Boca Grande Community Center" on Facebook for a full schedule. ***Note: $6 toll to cross the bridge.*** 131 First St. W., **Boca Grande**

Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts presents *Chakra Balancing with Crystals,* ***Tuesdays***, 11:00 am–3:00 pm, $30 per person; *Meditation Group Meetup*, Mar. 22, 5:30 pm; *Crystal Workshop*, Mar. 24, 5:30 pm, $20 and *Readings with Jenn,* Mar. 25, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Call 941.623.4563 to make appointments or visit facebook.com/DownToEarthFL for details. 2792-B Tamiami Tr. Plaza 444, **Port Charlotte**

Motorcycle Riding Academy Learn to ride on a Harley-Davidson®; in-class and on-range instruction from Motorcycle Safety Foundation® (MSF) and H-D® Certified coaches. Successful riding evaluation earns an MSF Basic RiderCourseSM Completion Card. Visit blackwidowh-d.com/--learn-to-ride for details and sign up. $169 per person. ***Saturdays and various weekdays/nights***. Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson, 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Radio Show: ***Solo Travel Girl's Adventures Near and Far***, hosted by Jennifer Huber, will share the all fabulous things to do in Southwest Florida and beyond! Contact Jennifer at solotravelgirl@kdwradio.com. If you can't pick up the station, listen online at kdwradio.com. Thursdays, noon–12:30 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

Radio Show: ***Tropical Tarot and Beyond***, hosted by Pamela Jones, certified by the Tarot Certification Board of America and the Tarot Guild Endorsed Readers program. Listen and be uplifted! Contact Pamela at tropicaltarot@kdwradio.com. Listen online at kdwradio.com. Thursdays, 12:30–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

The Lifelong Learning Institute Lectures, classes, film, outings, and more! Visit lifelonglearning-charlotte.org or call LLI at 941.637.3533, email charlotte.lli@fsw.edu, or drop by Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 10:00 am–noon or 1:00–3:00 pm, at the Peeples Learning Resources Center Building (Building B), Room #114, Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center, Inc. Regattas, camps, classes, more. Visit charlotteharborcommunitysailingcenter.com or call 941.773.6326 or 941.456.8542 or email thesailingcenter.org@gmail.com for details. 19246 Palmdale Ct., **Port Charlotte**

Florida Gulf Coast University at the Herald Court Centre Lectures, short courses, film series, more! Visit registerra.fgcu.edu to browse the Charlotte County Course Catalog or call 941.505.0130 for details. 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 211, **Punta Gorda**

The Learning Place at the Charlotte County Cultural Center Classes and social opportunities year-round in art, dance, technology, and more! Visit theculturalcenter.com for schedule. Register at 941.625.4175 ext. 223, or in person Monday–Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Radio Show: *Sleuthing: Eye-Opening Tales of the Past* Discover the interesting history of the area! Hosted by Marie LaBrosse, Advanced Toastmaster: marie@kdwradio.com or call 941.815.6230 or 941.624.2912. Listen online at kdwradio.com. Fridays, noon–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

FILM

4th Friday Foreign Films: *Mondays in the Sun (Los Lunes al Sol)* Spanish with English subtitles. A short discussion follows the film. Free and open to the public; all ages welcome. Call 941.833.5460 and visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec for details and more events. Mar. 24, 2:00 pm. Punta Gorda Public Library, 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

Monday Night Movies Free movies on the big screen, popcorn provided! Call 941.861.1207 for details. Mondays, 5:00–8:00 pm, excepting major holidays. Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Classic Foreign Film Series Each film is introduced and briefly discussed. $5 per; ***check or credit card only,*** includes refreshments. Call 941.505.0130 or stop by, Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm for more information or visit registerra.fgcu.edu. ***Tuesdays, 1:00–3:00 pm***, FGCU's Renaissance Academy, 117 Herald Ct. Sq., **Punta Gorda**

Regal Town Center Stadium 16: *Beauty and the Beast (2017;* also 3D), *The Belko Experiment, Kong: Skull Island* (also 3D), *Before I Fall, Logan (2017), The Shack, Get Out, Fifty Shades Darker, John Wick: Chapter 2, The Lego Batman Movie*, *Hidden Figures.* 941.623.0114 or regmovies.com. Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

MARKETS

Englewood Farmers Market Fresh and organic produce, baked goods, beef, BBQ, wild salmon, olive oil, herbs, honey and so much more! Visit englewoodfarmersmarket.org for details and free healthy recipes. ***Thursdays***, 9:00 am–2:00 pm, Oct.–May. Old Englewood Village, 300 Block of W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market Fresh produce, peanut butter, dog treats, jam/jelly, mushrooms, microgreens, flavored vinegar, soap, olive oils, and more to come. A great way to support local businesses and have fun at the same time! Receive $1 off every $10 purchase. Visit Facebook.com/BurntStoreMarina for details. ***Fridays***, year-round, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Cass Cay Parking lot, 3200 Matecumbe Key Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Bohemian Bazaar Night time weekly market in Historic Downtown Englewood with food vendors of all kinds, artisans with their wares, and music and performers, including fire dancers and spinners! Visit facebook.com/BohemBaz or call 941.549.1796. ***Fridays***, 5:00–9:00 pm. 348 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

The Saturday Veggie Stand Fresh organic fruits, veggies, juices, smoothies, microgreens, soups, salads, and more, in front of The Real Juice Bar. ***Saturdays***, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Visit theopenstudio.org. 310 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Punta Gorda Downtown Farmers Market Voted the best small market in Florida and 15th in the US! Fruits, vegetables, pickles, jams, German bakery goods, fresh pasta, kitchenware, cupcakes, beef, fresh seafood, jewelry, candles, soaps, dip mixes, cheese, olives, orchids, kettle corn, coffee beans, exotic plants, natural facial products, smoothies, and much more, plus live entertainment! EBT/SNAP accepted and the Market gives $2 for $1 on purchase of Florida-grown produce, citrus, or honey! Call Jerry Presseller, Manager, at 941.391.4856 for details. ***Saturdays***, 8:00 am–noon. Taylor St. and Herald Ct., next to the historic courthouse, **Punta Gorda**

History Park Farmers Market Most Sundays feature live music by local musicians. Guided garden tours available after the market closes; a $5 suggested donation includes a plant to take home! For more information call 941.639.1887. ***Sundays***, 9:00 am–2:00 pm. 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

MOVEMENT

New! **Isles Fitness** presents RockN'Cycle Class, Mar. 20, 9:15 am and Spintroduction Class, ***Fridays***, 9:00 am. Classes are $5 and the first class is free! Visit facebook.com/RockNCycleFitnessCycling. Mar. 20, 9:15–10:15 am. Isles Fitness ,1133 Bal Harbor Plaza, Ste. 1111, **Punta Gorda**

Ballroom Dancing Education by Southwest Florida Chapter 6049 of USA Dance Inc. Ballroom dancing for beginners/intermediate and experienced dancers. ***Wednesdays***, 7:00–8:00 pm (practice 8:00–8:30 pm); social dance third ***Sundays***, 2:00–5:00 pm. Visit usadance6049.org for details. PGHS Women's Club Ballroom, 118 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Dance Etc, Englewood presents *Native American Flute*, Mar. 24 and 25, 6:30 pm, $35 for both classes or $20 each; *Design a Hoop Playshop,* Mar. 25, 11:00 am, $30 per person; *The Bodhran: Marches,* Mar. 25, 12:30 pm, $10; *Irish Tin Whistle Class,* Mar. 25, 2:00 pm, $15—bring your own whistle; *Afro Fusion Dancehall,* Mar. 26, 12:30–2:30 pm, $25, and a plethora of dance and movement classes and social gatherings. Search "Dance Etc, Englewood" on Facebook, call 941.270.4599, email DanceEnglewood@gmail.com or visit danceenglewood.com. 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Lemon Bay Yoga Studio offers *The Astrological Meaning of our Relationships,* Mar. 18, $75 per person. ***Preregistration required:*** visit facebook.com/lemonbayyoga to register and for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd.**, Englewood**

Community Yoga at Punta Gorda History Park by Botanica Belize Multi-level classes for ages 12 and up; $5 per person/per session. For more information visit botanicabelize.com or facebook.com/botanicabelize. ***Sundays,*** 1:00–2:00 pm (weather permitting), through March. 22801 Bayshore Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Yoga By The Sea for Veterans and Caregivers Yoga gathering; an enlightening morning of relaxation and healing from within. Bring a mat or towel. For more information contact Deborah: Deb@Hlah.org or 941.877.2277. ***Tuesdays***, 11:00 am. Laishley Park, 100 Nesbit St., **Punta Gorda**

Townie Tuesday by Acme Bicycle Shop Bring a helmet, lights, and a friend for this no-drop, family-friendly, cruiser-style ride around Punta Gorda. After-ride festivities include either ice cream or an adult beverage! Be at the shop by 6:00 pm. Call 941.639.2263 for details. ***Second and fourth Tuesdays***, 6:00–8:00 pm. 615 Cross St., **Punta Gorda**

Aqua Zumba So much fun, you'll hardly notice the workout! 18 or over. $8 per class or 5-class punch card for $32. Call 941.505.8686 or visit charlottecountyfl.com/CommunityServices. ***Saturdays***, 10:00–11:00 am year-round. South County Regional Recreation Center & Pool, 670 Cooper St., **Punta Gorda**

Dance Etc, Englewood presents a wide variety of movement classes and social events. Search "Dance Etc, Englewood" on Facebook, call 941.270.4599, email DanceEnglewood@gmail.com or visit danceenglewood.com. 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Dao Yin Sheng Gong Gentle twisting motions, breath control and acupressure point stimulation. ***Wednesdays***, 10:00 am, $8 per lesson. Richard Curtis: 407.923.8310. Register at the PGICA office or call 941.637.1655. 2001 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Higher Ground Performing Arts Dance, voice, music and theater lessons and Zumba fitness. Visit highergroundperformingarts.net for details; call 941.625.3622 with questions. 17353 Geddes Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Indoor Pickleball For ages 15 to seniors. Drop in for some fun competition and make new friends. For more details call 941.681.3742. Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 N. Access Rd., Unit 4. **Englewood**

It's a Free Ride! Find loaner bicycles at Bayfront Health's Wellness Center, Laishley Municipal Marina, Four Points by Sheraton, Fishermen's Village Marina, Isles Yacht Club Marina and The Wyvern Hotel. Details: 941.637.8326 or teampuntagorda.org. **Punta Gorda**

Line Dancing 'Improver' and intermediate; the public is welcome! Contact Nancy at 941.474.6027 or nvargo@verizon.net. ***Thursdays***, 9:30–11:30am. Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

Peace River Riders Regularly scheduled rides: Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday–Sunday mornings. peaceriverridersbicycleclub.com **Punta Gorda**

Qi Gong/Tai Chi Free workshop, come join in! ***Saturdays***, rain or shine, 9:30–10:30 am. Gilchrist Park, by the statue of Ponce de Leon. 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Saturday Morning Bike Ride Coffee at 8:00 am, roll promptly at 8:30 am. Leisure, medium and fast are no-drop; unlimited is until you can't hang on! No ride when it's raining or really foggy. Helmets are required. 941.639.2263 or acmebicycleshop.com. 615 Cross St., #1116, **Punta Gorda**

Sunday Morning Wake Up Run No set route or pace! Arrive by 6:50 am; begin running at 7:00 am. Visit thefootlanding.com for details. Gilchrist Park Pavilion, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Tai Chi at the Open Studio Yang Style. Free class; donations accepted. Beginners welcome. ***Tuesdays***, 5:30–6:00 pm. 941.474.4060 or visit theopenstudio.org for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Wednesday Night Pub Run, Walk or Stroll 3.0-ish Approximately 2.1 to 3.1 miles. All are welcome. Walkers/strollers start at 6:15 pm, runners at 6:30 pm. Call 941.347.7751 or visit facebook.com/pg/TheFootLanding for details of each week's run. Free registration and free parking in the parking garage above. The Foot Landing, 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 1112, **Punta Gorda**

Yoga on Englewood Beach Yoga for Every Body, 8:30–9:30 am ***every day—holidays included!*** Free, donations accepted and appreciated. Sunset Yoga 6:00–7:00 pm every ***Monday*** and ***Wednesday***. Bring a blanket or sheet. ***Note: parking is .75 per hour.*** 941.474.5511 or englewoodchamber.com for details. 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

SEA TO SHORE

King Fisher Fleet Deep sea/back bay fishing; eco-tours; full- and half-day, sunset, harbor, and sightseeing cruises. Annual Cruise Pass: unlimited free admission on all regularly scheduled sightseeing cruises for one year; park fees, special events, Christmas Light Canal Cruises not included. ***New this season***: 90-minute Harbor Tour out of ***Burnt Store Marina—*** 3192 Matecumbe Key Rd., Punta Gorda—Fridays, Feb. 17–Apr. 7, departing 11:15 am. 941.639.0969, facebook.com/kingfisherfleet, or kingfisherfleet.com. Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Ste. 16A, **Punta Gorda**

Smoke and Roses Sunset cruises, full-day island sails, overnight charters. Includes captain and first mate. Private parties only, up to six passengers, start at $45 per person. Agnes Long at 605.366.7673, email info@smokeandroses.com, or smokeandroses.com. 140 Leland St. S.E., **Port Charlotte**

Captiva Cruises Don Pedro State Park Island Shuttle; full- and half-day excursions, sunset cruises, lunch and beach/shelling trips, dolphin watch/wildlife adventure cruises. 941.889.8000, captivacruises.com, or facebook.com, search "Captiva Cruises." Cape Haze Marina, 6950 Placida Rd., **Cape Haze**

Diamond Charter Cruises Private luxury yacht cruises for up to six people. 941.639.0969 or diamondchartercruise.com. Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Nav-A-Gator Narrated eco-tours and lunch for one low price! 941.627.3474 or nav-a-gator.com. 9700 SW Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

MUSEUMS

The A.C. Freeman House Built in 1903 for less than $900. Open Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Guided tours: Monday and Thursday only, 11:00 am–3:00 pm. Puntagordahistory.com. 311 West Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture of Charlotte County Open-access, educational institution devoted to the procurement, preservation, study and display of historical and cultural materials related to the contributions of African Americans in the settlement of Charlotte County and Southwest Florida. Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Call 941.575.7518 or visit blanchardhousemuseum.us for more information. 406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Boca Grande Historical Society and Museum is committed to preserving and enhancing the history of Gasparilla Island and its surrounding area and providing rewarding opportunities to learn about the remarkable people and events that shaped the past. Visit bocagrandehistoricalsociety.com for more information. Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. 170 Park Ave., **Boca Grande**

El Jobean Post Office and General Store Designated local historic landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, reveals the history of Southwest Florida and the community. A book about the area, *The History of Early El Jobean*, is available in the Charlotte County public library system. Call 941.766.1117 for more information. 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Englewood Area Historical Museum Features books by local authors and Pioneer Crafting Kits for sale. Free admission! Visit eahmuseum.org or call 941.208.5942 for details and hours. 1394 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

The History Park Four fascinating historic buildings: The Cigar Cottage, The Trabue Land Sales Office, The Price House/Gilchrist Inn, and The Calaboose. Tours given Sundays after the Park's Farmer's Market—1:00 pm. Visit puntagordahistory.com for more information. 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Port Boca Grande Lighthouse & Museum The oldest structure on the island has been a comprehensive museum since 1999. Three rooms cover cultural and social history dating from 12,000 BC–present; a fourth contains a "please touch" area. Features a gift shop offering souvenirs, local artwork and jewelry. Call 941.964.0060 and visit barrierislandparkssociety.org for open hours and details. Note: there is a $6 toll to cross the bridge. 880 Belcher Rd., **Boca Grande**

The Punta Gorda Train Depot Sole surviving depot of the six built by the Atlantic Coast Line in Mediterranean revival style. Over 20 independent booths comprise The Antique Mall, which occupies the large freight room, and the ticket office houses three exhibits: The History of the Railroad, The Fishing Industry, and the Punta Gorda Army Air Field. Sept.–June: Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Call 941.639.6774 or visit puntagordahistory.com for more information. 1009 Taylor Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Military Heritage Museum strives to promote understanding and respect for the rich military heritage of the United States and the sacrifices made by America's veterans, living and dead. Monday–Saturday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm; Sunday, noon–6:00 pm; closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call 941.575.9002 (admin) or 941.347.7941 (museum) or visit freedomisntfree.org for more information. Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Unit 48, **Punta Gorda**

Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City features nearly 200 automobiles of every era, dating back to the 1920s, with a major focus is on GM "muscle cars." Work up an appetite then enjoy the best omelets, biscuits and gravy, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and cheesesteak sandwiches in the area, as well as old-fashioned floats, sodas, shakes and homemade ice cream at the '60s-themed Muscle Car City Diner, open Tuesday–Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Call 941.575.5959 or visit muscl ecarcity.net. Muscle Car City, 3811 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

March

Dinner and Murder at the Gilded Grape, Mar. 29: facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery/

April

Dance Etc Anniversary Show, Apr. 1: search "Dance Etc, Englewood" on Facebook

4th Annual Spring Fling Luau, Apr. 1: facebook.com/VBAVolunteerClinic

A Night for Kids, Punta Gorda Kiwanis Fundraiser, Apr. 6: facebook.com/PuntaGordaKiwanisClub

Big Surf XIX Youth Learning Fishing Tournament, Apr. 8: facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec

Punta Gorda's Second Latin Festival by Cilantro's Restaurant, Apr. 15: search "Cilantro's Restaurant" on Facebook

Charlotte County Pride Fest 2017, Apr. 29: facebook.com/CharlotteCountyPride

Hook Kids on Fishing, Apr. 29: facebook.com/fishermensvillage/

Charlotte Players Open Mic Night, Apr. 29: facebook.com/CharlottePlayers

May

Lunafest Short Film Festival, May 12: facebook.com/GOTRSWFL

2017 World's Richest Tarpon Tournament, May 25: Search ""World's Richest" Tarpon Tournament" on Facebook

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