

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

2017 Beer Bus, Aug. 12: facebook.com/PuntaGordaBeerbus

Fishermen's Village Second Annual TikiFest, Aug. 12: fishville.com/events

Englewood Pioneer Days kicks off with Little Miss/Mr. Englewood Pageant, Aug. 19: englewoodpioneerdays.com

Englewood Beach Putt-Putt 2017, Aug. 26: facebook.com/englewood.chamber

Arts in August at Fishermen's Village, Aug. 26: search "Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda" on Facebook

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC

Alive After Five Shops stay open late, local artists display their works, merchants offer giveaways, and live music is everywhere! Enjoy the art, music and fun, then have a bite at one of Punta Gorda's great restaurants. **Jul. 20**, 5:00–8:00 pm. Downtown **Punta Gorda**

Cultural Heritage Center Stop by their table by Copperfish Books and discover some of the diverse culture in the area!

Cruise-In by Florida West Coast Vintage Motor Car Club of America: facebook.com/vmcca.org.

Food Trucks A great opportunity to try something new!

Art with Wine: Gilded Grape and Sea Grape Gallery Wine tastings, refreshments, and art demonstrations! 113 W. Marion Ave.

The Renaissance Academy displays a local artists' work all month and hosts a reception during Gallery Walk. Call 941.505.0130 for details. 117 Herald Ct., #211

Edward Jones Open House Hors d' oeuvres and refreshments will be served; parking available at corner of Sullivan St. and W. Olympia Ave. Call 941.639.0233 for more information. 223 Taylor St., Ste. 1118

F.M. Don's Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Search "F.M. DON'S" on Facebook. Jul. 20, 5:00–7:00 pm. 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Quarters for a Cause for Relay for Life Friends and Family 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. Call 941.286.2056 or search "Quarters for a Cause" on Facebook for details. **Age 18 and up only.** Jul. 18, 6:00–9:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Chevy Night at Babcock Ranch Celebration of the new Chevy Bolt EV, the 2017 North American Car of the Year. Visit facebook.com/babcockranch or babcockranch.com. Jul. 21, 4:00–8:00 pm. 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Drag Queen Bingo at Nino's Bakery Visit facebook.com/ninosbakery. Jul. 22, 4:00 pm. Nino's Bakery and Restaurant, 3151 Cooper St., Ste. 52, **Punta Gorda**

Fred Lang Foundation Summer Ball 2017: A Summer Night in Tahiti - the French Polynesia Dinner, dancing, Polynesian and fire dancers, DJ and loads of fun! Black tie/dress to impress encouraged. \$100 per person. Visit facebook.com/charlottebehavioralhealthcare for link to purchase. Jul. 22, 6:00–10:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® Sunday Ride Visit facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson. Jul. 23, 10:30 am. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

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Emil's DC presents *Trivia Night*, **Tuesdays**, 6:00–9:00 pm; *Bar Bingo*, **Wednesdays**, 8:00–11:00 pm; and *Karaoke Night with Wayne*, **Thursdays**, 6:00–9:00 pm. 941.764.0640 or facebook.com/EmilsSports. 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

Trivia Night at Four Points by Sheraton \$50 gift card for first place, \$25 gift card for second place; every six weeks, teams that place will be a drawing for a free night stay! Visit facebook.com/shoplocalswfl. **Thursdays**, 6:00–8:00 pm. Dockside Grill Lounge, 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Visani Comedy Zone presents *A Music Tribute to Elvis* featuring Dwight Icenhower, Jul. 18, 7:30–10:00 pm, as well as 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**

Portside Tavern presents Tom & L.A., Jul. 18, 6:00 pm and Jul. 23, 2:00 pm; Detroit Steve, Jul. 21, 6:00 pm; and Jimi Banks, Jul. 25, 6:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/PortsideEvents. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Jukebox Prophets at Dean's South of the Border Search "Jukebox Prophets" on Facebook. Jul. 21, 9:00–1:00 pm. 130 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Relentless Fire at TT's Tiki Bar Visit facebook.com/RelentlessFIRE. Jul. 21, 7:00–11:00 pm. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Charlie's Pub presents Mac Mama and the Voodoo Gypsies, Jul. 18, 6:00 pm; Mac Daddy, Jul. 21, 8:00 pm; and Rapid Fire, Jul. 22, 8:00 pm. Search "Charlies Pub" on Facebook. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Mango Bistro presents The Bird Tribe, Jul. 21, 6:45 pm and Trio Fusion, Jul. 22, 6:45 pm. Visit facebook.com/mangobistro. 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

The Turtle Club presents live jazz with Danny Sinoff, Jul. 20, 6:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/turtleclubpg for details. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Talent Search at Scotty's Brewhouse Visit facebook.com/gramble0. Jul. 21, 2:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Englewoods on Dearborn presents JP Soars & The Red Hots, Jul. 20, 7:00 pm, \$3 per person; Mike Imbasciani & His Bluez Rockerz, Jul. 21, 7:00 pm; and Backtrack Blues Band, Jul. 22,

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**

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

7:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/EODblues. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Shore Patrol at Harpoon Harry's Visit facebook.com/shorepatrolband. Jul. 22, 8:00–11:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Emil's DC presents Jason Brownie & Travelin Mike, Jul. 22, 6:00–9:00 pm. 941.764.0640 or facebook.com/EmilsSports. 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

Tropical Ave at White Elephant Pub Visit facebook.com/tropicalaveband. Jul. 22, 7:00–11:00 pm. 1855 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood**

Southern Country Soul Tickets: \$13–\$17; visit facebook.com/SunEventsFL for details and link to purchase. Jul. 22, 7:00–9:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Live Music by Chris G: Punta Gorda Farmer's Market, Jul. 22, 8:00 am, Taylor St. at Olympia Ave., and Fishermen's Village, Jul. 22, noon, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Visit facebook.com/ChrisGProductions for details and full schedule. **Punta Gorda**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® presents Saturday Smash, band TBA, Jul. 22, noon–4:00 pm and Torched, Jul. 23, noon–4:00 pm. Free beer daily and free burgers and dogs every weekend! 941.883.8000, blackwidowh-d.com, or facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Dance Etc, Englewood presents Summer Hafla 2017, a celebration of Middle Eastern music and dance! Search "Dance Etc, Englewood" on Facebook, call 941.270.4599, email DanceEnglewood@gmail.com or visit danceenglewood.com. Jul. 23, noon. 118 Sullivan St, **Punta Gorda**

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Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina presents John Frinzi, Jul. 23, 2:00–5:00 pm. Cover charge: canned goods and nonperishable food items that are donated to a local food bank. Visit facebook.com/navagator.grill. 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Babcock Ranch Concert Series presents *Tuesday Night Live, Tuesdays*, 5:30 pm and *Saturday Concert Series, Saturdays*, 4:30 pm. Enjoy live music in the band shell. Visit facebook.com/babcockranch or babcockranch.com. 42850 Crescent Ln., **Babcock Ranch**

The Bean Depot Cafe features live music most evenings and a bluegrass jam session every **Wednesday. Cash only.** 941.627.3344 or facebook.com/TheBeanDepot. 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Bella's Bistro presents live music every Friday and Saturday, 5:00–9:00 pm and easy listening by Herb Geri, **Sundays**, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. 941.916.9786 or facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda. 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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/allstarsportsgrillpcf • 2360 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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

Bella's Bistro • 941.916.9786 • facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda • 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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**

Charlie's Pub • 941.743.3788 • facebook.com, search by name • 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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**

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**

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, schedule, and locations. **Charlotte County**

Punta Gorda Guitar Army A great evening of music, weekly! Visit facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy for details and to confirm location. **Thursdays**, 6:00 pm. Herald Court Parking Garage (top level), 117 Herald Ct., **Punta Gorda**

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

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**

F.M. Don's (formerly Jacks on Marion) • 941.637.8800 • fm-dons.com • 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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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**

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 • theorange-housewinebar.com • 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

The Placida Pearl • 941.474.8730 • facebook.com/placida-pearl • 2643 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Porky's Roadhouse • 941.629.2114 • facebook.com/porkys-roadhousepc • 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**

SandBar Tiki & Grille (formerly Flounders) • 941.460.8280 • sandbartikigrille.com • 1975 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

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**

TT's Tiki 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 • willshonky-tonk.com • 232 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

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

GET OUT

Featured

Show Us Your Charlotte Calendar Contest The best 15 shots of Charlotte County will be featured in the calendar! Visit showusyourcharlotte.com to upload photos and information about you and your subject. Winners receive a calendar and have their photos featured on the county's website and social media. Enter as many photos as desired; only one will be eli-

gible to appear. **Runs until Aug. 31.** Winners will be notified by phone or email. Calendars will be available in late November 2017 at County facilities to be announced. **Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners employees are not eligible. Charlotte County**

Sporting

Play Like a Member Tournament at Long Marsh Golf Club Visit facebook.com/rotondagolf for details. Jul. 22, 8:30 am. 100 Rotonda Cir., **Rotonda**

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Night Golf Tournament at The Palms Four-person scramble format. \$30 per person, includes golf, two glow balls, prizes and hors d'oeuvres! Call 941.697.8118 to sign up your team and visit facebook.com/rotondagolf. Jul. 22, 8:30 pm. 100

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. 941.627.388, fantaseascuba.com, and facebook.com/FantaseaScuba. 3781 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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Charlotte Stone Crabs Baseball Box-level seats start at \$9.50; reserve-level: \$8.50 when purchased in advance. Visit facebook.com/charlottestonecrabs for details and link to purchase tickets, call 941-206-HITS, visit the FCB Box Office at Charlotte Sports Park or visit Stonecrabsbaseball.com. **Note: \$4 parking fee at the stadium.**

vs. Tampa, Jul. 18 and 20, 6:35 pm and Jul. 19, 10:05 am
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 and Trails Florida's biggest outdoor adventure park is open weekends! Overnight stays, ATV rentals, 22

Parks That Teach Guided tour by the University of Florida's Master Gardeners. View the unique ecosystems of the mangroves, identify trees and shrubs, and learn how they can fit into your home landscape, while you experience the habitats that support many Florida creatures. Tours depart from the Fishermen's Village parking lot and last about 1.5 hours. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear, sunscreen, and/or a hat. **First Saturdays** and **third Wednesdays**. Jul. 19, 9:30 am. Call 941.764.4340 for more information. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

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 barrierislandparksociety.org, call 941.964.0060, or email infoatbips@gmail.com for more information. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

Gaea Guides offers extraordinary nature tours of Alligator Creek, Peace River/Hunter Creek Estuary Bird Rookery, and Shell Creek. Travel with a professional naturalist to places rarely seen and experience the magnificence of nature in Southwest Florida, in her true form, in quiet, easy to handle kayaks. Visit gaeaguides.com for full schedule and tickets or call 239.694.5513 or visit facebook.com/gaea.guides.9 for more information. **Mondays**. Various locations, **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Weekly Kayak Group Bring sunscreen, hat, and two bottles of water per person; expect to get wet! Kayak and equipment rental with loading/launching service: \$20 per per-

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. Call 1.844.RIDE FTT(743.3388), or visit floridatracksandtrails.com for more information. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Barrier Island Adventure Parasailing Enjoy the thrill of a powerboat ride and the views and tranquility of gliding up to 500 feet above Florida's scenic coastline! Visit parasailingenglewood.com or facebook.com/ParasailinginEnglewood for details. 1271 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Englewood Parasailing & Tours offers an unbelievable view of Florida's beaches, in single, double and even triple set ups. Visit englewoodparasailing.com or facebook.com/Englewood.Parasailing for details. 1450 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

Nature Adventures

son; 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**

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 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**

Hooked on SUP TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence recipient—three years in a row!—offers the ultimate in stand up paddleboard, kayak, and canoe adventures, with everything from guided adventure and wildlife tours to seashell and picnic tours, snorkeling trips, SUP yoga, and more! A lesson is included in each tour. Visit hookedonsup.com and facebook.com/HookedOnSUP or call 941.504.1699 for details, tour times, and to book. **Must be able to swim.** 6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

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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 Nature outings and exciting volunteer opportunities. **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: bring water, lunch, and a shady hat and wear good shoes. Various locations, **Englewood**

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 ch only. No pets allowed. Saturdays and Sundays,** 11:00 am–4:00 pm; week-day visits by appointment only. 239.543.1130 or octagonwildlife.org. 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Audubon Society Offers walkabouts, field trips, and volunteer opportunities. Visit peacriveraudubon.org and [facebook.com/PRASaudubon](https://www.facebook.com/PRASaudubon) or email peacriveraudubon@gmail.com for more information and full schedule of events. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

Peace River Wildlife Center Come to the "pelican yard" **daily at 2:30 pm**, weather permitting, to learn about native Florida wildlife. 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 peacriverwildlifecenter.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**

SIP n SUP by Hooked on SUP Beat stress with a paddle! Leisurely paddle across the ICW to Rum Bay Restaurant for two-for-one appetizers and Happy Hour stress busting drink specials (think RUM BUCKET!) before paddling back to home base at sunset. \$20 for paddle board or kayak rental from Hooked On SUP; free if you bring your own board or kayak. Bring cash or card for your stress relieving magic potions at Rum Bay. **Reservations required:** call 941.504.1699, visit hookedonsup.com to book online, or visit [facebook.com/HookedOnSUP](https://www.facebook.com/HookedOnSUP). No paddling experience required; single or tandem kayak recommended for new paddlers. If bringing

PG Farms and Horse Boarding, Inc. Trail Rides and child and adult lessons, English or Western, private or semi-private, on basic horsemanship, grooming, tacking, groundwork. Call 941.575.2756 or visit pgfarms.com or [facebook.com/pgfarms](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/RidingTheWavesFL) and [RidingTheWaves.COOL](https://www.facebook.com/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 or scubatrekdivers.com. 1080 Taylor St., #111, **Punta Gorda**

SW Florida Skydive Club Flight in its truest form! 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

own vessel, bring a white light for safety. If renting, light will be provided. No children under 16 yrs old. Jun. 19, 5:30–9:00 pm. Hooked on SUP, 6950 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

Christmas in July: Thursday Night Book Sale Take an additional 10% off brand new books and other items, including the Florida section! Free holiday gift wrapping, Jul. 20, 5:00–8:00 pm. Visit [facebook.com/sandmanbooks](https://www.facebook.com/sandmanbooks). Jul. 18–20, 5:00 pm. Sandman Books, 16480 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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Liquid The premiere LGBT nightclub in Southwest Florida offers a sensual yet sophisticated atmosphere, 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](https://www.facebook.com/pg/liquidfl) for details and event schedule. 4300 Kings Highways, Ste. 415, **Charlotte Harbor**

Senior Game Club Enjoy Mahjong, Bridge, Scrabble, Checkers, Chess, and other board games in this new drop-in program. \$3 drop-in fee; \$10 punch-pass for four visits; \$30 punch-pass for 12 visits. **Tuesdays**, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Englewood Drum Circle **Sundays**, 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**

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](https://www.facebook.com/placidapearl), placidapearl.com, or call 941.474.8730. 2643 Placida Rd., **Placida**

CRAFTY BREWS AND BEVERAGES

Post House Vineyards Wine Pairing w/Nick Gebers Four-course South African-inspired menu by Executive Chef Robert Moltzan with wine pairing from Post House Vineyards. Limited seating; call 941.639.7700 to reserve. \$65 plus gratuity and tax. Visit [facebook.com/88KeysFlorida](https://www.facebook.com/88KeysFlorida). Jul. 20, 6:30 pm. 88 Keys at The Wyvern Hotel, 101 E Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery) for more information. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Buck-A-Schuck Night at The Turtle Club Visit [facebook.com/turtleclubpg](https://www.facebook.com/turtleclubpg) for details. Jul. 17, 4:00–7:00 pm. 136 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Uncle Nick's Pizza Pay It Forward Event Receive a free large pepperoni or cheese pizza (limit one per household) then pay it forward. Use #PayItForwardUNP to track how far the kindness reaches. Visit [facebook.com/unclenickspizza](https://www.facebook.com/unclenickspizza) for

details. Jul. 17, 4:00–10:00 pm. 3880 Tamiami Tr., Ste. A, **Port Charlotte**

Christmas in July Roast Beef Dinner \$17 per person; \$15 for members. Visit [facebook.com/SOIByGodsCowboy](https://www.facebook.com/SOIByGodsCowboy). Jul. 22, 5:00–9:00 pm. Sons of Italy Lodge #2507, 3725 Easy St., **Port Charlotte**

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Southwest Florida Food Tours presents 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 swf-foodtours.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

Charlotte Arts: Art Reception Featuring artists Linda O'Neill, Larry Palmer, Pam Davis, Donna Valenti and Maryann Artesani. Live music from Doug Coventry. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Visit facebook.com/charlottearts for details. Jul. 20, 5:00–7:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Visual Arts Center *Recycle, Reclaim or Recreate Exhibit, until Jul. 20* and *Members' Showcase, until Jul. 31*. Free and open to the public and much of the art is for sale! Visit visualart-center.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**

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! Pri-

vate 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, 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 • Cayo Costa Dental • Charlotte County Justice Center • Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center • Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home • Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home • Punta Gorda Airport

Paint/Create Parties

Coloring Party at Copperfish Books Relax, socialize, and get creative! All coloring books will be 20% off that evening. If you've already purchased one from Copperfish, feel free to bring it. Colored pencils and markers will be available or BYO. Wine and nibbles provided. \$10 per person; purchase tickets in the store or call 941.205.2560. Visit facebook.com/CopperfishBooks. Jul. 17, 6:00–7:30 pm. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

One Day Crop at Alpaca Fun Retreat Calling card makers, stampers, and scrapbookers: play with a good selection of tools, dies, stamps, inks, and embossing folders. 8.5" x 11" cardstock, and 12" x 12" solid and print paper available for

purchase. Featuring CTMH, Bazzill, Stampin Up, and more. Food will be provided throughout the day; bring your favorite beverage. Visit facebook.com/alpacafunretreat for details and link to purchase or pay \$20 at the door. Jul. 19, 8:00–11:00 am. 16015 Aralia Dr., **Punta Gorda**

Painting with a Twist features *Paint for a Cure to end Alzheimers*. A great evening out for a good cause, plus entertainment and wine! **Registration required:** visit facebook.com/PWATPortCharlotteFL and paintingwithatwist.com for full schedule, to register, and to view upcoming paintings; call 941.764.3914 for more information. Jul. 20, 6:00–8:00 pm. 18700 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 8, **Port Charlotte**

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Painting Fun at Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts Friends, lots of fun and a great instructor! Anyone can do it, even with no experience. \$35 per person, all supplies and individualized instruction included. Call to reserve: 941.623.4563. Visit facebook.com/DownToEarthFL for details. Jul. 21, 5:30–8:30 pm. 2792 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Rocking PGL Come join in the latest craze: Kindness Rocks! Free, family-friendly activity: paint, decorate, and seal a rock, write #RockingPGL on the back, and post a picture on the Charlotte County Library Facebook page. Lift someone's spirits by placing your rocks around the community to be found and shared! Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries. Jul. 22, 11:00 am–1:00 pm. Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

Art by the Glass features paint nights and parties in studio. No experience needed; all supplies included. Choice of pre-

mium wines, beer and non-alcoholic beverages for purchase. Visit artbytheglassllc.com or facebook.com/artbytheglassllc, call 941.780.1743, or email artbytheglassllc@gmail.com for details, party schedule, and upcoming paintings. 1700 Tamiami Tr., Unit F4, **Port Charlotte**

Bisque IT Art Studio presents paint nights, glass fusing classes, wine glass painting, clay painting, and much more! Visit bisqueitstudio.com and facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun. No experience needed, BYOB. Price includes all materials. **Registration and prepayment required:** 941.624.5955. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **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**

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

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, call 941.474.5548, or email eac@ringling.edu. 350 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Expert Sewing Center Inc. presents demos, classes, and other great events, as well as fabric and notions and more! Visit facebook.com/ExpertSewingCenter for full schedule and pricing. 3846 Tamiami Tr., **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**

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The Visual Arts Center Creative workshops and classes in fine art, craft, and technology. 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 and 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 hand-made 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 by local artists. 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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/SeaGrapeGallery) or just stop by! Always open until 8:00 pm 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 cargocollective.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**

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KID STUFF

Featured

Party in the Park by Punta Gorda Historical Society Free admission, free ice cones, games, and more! Visit facebook.com/oldpuntagordainc. Jul. 22, 2:00–4:00 pm. History Park Art Gallery, 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Camps and Programs

Lemondrops Summer Theatre Camp Visit lemonbayplayhouse.com or call 941.475.6756 for details. **Runs until Jul. 29**, 9:00 am–noon. 96 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Summer Dance Classes For ages 3–11. Visit facebook.com/MsLynDance for more information and call 941.626.6344 or email LMDanceEducation@gmail.com to register. **Runs until Aug. 16**. 670 Cooper St., **Punta Gorda**

Summer Kid's Camp at Long Marsh Golf instruction with PGA professionals, agronomics with the superintendent, ice pop putting competition, cooking class with Chef Bob, dodgeball, baseball, kickball, volleyball, Slip-N-Slide, daily movie, crafts, games, and more! \$150 per child/per week. Call 941.697.2414 to register and visit facebook.com/rotondagolf for details. **Jul. 24–28**. Rotonda Golf Academy, 20 White Marsh Rd., **Rotonda West**

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**

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**

Exploration

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) • checflorida.org

Featured

Animal Welfare League presents *Basic Dog Walker Training*, Jul. 15, 10:00 am–noon. "Voluntourism" at its furriest! Visit facebook.com/animalwelfareleague.org for details. 3519 Drance St., **Port Charlotte**

da.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 • peacriverwildlifecenter.org • 941.637.3830 • 3400 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Riding Star Ranch • ridingstarranch.org. 386.848.7953 • 7701 Cleveland Dr., **Punta Gorda**

Library Programs

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.

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 • kidstartpark.com • 941.235.3131

*Details: ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/visitors

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

Creativity

Art by the Glass • Birthday parties • artbytheglassllc.com • 941.780.1743 • 1700 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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**

Painting with a Twist • Kid's events/theme paintings • paintingwithatwist.com 941.787.2443 • 18700 Veterans Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

DOG DAYS

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!

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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 (oldeinglewood.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/parksrecre for more information.

LECTURE AND LEARNING

Last Minute Mini Lobster Season Open Water Class

Last open water class before mini lobster season! Call 941.698.0499 to reserve your spot. Visit facebook.com/gaspars.divenboard.7 for more information. Jul. 17, 6:00 pm. Gaspar's Dive N Board, 2961 Placida Rd., Unit 3, **Englewood**

The Lifelong Learning Institute presents *Your Punta Gorda Airport: Past, Present and Future*, by Pam Seay, Jul. 18, 10:00 am–noon, as well as lectures, classes, film, outings, and more! lifelonglearning-charlotte.org, 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 Peoples Learning Resources Center Building (Building B), Room #114, Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Free Eckankar Class: *Have You Had a Spiritual Experience?*

Free and open to the public. Visit facebook.com/EckankarinSarasota for details. Jul. 19, 6:30 pm, Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood and Jul. 22, 11:00 am–noon. Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. **Charlotte County**

DL Havlin Summer Lecture Series Back by popular demand: local historian and author DL Havlin returns with another lecture on Florida history. **RSVP required:** call 941.505.1624. Visit facebook.com/sandmanbooks for details. Jul. 22, 11:00 am–noon. Sandman Book Company, 16480 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts presents lectures and classes, paint parties, Meet Ups, concerts, psychic healing fairs, and more! Visit facebook.com/DownToEarthFL for full schedule and details and call 941.623.4563. 2792-B Tamiami Tr. Plaza 444, **Port Charlotte**

The Soul's Journey presents *Meditation for the Soul*, **Wednesdays**, 6:00–7:00 pm. Visit lorenzomarion.com for details. 4456 Tamiami Tr., Ste. A-9, **Charlotte Harbor**

Web Series: *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 a wide variety of lectures, discussions, workshops, social activities, and art and literature events. 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**

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: solotravelgirl@kdwradio.com. 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. Contact Pamela at tropicaltarot@kdwradio.com. Listen online at kdwradio.com. Thursdays, 12:30–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

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**

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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 sched-

Moonlight Movies Swim under the stars while enjoying a movie on a giant screen. Admission: \$3 per person. For more information, call 941.681.3743. Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec. Jul. 22, 7:00–10:00 pm. Ann Dever Regional Park Pool, 7001 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**

Documentary + Lunch: On the Streets—Los Angeles Search "Lifelong Learning Institute, Charlotte County, FL" on Facebook. Jul. 19, 10:00 am–noon. 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Monday Night Movies Free movies on the big screen, popcorn provided! Call 941.861.1207 for details. Mondays,

Babcock Ranch Farmers Market Local growers selling fresh vegetables and fruit! Visit facebook.com/babcockranch. **Thursdays**, 3:00–7:00 pm. Babcock Ranch, 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

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**

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**

Wednesday Night Pub Run, Walk or Stroll 3.0-ish: Destination: Orange House Wine Bar, Jul. 19, 6:00 pm 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/123Runners for details of each week's

ule. 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

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: Visit regmovies.com. Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

MARKETS

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

run. Free registration and free parking in the parking garage above. 1-2-3 Runners, Inc., 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 1112, **Punta Gorda**

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Salsa Latin Dance Workshop Visit facebook.com/Fuzion-Danze for details. Jul. 21, 7:45–8:45 pm. Fitness with Nicol, 2021 Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Dance Etc, Englewood presents a plethora of dance, movement, music, and even self-defense classes and social gatherings. Search "Dance Etc, Englewood" on Facebook for details and pricing, call 941.270.4599, email DanceEnglewood@gmail.com or visit danceenglewood.com. 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Babcock Ranch Fitness Series features **weekly** Cardio Jazz, Strength & Conditioning, Bootcamp, Paddleboard Yoga, Mom and Me Fitness, and more! Visit facebook.com/babcockranch for details and full schedule. 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Isles Fitness presents RockN'Cycle Class, **Mondays**, 9:15–10:15 am, \$5 per class. Visit facebook.com/RockNCycleFitnessCycling. 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**

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 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, 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, theater lessons, Zumba. Visit highergroundperformingarts.net or call 941.625.3622. 17353 Geddes Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Indoor Pickleball Ages 15 to senior. For more details call 941.681.3742. Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 N. Access Rd., Unit 4. **Englewood**

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. peacerridersbicycleclub.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**

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**

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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. Call 941.639.0969 or visit 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. **Charters available through Sept., 2017.**

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](https://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.org 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**

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

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 barrierislandparksociety.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**

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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 musclecarcity.net. Muscle Car City, 3811 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

July

Under the Sea Storytime at Sandman Books, Jul. 29: facebook.com/sandmanbooks

August

Women, Wine & Waders at West Wall Fly Shop, Aug. 3: facebook.com/shefishes2

2017 Beer Bus, Aug. 12: facebook.com/PuntaGordaBeerbus

Englewood Beach Putt-Putt 2017, Aug. 26: facebook.com/englewood.chamber

Arts in August at Fishermen's Village, Aug. 26: search "Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda" on Facebook

September

12th Biennial Fil-Am Formal Ball, Sept. 9: facebook.com/fil-amsociety

International Coastal Cleanup, Sept. 16: facebook.com/Keep-CharlotteBeautifulFlorida

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