

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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**BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!**

Charlotte County Pride Fest 2018, Jan. 20: [facebook.com/CharlotteCountyPride](http://facebook.com/CharlotteCountyPride)

10th Annual Hands Across the Harbor Half Marathon, Jan. 27: [facebook.com/HandsAcrossTheHarbor](http://facebook.com/HandsAcrossTheHarbor)

7th Annual Charlotte Harbor Chili, Beer, & Blues Fest, Jan. 27: [facebook.com/charlottechilifest](http://facebook.com/charlottechilifest)

Englewood Seafood & Music Festival, Jan. 27: search "Englewood Seafood & Music Festival" on Facebook

2018 Charlotte Harbor Regatta, Feb. 2: [facebook.com/charlotteharborregatta](http://facebook.com/charlotteharborregatta)

Lemon Bay Cracker Fair, Feb. 10: [lemonbayhistory.com](http://lemonbayhistory.com)

Punta Gorda Wine & Jazz Festival, Feb. 24: [facebook.com/PuntaGordaChamber](http://facebook.com/PuntaGordaChamber)

10th Annual BaseBALL, Feb. 24: [facebook.com/bgcofcharlottecounty](http://facebook.com/bgcofcharlottecounty)

Funk Fest 9, Mar. 2–3: [funkfestpuntaorda.com](http://funkfestpuntaorda.com)

Dancing with the Charlotte Stars, Mar. 9: [facebook.com/dancingwiththecharlottestars](http://facebook.com/dancingwiththecharlottestars)

*Trucks Gone Wild Spring Break* at Redneck Mud Park, Mar. 22: [facebook.com/redneckmudpark](http://facebook.com/redneckmudpark)

**FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC**

**TGIF Dance Party** by Charlotte County Parks and Recreation, Visit [facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec](http://facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec) for details. Jan. 12, 6:00 pm. Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

**Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club Pub Night** Search "Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club" on Facebook. Jan. 8, 4:00–7:00 pm. 24315 Vincent Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Musical Happy Hour by Charlotte Symphony Orchestra** Meet Maestro Raffaele Ponti, conductor for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, as he gives a dynamic sneak peek into each of his six scheduled concerts. Visit [facebook.com/charlottesymphonyorch](http://facebook.com/charlottesymphonyorch) for details. Jan. 12, 4:00 pm. Florida Gulf Coast University, Punta Gorda Campus, 117 Herald Ct., **Punta Gorda**

**Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson®** presents:

- **Ride-In Movie: Animal House**, Jan. 12, 6:00 pm
- **Live Music from Rocky Diamond Band**, Jan. 13, noon
- **Bert's New Year Open House**, Jan. 13 and 14, 9:00 am–4:00 pm
- **Live Music from Smack Dab**, Jan. 14, noon

- **Until Feb. 28, 2018, purchase a special limited-edition Florida Relief T-shirt for \$20; all proceeds go to the Florida Disaster Fund.**

Free beer daily! Visit [facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson](http://facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson) for full schedule of events. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

**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](http://facebook.com/EmilsSports). 24901 Sandhill Blvd., #14, **Punta Gorda**

**Trivia Night at Four Points by Sheraton** First: \$50 gift card; second: \$25 gift card; teams that place are entered into a drawing for a free night stay every six weeks! Visit [facebook.com/shoplocalswfl](http://facebook.com/shoplocalswfl). **Thursdays**, 6:00–8:00 pm. Dockside Grill Lounge, 33 Tamiami Tr., **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**

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### ON STAGE

**Stage Play: *Breaking Legs* by Charlotte Players** When the author of a play about a murder learns that his backers are Mafiosi, all hell breaks loose. A madcap situation of murder and menace served up with plenty of pasta and laughter. Visit [facebook.com/CharlottePlayers](http://facebook.com/CharlottePlayers) for details and tickets. **Runs until Jan. 14.** Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Cir., **Port Charlotte**

**Saxxy Duo at Boca Royale Golf and Country Club** Open to the public. Visit [facebook.com/deniseandjaysaxxyduo](http://facebook.com/deniseandjaysaxxyduo). Jan. 10, 6:00–9:00 pm. 1601 Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

**The Pitbull of Blues Band at Englewoods on Dearborn** Search “The Pitbull of Blues Band” on Facebook. Jan. 10, 7:00–11:00 pm. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

**The Turtle Club** presents *Bourbon & Blues Night* with live music from Eddie & The Fat Fingers, **second Wednesdays:** Jan. 10, 7:00 pm. Visit [facebook.com/turtleclubpg](http://facebook.com/turtleclubpg) for details. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Lemon Bay Playhouse Readers Theatre at Copperfish Books** Visit [facebook.com/CopperfishBooks](http://facebook.com/CopperfishBooks) for details. Jan. 11, 6:00–7:00 pm. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Bangers and Mash at The Celtic Ray** Search “Bangers and Mash” on Facebook. Jan. 11, 7:00–10:00 pm. Celtic Ray Public House, 145 E. Marion, **Punta Gorda**

**Jim Croce Tribute** Visit [facebook.com/JimCroceTribute](http://facebook.com/JimCroceTribute) for details and link to purchase. Jan. 12, 7:00–10:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

**Trop Rock Junkies at Hurricane Charley's** Visit [facebook.com/TropRockJunkie](http://facebook.com/TropRockJunkie). Jan. 12, 7:00 pm. 300 W Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

**Music & Wine at the Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar** Visit [facebook.com/sandyforbesmusicalescapes](http://facebook.com/sandyforbesmusicalescapes). Jan. 12, 7:00 pm. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

#### Live Music from Southbound:

- Jan. 12, 7:00 pm: Leroy's Southern Kitchen and Bar, 201 W. Marion Ave, Punta Gorda
- Jan. 13, 5:00 pm: Harpoon Harry's, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Visit [facebook.com/southboundfl](http://facebook.com/southboundfl) for details. **Charlotte County**

**Mango Bistro** presents A Night in Cuba with Renesito Avich. Visit [facebook.com/mangobistro](http://facebook.com/mangobistro). Jan. 12, 6:45–9:45 pm. 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

**Southwest Florida Bluegrass Association Monthly Show** Visit [facebook.com/blastofgrass](http://facebook.com/blastofgrass). Jan. 13, 2:00–3:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

**Lighthouse Grill at Stump Pass presents American Made** Visit [facebook.com/lighthousegrillatstumpass](http://facebook.com/lighthousegrillatstumpass). Jan. 13, 2:00–5:00 pm. 260 Maryland Ave., **Englewood**

**SteveFest Concert** Visit [facebook.com/musicbystillfriends](http://facebook.com/musicbystillfriends). Jan. 13, 7:00 pm. History Park Farmer's Market, 201 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

**Encounters by Charlotte County Concert Band** Visit [facebook.com/charlottecountyconcertband](http://facebook.com/charlottecountyconcertband) for the full lineup of songs to be played. Jan. 13, 7:30 pm. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., **Punta Gorda**

#### Rock'in Days

- Jan. 12, 6:00–9:00 pm, Englewood Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood
- Jan 13, 7:00–10:00 pm: American Legion Post 110, 3152 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte

Visit [facebook.com/rockindayz](http://facebook.com/rockindayz) for complete schedule. **Charlotte County**

**Charlotte Symphony Orchestra presents Gershwin's *Porgy & Bess*** Visit [facebook.com/charlottesymphonyorch](http://facebook.com/charlottesymphonyorch) for details and link to tickets. Jan. 14, 7:30–9:30 pm. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., **Punta Gorda**

**The Charlotte Chorale presents Beatles Tribute Band: *Yesterday*** Visit [facebook.com/thecharlottechorale](http://facebook.com/thecharlottechorale) for details and link to tickets. Proceeds benefit The Charlotte Chorale. Jan. 14, 4:00 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

**Sun Events** presents *Southern Country Soul with Lee Allcorn Band*, Jan. 11, 7:00 pm and *Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young Tribute*, Jan. 14, 7:00 pm Visit [facebook.com/SunEventsFL](http://facebook.com/SunEventsFL) for details and link to purchase. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

**HCSRQ Trio at Fat Point Brewing** Visit [fatpoint.com](http://fatpoint.com) and [facebook.com/FatPointBrewing](http://facebook.com/FatPointBrewing) for details or call 800.380.7405. Jan. 14, 2:00–5:00 pm. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

**Feast or Famine at Cold River** Visit [facebook.com/feastorfaminepg](http://facebook.com/feastorfaminepg) for details. Lots of motorcycle parking! Jan. 14, 2:00–6:00 pm. Cold River Saloon, 3149 Duncan Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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### The Gummy Sharks

- Jan. 10, 6:00–10:00 pm: SandBar Tiki & Grille, 1975 Beach Rd., Englewood
- Jan. 11, 5:30–9:30 pm: White Elephant Pub, 1855 Gulf Blvd., Englewood

Visit [facebook.com/TheGummySharks](https://facebook.com/TheGummySharks). **Charlotte County**

**Party Time with Boone County Band** Visit [facebook.com/BrianLoweCountryBand](https://facebook.com/BrianLoweCountryBand). Jan. 12, 7:00 pm. White Elephant Pub, 1855 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood**

**Live Music at Table & Tap** Visit [facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch](https://facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch). Jan. 13, 4:30–7:30 pm. 42680 Crescent Lp., **Punta Gorda**

**Relentless Fire at SandBar Tiki & Grille** Visit [facebook.com/RelentlessFIRE](https://facebook.com/RelentlessFIRE). Jan. 11, 6:00 pm. 1975 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

**Harpoon Harry's** presents Tropical Ave, Southbound, and Storm Warning this week. Visit [facebook.com/harpoonharrys](https://facebook.com/harpoonharrys). Harpoon Harry's at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, #55, **Punta Gorda**

**Charlie's Pub** presents Myth and Jack Michael this week. Search "Charlies Pub" on Facebook. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**Portside Tavern** presents Lee James, Detroit Steve, and Bob Teesdale this week. Visit [facebook.com/PortsideEvents](https://facebook.com/PortsideEvents). 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**Crystal Bowl Healing Concert** Visit [facebook.com/Latayoga](https://facebook.com/Latayoga) for details. Jan. 11, 6:00 pm. Englewood Yoga Center-Loving Light Yoga, 3455 S. Access Rd., **Englewood**

**Nav-A-Gator Grill & Marina** pJR Southern and Sunny Jim this week. Cover charge: non-perishable and canned food items. Visit [facebook.com/navagator.grill](https://facebook.com/navagator.grill). 9700 S.W. River-view Cir., **Lake Suzy**

**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](https://facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda). 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**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](https://facebook.com/babcockranch) or [babcockranch.com](https://babcockranch.com). 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

**Peace River Seafood** presents Rita Beach Call 513.290.0335 for details. Fridays, 4:00–7:00 pm. 5337 Duncan Rd., **Punta Gorda**

**Fishermen's Village** presents live entertainment up to six days a week! [facebook.com/fishermensvillage](https://facebook.com/fishermensvillage), [fishville.com](https://fishville.com) or 941.639.8721. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

**Jam with Ambush** Everyone is welcome! Come on out to meet, greet, and jam. Visit [facebook.com/ambushtheband](https://facebook.com/ambushtheband) for details, schedule, and locations. **Charlotte County**

**Punta Gorda Guitar Army** Visit [facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy](https://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/thetikibarpg](https://facebook.com/thetikibarpg). 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

**Visani Comedy Zone** presents many other nationally-recognized comedians, stellar tribute bands, and periodic "Visani Got Talent" amateur nights. For details and tickets to any show, visit [visani.net](https://visani.net) or [facebook.com/VisaniPortCharlotte](https://facebook.com/VisaniPortCharlotte), and 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/allstarsportsgrillpcf](https://facebook.com/allstarsportsgrillpcf) • 2360 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**The Bean Depot Cafe** • 941.627.3344 • [facebook.com/TheBeanDepot](https://facebook.com/TheBeanDepot) • 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

**Bella's Bistro** • 941.916.9786 • [facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda](https://facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda) • 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson®** • 941.883.8000 • [blackwidowh-d.com](https://blackwidowh-d.com) • 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

**Beyond the Sea Restaurant** • 941.474.1400 • [beyondtheseafl.com](https://beyondtheseafl.com) • 3555 S. Access Rd., **Englewood**

**Carmelo's Italian Ristorante** • 941.621.4091 • [carmelosristorante.com](https://carmelosristorante.com) • 209 W. Olympia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Celtic Ray Irish Pub** • 941.916.9115 • [celticray.net](https://celticray.net) • 145 E. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Charlie's Pub** • 941.743.3788 • [facebook.com](https://facebook.com), search by name • 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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

**Common Grounds Meeting Hall** • 941.564.8739 • com-mongroundshall.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 • 2440 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**

**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**

**The Hive Bar** • facebook.com/OhBeeHave • 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**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**

**Lighthouse Grill at Stump Pass** • facebook.com/lighthousegrillatstumpass • 260 Maryland Ave., **Englewood**

**Lock 'N Key** • 941.474.1517 • facebook.com/locknkeyrestaurant • 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/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**

**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**



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### GET OUT

#### Sporting

**Charlotte County Boat Show** Visit [facebook.com/walkershideawaymarinamarco](https://facebook.com/walkershideawaymarinamarco). Jan. 11–14, noon–6:00 pm. Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

**4-17 Southern Speedway & Events** Race track and event grounds. Visit [417southernspeedway.com](https://417southernspeedway.com) and [facebook.com/pg/417SSE](https://facebook.com/pg/417SSE) for details and updates or call 941.628.8128. 8655 Piper 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](https://parasailingenglewood.com) or [facebook.com/ParasailinginEnglewood](https://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](https://englewoodparasailing.com) or [facebook.com/Englewood.Parasailing](https://facebook.com/Englewood.Parasailing) for details. 1450 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

**Fantasea Scuba** Quality education, dive equipment and training, tech training, snorkel equipment, rentals, spearfishing, local dive charters, dive trips. Visit [fantaseascuba.com](https://fantaseascuba.com) and [facebook.com/FantaseaScuba](https://facebook.com/FantaseaScuba) for details, pricing, full schedule, and to register, or call 941.627.3888. 3781 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

#### Nature Adventures

**Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP)** presents Nature Boat Ecotour, Jan. 12, 10:00 am, as well as Snorkeling Tours. No large coolers allowed; \$5 parking fee, payable to the Marina office prior to boarding the boat; each trip is limited to six people. \$30 per person, must purchase tickets in advance: visit [facebook.com/CharlotteHarborAquaticPreserves](https://facebook.com/CharlotteHarborAquaticPreserves) for schedule, details and link to purchase. **Departure location:** Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

**Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours** Experience the natural heart of Florida! Visit [facebook.com/babcockranchecotour](https://facebook.com/babcockranchecotour) and [babcockranchecotours.com](https://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](https://barrierislandparksociety.org), call 941.964.0060, or email [infoatbips@gmail.com](mailto:infoatbips@gmail.com) for more information. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

**Gaea Guides** offers extraordinary kayak 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](https://gaeaguides.com) for full schedule and tickets or call 239.694.5513 or visit [facebook.com/gaea.guides.9](https://facebook.com/gaea.guides.9) for more information. **Mondays.** Various locations, **Punta Gorda**

**Peace River 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 person; no charge if bringing own kayak. **Online waiver required if renting; registration required for all.** Visit [kayakecotours.com](https://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 and for information; visit [checflorida.org](https://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](https://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](https://hookedonsup.com) and [facebook.com/HookedOnSUP](https://facebook.com/HookedOnSUP) or call 941.504.1699 for details, tour times, and to book. **Must be able to swim.** 8450 Placida Rd., in Don Pedro Island State Park, **Placida**

**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**

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**Lemon Bay Conservancy** Nature outings and exciting volunteer opportunities. **Volunteers:** contact the office at 941.830.8922 to get started. Visit [lemonbayconservancy.org](http://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 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](http://octagonwildlife.org). 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

**Peace River Audubon Society** Offers walkabouts, field trips, and volunteer opportunities. Visit [peacriveraudubon.org](http://peacriveraudubon.org) and [facebook.com/PRASaudubon](https://www.facebook.com/PRASaudubon) or email [peacriveraudubon@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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**

**Englewood Bike Night on Dearborn Street** Visit [facebook.com/MACTRAINDUO](https://www.facebook.com/MACTRAINDUO) or search “Mooseriders 1933” on Facebook. Jan. 13, 5:00–10:30 pm. W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

**Shopping Sundays at The Pop Culture Antique Museum** Visit [facebook.com/TheWorldsGreatestCathousePuffyPawsKittyHaven](https://www.facebook.com/TheWorldsGreatestCathousePuffyPawsKittyHaven). Sundays until Apr. 29, 11:00 am. The World’s Greatest Cathouse, 270 Lakeview Ln., **Englewood**

**Florida West Coast Vintage Motor Car Club of America** presents *Culver’s Cruise-In*, Jan. 8, 4:00–7:00 pm, Visit [facebook.com/vmcca.org](https://www.facebook.com/vmcca.org) for details and full schedule. 1140 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

**Classic Car Show and Cruise at Babcock Ranch** Visit [facebook.com/babcockranch](https://www.facebook.com/babcockranch) or [babcockranch.com](http://babcockranch.com). Jan. 13, 4:00–8:00 pm. 42850 Crescent Ln., **Babcock Ranch**

**Historic Cookie House Tour** Formerly known as the Bass Biological Laboratory, the scientific exploration of this facility is linked to the world-renowned Mote Marine Laboratory. Tours take place approximately every 15 minutes on a first-

**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](http://pgfarms.com) or [facebook.com/pg-farms](https://www.facebook.com/pg-farms) for details. 31600 Belmont 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@skydiveswflorida.com), or visit [skydiveswflorida.com](http://skydiveswflorida.com). Shell Creek Airport, 36886 Washington Loop Rd., **Punta Gorda**

## About Town

come basis. Group tours available upon request. For more information, contact Charlotte County Historical Center at 941.629.7278 or visit [facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHistoricalCenter](https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHistoricalCenter). Jan. 12, 1:00–4:00 pm and Jan. 13, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Cedar Point Environmental Center, 2300 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

**Peace River Wildlife Center Ambassadors at Fishermen’s Village** Luna the screech owl, Orion the barred owl, or Bella the Great Horned—and possibly Blossom the Awesome Opossum—will make appearances weekly. Learn about the Center, volunteer opportunities, the gift shop, and more! Visit [facebook.com/peacriverwildlifecenter](https://www.facebook.com/peacriverwildlifecenter) for details. **Tuesdays,** 11:00 am. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

**Game Zion** presents game nights and much more! Visit [facebook.com/GameZion](https://www.facebook.com/GameZion) for full schedule of events. 327-B Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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**PopnComics** presents weekly *Dungeons & Dragons* play, **Sundays**, 4:00 pm; and a full schedule of game play, draft nights, and more! Visit [facebook.com/popncomics](https://facebook.com/popncomics) for details and full schedule. 1109 Tamiami Tr., #4, **Port Charlotte**

**Hump Night Kickoff Party at The Placida Pearl Bar & Nightclub** Visit [facebook.com/placidapearl](https://facebook.com/placidapearl), [placidapearl.com](http://placidapearl.com), or call 941.474.8730. **Wednesdays**, 9:00 pm–2:00 am. 2643 Placida Rd., **Placida**

**Club XS** Visit [facebook.com/clubxsportcharlottefl](https://facebook.com/clubxsportcharlottefl) for full schedule. 4300 Kings Hwy., #415, **Punta Gorda**

**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 per-

mitting), 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](http://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! Visit [facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHistoricalCenter](https://facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHistoricalCenter) for details. **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 [facebook.com/joshuacitrus](https://facebook.com/joshuacitrus) and [joshuacitrus.com](http://joshuacitrus.com). Oct.–mid-May, Monday–Saturday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. 4135 SE County Road 760, **Arcadia**

## CRAFTY BREWS AND BEVERAGES

**Peace River Beer Company** Microbrewery, entertainment venue and gathering place. Search "Peace River Beer Company" on Facebook. 1732 Steadley Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Punta Gorda Brew Tours** Providing a safe and fun brewery, distillery and winery tour experience across west coast of Florida. Private bookings available. Visit [facebook.com/pg/puntagordabrewtours](https://facebook.com/pg/puntagordabrewtours) for details. 3131 Foley Ave., **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](http://alligatorbaydistillers.com) and [facebook.com/alligatorbayrum](https://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 or 941.321.9650, email [cataniaswinery@yahoo.com](mailto:cataniaswinery@yahoo.com), visit [cataniaswinery.com](http://cataniaswinery.com), or 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](http://fatpoint.com) and [facebook.com/FatPointBrewing](https://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](http://gildedgrape.com) and [facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery](https://facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery) for more information. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

## FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

**Cooking With Chef Warren** Free monthly cooking demonstrations. Visit [facebook.com/CCLibraries](https://facebook.com/CCLibraries) for complete schedule. Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, 2:00–3:00 pm. Englewood-Charlotte Public Library, 3450 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

**The Blue Turtle** presents *Steak & Lobster Night*, **first and third Wednesdays**, 4:00 pm and *Buck-A-Schuck Night*, **Mondays**, 4:00 pm. Enjoy re-imagined live gracious hospitality on Marion Ave.! Visit [facebook.com/Blueturtlepg](https://facebook.com/Blueturtlepg) for details. 139 W.

Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Sunday Brunch at Table & Tap** Great food, live music, and breathtaking views! Visit [facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch](https://facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch). **Sundays**, 11:30 am. 42680 Crescent Ln., **Punta Gorda**

**Sunday Brunch at The Club** Search "Boca Royale Golf and Country Club" on Facebook. **Sundays**, 10:00 am. Boca Royale Golf and Country Club, 1601 Englewood Rd., **Englewood**



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**Southwest Florida Food Tours** presents *Bites of Punta Gorda Culinary Walking Tour*, **Fridays**, 11:00 am–2:00 pm; and offers a variety of innovative, interesting, and delicious culinary adventures! Visit [swffoodtours.com](http://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](http://pureflorida.com/restaurants) to browse and search for great new culinary experiences! **Charlotte County**

## ART AND CRAFT

### Events and Exhibits

**Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens** One of Florida's most breathtaking garden parks, showcasing world-class sculptures and spectacular botanicals to inspire creativity throughout the community. Visit [facebook.com/PeaceRiverGardens](http://facebook.com/PeaceRiverGardens) and [peacrivergardens.org](http://peacrivergardens.org) for more information. 5800 Riverside Dr., **Punta Gorda**

**Artist Talk and Reception: Elizabeth Saveri** Visit [facebook.com/EnglewoodArtCenter](http://facebook.com/EnglewoodArtCenter) for details. Jan. 13, 1:00–4:00 pm. Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

**21st Annual Punta Gorda Sullivan Street Craft Festival** Visit [facebook.com/AmericanCraftEndeavors](http://facebook.com/AmericanCraftEndeavors). Jan. 13 and 14, 10:00 am–5:00 pm. 331 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

**Art in Public Places by Charlotte Arts** Nearly 100 free exhibits annually, in all 2D media; all pieces available for purchase. Visit [charlottearts.org](http://charlottearts.org) and email [info@charlottearts.org](mailto: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

**Art Exhibit: Nature Preserved** Art and educational exhibit by David Sussman, local photographer. On display are a variety of canvas arts from a life-size Florida panther to microscop-

ic spores and insects. Exhibit is free; recommended \$10 donation for reception and lectures. Visit [pureflorida.com](http://pureflorida.com) and search "Art Exhibit: Nature Preserved" or search "David Sussman Photography" on Facebook. **Runs until Mar. 30, 2018.** Caniff Center at Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center-Alligator Creek, 10941 Burnt Store Rd., **Punta Gorda**

**Visual Arts Center** Exhibits are always free and open to the public and feature a fantastic selection of fine art for sale! Visit [visualartcenter.org](http://visualartcenter.org), search "Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda" on Facebook, or call 941.639.8810 for details. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

**The Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society** strives to preserve the area's rich history through mural art. With 29 so far and work recently started on a 30th, Punta Gorda is one of the leading mural towns in the country! Private Tours available for groups of 10–20. Visit [puntagordamurals.org](http://puntagordamurals.org) for more information. **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](http://facebook.com/EmergingArtisansProgram) for details. **Sundays**, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. The Open Studio Gardens, 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

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

### Paint/Create Parties

**Wine & Design: Succulent Garden at Port Charlotte Florist** Light snacks, a glass of wine, and all supplies included. Visit [facebook.com/pcfiorist](http://facebook.com/pcfiorist) for details and pricing. Jan. 9, 6:00 pm. 900 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**Painting Party at Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts** Friends, lots of fun and a great instructor! Anyone can do it, even with no experience. \$40 per person, all supplies and individualized instruction included. Call to reserve: 941.623.4563. Visit [facebook.com/DownToEarthFL](http://facebook.com/DownToEarthFL) for details. Jan. 12, 5:30–7:00 pm. 2792 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**



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**The Craftin' Cow presents Card by Suepe** \$15 per person, make six cards, including envelopes. Call 941.505.0155 or visit [facebook.com/thecraftincow](http://facebook.com/thecraftincow). Jan. 11, 1:00–3:00 pm. 29291 Tribune Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

**Art by the Glass** features paint nights and parties in studio. No experience needed; all supplies included. Choice of premium wines, beer and non-alcoholic beverages for purchase. Visit [artbytheglassllc.com](http://artbytheglassllc.com) or [facebook.com/artbytheglassllc](http://facebook.com/artbytheglassllc), call 941.780.1743, or email [artbytheglassllc@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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](http://charlottearts.org), click "Events," then "Cultural Calendar." **Charlotte County**

**Abstract Painting Classes with Rita Schwab** Visit [facebook.com/artforthesoal](http://facebook.com/artforthesoal) for pricing and details. Jan. 9–Mar. 21, 10:30 am. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

**Expert Sewing Center Inc.** offers demos and other great events as well as fabric and notions and more! Visit [facebook.com/ExpertSewingCenter](http://facebook.com/ExpertSewingCenter) for full schedule and pricing. 3846 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**Funkie Junkies Consignment and Marketplace** presents Chalk Paint Classes, *Tuesdays and Thursdays*, 2:00–4:00 pm. Visit [facebook.com/shopfunkiejunkies](http://facebook.com/shopfunkiejunkies) for details and full schedule. 204 E. McKenzie St., **Punta Gorda**

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**Art on Sullivan** Mixed media and fused glass studio. Visit [facebook.com/fusedglasstudio](http://facebook.com/fusedglasstudio) for details. 212 W. Virginia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Bit O' Yarn** presents knitting and crochet nights, free crochet classes for kids, crochet stitch of the month and many other knitting and crochet classes, including open craft nights *Monday and Thursdays!* Visit [facebook.com/ABitOYarn](http://facebook.com/ABitOYarn) for details and full schedule. 232 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

**Artists in Action** Work on whatever you want in a collaborative environment!. \$2 donation requested. Visit [visualart-center.org](http://visualart-center.org) or call 941.639.8810 for details. *Saturdays*, 9:00–noon. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

**Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay** Visit [artsallianceoflemonbay.org](http://artsallianceoflemonbay.org) or call 941.475.7141. 452 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

classes, wine glass painting, clay painting, and much more! Visit [bisqueitstudio.com](http://bisqueitstudio.com) and [facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun](http://facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun). No experience needed, BYOB. Price includes all materials. **Registration and prepayment required:** 941.624.5955. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**Painting with a Twist** 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 [painting-withatwist.com](http://painting-withatwist.com) for schedule, details, to register, and more; call 941.764.3914 for more information. 18700 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 8, **Port Charlotte**

## Creative Classes

**The Boca Grande Art Center** Everything from drawing to beading, ceramics to photography, and more! Visit [bocagrandeartcenter.org](http://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](http://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](http://facebook.com/pg/CharlottePlayers/services) or [charlotteplayers.org](http://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](http://facebook.com/pg/CharlotteSewingStudio) or call 941.235.3555. 1109 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**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](http://ringling.edu/EAC), call 941.474.5548, or email [eac@ringling.edu](mailto:eac@ringling.edu). 350 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

**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](http://inspirationstudiofl.com) for a full class schedule. On the grounds of Pottery Express Bamboo Farm, 25370 Zemel Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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

**The Open Studio** Art, craft, healing and fitness. Visit [theopenstudio.org](http://theopenstudio.org) for class schedules or call 941.681.2782. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

**The Albritton Gallery** Working gallery and studio, home to original work by Margaret and Garry Albritton. Call before you go: 941.698.0603 to be sure they're open; they may be on island time! Visit [thealbrittongallery.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://erlenbach-modern.com) or [Facebook.com/ErlenbachModernArtGallery](http://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](mailto:HATCH_JON@hotmail.com), or visit [jon-hatch-originals.com](http://jon-hatch-originals.com). 13060 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

**Old Florida Outdoor Center and Gallery** 941.460.1561 or [oldfloridaoutdoorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:oldfloridaoutdoorcenter@gmail.com). Visit [facebook.com/](http://facebook.com/)

**The Painted Cabana** Fine art to scarf painting, jewelry making, and more. Full class schedule available at [thepaintedcabana.com](http://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. Visit [visualartcenter.org](http://visualartcenter.org) or call 941.639.8810 or stop by for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

## Galleries

[oldfloridaoutdoorcenter.com](http://oldfloridaoutdoorcenter.com) 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](http://thepotterstudio.com) or [Facebook.com/ThePottersStudio](http://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](http://seagrapegallery.com) or [facebook.com/SeaGrapeGallery](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://visualartcenter.org) or call 941.639.8810 or stop by for more information. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

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### KID STUFF

**Make It and Take It: Cupcake Wars, Tie Dye, Melted Crayon Art** Visit [facebook.com/CCLibraries](https://facebook.com/CCLibraries) Jan. 11, 5:00–6:00 pm. Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

**Story Time at Copperfish Books** Children must be accompanied by an adult. All are welcome! Visit [facebook.com/CopperfishBooks](https://facebook.com/CopperfishBooks) for details. RSVP if possible by calling 941.205.2560 or emailing [copperfishbooks@comcast.net](mailto:copperfishbooks@comcast.net). Jan. 13, 10:30–11:15 am. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Saturday Family Game Day** Bring the family and feel free to bring your own puzzles and games, or enjoy the ones provided including Scrabble, Jenga, chess, checkers, some Legos, puzzles, and kids' games like Candyland. Fun for the whole family! **Saturdays**, 10:30–11:30 am. Visit [facebook.com/CCLibraries](https://facebook.com/CCLibraries) for details. Punta Gorda Public Library, 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

#### Creativity

**Art by the Glass** • Birthday parties • [artbytheglassllc.com](https://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](https://bisqueitstudio.com) • 941.624.5955 • 1931 Tamiami Tr., #3, **Port Charlotte**

**Painting with a Twist** • Kid's events/theme paintings • [paintingwithatwist.com](https://paintingwithatwist.com) 941.787.2443 • 18700 Veterans Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

#### Sporting

**Bowland** • [bowlandcenters.com](https://bowlandcenters.com) • 941.625.4794 • 3192 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

**Englewood Bowl** • [englewoodbowl.net](https://englewoodbowl.net) • 941.474.5400 • 299 S. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

**Treasure Lanes** • [treasurelanes.com](https://treasurelanes.com) • 941.625.3930 • 1059 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**Fish Cove Adventure Golf** • [coralcaygolf.com/fishcove](https://coralcaygolf.com/fishcove) • 941.627.5393 • 4949 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

#### Dog-Friendly Restaurants

Many Charlotte County restaurants allow leashed dogs on their patios and outdoor spaces. Call first: [pureflorida.com/restaurants](https://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](https://fishville.com)) and **West Dearborn Street** in Historic Old Englewood ([oldeinglewood.com](https://oldeinglewood.com)), as well as at the various Farmers Markets in the area.

#### Exploration

**Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC)** • [checcflorida.org](https://checcflorida.org) • 941.575.5435 or 941.475.0769

**Horses for a Cure** • [facebook.com](https://facebook.com), search "Horses for a Cure, Inc." • 941.916.5712 • 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

**Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary** • [octagonwildlife.org](https://octagonwildlife.org) • 239.543.1130 • 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

**Peace River Wildlife Center** • [peacriverwildlifecenter.org](https://peacriverwildlifecenter.org) • 941.637.3830 • 3400 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

**Riding Star Ranch** • [ridingstarranch.org](https://ridingstarranch.org). 386.848.7953 • 7701 Cleveland Dr., **Punta Gorda**

#### Library Programs

**Charlotte County Library System** Visit [facebook.com/CCLibraries](https://facebook.com/CCLibraries) for schedule of events.

- **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** • [kidstarpark.com](https://kidstarpark.com) • 941.235.3131

\*Details: [ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/visitors](https://ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/visitors)

**Parks:** Complete list and details: [charlottecountyfl.gov](https://charlottecountyfl.gov), "Playing," "Parks and Recreation"

### DOG DAYS

#### 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](https://charlottecountyfl.gov/services/parksrecs) for more information.



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### LECTURE AND LEARNING

#### **The Nature in your Neighborhood Lecture/Field Trip Series**

Visit [facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec](https://facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec). Jan. 10, 9:00 am–noon. Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

**The Southwest Florida Fossil Society Meeting** Meetings include professional or highly qualified avocational paleontologists offer lectures, slide programs, or updates on current research, field trips, and a “youth zone.” The whole family can participate! Visit [southwestfloridafossilsociety.org](https://southwestfloridafossilsociety.org) and [facebook.com/SWFfossilsociety](https://facebook.com/SWFfossilsociety) for details. Second Saturdays: Jan. 13, 7:00–9:00 pm. Punta Gorda Historical Society Women’s Club Building, 118 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

**The History of Punta Gorda in its Murals** Visit [facebook.com/PuntaGordaMurals](https://facebook.com/PuntaGordaMurals) for details and full schedule and register by calling 941.505.0130. Jan. 10, 9:30 am. Herald Court Renaissance Academy, 117 Herald Ct., **Punta Gorda**

**Waves of Light** Search “Waves of Light” on Facebook for full schedule of events or call 941.456.7643. 3057-B Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

**Florida Gulf Coast University at the Herald Court Centre** presents a plethora of classes, lectures, short courses, film series, more! Visit [registerra.fgcu.edu](https://registerra.fgcu.edu) to browse the Charlotte County Course Catalog, search “FGCU Academy” on Facebook, or call 941.505.0130 for details and class times. 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 211, **Punta Gorda**

**The Yoga Sanctuary** presents classes, workshops, and more. Visit [theyogasanctuary.biz](https://theyogasanctuary.biz) for details. 112 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

**The Lifelong Learning Institute** presents lectures, classes, film, outings, and more! [lifelonglearning-charlotte.org](https://lifelonglearning-charlotte.org), 941.637.3533, email [charlotte.lli@fsw.edu](mailto: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**

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

**Radio Show: Writers on the Air** Writers of all levels read their original work—three–five minutes per piece—on Sundays at the Common Ground Meeting Hall (near Warm Mineral Springs), 12735 Tamiami Tr., North Port at 3:00 pm. Sign

up is 2:30 for taping. The show broadcasts on WKDW 97.5 FM the following Sunday at 5:00 pm. For more information contact Loretta Martin at 941.237.1985 or [Loretta@kdwradio.com](mailto:Loretta@kdwradio.com). Listen online at [wkdwradio.com](https://wkdwradio.com). **WKDW 97.5 FM**

**The Soul’s Journey** presents *Meditation for the Soul*, **Wednesdays**, 6:00–7:00 pm. Visit [lorenzomarion.com](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto:solotravelgirl@kdwradio.com). Listen online at [kdwradio.com](https://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](mailto:tropicaltarot@kdwradio.com). Listen online at [kdwradio.com](https://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](https://charlotteharborcommunitysailingcenter.com) or call 941.773.6326 or 941.456.8542 or email [thesailingcenter.org@gmail.com](mailto:thesailingcenter.org@gmail.com) for details. 19246 Palmdale Ct., **Port Charlotte**

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### The Learning Place at the Charlotte County Cultural Center

Classes and social opportunities year-round in art, dance, technology, and more! Visit [theculturalcenter.com](http://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**

**Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® Ride-In: Animal House** Ride in or drive in! Bring own chairs and blankets to enjoy a night under the stars. Concessions available for purchase, free beer as usual, and '50s music playing inside. Special incentives for attendees. Visit [facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson](https://facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson) for full schedule of events. Jan. 12, 6:00 pm. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

**Charlotte Technical College Movie Night: Wonder Woman** Visit [facebook.com/CharlotteTechCollege](https://facebook.com/CharlotteTechCollege). Jan. 12, 7:00–10:00 pm. 18150 Murdock Cir., **Port Charlotte**

**Monday Night Movies** Free movies on the big screen,

**All Aboard The Last Stop Marketplace** at the Punta Gorda Train Depot. New management and new vendors! Search "All Aboard The Last Stop Marketplace" on Facebook. Jan. 13, 8:00 am. 1009 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

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

**Englewood Farmers Market** Fresh and organic produce, baked goods, beef, BBQ, wild salmon, olive oil, and more! Visit [englewoodfarmersmarket.org](http://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, and more! \$1 off every \$10 purchase. Visit [Facebook.com/BurntStoreMarina](https://facebook.com/BurntStoreMarina). **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

**Country Couples Partner Dance Class by Bayfront Dancers** Visit [facebook.com/bayfrontdancers](https://facebook.com/bayfrontdancers). Jan. 8, 2:00–4:00 pm. Bayfront YMCA Event Center, 750 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

### 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](mailto:marie@kdwradio.com) or call 941.815.6230 or 941.624.2912. Listen online at [kdwradio.com](http://kdwradio.com). Fridays, noon–1:00 pm. **WKDW 97.5 FM**

## FILM

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](http://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](http://regmovies.com). Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

## MARKETS

front of The Real Juice Bar. **Saturdays**, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Visit [theopenstudio.org](http://theopenstudio.org). 310 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

**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**

**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**

## MOVEMENT

**Clogging Classes** Visit [facebook.com/solesinmotioncloggers](https://facebook.com/solesinmotioncloggers). Jan. 9, 5:30–6:30 pm. Harold Ave. Recreation Center, 23400 Harold Ave., **Port Charlotte**

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**Higher Ground Performing Arts** presents *Latin Fusion Dance Class*, Jan. 11, 6:30 pm, many other dance, voice, music and theater lessons, and Zumba. Visit [highergroundperformingarts.net](http://highergroundperformingarts.net) or call 941.625.3622. 17353 Geddes Ave., **Port Charlotte**

**Adult Beginner Ballet Barre Class** \$10 drop-in fee and a warm, welcoming environment. Visit [facebook.com/christinakoinisballet](http://facebook.com/christinakoinisballet) for details. Jan. 13, 1:00–1:45 pm. Christina Koinis Ballet, 6210 Scott St., Ste. 215, **Punta Gorda**

**Babcock Ranch Fitness Series** features **weekly** Cardio Jazz, Strength & Conditioning, Bootcamp, Yoga, Mom and Me Fitness, and more! Visit [facebook.com/babcockranch](http://facebook.com/babcockranch) for details and full schedule. 42850 Crescent Ln., **Babcock Ranch**

**Lemon Bay Yoga** offers classes and much more. Visit [facebook.com/lemonbayyoga](http://facebook.com/lemonbayyoga) for full schedule. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

**Zumba with Carla** Suggested donation: \$5. Visit [facebook.com/clclive](http://facebook.com/clclive). **Tuesdays**, 6:00 pm. 19048 Edgewater Dr., **Port Charlotte**

**Wednesday Night Pub Run, Walk or Stroll 3.0-ish** Destination changes weekly, is always 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/PuntaGordaPubRun](http://facebook.com/PuntaGordaPubRun) for details of each week's run. Free registration and free parking in the parking garage above. 1-2-3 Runners, Inc., 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 1112, **Punta Gorda**

**Dance Etc, Englewood** presents a plethora of dance, movement, music, and even self-defense classes and social gatherings. Visit [facebook.com/TheBeatGoesOnAndOn](http://facebook.com/TheBeatGoesOnAndOn) for details and pricing, call 941.270.4599, email [DanceEnglewood@gmail.com](mailto:DanceEnglewood@gmail.com) or visit [danceenglewood.com](http://danceenglewood.com). 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

**Ballroom Dancing Education** by Southwest Florida Chapter 6049 of USA Dance Inc. Ballroom dancing for beginners/intermediate and experienced dancers. Social dance, **third Sundays**, 2:00–5:00 pm. Visit [usadance6049.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://charlottecountyfl.com/CommunityServices). **Saturdays**, 10:00–11:00 am year-round. South County Regional Recreation Center & Pool, 670 Cooper St., **Punta Gorda**

**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**

**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](http://teampuntagorda.org). **Punta Gorda**

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

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

**Loving Light Yoga presents 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.** Call 941.473.0135 or visit [lovinglightyoga.net](http://lovinglightyoga.net) for details. 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

**Peace River Riders** Regularly scheduled rides: Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday–Sunday mornings. [peacerriverridersbicycleclub.com](http://peacerriverridersbicycleclub.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**

**Sunday Morning Wake Up Run** No set route or pace! Arrive by 6:50 am; begin running at 7:00 am. Visit [thefootlanding.com](http://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](http://theopenstudio.org) for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**



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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](https://facebook.com/kingfisherfleet), or [kingfisherfleet.com](https://kingfisherfleet.com). Fishermen's Village Marina, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Ste. 16A, **Punta Gorda**

**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](https://captivacruises.com), or [facebook.com](https://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](https://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](https://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](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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://freedomisntfree.org) for more information. Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Unit 48, **Punta Gorda**

**Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City** is moving and will be **closed until January 2018**. Visit [facebook.com/MuscleCarCityMuseum](https://facebook.com/MuscleCarCityMuseum) often for updates. **Punta Gorda**



# This Week's Happenings

Week of Jan. 8–14, 2018

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### January

All Boxed Up, Art Exhibit and Reception, Jan. 18: email pamd-jones@embarqmail.com

Englewood Seafood & Music Festival, Jan. 27: search "Englewood Seafood & Music Festival" on Facebook

### February

SWFL Bob Marley Celebration, Feb. 3: search "SWFL Bob Marley Celebration" on Facebook

Bert's Battle of the Bands, Feb. 24: facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson

### March

*Come Sail Away* Sailing Day, Mar. 3: facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec

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