

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

Run to the Wall, May 27: facebook.com/FLD13Sons
 Memorial Day Veterans 10K & 5K Race, May 28: facebook.com/MemorialDayRace
 The Grand Tasting at The Wyvern Hotel, May 31: facebook.com/EdgewaterEvents

Wheels and Wings IX, Jul. 8: facebook.com/wheelsandwings-florida
 International Culture Fest, Jul. 13 and 14: facebook.com/fishermensvillage

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. **May 17**, 5:00–8:00 pm. Downtown **Punta Gorda**

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

Artisans Atelier Demonstrations by 9 artists in their natural habitats. 117 Herald Ct. Centre.

Brian Burget Real Estate Wine, nibbles, music by George Voss. 200 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda Isles

Copperfish Books Wine and nibbles. 103 W. Marion Ave.

Edward Jones Music by Summerlin, snacks from Kelly's Kitchen. 223 Taylor St., Ste. 1118

Florida West Coast Vintage Motor Car Club of America Cruise-In. Downtown Punta Gorda

Hessler Floor Covering Live music from Jeff Hughes refreshments, belly dancers, metal art by Paul Guilmette. 261 W. Marion Ave.

HipNotique Zand Amsterdam/Animapop (Reversible Skirt and Dress) Trunk Show. 111 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Profiles of Punta Gorda, Nail and Skin Boutique Tasting of wines from Chile. 121 E. Marion Ave., #111

Tiki's Boutique Wine sampling. 105 W. Marion Ave.

The Renaissance Academy Local artists' work on display. 117 Herald Ct., #211

Emancipation Day Celebration at Blanchard House Museum Featuring a live reenactment! Visit blanchardhousemuseum.org. May 19, 10:00 am–12:15 pm. Blanchard House Museum, 406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

BBQ & Bluegrass Free Music Festival by Babcock Ranch Eco Tours Visit facebook.com/babcockranchecotour. May 19, 11:00 am–2:00 pm. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

Run-A-Muck: Abate of Florida Party Search "Abate of Florida- Peace River Chapter" on Facebook. May 19, noon–5:00 pm. Banditos Bar, 5665 S. McCall Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Lassos & Lawn Chairs Family Carnival & Outdoor Movie Night Visit facebook.com/LeadershipEnglewood. May 19, 5:00 pm. 1500 Crestwood Rd., **Englewood**

Alive After Five Visit facebook.com/AliveAfter5PuntaGorda for details. May 17, 5:00–8:00 pm. Downtown **Punta Gorda**

Alive After Five at Artisan's Atelier of Punta Gorda Visit facebook.com/artisanatelierpuntagorda. May 17, 5:00–8:00 pm. 117 Herald Ct. Centre, **Punta Gorda**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® presents:

- May 19, 9:00 am: **True Fishing Seminar with Capt. Tadd**
- May 19, 9:00 am: **Demo Days and Ride-in Fashion Show**
- May 19, noon: **Live music from Mike Imbasciani**
- May 20, noon: **Live music from Myth**

Free beer daily. Visit facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson for full schedule of events. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

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ON STAGE

Lemon Bay Playhouse Readers Theatre at Copperfish

Books Visit facebook.com/CopperfishBooks for details. May 14, 6:00–7:00 pm. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Rocky Trop

- May 14, 1:00 pm: White Elephant Pub, 1855 Gulf Blvd., Englewood
- May 15, 6:00 pm: Hurricane Charley's, 300 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda
- May 19, 7:00 pm: Shorty's Place, 306 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

Visit facebook.com/rockytrop for complete performance schedule. **Charlotte County**

Cigar Box Guitar Blues at Fishermen's Village Search "Cigar Box Guitar Blues at Fishermen's Village" on Facebook. May 14, 4:00–7:00 pm. 1200 Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Pup Morse, The Scuba Cowboy, at White Elephant Pub Visit facebook.com/rockytrop. May 14, 1:00–5:00 pm. 1855 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood**

Live Music with Chris G at Fishermen's Village Visit facebook.com/ChrisGProductions. May 15, 11:00 am. 1200 Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Nation Theatre Live presents Julius Caesar Visit facebook.com/FathomEvents for details. May 17, 7:00–9:00 pm. Port Charlotte Town Center Mall, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

C.A.R.E. Comedy Fundraiser Visit facebook.com/careauxiliary for details. May 17, 8:00 pm. Visani Comedy Theater, 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

The Goldtones at Englewood Event Center Visit facebook.com/englewoodeventcenter for details and tickets. May 18, 6:00–9:00 pm. 3069 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Tropical Ave at Hurricane Charleys Visit facebook.com/tropicalaveband. May 18, 7:00 pm. 300 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Paisley Craze at Cultural Center of Charlotte County Visit facebook.com/SunEventsFL or search "Paisley Craze: The Ultimate '60s Party Band" on Facebook. May 18, 7:00–9:00 pm. 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Beans and Seeds at Snook's Visit facebook.com/BeansN-Seeds. May 18, 6:00–9:00 pm. Snook's Bayside Bar & Grill, 779 W. Wentworth St., **Englewood**

The Hive Bar presents Reggae Night with Island VibeZ Visit facebook.com/OhBeeHave for full schedule of events. May 19, 10:00 pm. 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Relentless Fire

- May 18, 7:00–11:00 pm: TT's (The Tiki) Bar, 33 Tamiami Tr., Punta Gorda
- May 20, 1:00–5:00 pm: SandBar Tiki & Grille, 1975 Beach Rd., Englewood

Visit facebook.com/RelentlessFIRE. **Charlotte County**

Kix Country Summer Concert Series Visit facebook.com/chrisbeckcountry. May 19, 7:00 pm. TT's (The Tiki) Bar, 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Jukebox Prophets at Dean's South of the Border Search "Jukebox Prophets" on Facebook. May 19, 8:30 pm. 130 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Dave Powers at The Orange House Wine Bar Visit facebook.com/DavePowersMusic. May 19, 7:00–10:00 pm. 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Boomers at Fishermen's Village Visit facebook.com/BoomersSWFL. May 19, 5:00–9:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

HCSRQ Trio at Fat Point Brewing Visit fatpoint.com and facebook.com/FatPointBrewing for details or call 800.380.7405. May 20, 2:00 pm. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Englewoods on Dearborn presents Mike Imbasciani and His BlueZ Rockerz this week. Visit facebook.com/EODblues. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Mango Bistro presents The Bird Tribe and Fever Tree this week. Visit facebook.com/mangobistro. 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Charlie's Pub presents Forbidden Fruit Farmers and Feast or Famine this week. Visit facebook.com/charliespub1988. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Portside Tavern presents Jimi B, Detroit Steve, and Bob Teesdale this week. Visit facebook.com/PortsideEvents. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Punta Gorda Guitar Army Visit facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy for details and to confirm location. Thursdays, 5:30 pm. Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Blue Turtle presents *Blues and Bourbon Night* with live music, **second Wednesdays**. Visit facebook.com/Blueturtleppg for full schedule of events. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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The Gummy Sharks at White Elephant Pub Visit facebook.com/TheGummySharks. **Thursdays and Mondays**, 5:30–9:30 pm. 1855 Gulf Blvd., **Englewood**

88 Keys and Perch 360 at The Wyvern Hotel present live music every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Visit facebook.com/88KeysFlorida and facebook.com/Perch360 for details. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

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**

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

The Bean Depot Cafe offers live music most evenings and a bluegrass jam session every Wednesday, featuring local and visiting musicians. Join the party! Open Tuesday–Sunday, cash only. Call 941.627.3344 or visit facebook.com/TheBeanDepot. 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

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

TT's Tiki Bar presents live music weekly, Wednesday–Sunday. Visit facebook.com/thetikibarpg. Apr. 15, 3:00–7:00 pm. 33 Tamiami Tr., **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.

88 Keys • facebook.com/88KeysFlorida • 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

All-Star Sports Grill • facebook.com/allstarsportsgrillpcf1 • 2360 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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

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

Bert's Black Widow • facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson • 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Beyond the Sea Restaurant • facebook.com/beyondthesearestaurant • 3555 S. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Carmelo's Italian Ristorante • facebook.com/CarmelosPG • 209 W. Olympia Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Celtic Ray Irish Pub • facebook.com/celticraypublichouse • 145 E. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Charlie's Pub • facebook.com/charliespub1988 • 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Cold River Saloon • Search by name on Facebook • 3149 Duncan Rd., **Punta Gorda**

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County • facebook.com/CulturalCenterofCC • 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Dean's South of the Border • facebook.com/Deanstexmex • 130 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

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

D'Vines Wine Bar & Gift Emporium • facebook.com/Dvineswine • 701 JC Center Ct., **Port Charlotte**

The End Zone Sports Grille • Search by name on Facebook • 2440 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Englewoods on Dearborn • facebook.com/EODblues • 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Farlow's on the Water • facebook.com/FarlowsOnTheWater • 2080 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Fat Point Brewery • facebook.com/FatPointBrewing • 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Fishermen's Village • facebook.com/fishermensvillage • 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Fishery • 941.697.2451 • Search by name on Facebook • 13000 Fishery Rd., **Placida**

F.M. Don's • facebook.com/fmdons • 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar • facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery • 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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

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

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

Hurricane Charley's • facebook.com/HurricaneCharleysRawBarandGrill • 300 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

JD's Bistro • facebook.com/JDsBistroandGrille/ • 1951 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Leroy's Southern Kitchen & Bar • Search by name on Facebook • 201 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

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

Lock 'N Key • facebook.com/locknkeyrestaurant • 2045 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood**

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

Navigator Grill • facebook.com/navigator.grill • 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

The Orange House Wine Bar • facebook.com/itsalwayswintethirty • 320 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Perch 360 • facebook.com/Perch360 • 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

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

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

Portside Tavern • facebook.com/PortsideEvents/ • 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Ragin' Cajun • facebook.com/raigincajunrestaurant • 4104 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

SandBar Tiki & Grille • facebook.com/SandBarTikiGrille • 1975 Beach Rd., **Englewood**

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

TT's (The Tiki) Bar • facebook.com/thetikibarp • 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Vino Loco • Search by name on Facebook • 420 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Visani Comedy Theater • facebook.com/VisaniPortCharlotte • 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

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

GET OUT

Sporting

Punta Gorda Fishing Seminar by West Marine Visit facebook.com/WestMarinePuntaGorda. May 17, 5:00–8:00 pm. 700 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

World's Richest Tarpon Tournament Search "World's Richest" Tarpon Tournament" on Facebook or visit worldsrichesttarpon.com. May 17 and 18, 3:30–7:30 pm. 471 Park Ave., **Boca Grande**

Flatsmasters 10th Annual Sweetheart Couples Fishing Tournament Visit facebook.com/Flatsmasters for details. May 18 and 19. Laishley Crab House, 100 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Cross Country Scramble at Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club Search "Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club" on Facebook. May 19, 8:15–11:15 am. 24315 Vincent Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Quad Core MX at Florida Tracks and Trails Visit facebook.com/QuadCoreMX. May 20, 10:00 am–5:00 pm. Florida Tracks and Trails, 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Gaspar's Dive N Board Full service scuba center. Call 941.698.0499 and visit facebook.com/gaspars.divenboard.7

for information. Gaspar's Dive N Board, 2961 Placida Rd., Unit 3, **Englewood**

Florida West Coast Car Club

- May 14, 4:00 pm: Culver's Cruise-In, 1140 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte
- May 17, 4:30 pm: *Alive After Five* Cruise-In, Downtown Punta Gorda
- May 19, 4:00 pm: Chick-fil-A Cruise-in, 1814 Tamiami Tr., Port Charlotte

Visit facebook.com/vmcca.org for details and full event schedule. **Charlotte County**

Charlotte Stone Crabs Baseball Visit stonecrabsbaseball.com and facebook.com/charlottestonecrabs. Charlotte Sports Park, 2300 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

74 Family Fun Park National motocross, kids and beginner, ATV/UTV tracks, mud area with two parallel mud drag racing lanes, camping and fishing. Visit facebook.com/74FamilyFunPark and 74familyfunpark.com for more information. 44800 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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Englewood Sailing Association, Inc. teaches small boat sailing in a safe, fun and educational waterfront environment. Visit englewoodsailing.org or search "Englewood Sailing Association -ESA" on Facebook or call 941.681.8190 or email info@englewoodsailing.org for more information and to register for classes.. 840 Buckskin Ct., **Englewood**

Fantasea Scuba Quality education, customer service, dive and snorkel equipment, tech training, rentals and service, spearfishing, local dive charters and trips. Call 941.627.388 and visit fantaseascuba.com and facebook.com/FantaseaScuba for details, registration, and pricing. 3781 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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) 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**

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) 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 or search "Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center" on Facebook for complete schedule, information, volunteer opportunities, and directions. Various locations, **Charlotte County**

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

Horsing Around Ranch, LLC Eastern and Western lessons, trail rides, and Dude Ranch Days. Group rates available. Visit horsingaroundranch.com and facebook.com/horsingaroundranch

Texas Hold'em Poker at Nino's Bakery Visit facebook.com/ninosbakery. **Thursdays**, 6:00–9:00 pm. 3151 Cooper St., Ste. 52, **Punta Gorda**

Trivia at Beef's Visit facebook.com/pgbeefs. **Sundays**, 6:00–8:00 pm. Beef 'O' Brady's Punta Gorda, 1105 Taylor Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Team Trivia at Beef's Visit facebook.com/BeefOBradysEnglewood

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

Skydive SW Florida 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**

Nature Adventures

dranch for details and rates, or call 941.979.7293. 1200 Academy Dr., **Lake Suzy**

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**

Peace River Audubon Society Offers walkabouts, field trips, and volunteer opportunities. Visit peacriveraudubon.org and 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.** Visit facebook.com/peacriverwildlifecenter. 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy., **Punta Gorda**

PG Farms and Horse Boarding, Inc. Child and adult lessons, English or Western. Call 941.575.2756 or visit pgfarms.com or facebook.com/pgfarms for details. 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Play The Game

wood. **Thursdays**, 6:30 pm. Beef 'O' Brady's Englewood, 1951 S. McCall Rd., Ste. 700, **Englewood**

Senior Game Club Enjoy Mahjongg, 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**

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Fat Point Brewing presents Taproom Bingo, *Wednesdays*, 6:00–8:00 pm and Taproom Trivia, *Thursdays*, 6:30–9:00 pm. Visit fatpoint.com and facebook.com/FatPointBrewing for details. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Tuesday Tacos & Trivia at Peace River Beer Company Free to play! Visit facebook.com/peacriverbeercompany. *Tuesdays*, 7:00 pm. 1732 Steadley Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Bourbon Cowboy Karaoke at The Hive Bar Search “Bourbon Cowboy Karaoke” on Facebook for schedule. 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Karaoke at Nino's Bakery and Restaurant Visit facebook.com/ninosbakery. *Fridays*, 5:00–9:00 pm. 3151 Cooper St., Ste. 52, **Punta Gorda**

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 for details. *Tuesdays*, 11:00 am. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Englewood Drum Circle *Sundays*, year-round (weather permitting), about one hour before sunset. Everyone is welcome

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. *Thursdays*, 6:00–8:00 pm. Dockside Grill Lounge, 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

About Town

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! Visit 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 and joshuacitrus.com. Oct.–mid-May, Monday–Saturday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. 4135 SE County Road 760, **Arcadia**

CRAFTY BREWS AND BEVERAGES

Leroy's Tap Takeover by Islamorada Beer Company Visit facebook.com/islamoradabeercompany. May 17, 5:00–7:00 pm. Leroy's Southern Kitchen and Bar, 201 W. Marion 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 and facebook.com/alligatorbayrum for more information. 25522 Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Catania's Winery Award-winning custom-blended and red and white wines, full line of winery equipment for home and commercial use, gourmet coffees, first cold press extra virgin olive oil from Italy, gift baskets made to order, espresso and cappuccino machines for sale, and wine making classes and tastings. Call 941.475.7553 or 941.321.9650, email cataniaswinery@yahoo.com, visit 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 and facebook.com/FatPointBrewing for details. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Gilded Grape Winery & Wine Bar Boutique wine shop, wine hobby shop, wine cellar, and wine bar. Features make-your-own wine classes, craft beers, snacks, live music, and tastings. Available for event rental. Call 941.235.9463 and visit gildedgrape.com and facebook.com/gildedgrapewinery for more information. 4069 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Peace River Beer Company Microbrewery, entertainment venue and gathering place. Visit facebook.com/peacriverbeercompany. 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 for details. 3131 Foley Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Lagunitas Beer Dinner Under The Oak by Table & Tap Visit facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch. May 17, 6:30–9:00 pm. 42680 Crescent Lp., **Punta Gorda**

Five Course Wine Dinner at 88 Keys Visit facebook.com/88KeysFlorida. May 17, 6:00 pm. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

SW Florida Walking Tours Visit swfloridawalkingtours.com and facebook.com/swfloridawalkingtours for details, schedule, and to purchase tickets. **Punta Gorda**

Raw Bar at Perch 360 at The Wyvern Hotel Call 941.639.7700 for more information. **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays**, 4:00–8:00 pm. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

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 for details. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Sunday Funday Brunch at F.M. Don's Visit facebook.com/fmdons. **Sundays**, 10:30 am–3:00 pm. 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Sunday Brunch at Table & Tap Great food, live music, and breathtaking views! Visit facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch. **Sundays**, 11:30 am. 42680 Crescent Lp., **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**

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

ART AND CRAFT

Events and Exhibits

Boca Grande Invitational Art Festival Part of the “World’s Richest” Tarpon Tournament. Search “Boca Grande Invitational Art Festival” on Facebook. May 18 and 19, 10:00 am–6:00 pm. 471 Park Ave., **Boca Grande**

Visual Arts Center Exhibits are free and open to the public and feature a fantastic selection of fine art for sale! Visit visualartcenter.org or call 941.639.8810 for details. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

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 and peacrivergardens.org for more information. 5827 Riverside Dr., **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 for more information. **Punta Gorda**

Emerging Artisans Program Venue and support for emerg-

ing artisans, musicians, and craftspeople to display, sell, and demonstrate their hand-crafted art and wares! Visit 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 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 for information.

Englewood: Englewood/Charlotte Library • Englewood Event Center • West Charlotte County Annex

Port Charlotte: 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 Center • Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home • Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home • Punta Gorda Airport

Paint/Create Parties

Bisque IT Art Studio [Facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun](https://facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun); 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Create & Paint at the Visual Arts Center Search by name on Facebook; 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Down to Earth Apparel & Gifts [Facebook.com/DownToEarth](https://facebook.com/DownToEarth)

FL; 2792 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Painting with a Twist [Facebook.com/PWATPortCharlotteFL](https://facebook.com/PWATPortCharlotteFL); 18700 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 8, **Port Charlotte**

Port Charlotte Florist [Facebook.com/pcfiorist](https://facebook.com/pcfiorist); 900 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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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**

Galleries

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**

Hogan's Harbor Art Gallery Small boutique art gallery featuring fine art photography. Visit [facebook.com/HogansHarbor](https://www.facebook.com/HogansHarbor). 175 Cedar Dr., **Englewood**

Old Florida Outdoor Center and Gallery 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**

KID STUFF

Featured

Reel in the Fun Kids Pier Fishing Tournament by Downtown Bait & Tackle Visit [facebook.com/DowntownBaitTackle](https://www.facebook.com/DowntownBaitTackle) for details. May 19, 8:00 am–2:00 pm. 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**

Kid's Fishing Rally at Babcock Ranch Visit [facebook.com/babcockranch](https://www.facebook.com/babcockranch). May 19 and 20, 9:30 am. 42850 Crescent Ln., **Punta Gorda**

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Saturday Family Game Day Bring the family and bring your own puzzles and games, or enjoy the ones provided! **Saturdays**, 10:30–11:30 am. Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries for details. Punta Gorda Public Library, 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

Creativity

Bisque IT Art Studio • bisqueitstudio.com • 1931 Tamiami Tr., #3, **Port Charlotte**

Painting with a Twist • paintingwithatwist.com • 18700 Veterans Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Exploration

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) • checcflorida.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**

Horsing Around Ranch • facebook.com/horsingaroundranch • 941.979.7293 • 1200 Academy Dr., **Lake Suzy**

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**

PG Farms and Horse Boarding, Inc. • facebook.com/pgfarms

farms • 941.575.2756 • 31600 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Library Programs

Charlotte County Library System Visit 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

Lashley Park Fountain* • 120 Lashley Ct., Punta Gorda

Kidstar Park • kidstartpark.com • 941.235.3131

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

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

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!

Shopping

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

Off-Leash Parks

Edgewater Paw Park • 22410 Glass Ln., **Port Charlotte**

Ann Dever Paw Park • 6791 San Casa Dr., **Englewood**

Hounds of Henry Street • 557 W. Henry St. (W. Henry St. and Shreve St.), **Punta Gorda**

Brohard Paw Park/Dog Beach • 1600 Harbor Dr. S., **Venice** (Dogs are not allowed on Charlotte County Beaches)

Leashed dogs are welcome at most Charlotte County parks. Visit charlottecountyfl.gov/services/parksrecreation for more information.

LECTURE, LEARNING, GROWTH

Amateur Radio School by Peace River Radio Association

Visit facebook.com/www.prra.club for details. **Tuesdays**, 7:00 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 23456 Olean Blvd., **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 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**

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**

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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 offers 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. **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: *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**

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**

Radio Show: *Writers on the Air* Writers of all levels read their original work—three-to-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 pm for taping. The show broadcasts on WKDW 97.5 FM the following Sunday at 5:00 pm. For more information contact Linda Schell at 941.223.1262 or lschell2@verizon.net. Listen online at wkdwradio.com. **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**

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

FILM

The Lifelong Learning Institute Documentary Series: *Victory Lundy: Sculptor of Space* Search "Lifelong Learning Institute, Charlotte County, FL" on Facebook. May 16, 10:00 am–noon. Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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

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

Regal Town Center Stadium 16: Visit regmovies.com. Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

MARKETS

Englewood Farmers Market Fresh and organic produce, baked goods, beef, BBQ, wild salmon, olive oil, and more! Visit englewoodfarmersmarket.org for details and free healthy recipes. **Thursdays until May 31**, 9:00 am–2:00 pm, Oct.–May. Old Englewood Village, 300 Block of W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Boca Grande Farm & Fish Market Visit facebook.com/BG-FarmandFishMarket. **Fridays**, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. 305 Wheeler Rd., **Boca Grande**

Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market Visit Facebook.com/BurntStoreMarina. **Fridays**, year-round, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Cass Cay parking lot, 3200 Matecumbe Key Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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

Punta Gorda Downtown Farmers Market Voted the best small market in Florida and 15th in the US! Call Jerry Presseller, Manager, at 941.391.4856 for details. **Saturdays**,

The Yoga Sanctuary Classes, workshops, and more. Visit facebook.com/yogasanctuary for details. 112 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Loving Light Yoga *Yoga for Every Body*, 8:30–9:45 am **every day—holidays included!** Donations 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 for details. 2100 N. Beach Rd., **Englewood Beach**

Higher Ground Performing Arts Visit highergroundperformingarts.net or call 941.625.3622 for details and pricing. 17355 Geddes Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Monday Morning Yoga Visit facebook.com/manasotabeachyoga. 8570 Manasota Key Rd., **Englewood**

Country Couples Partner Dance Class by Bayfront Dancers Visit facebook.com/bayfrontdancers. Bayfront YMCA Event Center, 750 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Beginner Clogging Class Visit facebook.com/solesinmotioncloggers. Harold Ave. Recreation Center, 23400 Harold Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Zumba with Carla Visit facebook.com/clclive. 19048 Edgewater Dr., **Port Charlotte**

Wednesday Night Pub Run, Walk or Stroll 3.0-ish Visit facebook.com/PuntaGordaPubRun for details of each week's run. **Punta Gorda**

Dance Etc, Englewood Visit facebook.com/TheBeatGoesO

8:00 am–noon. Taylor St. and Herald Ct., next to the historic courthouse, **Punta Gorda**

History Park Farmers Market Visit facebook.com/PuntaGordaFarmersMarket. Guided garden tours available after the market closes; a \$5 suggested donation includes a plant to take home! **Sundays**, 9:00 am–1:00 pm; garden tours: 1:00 pm. 501 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

MOVEMENT

nAndOn for schedule. 3372 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Ballroom Dancing Education Visit usadance6049.org for details. PGHS Women's Club Ballroom, 118 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Acme Bicycle Shop Free ride events; visit facebook.com/acmebicycle. 615 Cross 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. **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**

Peace River Riders Visit 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**

The Open Studio Visit theopenstudio.org for details. 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

SEA TO SHORE

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**

Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP) presents *Nature Boat Ecotours*. 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 for schedule, details and link to purchase.

Departure location: Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

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**

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

Gasparilla Boat Tours See dolphins, manatees and sea birds from the comfort of a custom-built 30' Trident Catamaran; cruise on the intercoastal water-way with a stop at a great waterfront eatery; visit Boca Grande, Stump Pass, Pelican Bay or Cabbage Key; schedule a work retreat or personal celebration, family reunion, or private excursion. 10% veteran discount with proper ID; family- and differently-abled-friendly. Visit [facebook.com/gasparillaboattours](https://www.facebook.com/gasparillaboattours). 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

Glass Bottom Rentals Explore the clear waters of Boca Grande in a glass bottom kayak! Open seven days a week, launching from the Boca Grande Fishing Pier. Visit [facebook.com/glassbottomrentals](https://www.facebook.com/glassbottomrentals) and GlassBottomRentals.com or call 941.237.1756 for information and to book your adventure. 5810 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

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](https://www.facebook.com/HookedOnSUP) or call 941.504.1699 for details, tour

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

The Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture of Charlotte County Open-access, educational institution devoted to the procurement, preservation, study and display of historical and cultural materials related to the contributions of African Americans in the settlement of Charlotte County and Southwest Florida. Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Call 941.575.7518 or visit blanchardhousemuseum.org. 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 opportu-

times, and to book. **Must be able to swim.** 8450 Placida Rd., in Don Pedro Island State Park, **Placida**

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

Navigator Narrated eco-tours and lunch for one low price, and the only air boat rides in the area! 941.627.3474 or Navigator.com. 9700 SW Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

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 to complete waiver and sign up; call 941.249.4579 with questions. **Tuesdays**, 9:00–11:00 am. Kayak Eco Tours, Navigator Grill & Marina, 9700 S.W. Riverview Cir., **Lake Suzy**

Riding the Waves Drive 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 for details or call 941.460.358. Skip's Marina, 1990 Placida Rd., **Englewood**

MUSEUMS

nities to learn about the remarkable people and events that shaped the past. Visit bocagrandehistoricalsociety.com for more information. Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. 170 Park Ave., **Boca Grande**

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

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

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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 Fish-

ing Industry, and the Punta Gorda Army Air Field. Sept.–June: Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. Call 941.639.6774 or visit puntagordahistory.com for more information. 1009 Taylor Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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

Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City features nearly 200 automobiles of every era, dating back to the 1920s, with a major focus is on GM “muscle cars.” Features 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, 10175 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

May

Abstracts and Empanadas by Dedo and Cilantro's Restaurant, May 22: facebook.com/ArtbyDedo

Run to the Wall, May 27: facebook.com/FLD13Sons

Vintage Car Show at Fishermen's Village, May 28: facebook.com/FishermensVillageMarina

The Grand Tasting at The Wyvern Hotel, May 31: facebook.com/EdgewaterEvents

June

The Sauce Boss at The Navigator Grill, Jun. 1: facebook.com/navigator.grill

Gala D'Tuscany Fundraiser at Italia at River City Grill, Jun. 10: search “Meals on Wheels of Charlotte County Inc.” on Facebook

Englewood Bike Night, Jun. 16: facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson

July

Wheels and Wings IX, Jul. 8: facebook.com/wheelsandwings-florida

International Culture Fest, Jul. 13 and 14: facebook.com/fishermensvillage

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