

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

BOOMERANGS: EVENTS TO COME BACK FOR!

The Grand Tasting at The Wyvern Hotel Visit facebook.com/EdgewaterEvents or call 941.347.7061 for reservations. Jul.

26, 6:30–9:00 pm. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC

International Culture Fest Cultural vendors, performances, food, demonstrations, and fun! Live music and performance Jul. 13, 5:00–9:00 pm; Parade of Cultures Jul. 14, 11:00 am. Free admission and parking. Visit facebook.com/Cultural-HeritageSWFL and facebook.com/fishermensvillage. Jul. 13, 5:00–9:00 pm and Jul. 14 10:00 am–4:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

'50s Sock Hop Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries. Jul. 13, 2:00–3:30 pm. Englewood Charlotte Public Library, 3450 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson®

• Jul. 13–15, 9:00 am–5:00 pm: **Christmas in July and Bert's Birthday Celebration**

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

ON STAGE

Chris Walkter at Ricaltini's Bar & Grille • Visit facebook.com/RicaltinisBarAndGrille. Jul. 12, 6:30 pm. 1997 Kentucky Ave., **Englewood**

The Pitbull of Blues at Englewoods on Dearborn Search "The Pitbull of Blues Band" on Facebook. Jul. 12, 7:00 pm. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Stone Krow at Harpoon Harry's Visit facebook.com/north-port34286. Jul. 14, 8:00 pm. Harpoon Harry's at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, #55, **Punta Gorda**

Kick It at Cold River Saloon Visit facebook.com/Kickitband. Jul. 15, 1:00–5:00 pm. 3149 Duncan Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Snook's Bayside Bar & Grill presents Kenny Rose, Doug Deming, and Fire N Ice this week. Visit facebook.com/SnooksBaysideBarandGrill. 779 W. Wentworth St., **Englewood**

Portside Tavern presents Tiki Tom & L.A., Chris Beck, and Bob Teesdale this week. Visit facebook.com/PortsideEvents. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Live Music by Chris G at Fishermen's Village Visit facebook.com/ChrisGProductions for details and full schedule. **Tuesdays**, 11:00 am. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Bella's Bistro presents *Summer Sounds with Chris G*, **Saturdays**, 11:00 am–2:00 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**

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/Blueturtlepp for full schedule of events. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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**

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**

Please note: **This Week's Happenings is changing**. Over the new few weeks, the format will be adjusted to encourage and facilitate mobile access, and the content will focus on *specific tourism-related* events. Attractions, nature tours, galleries, and other "evergreen" experiences that make our area so special have been compiled into a separate, always-available download: PureFlorida.com/Attractions.

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GET OUT

Sporting

Hawaiian Luau Scramble Search “Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club” on Facebook. Jul. 14, 8:15–11:15 am. 24315 Vincent Ave., **Punta Gorda**

South Side Soft Opening: Trucks Jeeps and SXS-only Area Visit facebook.com/FLTracksAndTrails. Jul. 14, 8:00 am–6:00

pm. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

CCA FL Star Catch & Photo Fishing Tournament Visit facebook.com/WestMarinePuntaGorda for details. **Daily until Jul. 16**, 9:00 am–4:00 pm. West Marine Punta Gorda, 700 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Nature Adventures

Photography Tour by Babcock Ranch Eco Tour Features photo opps in areas not covered on the regular tours. Visit

facebook.com/babcockranchecotour for details. Jul. 14, 7:30–10:00 am. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

About Town

Monday Movie Night at PopnComics Visit facebook.com/popncomics. Jul. 9, 6:00–9:00 pm. 1109 Tamiami Tr., #4, **Port Charlotte**

Paranormal Tour and Dessert Visit facebook.com/RJFPIinvestigations. Jul. 13, 7:00–9:00 pm. Punta Gorda Train Depot, 1009 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Summer Documentary Series: Journey to the Edge of the Universe by The Lifelong Learning Institute Search “Lifelong Learning Institute, Charlotte County, FL” on Facebook. Jul. 11, 10:00 am–noon. Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

The Southwest Florida Fossil Society Meeting Professional,

highly qualified avocational paleontologists, lectures, slide programs, field trips, a “youth zone,” and more. Visit facebook.com/SWFfossilsociety. Jul. 14, 7:00–9:00 pm. Punta Gorda Historical Society Women’s Club Building, 118 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Ladies Night & Jewelry Party at Cold River Saloon Visit facebook.com/runningwolfdesignsnfm or search “Cold River Saloon” on Facebook. **Tuesdays**, 6:00–10:00 pm. 3149 Duncan Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Random Fandom at Mid-County Regional Library Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries for details. **Saturdays**, 1:00–2:00 pm. 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

CRAFTY BREWS AND BEVERAGES

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

Catania’s Winery Award-winning custom-blended and red and white wines, full line of equipment, gift baskets made to order, espresso and cappuccino machines, wine making classes and tastings. Visit cataniaswinery.com. 524 Paul Morris Dr., Ste. B, **Englewood**

Fat Point Brewing Fresh, local, hand-crafted beers and features live music, bar bingo, open mic nights, and more. 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 cellar, wine bar. Make-your-own wine classes, craft beers, snacks, live music, 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**

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Sizzling Saturday Summer Nights Dinner Search “Burnt Store Golf & Activity Club” on Facebook. **Saturdays**, 3:00–7:00 pm. 24315 Vincent Ave., **Punta Gorda**

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

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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**

Blues & Brews Sunday Brunch with Laurie & Rusty at Table & Tap Visit 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**

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

ART AND CRAFT

Events and Exhibits

New Art Exhibit Unveiling, Wyvern Hotel Visit facebook.com/TheWyvernHotel or search "Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda" on Facebook. Jul. 12, 5:30–7:30 pm. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Canvas Project Art by Laura Pucci Visit facebook.com/PortCharlotteTownCenter for details. Jul. 14, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. Port Charlotte Town Center Mall, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Visual Arts Center presents *Members' Showcase Exhibit* until Jul. 19. Exhibits are free and open to the public and feature a fantastic selection of fine art for sale! Visit visualartcenter.org. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens [Facebook.com/PeaceRiverGardens](https://facebook.com/PeaceRiverGardens) and peacrivergardens.org. 5827 Riverside Dr., **Punta Gorda**

The Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society [Puntagordamurals.org](https://puntagordamurals.org). **Punta Gorda**

Emerging Artisans Program [Facebook.com/EmergingArtisansProgram](https://facebook.com/EmergingArtisansProgram). The Open Studio Gardens, 380 Old Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

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/DownToEarthFL](https://facebook.com/DownToEarthFL); 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/pcflorist](https://facebook.com/pcflorist); 900 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

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Visit PureFlorida.com/Attractions for a handy attractions reference.