



Monthly Report

June 2022

Summer rains cause stormwater issues

The summer rainy season is upon us. Heavy rain not only poses a driving hazard, it can overwhelm stormwater drainage systems and cause road flooding.

One of the most visible stormwater drainage features in the county are swales or ditches in front of homes. In addition to conveying stormwater to control structures, canals and holding ponds, these swales also hold water long enough for it to drain into the soil. In Charlotte County, we prioritize stormwater drainage into three

categories: water threatening a home, flooding on roads or sidewalks and nuisance water in swales.

We advise residents concerned about standing water in swales to use the 72-hour rule. Properly functioning swales should convey water or allow it to be absorbed into the ground within 72 hours of a rainfall event.

When this happens, we review complaints submitted to us, track current and historical data to de-

termine potential issues and conduct inspections or remedial work to address areas where nuisance water could escalate into one of the more serious categories that impact public safety. We rely on

public input to help identify and resolve issues. If you have a drainage concern, call Public

Works at 941-575-3600 or visit CharlotteCountyFL.gov and click Contact Us.



Calendar contest deadline Aug. 13

There are just a few weeks left to submit photos for the 2023 county calendar contest.

The 2023 calendar theme is "Active Outside," highlighting Charlotte County's beautiful natural environment, world-class facilities and our healthy, active residents.

It's free and easy to enter. Simply email your photos to Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov. Use the subject line Active Outside and include your contact information and the subject of your photo. The entry deadline is Aug. 13, 2022.

FEMA flood map workshops scheduled

FEMA has issued the letter of final determination for the effective date of Charlotte County's new flood risk maps. The new Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) will become effective on Dec. 15, 2022.

To learn more about the upcoming changes to the FEMA flood maps and flood insurance, flood workshops are being held at Charlotte County libraries. No registration is required – workshops are from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the following locations and

dates:

- 9/2, Port Charlotte Public Library 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte
- 8/11, 10/13, Englewood Charlotte Public Library 3450 N Access Road, Englewood
- 7/21, 9/15, 11/17, Punta Gorda Charlotte Library 401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda
- 8/26, 10/28, Mid-County Regional Library 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte

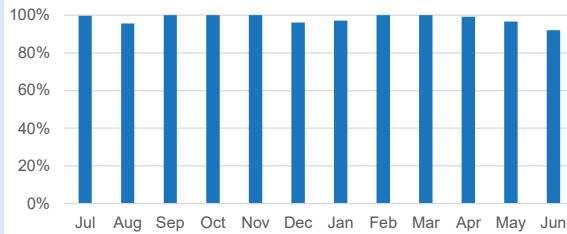
For information on the maps and workshops, call 941-623-1080.

Information Technology

Service Tickets by Month



Customer Satisfaction % Positive

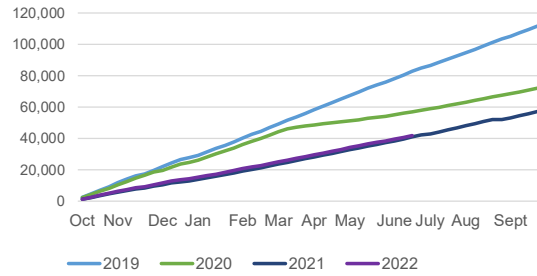


Transit

Transit Calls Average Handling Time (minutes)



Annual Cumulative Ridership



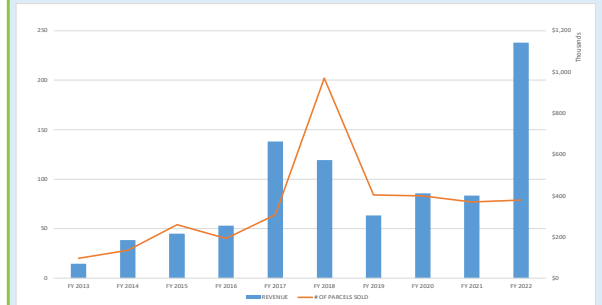
Director Highlights

Surplus Property Sales

The Real Estate Services Division, on a periodic basis, review County owned parcels to determine those surplus to County needs. They then work with the Purchasing Division to solicit bids for sale of those properties. In fiscal year 2021-2022, we successfully disposed of 79 properties, which also includes the Old Punta Gorda Library. The sale of these properties has generated \$1,141,854 in revenue and also returned these properties to the tax roll, providing funding for both infrastructure and general budgetary operations.

The graph below depicts the number of sales and total revenue for the last ten years. The large number of parcels sold in FY 2018 were in the Rotunda Sands area where development had not yet begun, but selling these parcels relieved the County from pay annual HOA fees.

June 2022



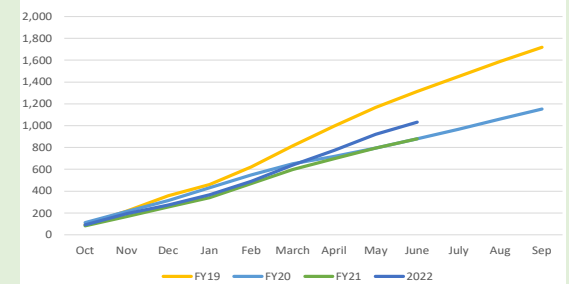
Health Center

Employee Health Center Monthly Appointment Utilization Summary



Records Management

Record Requests



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?



PLANNING STAGE



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



COMPLETED!!



Dunkin' Donuts

19220 Veterans Blvd., Port Charlotte
1,737 sq. ft. fast food donut shop with drive thru.

North Port Plaza

14520 Chancellor Boulevard, Port Charlotte
A one-story 15,300 sq. ft. shopping plaza.

RaceTrac Gas Station

6100 Duncan Rd., Punta Gorda
8,100 sq. ft. fueling station with truck stop.

Christian Brothers Automotive

24130 Beatrix Blvd., Port Charlotte
10-bay automotive service building with an office and associated parking.

Starbucks

18501 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte
2,500 sq. ft. Starbucks with double drive-thru lanes.

Gerber Collision

4701 Taylor Rd., Punta Gorda
9,705 sq. ft. automotive collision repair facility.

West Port Phase II

17372 Toledo Blade Blvd., Port Charlotte
460 single family units, 300 multi-family units, and 662,911 sq. ft. of commercial located in Murdock Village.

O'Reilly Auto Parts

24000 Beatrix Blvd.,
Port Charlotte
7,453 sq. ft. auto parts store.



Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen

18600 Veterans Blvd.,
Port Charlotte
7,974 sq. ft. restaurant with associated infrastructure.

FedEx Distribution

9301 Piper Rd, Punta Gorda
250,950 sq. ft. distribution center .



Village Marketplace

1799 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
2,495 sq. ft restaurant with a drive thru and three 1,286 sq. ft. units of retail space.

Sunseeker

4949 Tamiami Trail,
Port Charlotte
Mixed-use development consisting of 783 hotel units, restaurants, bars, and retail, located in the Charlotte Harbor CRA.



June Permitting:

Total Single Family Permits Issued: 344

Single Family Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 162

Total Permits Issued for the month: 4,088

Total Permits Issued FY20-21: 35,240
(Fiscal Year Oct. 2020—Sept. 2021)

Total Permits Issued FY21-22: 31,396
(Fiscal Year Oct. 2021—Sept. 2022)

PERMITTING SNAPSHOT

PROJECTS' SPOTLIGHT

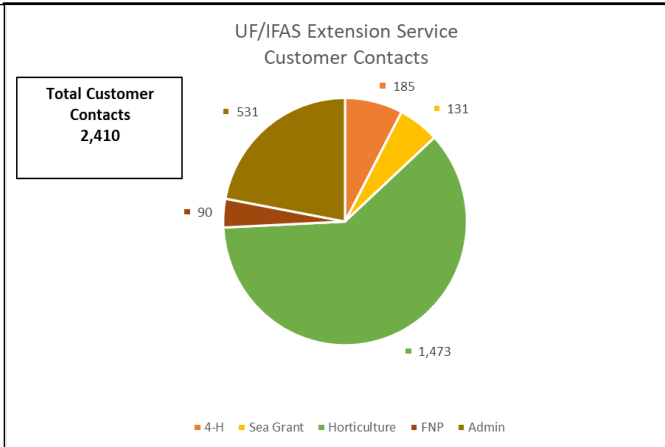
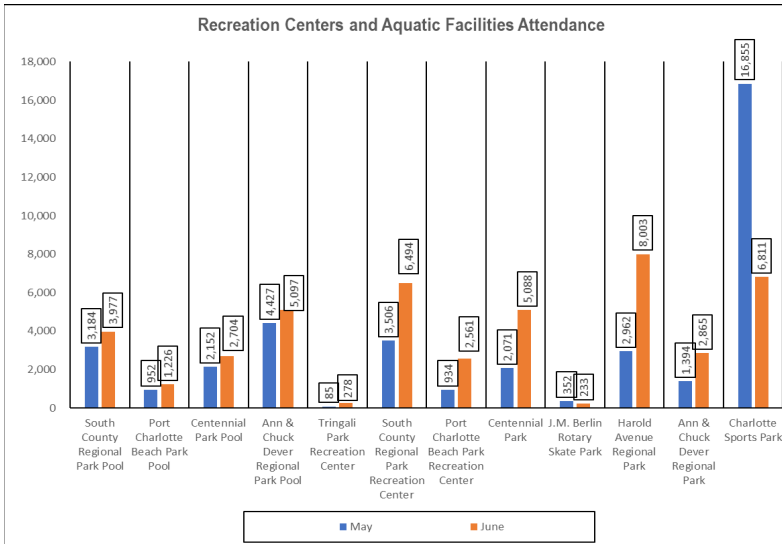
Babcock Update

- Certificates of Occupancy issued since August 2016: 1,458
- Single Family Permits Issued June: 43

West Port Update

- Single Family Certificates of Occupancy Issued since April 2021: 81
- Single Family Permits Issued June: 35





Parks and Athletic Field Maintenance

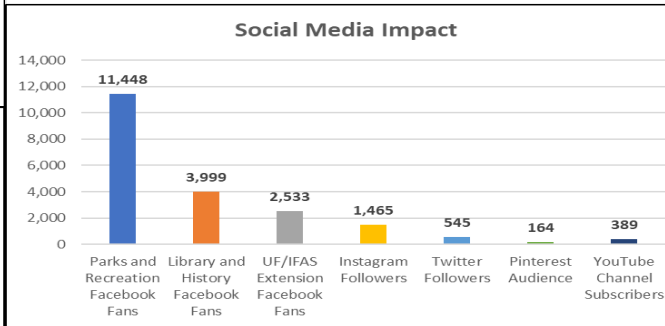
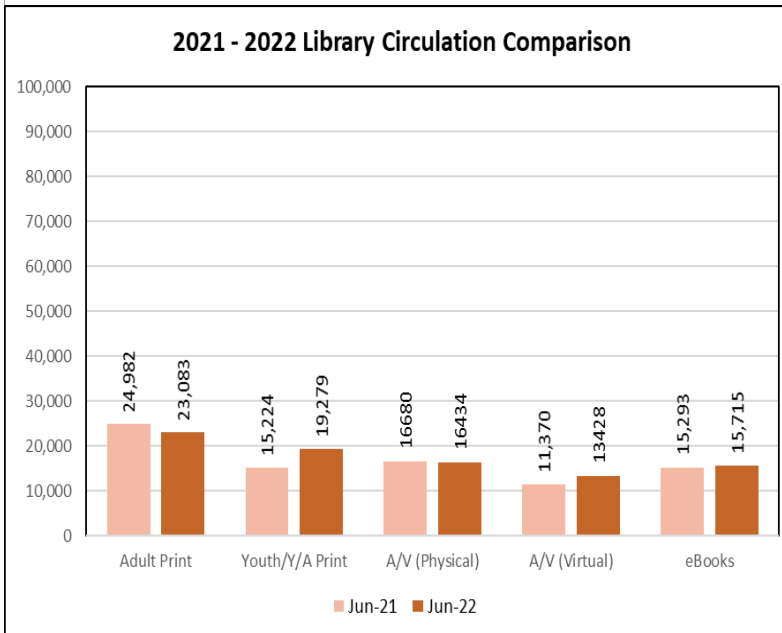
- 264 youth leagues and adult softball practices
- 1 Tournaments
- 5,071 trash bags collected
- 718 recycling bags collected

Land Management

- 416,666 feet trail mowed
- 30 acres mulched
- 15 exotics/invasives acres treated

Project Management

- 34 projects, \$5.5 MM



Coastal Management

Abandoned/Derelict Vessels

- 1 Cited
- 3 Open Cases
- 6 Ready to be removed
- 1 Relocated
- 3 Pending

Coastal Lighting

- 23 Permit Reviews
- 4 Inspections
- Sea Turtles
 - 1,363 Nests
- Shorebirds
 - Adults - 319

Charlotte Technical College's Aviation Maintenance Technician School awarded \$3 Million



The Charlotte County Airport Authority (CCAA) is pleased to announce that \$3 million was approved in the Florida State Budget for a new combined hangar and classroom facility for Charlotte Technical College's (CTC) FAA-certified Aviation Maintenance Technician School. The budget was approved by Governor DeSantis on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

A larger training facility at Punta Gorda Airport (PGD) is necessary to meet the aviation industry's demand for aircraft mechanics, and state funding is essential to keep CTC's costs low enough for tuition to remain affordable for students.

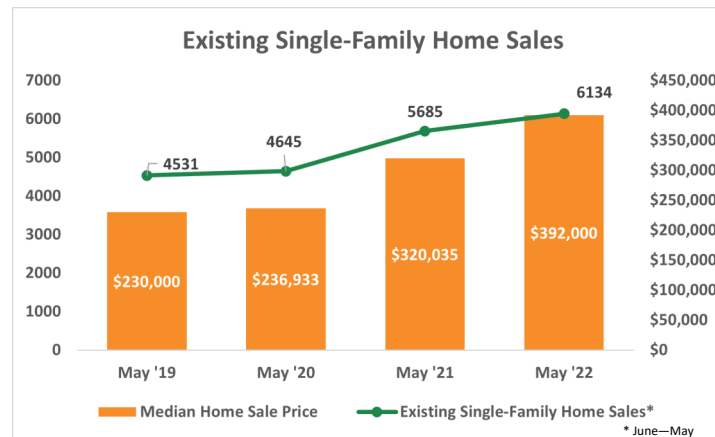
"Training new Airframe & Powerplant certified mechanics is essential to the future of air travel and the aviation industry," said CCAA Chair Robert D. Hancik. "This funding will further solidify CTC's success and allow for the continued expansion of its training program at PGD."

CTC's Aviation Maintenance Technician school was launched in August 2021 utilizing its homebase campus in Murdock as well as renovated facilities at PGD. CTC is quickly outgrowing the current building and hangar at PGD as it only allows for 50 students at a time. Read more [HERE](#).

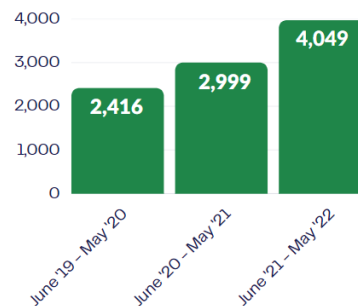
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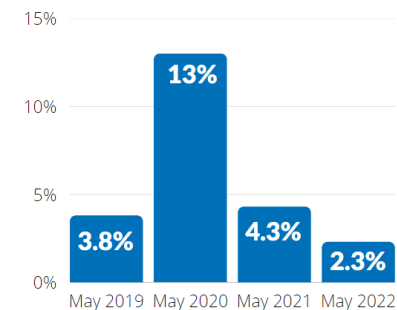
Charlotte County Economic Indicators



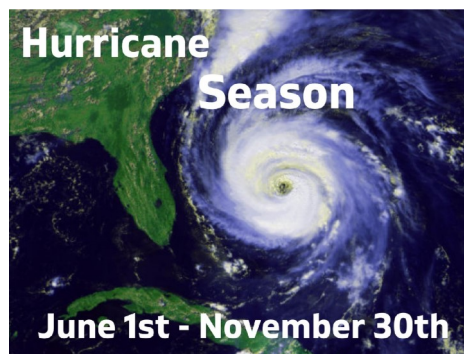
Single Family Home Permits Issued



Unemployment Snapshot



Hurricane Season Preparedness Webinar



The Economic Development Office partnered with the Small Business Development Center at FGCU, CareerSource Southwest Florida, Charlotte County Emergency Management, Charlotte County Chamber, Punta Gorda Chamber and Englewood Chamber to help you plan and prepare for hurricane season. If you missed the webinar you can watch the recording on YouTube, check out the presentations and use the following resources to help you prepare for hurricane season by clicking [HERE](#).

Are you Prepared?

Medical Examiner's Building Renaming



Dr. Riazul H. Imami served Charlotte County as the District Medical Examiner since being appointed by the governor in 1976. On June 28th, the Board approved renaming the building to "The Riazul H. Imami Medical Examiner's Office" in honor of his long standing service to the county.

The renaming was a collaborative effort among Facilities staff, Medical Examiner's staff, and Dr. Imami's family to keep the renaming as a surprise for the retiring doctor. The selected concept was shared with and approved by Dr. Imami's family and the medical examiner's staff. Upon Board approval, the new lettering was promptly installed on June 30th and revealed to a surprised and pleased Dr. Imami.

- ◆ Radio Tower Sites – Upgrade of building exteriors at multiple sites including roofing, cleaning, paint, and exterior lighting.



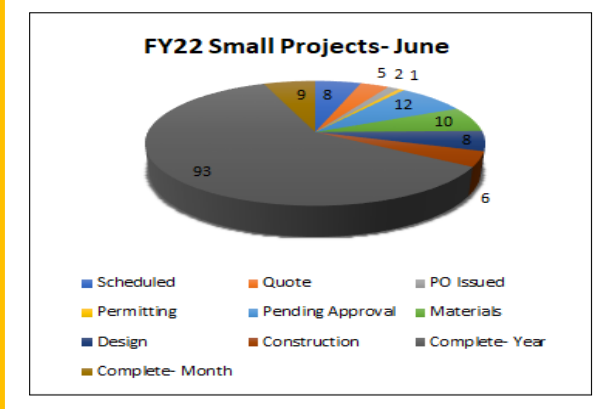
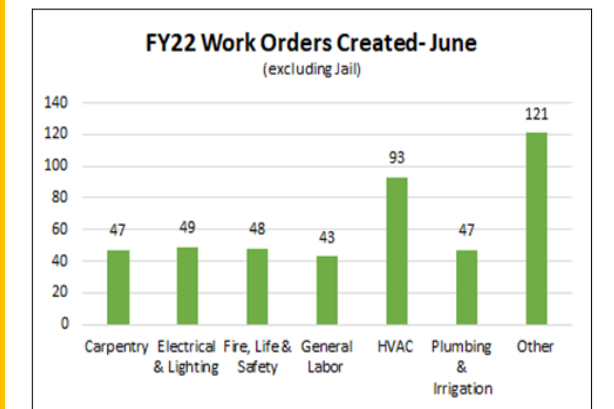
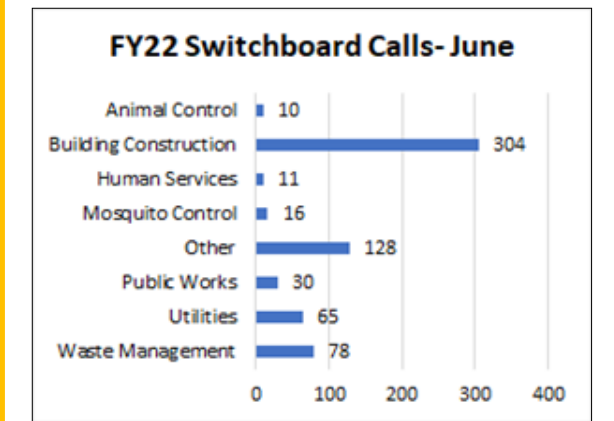
- ◆ During a storm event, an unmanned vessel made contact with the Live Oak Point Boardwalk shifting the precast concrete planks creating an uneven surface. The consultant evaluated and provided a scope for repairs to rehabilitate the boardwalk.

- ◆ Fire Station 2 is completed and ready for turnover to Public Safety. The new station includes impact windows, emergency generator power, bunk gear storage, kitchen space, laundry room, radio control room, workout room, sleeping quarters, day room, and restroom/shower facilities.

- ◆ The site preparation, including the mounting concrete slab and underground conduit, was installed for the grant-funded emergency generator at Harold Avenue Recreation Center.

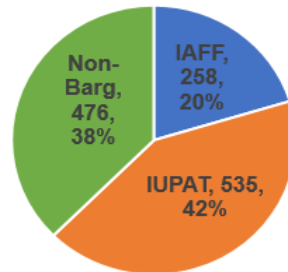
- ◆ Murdock Building B tuckpoint and sealing project was completed in June. With cooperation of the weather, the project was completed four weeks ahead of schedule.

- ◆ The Board approved Florida Premier Contractors for the Bayshore grass parking Construction Manager at Risk.



Workforce

Employee Count 1,269
 Avg Age 46
 Avg Hourly Rate \$24.30
 Avg Years of Service 8.49



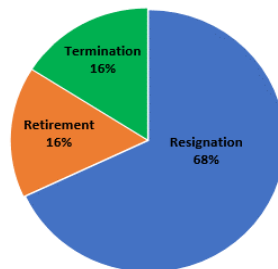
Retention of New Hires	June	YTD
% completing probation	77%	84.6%

Succession Planning

Ee's in FRS DROP the next 5 years	2.9%
% of Workforce Retired this FY	2.9%

Separations

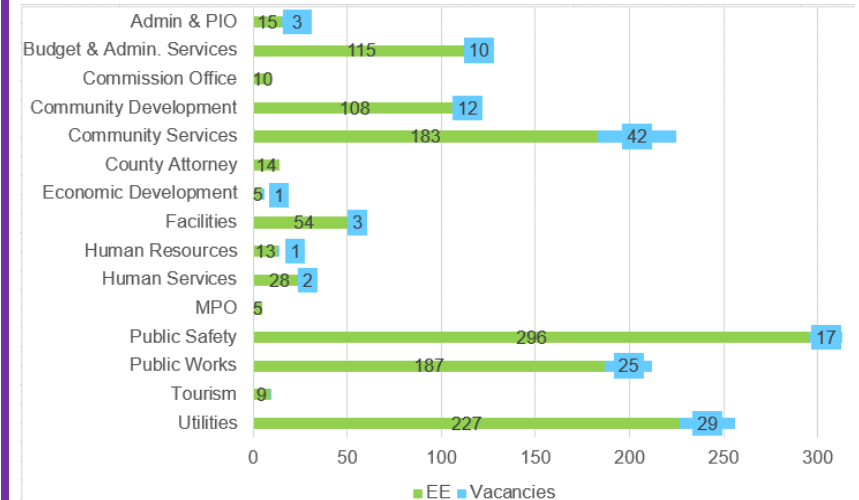
	June	YTD
Turnover	1.5%	7.9%
Separations	19	161



Training & Development

Training	41 EE's	17 hrs	697 contact hrs
% using Tuition Reimbursement		1%	

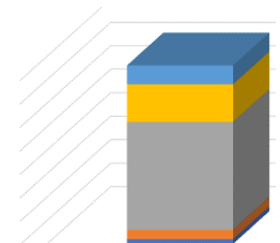
Employees vs Vacancies



Total Vacancies: 147

Recruitment

Applications Taken	537
Job Posting Hits	32,879
New Hires	23
Recruited Pos FT	52
Posted PT/Sea/Intern	15



Category	Total
re-hire	4
promotion	8
new hire	23
lateral	2
demotion	1

CIT Training at the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office



Understanding the facets of trauma is an important skill for people working in Public Safety and on June 22nd, Jocey Henderson, Althea Connors and William Thompson were invited by the Charlotte County Sheriffs office to give a presentation on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Approximately 20 new officers attended as staff provided them with information, insight and techniques needed to promote the safe interactions between first responders and residents, visitors or Veterans who may be suffering from mental illness or military related behavioral issues. They additionally detailed the wide array of resources and programming available through each of the Human Services four divisions and community partners at the Family Services Center.



Staff Spotlight

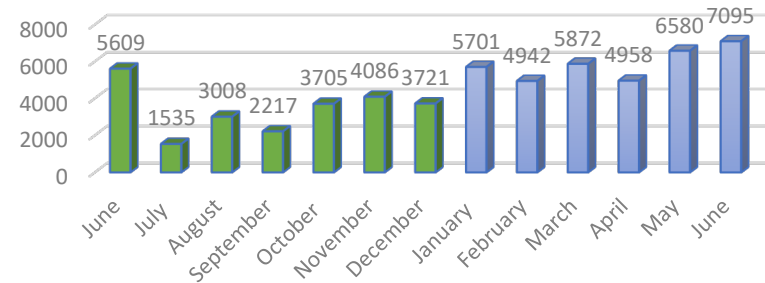


In June, Carrie Walsh attended the Florida Association of County Human Services Administrators (FACHSA) Annual Meeting in Orlando. FACHSA is an affiliate of the Florida Association of Counties. Affordable Housing was one of the main topics of discussion, with a presentation from Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Carrie wrapped up two years as secretary of the executive board, and was elected vice chair.

"We help you navigate life's choppy waters"

Department Numbers

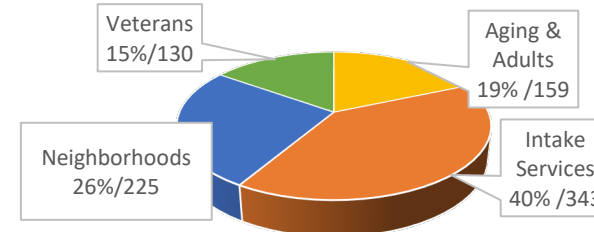
1 Year - Information Call Volume



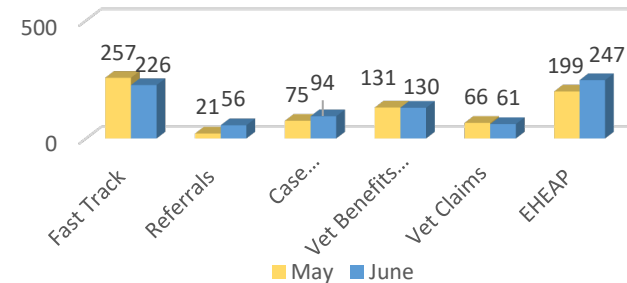
Harry Chapin Mobile Food Pantry

June 2022 Households Served: 610

June 2022 Percent/Number of Clients served by Division

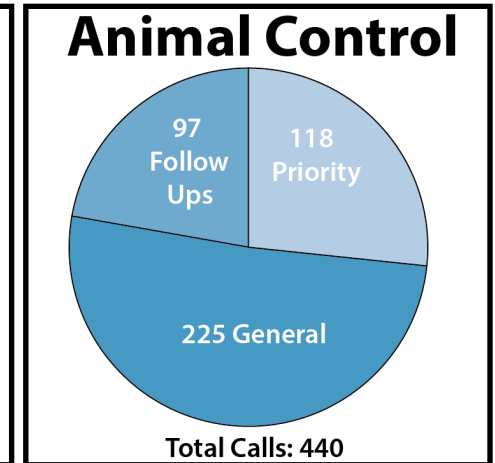
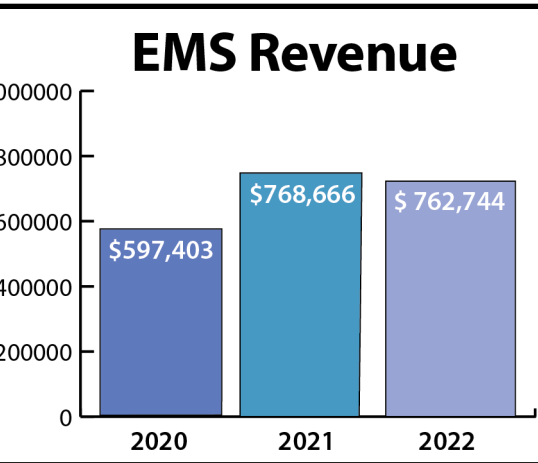
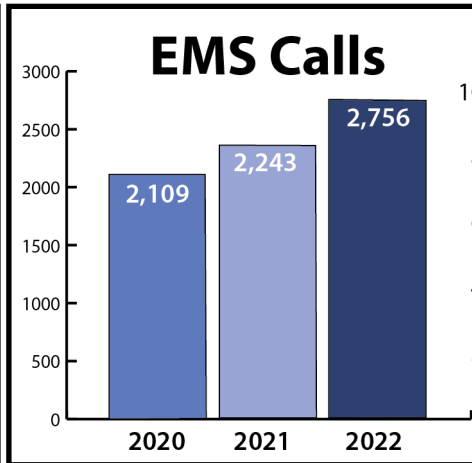
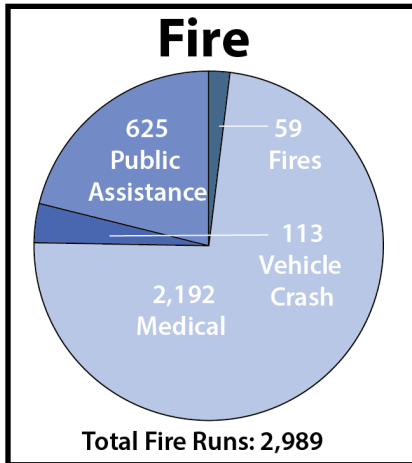


May/June 2022 - Applications



Our Mission: Connecting people and resources.

Public Safety

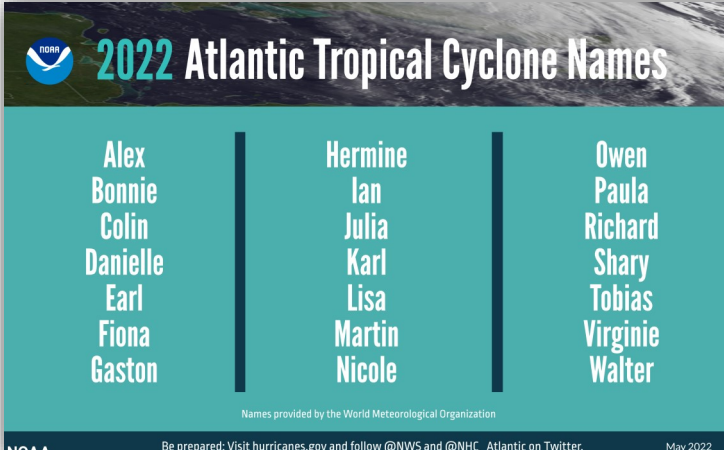


Are You Ready?

June is the official beginning of hurricane season. Still, by the time you read this report, we are already a month into the season, a hurricane season predicted to be above average. The predictions should not make any difference to how we prepare. There will be hurricanes, some will be very strong, and they will make landfall, with Florida being the most likely state on average to be affected. The easiest way to deal with that reality is to accept it, hope the season has little effect on our part of the world, yet prepare every year like we are in the crosshairs.

As County employees, we have a special obligation to residents and visitors to do everything we can to provide for their safety. In Emergency Management, the staff talks to thousands of people yearly and encourages them to prepare for the season. Having three days of food and water, emergency lights, battery cell phone chargers, shutters, and emergency evacuation plans is a mantra Emergency Management repeats annually. But as County employees, we are expected to do more. Prepare our families, knowing we

might have responsibilities at a shelter or the Emergency Operations Center during the storm. Securing our own homes early so we can do the same for County facilities. Preparing to respond as soon as the winds ease up. Removing debris so emergency vehicles can respond, restoring water and sewer, providing



2022 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names

Alex	Hermine	Owen
Bonnie	Ian	Paula
Colin	Julia	Richard
Danielle	Karl	Shary
Earl	Lisa	Tobias
Fiona	Martin	Virginie
Gaston	Nicole	Walter

Names provided by the World Meteorological Organization

NOAA Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on Twitter. May 2022

emergency medical care, restoring order, and keeping everyone informed of important information are just a few of the things we are expected to do. We are the lifeline to many of our

residents, regardless of what they have done to prepare. They are counting on us to take the first steps in returning their lives to normal.



In the Works

A construction vehicle dropped a 3,000 pound bag of sand in the intersection of Kings Highway and Veterans Boulevard, spilling a large amount of sand across 3 lanes of traffic. The crew, while utilizing an excavator and power broom, removed the material before it caused any accidents. Excellent work, Team!



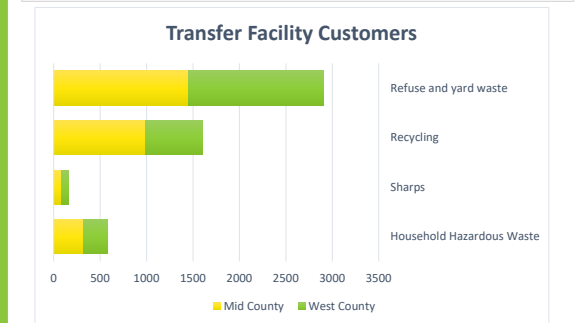
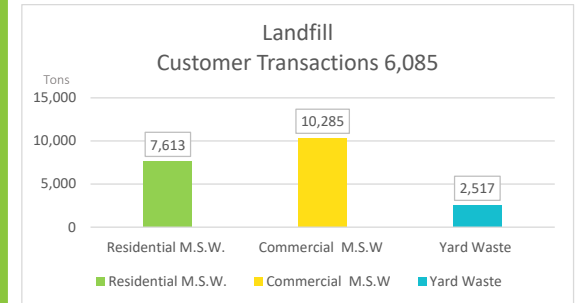
Did You Know

Many of our operations in Charlotte County Public Works require intensive knowledge. Scott Schermerhorn's Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control division is no exception. From the science-based work programs to the heavily regulated requirements, having a thorough understanding of all facets of his operations is critical to the success of their mission.



This was personified when Scott was relied upon for his technical proficiency in a litigation matter. He received high praise from our attorney's office and was given an exceptional service award by our Deputy County Administrator, Emily Lewis.

Solid Waste



Larvicide:	12,719 acres or 19.9 sq. miles- 76 treatments
Adulticide:	246,255 acres or 385 sq. miles- 105 treatments
Landing rate counts performed	448
Number of CDC traps distributed and collected	70 / 2
Total number of mosquitos collected and Identified	3660
App Complaints resolved	276
Telephone complaint resolved	294
Aquatics invoiced	\$52,685.21

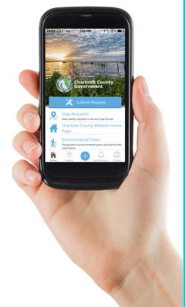
Charlotte County Application Requests June 2022

Requests Received

405

Requests Completed

361



Key Performance Indicators

Tourist Development Tax Collections TDT
(Current Month)

May-21	\$468,992	↑	7.6%
May-22	\$504,735		

TDT YTD Collections (Pacing)

May-21	\$4,189,551	↑	39.8%
May-22	\$5,855,403		

PureFlorida.com

Website Traffic

Users: 51,144

Pageviews: 104,890

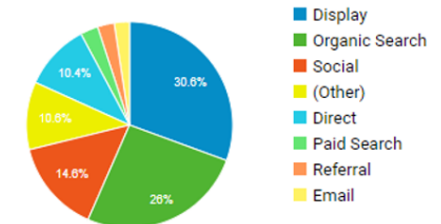
Top Origin Markets:

FL, NY, IL, OH, GA, MA, MI, PA, CA, MN

New vs. Returning Visitors: 85.9% vs 14.1%

Digital Channel Breakdown

Digital Channel Breakdown: June 1 - 30, 2022



SPORTS

Sales June 2022

US Amateur Basketball –Boys & Girls State Championship

Various Gymnasiums throughout Charlotte County//June 3-5, 2022

Over 1200 2nd grade through 12th grade boys and girls participated in 17 different facilities, using all of our county gymnasiums and regional middle and high schools. Being a summer event and families making it a vacation, it created 2136 room nights and an economic impact of over \$2.4 million for our local economy. Participants traveled from all over Florida looking to crown their team as the State champion in their respective age group.



Sugar Bert Boxing –WBC Green Belt Tournament Series

Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center//June 9-12, 2022

Sugar Bert boxing and USA Boxing crowned the number one elite male (age 19-40 years old), elite and youth female, novice, and open boxer tournament series champion. The champion from each category will move on to qualify for the WBC Green Belt title fight in Las Vegas. Over 400 boxers traveled internationally and nationally to take the ring during the three-day event.

Fun Fact

- Golfer Jordan Spieth won \$61,867 less at the Masters Championship than Arnold Palmer won in his entire career.
- The average golf ball has 336 dimples.
- There are ONLY 18 minutes of total action in a baseball game.

MEETINGS

Quotes from Jeff Berg, Sr. Sales Manager - Meeting/Conventions were included in the July/Aug 2022 issue of PreVue magazine. The article "Extended Stays" by Steve Grasso highlighted the bleisure travel trend to small and mid-sized cities around the county. The article provided an overview for meeting planners of the array of amenities that Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach has to offer.



LEISURE

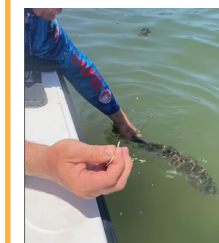
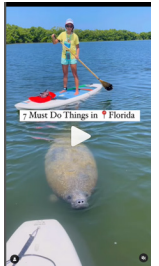
The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau, in partnership with representatives of Sunseeker Resorts, met with top international travel media and buyers in June for IPW 2022. During this global industry event, the sales team conducted appointments to assist in building and negotiating key partnerships. As international travel continues to rebound, the event provided a valuable platform to educate a variety of travel professionals about the new opportunities Charlotte County has to offer.



Public Relations/Media June 2022

A total of 24 media placements were secured. These placements had a reach of approximately 96,100,841 and a media ad value of approximately \$181K.

Looking for things to do in Charlotte County this summer? Check out recommendations by travel influencer Mahna Gaforia: [7 Must Do Things in Florida](#) and [Unexplored Florida you NEED to see!](#) Through her Instagram page @mahnatravel and YouTube channel Mahna Travel, Mahna highlights her sunset cruise adventure with King Fisher Fleet, paddle boarding wonder with SUP Englewood, and her eco-tour experience with Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours.



The CCA Florida STAR fishing tournament began May 28, 2022. Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is one of four destination sponsors of the summer long tournament. This tournament is the largest family-friendly saltwater fishing competition in Florida and will end on September 5, 2022. On the second day of the tournament, the second STAR Tagged redfish was caught in Charlotte County at the mouth of Coral Creek. The tag was removed from the fish and safely released.

Visitors to Charlotte County save local residents an average of **\$875** per household in taxes every year.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- **SR 776 Sewer Force Main Project:**
Upsizing the existing sewer force main to 12-inch and 16-inch lines along SR 776 from Biscayne Drive to the Charlotte Sports Park. This is an in-kind project for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Consent Order.
- **Ackerman Septic to Sewer Project:**
Construction of a wastewater system to service approximately 2,135 properties with sewer service. Zones 1, 2 and the vacuum station are currently underway. Crews are working on the water main replacement throughout the project area. Zone 1 sewer connections are expected to begin this fall.
For project information:
AckermanProject.com
- **Deep Creek Sewer Force Main Project:**
Construction of a larger sewer force main to improve transmission capacity for the Deep Creek neighborhood. Crews are working on Phase 2 of the project. Crews are restoring the work area along Rio De Janeiro Avenue. Various intersections along the project route are scheduled to be repaved this month.
[Project Map](#)
- **Sewer Lift Station Generator Project:**
Installation of stationary and mobile generators at our major sewer lift stations throughout the county. This project will allow lift stations to continue operations during storms and events when power is lost. All stationary generators are being installed at the 500-year flood elevation.
[Utilities Projects | Charlotte County, FL](#)

OPERATIONS

- **Calls Presented:** 7,873
- **Call Wait Time:** 2 minutes 2 seconds
- **Total Customer Accounts:** 67,001
- **Sewer Connections:** 43,523
- **Water Connections:** 66,136

Charlotte County, FL App Requests

- **3 Misc.—Utilities Department**
- **9 Utilities Billing**
- **8 Utilities Department Service**
- 20 Total**

[Charlotte County Utilities Facebook](#)
1,568 Follows

2021 Water Quality Reports:

<https://tinyurl.com/2021-CCR-Peace-River>
<https://tinyurl.com/2021-CCR-Burnt-Store>

Remember, every drop counts! 💧

Important Information:

The Customer Support Center is open!
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Charlotte County Utilities should be your first call for utility issues. Staff is available 24 hours, 7 days a week at 941.764.4300.

Do you have a simple question? Email us!
CCUSupport@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

Payment Options



- **Watch the weather, wait to water!**
During the summer months, yards need no more than 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water every two to three days.
If your lawn has received enough water from rainfall, turn off the irrigation system and turn it back on when needed.



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- **Zone 1 Installation Agreements**
Please complete and return your Installation Agreement by July 31. If you are in Zone 1 and have not received an Installation Agreement, please contact Syndi Merriman at 941.764.4305 or Syndi.Merriman@CharlotteCountyfl.gov.