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Hurricane Season Preparation for Charlotte County Businesses and Residents

Summer has arrived in Southwest Florida; it also marks the beginning of hurricane season. Running from June 1 through November 30, hurricane season is a reminder that preparation today can make a significant difference tomorrow. For Charlotte County residents and businesses alike, having a plan in place before a storm develops is one of the most important steps toward protecting people, property, and livelihoods.

For residents, preparation begins with assembling an emergency supply kit that includes water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries, important documents, and pet supplies. Review your evacuation zone and know where you will go if an evacuation order is issued. Sign up for local emergency alerts and stay informed through trusted sources such as Charlotte County Emergency Management and the National Hurricane Center.

Business owners should take proactive steps to ensure continuity during and after a storm. Review insurance policies to confirm adequate coverage, back up critical business data both onsite and in the cloud, and create a communication plan for employees, customers, and vendors.

One of the most overlooked aspects of hurricane preparedness is planning for recovery. Businesses should identify key suppliers and alternative vendors in advance, while residents should document personal property with photos and videos to assist with potential insurance claims. Having these resources organized before a storm can significantly reduce stress during the recovery process.

The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce encourages all businesses to review emergency plans annually and conduct preparedness discussions with employees before peak hurricane activity begins. A well-prepared workforce can help minimize disruptions and support a faster return to normal operations.

Together, we can help ensure that Charlotte County remains strong, prepared, and ready for whatever the season may bring.



Bob White
Chief Executive Officer

Bob

Coming Up

Networking at Noon

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Dubz BBQ

4391 Aidan Lane, North Port

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost \$20.00pp

Monthly Coffee

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Charlotte Harbor Event & Conf. Ctr.

Sponsor: Gulfview Medical

Program: New Member Showcase

Note The August Coffee will take place on Thursday, August 5th in order to hold our Candidate Forum prior to the General Election.**

Business Card Exchange

Thursday, July 23, 2026

California Closets

412 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

If you like, please bring a small gift to promote your business.

Be a Sponsor for Fourth-Fest 2026

Celebrate our 250th Anniversary of Independence on July 4, 2026.

This event relies totally on donations as admission is FREE.

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President's Note

Final ACT

When I began this journey, I introduced the simple theme of A.C.T.

Advocate - Connect - Thrive.

It wasn't intended to be a slogan but a call to action. A call that was answered loudly.

Looking back over this year, it has been inspiring to witness firsthand the chamber membership ACTing their part. ACTions such as seasoned members mentoring newer members, businesses supporting each other and celebrating successes, volunteers giving countless hours of their time and intelligence, and watching a community work together to move Charlotte County forward.

While I have a few more months as your board president, this is my last newsletter and I have one final request of our membership - Keep choosing to ACT. May we never stop Advocating for one another, Connecting with purpose, and helping our community Thrive.

As we continue to step into the next 100 years of our Chamber, I look forward with great excitement to the next president's fresh ideas and energy. I know their efforts will be immense and executed with strong conviction and with that, the Chamber will undoubtedly continue building on more than a century of service to our community.

Lastly, I owe a debt of gratitude to you, the membership, for supporting this call to action. YOU are the community's greatest asset and what you do, makes Charlotte County a great place to work and live. Also, a mountain range of "thank you's" to each member of the Chamber Staff for making this position as easy as it possibly could be and setting me up for success. Also, to my family and friends who enabled me to serve, endured my absences and showed up when needed. To my fellow board members past and present, who believed in me to step into this position and lead the board, it truly has been an honor and a highlight of my career.

Sincerely,

James M. Coalwell
Pinnacle Financial Partners d/b/a Synovus Bank

*James M. Coalwell is the 2025/2026 board president of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce. (AKA #100) Leadership Class of 2009 - GO GREEN!
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Charlotte County Chamber Corner

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*Charter Sustaining Partner (no years missed)



Jami Joannes
Director of Programs
and Events

Utilizing your Member Benefits

Take advantage of one of the Chamber's most cost-effective marketing opportunities by advertising in the 2027 Community Guide & Business Directory. Distributed throughout Charlotte County and requested by residents, visitors, and businesses year-round, the guide provides long-term exposure for your business. Members can enhance their presence with a display advertisement or increase visibility by adding additional business directory categories for a small fee, making it easier for potential

customers to find their products and services. With 10,000 copies distributed annually, the Community Guide is a valuable tool for keeping your business in front of the community long after publication.

Businesses looking to maximize their Chamber investment should consider becoming a Sustaining Partner. Sustaining Partners receive enhanced marketing, networking, and promotional opportunities while gaining recognition as key supporters of the Chamber's mission and the local business community. This additional level of investment provides greater visibility throughout the year, helping businesses strengthen their brand, build valuable relationships, and demonstrate their commitment to the growth and success of Charlotte County.



Junior Leadership Charlotte Class of 2026 Graduation

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Investments in Our Community at the local and state levels

The Charlotte County Commission approved a referendum to be placed on the Nov. 3 general election ballot. Voters will be asked to approve a 20-year extension of the existing 1% local option sales tax, which has been in place for 30 years. This is not a new tax. Voters have approved six terms that have funded more than 150 school, public safety, infrastructure and quality of life projects.

Past sales tax terms have been for two, four and six years. Some have asked, why ask for a 20-year term this time? A 20-year term for the 1% local option sales tax extension would enable the county to use bond financing to pay for projects rather than using the current “pay as we go” policy. Bond financing would enable the county to deliver more projects faster, lower construction cost inflation exposure, enable the county to seek matching grant funds and improve its long-term planning. One of the benefits of funding projects with the 1% local option sales tax is it is a fair funding source paid by everyone, not just county residents. Tourists and seasonal visitors contribute their fair share toward roads and sidewalks that improve the quality of life for everyone. It is estimated visitors pay about 20% of the total money generated. Construction companies also pay a significant percentage. Every

dollar generated by the sales tax stays in Charlotte County, funding school facility and safety projects, Sheriff's Office stations, fire stations, water quality projects, roads and county facilities. The City of Punta Gorda receives just over 9% of the funds generated, which have paid for more than 40 projects, including police, fire and emergency vehicles, downtown flooding mitigation, historic preservation, Laishley Park and the Harborwalk.

One of the county projects would fulfill a promise made by county commissioners when the privately operated Cultural Center of Charlotte County shut down. The promise was to rebuild a center that would serve as a collective gathering place for the community. Other projects on the list would complete road projects that will ease congestion and improve safety. New sheriff's offices and county fire stations are also on the list.

Kudos to our community, which in the past 30 years has voted to invest in its future. Charlotte County simply would not be what it is today without that investment.

Finally, the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Florida state budget that Governor DeSantis signed recently included a number of appropriations for Charlotte County projects.

- Burnt Store Water Reclamation Facility - Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) project received \$2,500,000 to expand and update the water reclamation facility with AWT capacity and supporting system upgrades to meet regulatory requirements.
- West Port Water Reclamation Facility - Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) project received \$500,000 to expand and update the water reclamation facility using advanced granular sludge (AGS) treatment technology, ensuring the plant meets AWT standards and incorporates a new deep injection well to comply with FDEP requirements and protect water quality.
- Ackerman Septic-to-Sewer project received \$500,000 for expansion of central sewer which includes constructing central wastewater service to properties with aging and failing On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems (septic tanks) that are contributing to the pollution of the impaired water bodies of Charlotte Harbor, the Peace River and the Myakka River.
- Fire Training Tower project received \$2,000,000 for a replacement fire training tower to meet the evolving training needs of the Fire Department as the county and its Public Safety operations continue to grow.
- Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Warehouse project received \$2,000,000 for a facility to securely store Sheriff's Office equipment used during natural or manmade disaster events, ensuring these assets remain protected and ready for deployment.

I want to thank Senator Ben Albritton, who serves as Senate president, Representative Vanessa Oliver, who represents part of the county in District 76, and Representative Danny Nix, who serves part of the county in District 75.

We appreciate their continued advocacy and support of the county's legislative agenda.

Investments and financial support come in various forms like those mentioned above - the local and state funding sources - are vital ones that result in providing for improved health, safety, welfare and quality of life for our community.

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Bill Prummell
Charlotte County Sheriff

Greetings, Charlotte County!

Here we are in the heat of summer again, with our eyes on every weather report. As we all know, those storms can pop up on the radar pretty quickly – but they can't catch us off-guard. Your Sheriff's Office, along with all of our partners at other agencies, are ready for whatever may come. At CCSO, we don't ever use the "Q word", so let's just all hope for a safe and hurricane-free season.

One issue I do want to address is the use of e-bikes, e-motos, ATVs, and electric scooters. As you may know, we have stepped up our enforcement on these vehicles recently, and the reason is simple: We would rather write a citation or even make an arrest than respond to a fatality. There's a difference between riding responsibly and being reckless, and the bottom line is, we are not tolerating dangerous behavior or blatant disregard for the law in Charlotte County. Refer to our social media channels for more in-depth information on this.

Finally, we are gearing up for another "Back to School" version of our Shop With A Cop program next month. As always, I want to thank all of our community partners and donors for their support. For those who aren't aware, this event helps students from financially-limited families by connecting them with deputies who take them shopping for school clothes. Thanks to a partnership with Kohl's in Port Charlotte, the spending limit given to each participant goes a very long way. If you are interested in supporting Shop With A Cop, please reach out to my Community Affairs team at events@ccsofl.net. This event is 100% community-funded, and you make it possible. Thank you again to all who support.

Let's continue to have a great summer in our slice of paradise. As always, remember to lock your vehicles and bring valuables inside. Be strong. Be safe. And never quit! May God bless you all.

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Melissa Reichert
City of Punta Gorda

Resiliency is more than preparing for the next storm—it is about making strategic investments today that strengthen our community for decades to come. The City of Punta Gorda continues to advance a comprehensive approach to resilience through infrastructure improvements, flood mitigation, emergency preparedness, and partnerships that protect residents, businesses, and our local economy.

One of the City's most significant initiatives is the ongoing 18-month Comprehensive Flooding Study, led by Kimley-Horn, which will provide data-driven recommendations for reducing flood risks throughout the community. At the same time, Public Works crews continue annual swale maintenance, storm drain cleaning, and camera inspections to identify and address aging infrastructure. 26 stormwater pipes have been identified for repair or replacement, with several already completed, while the City is also establishing a dedicated Storm Water Management position to strengthen long-term oversight.

Environmental resilience remains a priority as well. The Living Shoreline Project in Charlotte Harbor is helping protect natural resources while improving shoreline stability. In addition, Urban Design recently submitted a grant application to develop a watershed master plan, an important step toward improving the community's FEMA Community Rating System score and potentially lowering flood insurance costs for property owners.

Major utility investments are also underway, including significant improvements to the City's Wastewater Master Pump Station, Booster Pump Station, and Lift Station 30 basin. These projects are supported in part through Hurricane Helene and Milton principal forgiveness funding from the State of Florida, with additional financing anticipated through low-interest State Revolving Fund loans. The City has also secured Supplemental Appropriation funding to advance the reverse osmosis water treatment plant and wellfield expansion, strengthening long-term water supply reliability.

These efforts build on accomplishments already achieved, including the purchase of specialized high-water rescue vehicles, installation of Tiger Dam systems to protect critical City facilities, completion of a community vulnerability assessment, development of a joint City-County mitigation strategy, and collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to prepare for future flood mitigation projects.

Building resilience is an ongoing commitment that requires planning, investment, and strong partnerships. Through these initiatives, the City of Punta Gorda is working to ensure our community remains prepared, adaptable, and positioned for a stronger future, regardless of the challenges ahead.

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Pamela Smith
Chief of Police
Punta Gorda

The Punta Gorda Police Department has a five-person Underwater Search and Recovery Team. The team's focus is recovery, not rescue, as most people envision it. Underwater search and recovery is among the most dangerous forms of diving. Underwater entanglements and typically zero visibility leave divers vulnerable during searches and recovery operations.

Search and recovery techniques depend on the object's type and size. The limit is about 15 pounds, the weight a diver can bring to the surface unassisted. Anything heavier significantly alters the diver's buoyancy control and may put the diver at risk of an uncontrolled ascent if contact with the object is lost during ascent. Significantly larger objects usually require specialized commercial lifting equipment, such as a winch attached to a boat or platform, or equipment to seal and inflate sunken vessels. In our area, submerged vehicles are most common.

Members of the Punta Gorda Police Department Dive Team train quarterly. Members typically train in the environment where they will be asked to conduct search and recovery operations. During training, members undergo strenuous exercises to ensure they can handle a crisis while underwater.

Recently, the Punta Gorda Police Department's Dive Team and the Punta Gorda Fire Department joined forces to compete in the 4th annual first responder dive team challenge. Teams from across the country, including Minnesota and Connecticut, competed in the challenge. Blending surface and underwater challenges, this intense competition pushed participants to their limits, testing skill, teamwork, and endurance. This was Punta Gorda's first time in this event, yet they still came away with a top-ten finish! Each event was ranked separately, and in their final, most physically demanding challenge, they were just seconds away from coming in third in that event!

Chamber Community Connections



Kay Tracy, Director
Charlotte County
Economic Development Office

As Charlotte County continues to grow, economic development remains focused on creating opportunities that strengthen our local economy while preserving the quality of life that makes our community unique. The Charlotte County Economic Development Office (EDO) works to attract new investment, support existing businesses, and encourage the development of high-quality jobs that provide long-term benefits for residents and employers alike. A healthy economy is built not only on business recruitment but also on the success and expansion of the companies that already call Charlotte County home.

Over the past several years, Charlotte County has experienced significant population growth, creating both opportunities and challenges for businesses. As new residents arrive, demand increases for housing, healthcare, professional services, retail, and infrastructure. This growth presents opportunities for entrepreneurs and existing businesses to expand their operations while serving a larger customer base. At the same time, workforce availability remains a priority concern across many industries. The EDO continues to collaborate with educational institutions, workforce partners, and regional organizations to help businesses access the talent they need to remain competitive.

Economic diversification is another key objective for Charlotte County. While tourism, construction, healthcare, and retail remain important economic drivers, the community is also working to attract businesses in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, aviation, logistics, professional services, and technology. Diversifying the local economy helps create resilience during economic fluctuations and provides career opportunities for residents across a broader range of industries. Strategic investments in infrastructure, industrial sites, and business-friendly policies help position Charlotte County as an attractive location for future growth.

The success of Charlotte County's economy ultimately depends on strong partnerships among local government, businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations. The Charlotte County EDO appreciates the continued engagement of our Chamber members and business community as we work together to build a vibrant and sustainable economy. By supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, workforce development, and responsible growth, we are helping ensure that Charlotte County remains a desirable place to live, work, and invest for generations to come.

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Sean Doherty
Tourism Director

One way to gauge the health of tourism in a destination is through the monitoring of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) collections, which in Charlotte County is a 5% tax levied on overnight stays in area accommodations. These collections reflect both the volume of visitors as well as the demand of the destination at a given point, which is evidenced through the Average Daily Rate (ADR) being charged by the various lodging establishments. While we saw some positive signs of increased tourism in Q2 (Jan-Mar) where TDT was up 4.5% vs. the same time period last year, April proved to be a banner month reporting a 39.8% increase in TDT vs. April 2025. Although we won't receive our May results until the first week of July, early indicators from both the hotel and vacation rental sectors imply May was another strong month for tourism. Some of this continued momentum is a result of the efforts of our sports development I division which recruited and/or supported numerous events over the April-June timeframe. Along with a variety of pickleball, baseball, softball and basketball tournaments, Charlotte County served as the host destination for the Florida

College System Activities Association (FCSSA) Division II Baseball Championships and the Senior Pickleball Southeast Regional Championships, as well as, an American Junior Golf Association tournament, which drew 165 competitors from 19 states and 6 countries and featured 17 of the top 250 junior golfers. In addition, with an eye towards future business, our public relations division hosted a number of domestic and international travel media in market, bringing the YTD total to 33 journalists/influencers who have gained a first-hand experience of our destination and subsequently produced positive content on a variety of print and digital platforms.

Almost a year ago staff began the process of collecting and/or generating documentation as part of a process of applying for accreditation through the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program, administered by Destinations International. Our organization was required to address over 115 industry standards showing our aptitude, awareness and continuous adaptation and development as it relates to tourism industry best practices. Our application was submitted at the end of March and on June 5 we were informed that our application was approved. Less than 200 Destination Marketing Organizations worldwide have received this designation, which we will officially receive at Destination International's Annual Conference in late July.

One item related to the accreditation process which we have already enacted was the deployment of a resident sentiment survey to gain better insight into how our local residents feel about tourism development and how informed they are as to tourism's positive impacts. In less than two weeks we had well over 1,000 responses and I'm pleased to report that a very strong majority of Charlotte County residents agree that visitor spending improves our economy, supports many jobs and small businesses year-round, and overall is important for the future growth of our destination. One area that wasn't as apparent is that tourism-related spending in our community reduces the tax liability of every household in the County. FY 2025 research results, provided by Downs & St. Germain Research, indicated the average household in Charlotte County saved approximately \$865. It's also important to note that due to tourism across the state, Florida is one of only nine states that does not levy a state income tax.

Last, but not least, I'd like to announce that after careful consideration and in an effort to evolve with the industry, we made the decision on a slight rebrand as part of our destination marketing efforts. As a result, instead of being referred to as the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor & Convention Bureau, we will now promote our organization and the destination as Visit Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach.

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Mark Vianello
Superintendent
Charlotte County
Public Schools

Charlotte County Public Schools is proud to share that both of its 2026 legislative appropriation requests have been fully funded by Governor Ron DeSantis, marking the third year in a row that all district priorities have received full state support.

A \$1.5 million investment will support the creation of a state-of-the-art welding training facility at the Southwest Florida Advanced Manufacturing Training Center, located within Enterprise Charlotte Airport Park. In partnership with the Charlotte County Economic Development Office and Space Florida, this facility will expand advanced manufacturing training and help meet the growing workforce needs of regional employers.

An additional \$775,000 will establish a Water Management Program at Lemon Bay High School. This program will prepare students for careers in utilities, infrastructure, and water resource management, helping address ongoing demand for skilled professionals in essential public service fields.

Together, these programs strengthen the local talent pipeline by giving students hands-on training and industry-aligned skills that translate directly into career opportunities within Charlotte County.

CCPS is grateful for the continued support of Governor Ron DeSantis, the Charlotte County legislative delegation, and community partners who continue to invest in the future workforce and economic vitality of the region.

As the county grows, these types of partnerships between education, government, and industry remain central to building a strong, sustainable local economy.

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James Parish
Punta Gorda Airport

As Fall approaches at PGD, we're preparing for an influx of returning flights from Allegiant and Sun Country. Encourage your friends and family from these seasonal destinations to fly to PGD: Minneapolis, MN; Atlantic City, NJ; Chattanooga, TN; Syracuse, NY; Bangor, ME; Sioux Falls, SD; St. Cloud, MN; Rochester, NY and Traverse City, MI.

Keep in mind that PGD also has year-round direct flights to large hubs like Washington Dulles, Chicago Midway and Nashville. Looking for a flight to Las Vegas? While we don't have a direct flight, you can search on FlyPGD.com for a "self transfer hack" utilizing other Allegiant airports to get to LAS. In early April I flew from PGD to GRR to LAS in less time than my associates took taking Delta and American from RSW. The more frequently that passengers use the search function on FlyPGD.com to book their flights, the better insight we will gain into new destinations and days of the week that our travelers want to visit.

If you're ready to enroll in TSA PreCheck, you can apply online and book your fingerprinting appointment at Punta Gorda Airport on August 4-7, 2026. If you are just renewing, you may be able to complete the entire process online without an in-person appointment. Please visit FlyPGD.com to learn more; keep in mind that this pop-up event does not include Global Entry.

Wondering what else is new at PGD? Stay updated by visiting www.flypgd.com/buzz and subscribing to our monthly updates.

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Prepare for Storm Season



Shan Swellan
President, CDBIA

Our community has seen its share of many storms. As we are entering hurricane season, the Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association would like to share helpful information for preparing and recovering after a storm.

Insurance. Now is the best time to check your coverage of your home. Know your policy well. Ask questions to your insurance agent/company. Know what is covered, what your maximum coverage is. Does your coverage include full cost? Does your coverage include sheds, fences and valuable items in your home?

Have a plan. Who will help you put up shutters? Who will help you bring in any items you may need to protect and secure? Do you have supplies for a week in case you cannot leave after a storm? Do you have a place to go if there is evacuation orders?

After a storm

Take pictures of the damage. If you have someone to come to look at your damage immediately, pictures before, during and after repairs will be needed.

Be wary of anyone who knocks on your door wanting to help. One of the biggest scams after storms was homeowners who gave deposits to people who came to town, took deposits and left, never doing any of the work.

Do not sign anything until verified. It is a red flag if you are pressured into signing a contract. Some tactics include a company tells you they need a deposit to get you on a waiting list or will offer a discount because you are a hurricane victim.

Meet the licensed contractor. Thieves are finding every trick. Recently we had someone who wore a company shirt, made up fake contracts and took deposits. Another company hired local trustworthy people to sell contracts of services then left town never completing the work. Make sure you are meeting the contractor.

Review the contract. The best way to review the contract would be with an attorney. Florida laws have mandatory provisions that must be in contracts. License number should be on the contract and match the name on the contract and the name the license number is listed as with Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations (myfloridalicense.com).

Get three quotes. Be wary of any quotes that are extremely low.

Deposits. Florida Law 489.126 states if a company accepts more than a 10% deposit, they must file for a permit within 30 days and start work within 90 days. After Ian, building departments opened immediately so contractors could file permits. Check to ensure a permit is filed.

Check resources on a company. You can check with your local building department online to see how many open permits a company has, and you can also ask for references. You can check with companies and subs they have worked with.

Be patient. Remember most of the valuable hard working construction companies that are local have gone through this storm too. Jobs will be triaged. Waiting for a local contractor can help you, especially if you have issues later on.

Hire a licensed contractor. Many homeowners who didn't hire a licensed contractor to do the work had costlier steps afterwards to have the work done again and built to code. Home closings were pushed back, and insurance wouldn't pay or renew without permits. This is a Florida law that protects you to make sure your home is built to the most recent Florida Building Code. It isn't about having your home put back together- it's about having it put back together and being able to hopefully handle another storm.

The onus is on the homeowner to do the due diligence. The Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association is here to help you through the process to understand what type of company you will need for repairs. The CDBIA can help you vet contractors and even recommend vetted construction professionals. Give us a call at 941-625-0804 or visit www.cdbia.com for more information and links to help you through this process.

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Lucienne Pears
Economic Development
Partnership

The Economic Development Partnership (EDP): Impacting Charlotte County's Future

Charlotte County's Economic Development Partnership (EDP) educates, advocates, and promotes a healthy environment for Charlotte County [our mission]. By prioritizing collaboration between public and private sectors, we aim to ensure that Charlotte County remains a leader in economic growth and an example of community-driven success. We focus on creating a resilient and sustainable economy by diversifying our industries, enhancing workforce development programs, and investing in critical infrastructure.

As a private, nonprofit organization, the EDP occupies a unique and deliberate space in Charlotte County's economic ecosystem: from supporting county sales tax initiative awareness, to lobbying for state and federal funding to enhance training for the aerospace industry, to partnering with the Charlotte County Public Schools to enhance educational efforts that build a local workforce pipeline. The EDP provides a private-sector voice and infrastructure that complements the County's Office of Economic Development. A group of ~15 cross-sector leaders comprise EDP's Board of Directors.

Membership in the EDP is open to businesses, employers, and civic-minded organizations that have a stake in Charlotte County's long-term prosperity. In Spring 2026, EDP embarked on a formal partnership with the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce to manage our membership activities, which also include community partners and elected officials as guests. We hold quarterly meetings that are informative, educational, and impact-oriented, such as a post-legislative update from the private sector perspective.

Contact the EDP for more info: edpcharco@gmail.com

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Phil Marchesini
Chief Executive Officer
HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital

As the new Chief Executive Officer of HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital, I am honored to join a hospital family with a long-standing commitment to serving the residents, businesses and visitors of Charlotte County. Since arriving, I have been inspired by the dedication of our colleagues and medical staff who work every day to provide exceptional care close to home. Healthcare plays a vital role in the economic vitality and quality of life of any community, and I am excited to partner with local leaders and organizations to help ensure our region continues to thrive.

As our community continues to grow, so too does the need for expanded access to high-quality healthcare services. HCA Florida Fawcett Hospital remains committed to investing in the future through strategic expansion projects, facility enhancements and advanced technologies that improve patient outcomes and the overall care experience. I am excited about future growth and enthusiastic about the opportunities to further strengthen healthcare access and innovation across our region.

Equally important to me is building meaningful relationships throughout Charlotte County. I look forward to getting to know our business leaders, residents and community partners and working together to support the continued growth and success of this remarkable community.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

NEW MEMBERS



Gemma Schaefer Photography - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
April 1, 2026



Team Punta Gorda - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
April 7, 2026



Insane Conex - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
April 15, 2026



Peace River Community Housing Partners
Villas on Scott - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce - April 16, 2026

Canary Homes Assisted Living
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Port Charlotte, FL 33954
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(941) 322-7903
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Coastal Car Wash Charlotte Square
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Port Charlotte, FL 33948
(302) 527-9274
Brandon Sanborn
brandon.sanborn@mammothholdings.com
<https://coastalexpresscarwash.com/>

SWFL Refrigeration and Appliance
3522 Knox Terr
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
(941) 317-1367
James Abel
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CST Group Inc.
14923 State Route 30
Malone, NY 12953
(941) 249-3520
Lisa Brown
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Apex Marine Construction
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Prestige Signature Sound and Lighting
22330 Olean Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 286-0308
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[http://Prestigesignaturesoundandlighting.c
om](http://Prestigesignaturesoundandlighting.com)

Harvest & Rolls LLC
213 Wood Street
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 347-7332
Timothy McGee
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Gammeter Electric
Punta Gorda, FL 33982
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Andrew Gammeter
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My Place Hotel - Port Charlotte/ Punta
Gorda
24490 Sandhill Blvd.
Punta Gorda, FL 33983
(941) 291-0940
(941) 291-0941
Lee Sheppard
portcharlotte@myplacehotels.com
<http://www.myplacehotels.com>

Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763
1133 Capricorn Blvd.
Punta Gorda, FL 33983
(941) 764-6925
Jeffrey Kempton
treasurer.elks2763@gmail.com
<http://www.elks.org>

Hand & Stone Massage & Facial Spa
615 Cross St., Unit 1112
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 466-7026
Katie Augustin
kaugustin@handandstone.com
[http://handandstone.com/locations/punta-
gorda/](http://handandstone.com/locations/punta-gorda/)

Current LTC-Long-Term Care Advisors
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
(704) 718-0951
Alfred Current
alfred@alfredcurrent.com
<http://www.CAREfidence.com>

Roers Companies-DBA Marisol Apartments
1200 Loveland Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33980
(941) 304-5816
Dawn Buxcel
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Agara Café
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(630) 364-0918
Marc Burns
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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Phoenix On Site Repair - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
April 16, 2026



Charlie Foxtrot Brewing - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
April 20, 2026



Suncoast Biplanes - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
April 23, 2026



Painting with a Twist - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
April 30, 2026

NEW MEMBERS

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Greg Puka
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(941) 330-3106
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Matt's Custom Golf Carts of Punta
Gorda, Inc
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(941) 575-8181
Miki Bucci
Mattscustomcarts@yahoo.com
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Synovus Bank - Punta Gorda
125 Nesbit Street
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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Yvonne Kirdy
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Synovus Bank - Port Charlotte
1255 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33953
(941) 624-4225
(F) (941) 624-2144
Darlene M Eckert
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Black Label Marine Group - Punta Gorda
5000 Deltona Drive
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 639-3446
Jarrod Bishop
J.Bishop@TeamBLMG.com
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P.O. Box 51122
Punta Gorda, FL 33951
(941) 258-1228
Deborah Campanelli
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Leroy's Fish Shack
1200 Retta Esplanade, J3335
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(239) 292-0337
Mike Wright & Lee Richardson
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Gorda Bowls
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Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 289-2090
Jamie Richardson & Lee Richardson
lee@gordabowls.com
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All Seasons Pool Builders
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
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Steven Justice
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Kids Cancer Coalition
North Port, FL 34287
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Endless Summer Collective Tanning & Spa
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Port Charlotte, FL 33952
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Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Jennifer Garcia
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Dusteez Cleaning LLC
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 269-9393
Alicea Perdoch
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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Nory Dentistry - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
May 14, 2026



Ellie's World PPEC, LLC - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
May 23, 2026



Akumin - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
May 27, 2026



California Closets - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
June 4, 2026

NEW MEMBERS

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Englewood Young Professionals Social Club
DBA Charlotte County Young Professionals
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Englewood, FL 34295
(941) 337-0480
Breanna Soucy Brown
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info@eypsc.com
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(941) 456-6119
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Punta Gorda, FL 33950
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Port Charlotte, FL 33954
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CM Crew Solutions LLC
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Port Charlotte, FL 33954
(941) 260-3154
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Heart Dental
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Punta Gorda, FL 33955
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Christa Cabrera
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Colin Hurd
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(941) 666-1400
Lawrence Volkerick
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Waste Pro
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Fort Myers, FL 33913
(239) 469-2879
Lisa Casado
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<http://www.wasteprousa.com>

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Melaleuca - RiverBend Ranch Steaks - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
June 17, 2026



Seven GRILL - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
June 11, 2026



Marisol Apartments - Ribbon Cutting
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
June 29, 2026

EVENTS



Premier Photographic Events - May 2026

NEW MEMBERS

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Punta Gorda, FL 33983
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Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 271-2649
Logan Norris
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Ortiz Event & Venue
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Port Charlotte, FL 33952
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Pampered Cargo LLC
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 769-8075
Jimmy Neil
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Veteran Air Home Services
1455 Rail Head Blvd, Suite 1
Naples, FL 34110
(239) 376-0239
Taylor Catalanotte
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UpRiver Adventures
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Arcadia, FL 34266
(863) 884-4000
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Tropical Marine Structures
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
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Bill Martin
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Cathy's Place of Charlotte County
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
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AT&T
2499 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(239) 483-6991
Chris Cole
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Charlotte FEA
2616 Tamiami Trail, Unit 3
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 743-4989
Gina Morella
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Sun Events
300 Tamiami Trail South
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 207-1038
Rachel Frank
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Pelican Pools of Florida
675 Tamiami Trail, Unit 8-H
Port Charlotte, FL 33953
(941) 914-9165
Louis Tiberini
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Chiropractic Express
2886 Tamiami Trail, Suite 6
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 249-9020
Craig Burgardt
chiropracticexpress@gmail.com
<http://www.chiropracticexpressllc.com>

Olean Dental Studio
21202 Olean Blvd Suite E2
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(941) 629-3200
Abby Hughes
studio@oleandental.com
<https://oleandental.com/>

EVENTS



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Cape Coral, FL 33909
(239) 574-6611
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Kaitlinn@h2osystems-fl.com
<http://www.h2osystems-fl.com>

A Plus Junk Removal of Florida Inc.
North Port, FL 34286
(941) 661-2736
Russel Burry
RBurry12@yahoo.com
<http://www.aplusjunkremovalinc.com>

Opal & Oak Real Estate
12570 Tamiami Trl.
Punta Gorda, FL 33955
(239) 990-7847
Cheyenne Baker
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Port Charlotte, FL 33983
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Ty McKenzie
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<http://mckenzie-exterior.com>

T-Mobile
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Port Charlotte, FL 33953
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Stacy Carlson
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CareerSource Southwest Florida
3745 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
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CHARLOTTE COUNTY CHAMBER
SOCIAL CLUB PRESENTS



PAINTING WITH A TWIST



JULY 16, 2026

INCLUDED:

- 16X20 FLORIDA PICTURE
- APPETIZERS, SODA, & WATER
- ALCOHOL FOR PURCHASE
- PUBLIC IS WELCOME 18 YEARS & OLDER

\$15.00 PER PERSON

STARTS AT 5:30-8PM

**18700 VETERANS BLVD SUITE B
PORT CHARLOTTE**

REGISTER NOW



(941) 627-2222

WWW.CHARLOTTECOUNTYCHAMBER.ORG



WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!



**Sponsor a new teacher for breakfast,
and welcome them to Charlotte County!**

**Thursday, July 30, 2026,
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. at Charlotte
Harbor Event and Conference Center.
\$50 per teacher sponsorship***

TITLE SPONSOR



You'll love banking here.

LAKE MICHIGAN CREDIT UNION

Attendee Name(s): _____

Business Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/Email: _____

☐ Yes I would like to provide 100 items for Teacher Goodie Bags – Gifts for inclusion must be delivered to the Chamber office by noon on Friday, July 17, 2026. **(Gifts/promo items only. No flyers, please.)**

Please charge my credit card. Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CW _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

Signature  _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JULY 17, 2026

Mail payment to: Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce,
2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

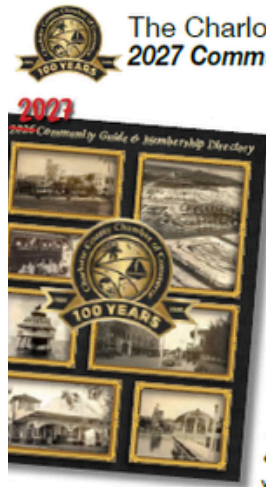
**For more information call 941-627-2222
or email ssarivannara@charlottecountychamber.org**



*** The pairing of sponsors with new teachers will be on a random first-come, first-matched basis.**

2027 Community Guide Advertising

Members only opportunity! Agreement, Ad and Payment due by August 7, 2026



The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
2027 Community Guide and Membership Directory

BE SEEN BY THOUSANDS!

The Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Community Guide & Membership Directory is your ultimate "one-book look" at everything that makes our community exceptional. Available in a vibrant 8½ x 11 full-color glossy print edition and as an interactive digital version with live links, this powerful resource reaches tens of thousands of readers each year; helping them discover, explore, and connect with our local businesses and amenities.

More than just a directory, this guide brings Charlotte County to life. Inside, you'll find comprehensive business listings alongside in-depth features on local attractions, signature events, and essential services. Whether you're a resident, visitor, or prospective investor, this publication puts everything you need right at your fingertips, making it the definitive guide to experiencing all that Charlotte County has to offer.

Port Charlotte | Punta Gorda | Englewood Beach | Murdock | Charlotte Harbor | El Jobean | Babcock Ranch | Deep Creek

*Premium Pages sold on a first come, first served basis.

Complete and return the contract on the reverse TODAY!

Contact Stephanie Sarivannara at 941-627-2222 or ssarivannara@charlottecountychamber.org

ADVERTISING RATES

Back Cover	\$2,310
Inside Front Cover	\$1,290
Inside Back Cover	\$1,290
Facing Inside Back Cover	\$1,290
Center Spread	\$2,310
Full Page Guaranteed Position*	\$1,165
Full Page	\$880
Full Page Platform Sustaining Partner	\$480
Half Page	\$590
Quarter Page	\$390
Eighth Page	\$235

*Premium Pages: 10 Pages 1 through 10
*The entire front back and all backside of the page and a 1/4 inch advertisement will be in 1/4 inch (1/4 inch Premium Page)

SPECIFICATIONS

	W	H
Covers / Full Page With Bleed	8.75" x 11.25"	
Full Page (No Bleed)	7.75" x 10.25"	
Half Page Horizontal	7.75" x 5"	
Half Page Vertical	3.75" x 10.25"	
Quarter Page	3.75" x 5"	
Eighth Page	3.75" x 2.375"	

*The entire cover is full page on bleed
All graphics/images should be converted to CMYK and 300 dpi. The cover provides the color accuracy of 100% spot. All graphics/images need to be properly sized to fit the layout of the book. All graphics/images need to be properly sized to fit the layout of the book. All graphics/images need to be properly sized to fit the layout of the book.

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Marketing Opportunity
Community Guide
Membership
Directory Listing
2027

\$50 per category

ADVERTISING CONTRACT

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
2027 COMMUNITY GUIDE & MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2027 Community Guide & Membership Directory of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce will be published in October 2026. Current members of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce are entitled to advertise in the Community Guide and be listed in the Membership Directory.

COMMUNITY GUIDE ADVERTISING RATES AND SPECIFICATIONS	
COLOR ADS	AD SIZES
Full Page	\$980
1/2 Page	\$590
1/4 Page	\$390
1/8 Page	\$235
Pages 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8*	\$1,165
Inside Front or Back Cover*	\$1,290
Page Facing Inside Back Cover*	\$1,290
Center Spread*	\$2,310
Back Cover*	\$2,310

*Premium Pages: Sustaining Partners receive one (1) full page ad
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Print-ready copy (no size) is required from advertiser and agencies, and prices quoted are for print-ready art. Ads submitted electronically must be high resolution pdf (300 dpi/cm, if color). Upon receipt of an ad that is not print-ready or an ad that the printer deems as requiring touch-up, the agency or advertiser will be charged for all work done to prepare the ad for printing. Any additional design work to be done by the printer (Buffalo Graphics, 941-625-2833, art@buffalographics.com) will be charged at the rate of \$75 per hour, with a minimum charge of \$25. Because of the time needed for identifying type style and size, typesetting, filling copy, etc., even a one-word change requires the printer to charge the minimum.

Advertiser is responsible for proofreading and correction of all ads. Guides will be printed in 4-color on a glossy annual, self-covered and saddle stitched. Only Guaranteed Page Position* holders will be assured of a specific advertisement placement within the book. The Membership Directory will include members in good standing as of August 7, 2026.

The advertiser is to pay the Chamber and printer all their costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, the fees of collection agencies and all other expenses incurred by either of them in enforcing any of the terms, conditions or provisions of this contract. The Chamber has the right to approve all advertisements for content.

Deadline For All Advertising Copy and Payment is August 7, 2026.

PLEASE PRINT

COMPANY NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

COMPANY ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

This is your authorization to place _____ (specify ad size) ad in the 2027 Community Guide & Membership Directory of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce according to the terms of this contract.

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 7, 2026 OR AD WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.
(IF APPLICABLE, THIS AD IS A GUARANTEED PAGE POSITION* OF _____)

Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ Amex

Name on Card _____ Billing Address _____ Exp Date _____ CV _____

Card # _____

BY: _____ Signature of Advertiser's Representative

CHECK ONE: ☐ Use last year's ad ☐ Ad copy will be emailed or mailed to Chamber by August 7
☐ Ad copy will be emailed or mailed to Buffalo Graphics

PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce • 2702 TAMIAMI TRAIL, Port Charlotte, 33952, Tel: (941) 627-2222

Please sign and return to the Chamber Stephanie Sarivannara SSarivannara@charlottecountychamber.org. You will receive a signed copy.

ACCEPTED BY: _____ Chamber Representative

HIGHLIGHTED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY LISTING

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2702 TAMIAMI TRAIL
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
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Bob White
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CharlotteCountyChamber.org

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.
2702 TAMIAMI TRAIL



BECOME A Sustaining Partner



Due by August 7, 2026

2026 - 2027 Sustaining Partner Benefits

EXPOSURE:		PLATINUM+ \$5,000	PLATINUM \$3,000	DIAMOND \$2,000	EMERALD \$1,000
2027 Community Guide and Membership Directory	10,000 Community Guides distributed and prominently displayed on the Chamber website in an electronic digital flip-style guide with links	✓	✓	✓	✓
CharlotteCountyChamber.org Website	Enhanced Membership Profile - includes: more description characters, keywords, photos and link your YouTube video feature	✓	✓		
Business Online	Distributed weekly (every Monday) to more than 4,000 subscribers	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo
The Business Perspective	Your Business Name included in Quarterly digital newsletter sent to over 4,000 subscribers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Expo 2027	Expo 8'x10' booth space (February 18, 2027)	1 Free Booth			
Expo 2027	Expo 8'x10' booth space (February 18, 2027)		1 Booth at 1/2 Price		
101st Annual Awards Gala - Program	Printed programs provided to the hundreds of event attendees as a commemorative keepsake (September 26, 2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Third Wednesday Coffee	Prominent display in the monthly audio/visual presentation reaching hundreds	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo
Chamber Event Banners	Professionally designed banner displayed at all chamber events including Third Wednesday Coffee, Networking at Noon's, Business Card Exchange's and Expo's	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo
RECOGNITION:					
101st Annual Awards Gala	Introduction and visual recognition of appreciation (September 26, 2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓
CharlotteCountyChamber.org Website	Full Color Display on Sustaining Partner Webpage	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo
CharlotteCountyChamber.org Website	Full Color Logo Display on Chamber Homepage	✓ Logo With Links	✓ Logo With Links		
2027 Community Guide & Membership Directory	Prominently featured full color page	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo	✓ With Logo
Third Wednesday Coffee	Introduction and verbal recognition of appreciation;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Networking at Noon	Introduction and verbal recognition of appreciation;	✓	✓	✓	✓
Networking at Noon	Up to 1 free attendee at the Monthly Networking at Noon Lunch	1 free lunch monthly			
Chamber Membership Mailing List	One Free, one-time use of the chamber mailing list (member names & addresses only)	✓	✓		
101st Annual Awards Gala	VIP Dinner Tickets to Annual Awards Gala (9-26-2026)	4 tickets	2 tickets		
AND MORE:					
2027 Community Guide and Membership Directory	Partner (Level) pricing benefits on Community Guide Advertisements	1 Free Full Page	Full Page at 1/2 Price		
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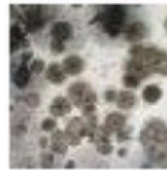


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