



PUNTA GORDA ENGLEWOOD BEACH

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The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS: WEEK OF MAR. 18–24, 2019

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • OUTINGS

Featured: Free Peace River Environmental Awareness Talk by Capt. Rhett Morris Search "Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association" on Facebook. Mar. 21, 7:00–8:00 pm. 2001 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Featured: Peace River Audubon Society 42nd Annual Banquet & Fundraiser Visit facebook.com/PRASaudubon. Mar. 21, 5:30–8:30 pm. Twin Isles Country Club, 301 Madrid Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Featured: Pedal and Play in Paradise Bicycle Event Visit facebook.com/PedalAndPlay. Mar. 22, 5:00 pm–Mar. 23, 2:00 pm. Laishley Park, 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**

Featured: Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary Community Appreciation Day Free admission, local food vendors, lions and tigers and bears, and more! **No pets allowed.** Mar. 24, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. 41660 Horseshoe Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Snowbird Baseball Classic College Baseball Visit facebook.com/snowbirdbaseball. **Runs until Mar. 22**, various times and locations. **Charlotte County**

Gasparilla Island Lighthouse Climb Visit facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety. Mar. 18 and 24, 9:00 am–noon and 6:00–9:00 pm. Gasparilla Island Lighthouse, 220 Gulf Blvd., **Boca Grande**

Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training

- Mar. 18, 1:05 pm: vs. Pirates
- Mar. 21, 1:05 pm: Split Squad vs. Braves
- Mar. 22, 1:05 pm: vs. Pirates

Visit facebook.com/Rays. Charlotte Sports Park, 2300 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP) Nature boat ecotour, Mar. 19 and 21, 10:00 am and 12:30 pm. Visit fchap.org. Departs from Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

Wading Adventures with Florida State Parks by Barrier Island Parks Society Visit facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety. *Note: there is a toll to cross the bridge.* Mar. 19, 9:30 am. 880 Belcher Rd., **Boca Grande**

Inshore Fishing Seminar by Johnny Riggs at Fisherman's Outfitter Visit facebook.com/thefishermansoutfitter. Mar. 19, 6:00–8:00 pm. 1133 Bal Harbor Blvd., **Punta Gorda**

Free Fishing Seminar at Downtown Bait & Tackle Visit facebook.com/DowntownBaitTackle. Mar. 20, 6:00–8:00 pm. 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**

Parks That Teach Walking Tour *First Saturdays* and *third Wednesdays*. Visit facebook.com/parksthatteach. Mar. 20, 9:30 am. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Full Moon Yoga Visit facebook.com/Latayoga. Mar. 20, 8:00–9:00 pm. Englewood Beach Yoga & Meditation, 3455 S. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Free "How To" Fishing Event: Inshore Insight Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec and facebook.com/westwalloutfitters. Mar. 20, 6:00 pm. Port Charlotte Beach Park Complex, 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

History Quest Tour Visit facebook.com/CCHistoryServices. Mar. 21, 11:30 am. 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Punta Gorda Downtown Wine Walk at Sea Grape Gallery Visit facebook.com/SeaGrapeGallery. Mar. 21, 5:00 pm. 113 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Date Night at The Blue Turtle Visit facebook.com/Blueturtlepg. Mar. 21, 5:00–9:00 pm. 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Archaeology Talk: The Seminole Wars Visit charlotteharboras.org. Mar. 21, 6:30–8:00 pm. Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, 18305 Wintergarden Ave., **Port Charlotte**

Redneck Mud Park Spring Break 10th Anniversary Visit facebook.com/redneckmudpark for details and link to tickets. Mar. 21–24. 44570 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Merveilles African Drum & Dance Conference Visit facebook.com/DrumEnglewood for details, schedule, and pricing. Mar. 22, 11:30 am–Mar. 24, 4:30 pm. The Beat Goes On Drum Studio, 3374 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Trippin' on Pizza Food Truck at Punta Gorda Airport Visit facebook.com/PuntaGordaAirport. Mar. 23, noon–4:00 pm. 28000 Airport Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Come Sail Away Half a day of sailing; free, registration required. Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec. Mar. 23, 8:00 am–noon. Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Carefree Boat Club Open House and Boat Tours Visit facebook.com/carefreeenglewood. Mar. 23, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. 900 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Old Fashioned Quilt Show Search "Sunshine Quilt Guild" on Facebook. Mar. 23, 9:00 am–5:00 pm. St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway, **Englewood**

Cooking at Bert's by Patriot Riders of America Visit facebook.com/PatriotRidersOfAmericaInc. Mar. 23, 11:00 am–2:00 pm. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson® presents Sham-rocks + Shenanigans St. Paddy's Bash Visit facebook.com/BlackWidowHarleyDavidson, facebook.com/Maidencane, and facebook.com/dcb2015. Mar. 23, noon–4:00 pm. 2224 El Jobean Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Spring Wine Fest at Vino Loco Gourmet Search “Vino Loco Gourmet” on Facebook. Mar. 23, 3:00–5:00 pm. 420 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Photography Tour by Babcock Ranch Eco Tour Visit facebook.com/babcockranchecotour for details. Mar. 23, 7:30–10:00 am. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

West Wall Outfitters presents Kayak Demo Day Visit facebook.com/westwalloutfitters. Mar. 23, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. 3846 Tamiami Tr., Unit A, **Port Charlotte**

“No Added Oil” Vegan Indian Buffet at Flavors of India Visit facebook.com/flavorsofindiaportcharlotte. Mar. 24, 5:00–9:00 pm. 1032 Tamiami Tr., #11, **Port Charlotte**

’70s Pool Party at Perch 360 at The Wyvern Hotel Visit facebook.com/Perch360 and facebook.com/DJRodneyHD. Mar. 24, 1:00 pm. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

No Groom Mondays at 74 Family Fun Park Visit facebook.com/74FamilyFunPark. Mar. 18, 9:00 am. 44800 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

Intro to Fishing Class with Capt. Ralph Allen Search “Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association” on Facebook. **Wednesdays**, 7:00–9:00 pm. 2001 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Punta Gorda Mural Walking Tour Visit facebook.com/PuntaGordaMurals. Mar. 21, 9:30–11:30 am. Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, 252 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Steel Magnolias by Charlotte Players Visit facebook.com/CharlottePlayers. **Runs until Mar. 24**, various times. Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Cir., **Port Charlotte**

Jazz on the Harbor 2019 Visit facebook.com/guardianadlitem20. Mar. 22, 5:30–9:00 pm. Port Charlotte Beach Park Complex, 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

ON STAGE

The Edwards Twins present An Evening with the Stars at Visani Comedy Theater Visit facebook.com/theedwardstwins and facebook.com/VisaniPortCharlotte. Mar. 24, 25, and 26, 5:00 pm. 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

Performance Venues

The following venues are presenting live performance this week; visit individual Facebook pages for details:

Bella’s Bistro • facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda • 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda (also Karaoke)**

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

The Blue Turtle • facebook.com/Blueturtlepg • 139 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Cass Cay Restaurant and Bar • facebook.com/CassCay • 3200 Matecumbe Key Rd., **Punta Gorda**

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

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

Englewood Event Center • facebook.com/englewoodeventcenter • 3069 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

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

Fat Point Brewery • facebook.com/FatPointBrewing • 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda (Open Mic Night)**

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

Copperfish Books

- Mar. 20, 6:00–7:30 pm: Cooking demo, book talk, and signing: Chef Jeanie Roland, *Butter Love & Cream*
 - Mar. 24, 3:00–4:30 pm: Poetry reading and book signing: Poet Darius Daughtry, *And the Walls Came Tumbling*
- Visit facebook.com/CopperfishBooks or call 941.205.2560 to reserve space. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Annie the Owl and Luna the Screech Owl at Fishermen’s Village Visit fishville.com. **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, 11:00 am–2:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Eco Tour to Rum Bay Restaurant by Gasparilla Boat Tours Visit facebook.com/gasparillaboattours. **Fridays**, 11:00 am. 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

The Open Studio Open Mic at Mango Bistro Visit facebook.com/mangobistro and facebook.com/TheOpenStudioEnglewood. **Tuesdays**, 6:00 pm. 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

SW Florida Walking Tours Food, Pub, and Haunted History Walking Tours and more. Visit facebook.com/swfloridawalkingtours. **Punta Gorda**

Shopping Sundays at The Pop Culture Antique Museum Visit facebook.com/thepopcultureantiquemuseum. **Sundays**, 11:00 am. 8315 Woodgate Ct., **Englewood**

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

Hawgz and Dawgz • facebook.com/bestcornerbarever • 12459 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

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

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

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

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

Snook’s Bayside Bar & Grill • facebook.com/Snooks bayside-barandGrill • 779 W. Wentworth St., **Englewood**

Table & Tap • facebook.com/tabletapbabcockranch • 42680 Crescent Ln., **Punta Gorda**

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

Performers

The following entertainers are performing this week; visit or search Facebook pages for locations and details. (*'Right-click' to open the links below in a new window.*)

Beans and Seeds: facebook.com/BeansNSeeds

The Boogiemen: facebook.com/MikeRileyandtheBoogieMen

Chris G: facebook.com/ChrisGProductions

Feast or Famine/Cyren: facebook.com/feastorfaminepg

The Freecoasters: facebook.com/TheFreecoasters

The Gummy Sharks: facebook.com/TheGummySharks

Iconic: facebook.com/IconicTheBandSWFL

Island Doctor: facebook.com/theislanddoctor

JP Soars: facebook.com/jpsoars

Laurie & Rusty Wright: facebook.com/LaurieAndRustyWright

Les DaCosta: facebook.com/LesDaCostaJr

Me 'n Him: facebook.com/philandsteve

Mark Gorka: facebook.com/markgorkaacoustic

Paul Allodi: facebook.com/allodientertainment

Paul Roush: facebook.com/PaulRoushMusic

The Sidemen: search "Englewood Opry" on Facebook

Siren Says Rock: facebook.com/SIRENSWFLband

The Soul Proprietors of SWF: facebook.com/soulproprietorsswfl

The Tucci Project: facebook.com/tucciproject

ART AND CRAFT

Featured: Alpaca Shearing and Fiber Processing Weekend

Watch the shearing and learn to pick, card, and spin your own fiber to make your own yarn. \$250 per person includes three day–two night stay, meals, fiber, and use of supplies. Visit facebook.com/alpacafunretreat and call 361.739.8875 for details, address, and to reserve your spot. Mar. 22–24. **Punta Gorda**

Visual Arts Center

- Mar.20, 6:00 pm: *Let's Get Splashed* Sip & Paint
- **Until Mar. 22:** Paradise Photography Event
- **Until Mar. 28:** *Viewpoints* Exhibit

Visit facebook.com/VACPuntaGorda. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Abstract Resin Art at Artopia Visit facebook.com/Englewoodartcooperative. Mar. 18, 5:00 pm. 4020 N. Access Rd., **Englewood**

Glass Fusing Intro Class at Bisque IT Art Studio Visit facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun. Mar. 20, 7:00–9:00. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

3-Hour Jewelry Sculpting & Design Workshop at Erlenbach Modern Art Gallery & Studio Visit facebook.com/ErlenbachModernArtGallery. **Wednesdays**, 1:00 pm. 612 N. Indiana Ave., **Englewood**

Masks with Palm Fronds Visit facebook.com/artforthesoal. **Fridays**, 9:00 am. Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

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