



September 2020

We Celebrate Howard Kunik by Nancy Johnson

As Punta Gorda's City Manager, Howard Kunik, prepares for his well-deserved retirement, we celebrate his years of excellent leadership.

After Hurricane Charley devastated Punta Gorda in 2004, Howard appeared when we most needed him. Recognizing that government can't do it all, Howard quickly established a pattern of collaboration with community groups, including TEAM Punta Gorda. [Read more.](#)



Punta Gorda is Blooming!

A new project has come to town! You'll begin seeing colorful planters along Taylor Street in downtown Punta Gorda in the coming days. "Punta Gorda in Bloom" (PGIB) is now a local affiliate of the America in Bloom organization. The group was formed under the auspices of TEAM Punta Gorda along with the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce and the Punta Gorda Garden Club. [Read more.](#)



COAD Donation Ceremony

At an August 20th ceremony at the Charlotte Community Foundation, leaders of TEAM Punta Gorda presented a \$3,000 donation to COAD, a local disaster relief fund focused on assisting families impacted by Covid-19. [Read more.](#)



Board Members Graduate

Members of the TEAM board of directors held a celebration at the Charlotte Community Foundation to acknowledge Lindsey Akins and Christopher Papa, Charlotte High School graduating seniors, who are leaving the TEAM board to attend college. [Read more.](#)



Pedal and Play 2021 Plans

It's time to "gear up" for Pedal and Play in Paradise! This annual two-day event has hosted hundreds of bicycle enthusiasts in the past. 2021 Committee Chairs, George Palmer and Gayle Ross, need volunteers to fill a myriad of key roles. If you would like to be part of this great March 26-27, 2021 event, your thoughts and creative input are welcome at team@teampuntagorda.org.



Drive By Food Drive Oct 23

It's time to help re-stock the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Collect from friends and neighbors and drive through the Charlotte Community Foundation parking lot from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. TEAM volunteers will unload your vehicle! Enter from Sullivan Street and exit onto 41 southbound. Look for an email with non-perishable and household supply suggestions.



All I want for the Holidays is a Home for My Family. . .

Let the hammers ring, let the vinyl sing and let's decorate the a new home. TEAM Punta Gorda, working with Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity, launches the 4th Team Builds project in October to be completed in December. A limited number of masked volunteers will be on site on any one day. [See the build schedule.](#) [Sign up here.](#)



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