



PUNTA GORDA ENGLEWOOD BEACH

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THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS: WEEK OF DEC. 3–9, 2018

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Christmas Lights Canal Tours

The Original Christmas Light Canal Cruises with King Fisher Fleet Visit facebook.com/kingfisherfleet and kingfisherfleet.com. Dec. 1–31, 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 9:00 pm. Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Christmas Light Tours on the Calusa Queen Visit facebook.com/pg/PRCAirboattours. Dec. 1–31, various times. Laishley Park, 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**

For Kids and Pets

Santa's Candy Land Adaptive by Charlotte County Parks and Recreation Geared towards special-needs children and families. Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec for details. Dec. 8, 5:30–8:00 pm. Port Charlotte Beach Park, 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

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Photo with Santa Paws by Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County Visit facebook.com/awl.pets. **Tropical Santa:** Dec. 8, 10:00 am–3:00 pm; **Traditional Santa,** Dec. 9, 10:00 am–3:00 pm. 3519 Drance St., **Port Charlotte**

Family Movie Night at Babcock Ranch: The Polar Express Visit facebook.com/babcockranch. Dec. 8, 6:00–8:00 pm. 42850 Crescent Ln., **Babcock Ranch**

Parent and Child Christmas Cookie Baking Class at Krista's Cheese Kakerly Visit facebook.com/kristascheesecakekakerly. Dec. 9, 11:00 am. 3036 Tamiami Tr., Unit B, **Port Charlotte**

Pet Pics with Santa Visit facebook.com/PortCharlotteTownCenter. Dec. 9, 6:00–8:00 pm. Port Charlotte Town Center Mall, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Furry Friends Photos with Santa at History Park Farmer's Market Visit facebook.com/historyparkmarket. Dec. 9, 10:30–11:30 am. 201 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Social, Performance, Food

Jingle Mingle featuring Celtic Christmas Music at Copperfish Books Visit facebook.com/CopperfishBooks or call 941.205.2560. Dec. 4, 5:00–7:00 pm. 103 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Reason for the Season Cocktail Party at Carmelo's Italian Ristorante Search "Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County" on Facebook. Dec. 4, 5:30–7:30 pm. 321 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

TT's (The Tiki) Bar

- Dec. 4, 7:30–9:30 pm: Movie Night on the Harbor: *A Christmas Story*
- Dec. 8, 7:00–10:00 pm: Kix 92.9 KixMas at TT's (The Tiki) Bar with Tobacco Road Band

Visit facebook.com/thetikibarpg. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Christmas with The Ricardos Search "South Florida Legends" on Facebook. Dec. 5, 7:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Bianca & Tatiana's Holiday Drag Queen Bingo by Charlotte Players Visit facebook.com/CharlottePlayers for details. Dec. 7, 7:30–9:30 pm. Langdon Playhouse, 1182 Market Cir., **Port Charlotte**

Christmas Party 2018 at Hurricane Charley's Visit facebook.com/HurricaneCharleysRawBarandGrill. Dec. 8, 6:00 pm. 300 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

A Christmas Celebration by Charlotte County Concert Band Visit facebook.com/charlottecountyconcertban. Dec. 7, 7:30–10:00 pm. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., **Punta Gorda**

Special Olympics Christmas Parade Visit facebook.com/specialolympicscharlotte. Dec. 8, Charlotte High School, 1250 Cooper St., **Punta Gorda**

Stressless Holiday Entertaining with Chef Warren Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries for details. Dec. 8, 2:00–3:15 pm. Port Charlotte Public Library, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Breakfast with Santa at F.M. Don's Visit facebook.com/fmdons. Dec. 8, 10:00 am–noon. 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Jack Peebles Park Grande Opening and 2nd Annual Jingle Bell 5K at Babcock Ranch Visit facebook.com/babcockranch. Dec. 8, 7:30 am. 42850 Crescent Ln., **Babcock Ranch**

Mistletoe Ball 2018 Visit facebook.com/CharlotteCountyHomelessCoalition. Dec. 8, 6:00–10:30 pm. Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., **Punta Gorda**

Christmas with the Gulfshore Tenors Visit gulfshoreopera.org. Dec. 9, 3:00–5:00 pm. First United Methodist Church, 507 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

Annual Holiday Party by Florida West Coast Car Club of America Visit facebook.com/fwccc.org. Dec. 9, 11:00 am–1:00 pm. Boca Royale Golf and Country Club, 1601 Englewood Rd., **Englewood**

Creative, Shopping, Displays

Art Nativities Reception and Exhibit by Pamela Jones Visit facebook.com/pamelajonesartstudio1. **Reception: Dec. 6**, 5:00–7:00 pm; **exhibit runs Dec. 3–14**. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

Grand Opening: Island Woman Creations Win a bag of goodies! Visit facebook.com/Cecileleglb. Dec. 8, 10:00 am. 2811 Tamiami Tr., Unit L, **Port Charlotte**

Annual Lighting of the Lighthouse Visit facebook.com/BarrierIslandParksSociety. Dec. 8, 5:30–8:30 pm. Port Boca Grande Lighthouse & Museum, 880 Belcher Rd., **Boca Grande**

7th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show Visit facebook.com/scgovParks. Dec. 8, 9:00 am–2:00 pm. Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd., **Englewood**

Christmas Card Lane Visit facebook.com/englewoodeventcenter. Dec. 8, 6:00 pm. Englewood Event Center, 3069 S. McCall Rd., **Englewood**

Festival of Lights at Fishermen's Village Visit facebook.com/fishermensvillage. **Daily until Dec. 31**. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Bisque IT Art Studio features a full slate of *holiday-themed projects*, from canvas paintings to clay building and more! Visit facebook.com/bisqueitstudiofun. Various days and times. 1931 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

FESTIVALS • DANCES • PARTIES • GATHERINGS • ETC

First Friday Caribbean Music Party at Patsy's Caribbean Delight Visit facebook.com/patsyscaribbeandelight. Dec. 7, 6:00 pm. 320 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Free Ice Cream Social at EcoSun Homes Port Charlotte Visit facebook.com/EcoSunHomesPortCharlotte. **Tuesdays until Dec. 25**, 2:00–5:00 pm. 1700 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

ON STAGE

Dwight Icenhower n Concert at Visani's Visit facebook.com/dicenhower.eta. Dec. 4, 7:30 pm. Visani Comedy Theater, 2400 Kings Hwy., **Port Charlotte**

The Girl in the Box: The Barbara Mackle Kidnapping Free program featuring a series of dramatic monologues with various individuals portraying key figures in this famous kidnapping. Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries for more information. Dec. 4, 6:00–8:00 pm. Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Peter Moss Concert Search "Ukelele Society of Punta Gorda" on Facebook. Dec. 4, 1:00–4:00 pm. Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., **Port Charlotte**

Rocky Trop

- Dec. 4, 6:00 pm: Hurricane Charley's, 300 W. Retta Esplanade
- Dec. 8, 7:00 pm: Shorty's Place, 306 W. Marion Ave. Visit facebook.com/rockytrop for complete performance schedule. **Punta Gorda**

Harper and Midwest Kind at Leroy's Southern Kitchen and Bar Search "Leroy's Southern Kitchen-Bar" on Facebook. Dec. 6, 8:00–11:00 pm. 201 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

RedHead Express at King's Gate Golf Club Visit facebook.com/RedheadExpress. Dec. 6, 7:00 pm. 24000 Rampart Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

Fa La La La La On the Floor: Outta Tune & Outta Time with Billy Bob and Larry at The Hive Bar Visit facebook.com/OhBeeHave. Dec. 7, 8:00–11:00 pm. 4095 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Buckin' Wild Band at Charlie's Pub Visit facebook.com/buckinwildband or search "Charlie's Pub" on Facebook. Dec. 7, 9:00 pm–1:00 am. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Two Brothers Hoodoo Lounge presents The Lord of the Harmonica, Mr. Dockta, Dec. 7, 7:00 pm. **RSVP recommended:** visit facebook.com/2brothersc. 4300 Kings Hwy, Unit 415, **Port Charlotte**

Tropical Ave Band:

- Dec. 7, 7:00 pm: White Elephant Pub, 1856 Gulf Blvd., Englewood
- Dec. 8, 8:00 pm: Harpoon Harry's, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Visit facebook.com/tropicalaveband for more information and complete performance schedule. **Charlotte County**

Rendezvous at All-Star Sports Grill Visit facebook.com/RendezvousEnglewood for details. Dec. 8, 6:00–10:00 pm. 2360 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Mango Bistro presents Swingtide Combo Visit facebook.com/mangobistro. Dec. 8, 6:45–9:45 pm. 301 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Chosen! in Concert Search "Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association" on Facebook. Dec. 8, 7:00–9:00 pm. 2001 Shreve St., **Punta Gorda**

Vito Ameruoso Live at Nino's Bakery Visit facebook.com/ninosbakery. Dec. 8, 6:00 pm. 3151 Cooper St., Ste. 52, **Punta Gorda**

Charlie's Pub "Gone Country" Visit facebook.com/JackMichaelMusic. Dec. 8, 8:00 pm. 3496 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Cass Cay Restaurant and Bar presents Michael D'Amore, Dec. 9, 4:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/CassCay. 3200 Matecumbe Key Rd., **Punta Gorda**

D'Vines Wine and Gift Emporium presents The DV Duo and Rita this week. Visit facebook.com/Dvineswine. 701 J. C. Center Court, **Port Charlotte**

Portside Tavern presents Jimi Banks, Tiki Tom & L.A., and Mark Dupay this week. Visit facebook.com/PortsideEvents. 3636 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

TT's (The Tiki) Bar presents Paul Roush, Bruce Newman & Tiki D, The Kollektions, Cape Cod Smitty, and Mike Imbasciani and His Bluez Rockerz. Visit facebook.com/thetikibarpg. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Englewoods on Dearborn presents Mike Imbasciani and His Bluez Rockerz, Copperhead, Chris O'Leary Band, Ray Fuller & The Bluesrockers, Bodyshakers Band, and Karen & Jimmy Band this week. Visit facebook.com/EODblues. Jul. 20, 7:00 pm. 362 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Snook's Bayside Bar & Grill presents MacDaddy & the Trixie Train, Summer Survivors and Dough Deming and the Jewel Tones this week. Visit facebook.com/SnooksBaysideBarandGrill. 779 W. Wentworth St., **Englewood**

Open Mic with Paul Cottrell at Burg'r Bar Visit facebook.com/BeansNSeeds. **Tuesdays**, 6:00–9:00 pm. 17 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Wine Dinner Search "Vino Loco Gourmet" on Facebook. Dec. 4, 6:00–8:30 pm. 420 W. Dearborn St., **Englewood**

Essential Oils 101: Make It and Take It Bath Bombs Visit facebook.com/babcockranch. Dec. 6, 10:00–11:00 am. Curry Creek Outfitters, 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Muttini Mingle, The Pawtastic Yappy Hour Visit facebook.com/saltypawsinc. Dec. 6, 5:30–8:00 pm. Salty Paws Pet Supplies, Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Punta Gorda Public Library

- Dec. 6, 2:00–3:00 pm: Program: Punta Gorda Founders
- Dec. 7, 3:30–4:30 pm: Program: The Charlotte Scarborough Taylor Workbooks

Visit facebook.com/CCLibraries. 424 W. Henry St., **Punta Gorda**

Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (CHAP) Nature boat ecotours Dec. 7, 12, 18, and 19. Visit facebook.com/CharlotteHarborAquaticPreserves. Departs from Gasparilla Marina, 15001 Gasparilla Rd., **Placida**

The Southwest Florida Fossil Society Meeting Visit southwestfloridafossilsociety.org and facebook.com/SWFfossilSociety. Dec. 8, 7:00–9:00 pm. Punta Gorda Historical Society Women's Club Building, 118 Sullivan St., **Punta Gorda**

Bikes for Birdies Charity Golf Tournament Visit facebook.com/PeaceRiverRotary. Dec. 8, 8:30 am–1:30 pm. The Golf Links of Charlotte Harbor, 22400 Gleneagles Ter., **Port Charlotte**

Photography Tour by Babcock Ranch Eco Tour Visit facebook.com/babcockranchecotour. Dec. 8, 7:30–10:00 am. 8000 State Rd. 31, **Punta Gorda**

Sunset Cruise on Lake Babcock Visit facebook.com/babcockranch. \$15 per person. Dec. 8, 4:45–6:16 pm. Curry Creek Outfitters, 42850 Crescent Lp., **Babcock Ranch**

Open Mic Nights with Dave J at Fat Point Brewing Visit facebook.com/FatPointBrewing. **Tuesdays until Dec. 25**, 7:00–10:00 pm. 611 Charlotte St., **Punta Gorda**

Fishermen's Village Live entertainment up to six days a week, featuring **Chris G, Tuesdays**, 11:00 am. Visit facebook.com/fishermensvillage. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

The Bean Depot Cafe Live music most nights and bluegrass jam session **Wednesdays. Cash only!** Visit facebook.com/TheBeanDepot. 4370 Garden Rd., **Port Charlotte**

Punta Gorda Guitar Army Visit facebook.com/groups/PuntaGordaGuitarArmy. **Thursdays**, 5:30 pm. Gilchrist Park, 400 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

88 Keys and Perch 360 at The Wyvern Hotel Live music **Thursday, Friday**, and **Saturday** nights. Visit facebook.com/88KeysFlorida and facebook.com/Perch360. 101 E. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Bella's Bistro Chris G live, **Saturdays**, 11:00 am–2:00 pm and live music **Sundays**, 10:00 am–1:00 pm. Visit facebook.com/bellasbistropuntagorda. 117 W. Marion Ave., **Punta Gorda**

GET OUT

Charlotte Harbor 0.5K Visit facebook.com/212dc3. Dec. 8, 8:00 am. Laishley Park, 120 Laishley Ct., **Punta Gorda**

Jeep Day at Florida Tracks and Trails Visit facebook.com/FLTracksAndTrails. Dec. 9, 8:00 am–5:00 pm. 39450 Bermont Rd., **Punta Gorda**

SW Florida Walking Tours presents Punta Gorda Food Tour, Punta Gorda Pub Tour, and Haunted History Walking Tours. Visit swfloridawalkingtours.com and facebook.com/swfloridawalkingtours for details, schedule, and to purchase tickets. **Punta Gorda**

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**

Yoga at Port Charlotte Beach Visit facebook.com/CharlotteFLParksRec. **Wednesdays**, 6:30 pm. 4500 Harbor Blvd., **Port Charlotte**

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

Sunday Funday at Harpoon Harry's Visit facebook.com/harpoonharrys. **Sundays**, 11:00 am–10:00 pm. 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, **Punta Gorda**

Saturday Wine Tastings at Punta Gorda Chocolate & Wine Visit facebook.com/pgchocolateandwine. **Saturdays**, 10:00 am–3:30 pm. 117 Herald Ct., Ste. 1112, **Punta Gorda**

Movie Night at the Tiki Visit facebook.com/thetikibarpg. **Tuesdays**, 7:30–9:30 pm. 33 Tamiami Tr., **Punta Gorda**

Regal Town Center Stadium 16 Visit regmovies.com. Regal Town Center, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

ART AND CRAFT

MW Unique Leather By Philip Visit charlottearts.org/gallery.
Wednesdays until Dec. 26. Charlotte Arts Gallery, Port Charlotte Town Center Mall, 1441 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Second Saturday Community Arts and Dance Party at Patsy's Caribbean Delight Search "Calypso's Caravan" on Facebook. Dec. 8, 6:00 pm–midnight. 320 Tamiami Tr., **Port Charlotte**

Visual Arts Center

- Dec. 5, 10:30 am, and Dec. 7, 10:30 am: Free Demonstrations: Stay and Make
 - Until Dec. 20: *Hot and Cold* exhibit
 - Until Dec. 20: Student Show
- Visit facebook.com/VACPuntaGorda. 210 Maud St., **Punta Gorda**

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