

## **County Commission selects inaugural Junior Commissioners**

By Hector Flores

Commissioner Joe Tiseo visited three Charlotte County high schools on Monday to inform 13 juniors and seniors they were selected to participate in the inaugural Junior Commission program.

The selected students were Lyndsey Hamsher, Anindita Carlsen, Cole Beiner, Gabriel DeGuzman, Caitlin Barrett, Avery Gauthier of Port Charlotte High School, Elizabeth Lawson, Logan Stchur, Joseph Briscoe, Olivia Bek, Oliver Hegarty of Charlotte High School and Eva Gressley and Charles Mann of Lemon Bay High School.

The Junior Commission participants will learn the functions of their local government by meeting with commissioners, attending a commission meeting, pre-agenda meeting, workshop and code enforcement special magistrate hearing and holding a Junior Commission mock commission meeting.

The program begins with an orientation meeting on Feb. 20 and ends with a graduation ceremony on April 16.

Congratulations to all who were selected.

### **Plant tours**

The Charlotte County Utilities Department is offering tours of three facilities to give citizens a behind-the-scenes look at the process involved in providing water and wastewater treatment and reclamation services to the community.

Tour dates are as follows: Burnt Store Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility, 17430 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27; West Port Water Reclamation Facility, 15005 Cattle Dock Point Road, Port Charlotte, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday, March 13; Rotonda Water Reclamation Facility, 3740 Kendall Road, Rotonda West, Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tour capacity is limited, and seats must be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Tour guests are asked to wear closed-toed shoes and be prepared to participate in a walking tour, mostly outdoors. Please email [CCUPR@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:CCUPR@CharlotteCountyFL.gov) or call 941-764-4304 to request a reservation.

### **Water meeting**

The 2023 One Charlotte, One Water Town Hall is scheduled for 9 a.m., Jan. 31 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., in Punta Gorda. Attendees will get an overview of the past, present and future of water management.

Topics will include including a brief history of water in Charlotte County, water quality issues, stormwater management, potable water, comprehensive planning, flooding, sea level rise and ways the public can get involved and stay informed.

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