

## Local Mitigation Strategy meeting set for April 4

By Hector Flores

The Charlotte County/Punta Gorda Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group will hold one of its yearly public meetings at 2:30 p.m, April 4. The meeting will be held in the Emergency Operations Center at the Charlotte County Public Safety Building, 26571 Airport Road., Punta Gorda, FL, 33982.

The job of the LMS workgroup is to propose projects and identify funding sources for mitigation activities. Completed projects lessen environmental impacts, help reduce the loss of life, and lower the economic costs of disasters.

The public is invited to the meeting and may provide input. Participant names, emails, and comments will become a public record at the meeting.

For information, contact the Charlotte County Office of Emergency Management at 941-833-4000 or [Emergency.Management@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:Emergency.Management@CharlotteCountyFL.gov).

### Outreach Day

Community Outreach Day will be held at the Centennial Park Recreation Center, 1120 Centennial Blvd, Port Charlotte on Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a special quiet hour for our sensory-sensitive community from 9-10 a.m.

This family-friendly event promises something for everyone. Enjoy free food, bounce houses, laser tag, refreshing snow cones and delicious popcorn. Every attendee will receive a complimentary raffle ticket for a chance to win exciting prizes, including:

- Four tickets to a 2024 Tampa Bay Rays game at Tropicana Field
- A \$100 gift card for MRT Ace Hardware and Garden Center

Community Outreach Day serves as a platform to foster awareness and understanding of our local government departments, community agencies and partners. Experience the thrill of exploring big trucks from Public Works, Utilities, Fire & EMS in our touch-a-truck format, offering both kids and adults an up-close look at the essential tools that ensure our community's safety and functionality.

Don't miss out on special Menzi Muck and Marsh Master demonstrations, providing insight into the inner workings of heavy equipment. Inside, local agencies and community partners will host informative booths, featuring demonstrations, engaging activities and enticing giveaways for attendees of all ages.

### Youth hoops

Youth basketball is coming back! Harold Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center will have a co-ed summer basketball league for ages 4-17 beginning the week of June 3, 2024.

Registration is open online at [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/recprograms](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/recprograms) or in person at Harold Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center located at 23400 Harold Ave., in Port Charlotte.

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