



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY**  
Economic Development

# WEEKEND WAVE

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## Friday Economic Roundup

### Enterprise Zone

To encourage economic development in economically distressed areas of the state, in 1982 Florida launched an Enterprise Zone program by providing incentives to induce private investment. At the 2015 legislative session, extension of the Enterprise Zone program was not authorized, and the program will sunset on Dec. 31, 2015.

Incentives include business machinery and equipment sales tax refund, building materials sales tax refund, job tax credit, and property tax credit for Florida corporations. To qualify for the incentives, a business or home must be within the Enterprise Zone, and further specific eligibility criteria must be met. The Charlotte County Enterprise Zone was approved by the state in 2013. The zone includes portions of the Punta Gorda Interstate Airport Park, Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), Parkside CRA, and Punta Gorda, totaling approximately 16 square miles.

Visit [http://FloridasInnovationCoast.com/index.php/site\\_selection/enterprise\\_zone](http://FloridasInnovationCoast.com/index.php/site_selection/enterprise_zone) for more information.

Applications must be approved by the Florida Department of Revenue before the sunset date.

For more information contact Debrah Forester, Redevelopment Manager with the Charlotte County Economic Development Department, at 941-764-4943 or

## **FLORIDA ECONOMIC NEWS**

- Region's growth outpaces nation's ([Sarasota Herald-Tribune](#))
- Florida small businesses more optimistic ([Naples Daily News](#))

## **US ECONOMIC NEWS**

- Alcoa splitting into 2 companies ([AP](#))
- The three major trends that shaped the global economy for decades are about to change ([Bloomberg](#))
- US construction spending up 0.7 percent in August ([AP](#))
- US home prices rise steadily, Case-Shiller index shows ([Sarasota Herald-Tribune](#))

## **ENTREPRENEUR NEWS**

- I stopped networking -- and you should too ([Ron Stein](#))
- What stops customers from trying your products or services? ([Jerry Osteryoung](#))
- Tools, training and expertise for Florida small businesses ([Florida Trend](#))
- What not to say at work or around the office ([Small Business Trends](#))
- Business etiquette matters when applying for a job ([Florida Today](#))

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