

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT:

This month, our Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Manager, Mark Odell, touched down at AVIATION PARTNERS GROUP, INC in Punta Gorda, where cutting-edge avionics take flight! But this isn't just any service center—APG is one of the elite Platinum Service Centers for the \$3M+ Cirrus Vision Jet, the ultimate personal jet experience. Mark got an up-close look at what makes APG a premier destination for top-tier aircraft service, proving once again that Charlotte County is where innovation soars!

EDO Attends F.U.N. Force Charlotte County Chamber Event

Kristy Sisler had a blast at the F.U.N. Force Line Dancing event with the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce at the Twisted Fork! It was an incredible evening filled with delicious food, lively dancing, and valuable networking opportunities. We're thrilled to be part of such a dynamic community that knows how to mix business with pleasure. Here's to more innovative collaborations and supportive connections in the future!



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHES “QUARTERLY FEATURED VETERAN” SERIES

The Charlotte County Economic Development Office is proud to launch its new **“Featured Veteran”** series, spotlighting local veterans who are making an impact in the workforce and community. The first honoree is James Jerome, a U.S. Marine veteran and commercial banker at Crews Bank, who brings leadership, service, and commitment to his role supporting Charlotte County’s business community. Veterans like James represent the values and strengths that Charlotte County wants to highlight through this campaign. Charlotte County is proud to be a place where veterans can thrive. The series will run quarterly and feature veterans in various industries across Charlotte County.

March “40 Under 40” Honoree Doug Izzo

Doug Izzo, as the youngest Executive Director of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, is delivering more than just economic growth—he’s driving real change in Charlotte County. Want to know how he’s helping businesses thrive and shaping the future of our community? To read his full story, click [HERE](#).



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SPRING TRAINING THE RAYS SHINE BRIGHT IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY

What an incredible Spring Training season it's been to watch at the Charlotte Sports Park! ⌚ From the first crack of the bat to the roar of the crowd, Charlotte County came alive with excitement, energy, and unforgettable moments. As the Rays gear up for their season, we're looking back on a spring filled with big plays, local pride, and community fun.



Economic Development hosted Port Charlotte SCORE

What happens when you gather local businesses, entrepreneurs, and one passionate economic development leader in the same room? You get energy. You get ideas. And you get a real conversation about the future of Charlotte County. That's exactly what happened at the SCORE meeting this March, where Mark Odell, our Business Retention and Expansion Manager, shared exciting updates about what's driving growth right here at home.



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Featured Property: Villages at Kings



195 ACRES of Prime Industrial & Residential Space

This massive development site in Charlotte County is the perfect location for businesses looking to expand, relocate, or establish a large-scale logistics hub!

- Easy access to I-75 and Kings Highway
- Industrial zoning
- Perfect for logistics, warehousing, and manufacturing

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MARKET TRENDS 2025

Charlotte County Economic Development went bigger and bolder at Market Trends 2025! Mark Odell represented Charlotte County Economic Development at the Caloosa Sound Convention Center on March 20. From economic forecasts to tech trends and everything in between, local experts dropped valuable insights to help us all stay ahead of the curve. Big thanks to the organizers for creating a space that fuels growth and innovation across Southwest Florida. Thank you to James Coalwell and Kaitlin Danks for the photo opportunity.

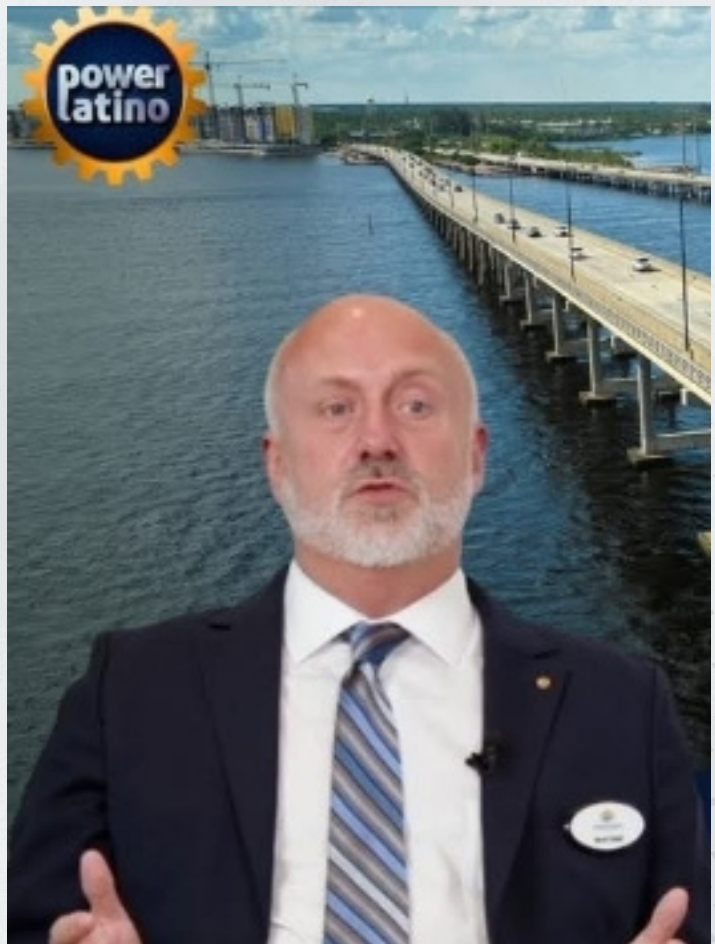
Mark Odell on PowerLatino

In his newest #MarkOnTheMove feature, Mark takes to PowerlatinoTV to highlight why Charlotte County is the ideal destination for entrepreneurs and growing businesses. From unbeatable networking opportunities to a supportive, business-friendly climate, this is a must-watch for anyone looking to take their venture to new heights.

🎯 What you'll learn:

- How Charlotte County fosters business growth
- The resources available for entrepreneurs
- Why our region is attracting innovators and risk-takers

👉 Watch it here.



UPCOMING EVENTS.



APRIL

April

23

Q2 New Business Networking Event

5 to 7 PM at 18501 Murdock Circle Suite 203

April

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Lane Valente Industries

Grand opening and Tenant Open House
1 to 4 PM

April

24

Charlotte Community Foundation Open House

4 PM to 6 PM

April

25

Childcare Workshop

Virtual from 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Open to ALL businesses in Charlotte County.

UPCOMING EVENTS. MAY

+ BEYOND

May

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Grow with Google

9 am to 10:30 Am - In-Person Workshop
18501 Murdock Circle - #203

May

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Entrepreneur Support Organization

2- 4 PM held in the Charlotte County EDO at 18501 Murdock Circle #302

May

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"Are you lender ready?"

SBA Webinar - Part 1 of a 4 part series exploring business funding readiness

May

14-16

FEDC Annual Conference

FEDC Annual Conference will be held at Sunseeker Resort in Punta Gorda.

June

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"Are you lender ready?"

SBA Event. An in person event. Part 2 of a 4-part series exploring business funding readiness