Communication from Lynne Matthews, Mayor Punta Gorda City Council District 4

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Fresh catch for lunch.

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Here is your Weekly Highlights Report for April 26, 2024. For the complete report from the City, click <u>HERE</u>.

Arbor Day - In celebration of Arbor Day, City staff, Mayor Matthews and Councilmembers Peterman and Lux attended the Historic Punta Gorda Civic Association's (HPGCA) tree planting ceremony in Linear Park. Four trees were planted with a grant that was applied for through the Forest Service by the HPGCA board, in cooperation with the City. These trees are replacing four trees that were lost during Hurricane Ian along the Linear Path, between McGregor and Berry St. For more information, please click HERE.

**City Manager -** Citizen advisory boards and committees, appointed by the City Council, play a vital role in Punta Gorda's governance. Members of these groups bring expertise and passion

for their respective areas, ensuring the achievement of specific advisory goals. Currently, several of these boards and committees are in search of dedicated volunteers to join their ranks.

The Building Board is seeking one consumer advocate member and one alternate member.

The board meets on the fourth Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Military Heritage Museum. It is a seven-member board with two alternate members. Members serve three-year terms with a maximum of three or partial terms plus two more terms. Reviews enforcement of all codes related to construction standards and acts as a condemnation board in matters of violation of minimum standards. The board hears alleged complaints against contractors.



Code Enforcement Board is seeking one alternate. This board meets on the fourth Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Military Heritage Museum. This is a seven-member board with two alternate members. Members serve three-year terms with a maximum of three terms or partial term plus two more terms. Financial disclosure is required. The board hears and decides alleged violations of the City Code of Ordinances.

The Donation Review Committee is seeking one historic non-profit representative. The committee meets at 10 a.m. at the Military Heritage Museum on the fourth Thursday of January, April, July, and October, or as needed, immediately following the Historic Preservation Advisory Board meeting. The committee is charged with reviewing all non-monetary gift donation proposals/letters of intent received by the City in accordance with the review process and established criteria identified in the non-monetary donation policy. Makes recommendations to the City Council for accepting or rejecting non-monetary gift donations.

Historic Preservation Advisory Board seeks two regular and two alternate members. The group meets on the fourth Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Military Heritage Museum. Seven-member board with two alternate members. The term limit is three years with a maximum of three or partial terms plus two more terms. Identifies historically significant structures and sites for the Council that should be considered for designation as a "Local Historic Landmark" or be nominated for listing on the Florida Master Site File and the National Register of Historic Places. Make recommendations for policies for the protection of historically significant structures and sites. Makes recommendations to staff with regard to certificates of appropriateness for any demolition, variance, sign, or relocation of structures. The board promotes public awareness of historic archaeological preservation and its community benefits.

Utility Advisory Board has two regular seats available. The board meets the fourth Monday at 9 a.m. at the Military Heritage Museum. It is a seven-member board allowing for three-year terms with a maximum of three terms. The board makes recommendations to the City Council concerning revisions to the utility construction standards, alleged billing discrepancies, and review of utility drawings and specifications.

If you have an interest in serving in any of the available seats, please fill out the online application - click <u>HERE</u> or give the Punta Gorda City Clerk's Office a call at 941-575-3369. Together, we will continue to preserve our small-town character while promoting diversity,

economic development, and sustainability. Readers may reach City Manager Greg Murray at <a href="mailto:citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com">citymgr@cityofpuntagordafl.com</a> or by calling the main office line at 941-575-3302.

**Swale regrading -** The swale contractor has completed Don Quixote Dr., Brazilia Ct., Darin Dr., Padre Island Dr. and Casey Key Dr. (SW), which have been finalized and turned over to the homeowner. The contractor will be watering the sod for the next 30 days weather permitting at Ussepa Ct., Casey Key Dr. (SE) and Turtle Dove Cir. They have excavated approximately 60,000 SF this fiscal year. The contractor has begun excavating Sea Horse Ct. and will be excavating approximately 3,000 SF. Once the contractor gets the new grades established they will be installing new sod at the proper elevation. The next street to be excavated will be Sea Fan Dr.

Laishley Park Splash Pad - Construction continues at the Interactive Fountain area in

Laishley Park. This work includes rehabilitation and upgrades to the splash pad/play area. Shade structure foundations were installed this week along with wall foundations. Most underground work has been completed, and preparation is taking place for the surface



improvements. Please use extra caution while driving or walking through the park due to construction personnel and equipment. To the highest extent possible the restroom facilities will remain open to the public. The access for the restrooms will be from the marina side of the building. There will be periodic temporary sidewalk closures immediately adjacent to the construction area as required for public safety. The construction area will be closed to the public at all times during this period. The enhanced fountain area is scheduled to reopen in late 2024.

## Right-of-way -

- \* Vactor stormwater cleaning work continues around the City.
- \* Parking restriction signs are posted at the entrance of Laishley Park. Crews have completed repairing brickwork in the area of Taylor and Olympia.
- \* Continuing to patch potholes throughout the City.
- \* Work continues on the renovation project at the pavilion located east of U.S. 41 continues. Crews continue to construct the rip rap wall to ensure the area is stable. The anticipation completion date is May 3. Please use caution in this area.

**Punta Gorda Hotel** - Pre-application meeting for demolition permit took place at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Owner will have 120 days to completion of demolition when demolition permit is issued. Owner is taking additional action to further secure the fence. The Harborwalk is open.

**City Council** - City Council will meet on May 1 at 9 a.m. at the Military Heritage Museum. The following are a few items that will be discussed:

- \* Cooper Street Recreation Center lease workshop dates
- \* A.C. Freeman House building stabilization 90% budget estimate

**Fiber optic internet network** - The fiber optic internet provider Hyper Fiber has been issued permits for a portion of the construction project to install a citywide fiber optic internet network

within the City right-of-way. This project will be under construction during the next several months as they install the network citywide. They are currently working in the areas highlighted in red below. The green areas are where the work is completed and their permit has been inspected for final by the engineering department. Additional areas are scheduled to be final in the next several weeks. The blue



areas are where the installation will be taking place as the project progresses.

Initially you will see utility markings within the City right-of-way, followed by the directional drilling of the fiber optic conduit. Fiber optic boxes will be installed in the right-of-way or easement at the edge of your property. Once the installation of the underground and service points has been completed for the entire sector, crews will then return to individual locations for the restoration of sod. This will take place at the end of construction in each sector. Please be patient and allow time for the restoration. The City engineering department will be performing spot inspections during construction as well as a final inspection when the restoration is complete to ensure the contractor's restoration meets the City's requirements. Hyper Fiber has provided a telephone number to call if citizens have questions or concerns about the project and installation. Please contact Hyper Fiber's Scott Jackson at 239-887-5379. Please use extra caution while driving through the project area due to construction personnel and equipment.

**Voting information -** This is going to be a big year for voting, from everything at the federal level for the President of the United States,

Election Days
Presidential Preference Primary Election: March 19, 2024
Primary Election: August 20, 2024
Ceneral Election: November 5, 2024

New Registration/Party Affiliation Change Deadline! Purlis Gords Oily Election. October 10, 2023 Prosidented Profesence Primary Election. February 20, 20 Primary Election. July 22, 2024 Early Voting Dates
Presidential Preference Primary Election: March 4-17, 2024
Primary: August 5-18, 2024
General: October 21-November 3, 2024

Vote by Mail Dates (F.S. 101.62)

The initial batch of Vote by Mail ballots will be mailed out between the 40th and 33rd day prior to an election to those voters who have already requested them. Subsequent mailings will be mailed out daily as new requests are received.

to local elections at both the City and County level. Here are some important dates to put on your calendar in advance of the upcoming primary and general elections. Make sure you update your Vote By Mail status, as you have to do it after every general election now by Florida statute. For information, click <u>HERE</u>.

Licensed/unlicensed contractors - As a reminder, all contractors who will be performing structural work on your home (roofs, pool cages, soffits, etc.) must be a contractor licensed in the State of Florida - click <a href="HERE">HERE</a> to check on a specific company, AND they must also be registered with the City of Punta Gorda in order to be able to pull a building permit, which is required by law. You can check on the status of a contractor's registration with the City by clicking <a href="HERE">HERE</a> and typing in the name of the company you wish to check on. Failure for a contractor to have the appropriate licensing and registration could result in a felony for the contractor. Additionally, they may not have the required insurance and liability insurances that

the state requires. Please do your homework before you sign anything!

**Seawall failure update -** Construction schedules have been updated and are posted on the Canal Maintenance website for the next six months look ahead. There are 44 projects in Punta Gorda Isles under construction with 69 projects completed, and 19 projects under construction with 15 completed in Burnt Store Isles. Maps indicating the location and classification can be found on the Canal Maintenance website - click HERE.

Vessel speeds - Canal Maintenance is asking people to be mindful of the current situation in the canals with seawalls being damaged. City code states that the operation of vessels in the canals shall be Slow Speed Minimum Wake in the waterways within the City limits. The speed and operation in the Ponce Inlet, Pompano Inlet, Bass and Snook Inlets are Idle Speed and No Wake. Wakes from watercraft can cause additional erosion and damage to seawalls already compromised. And please remember that you are responsible for your wake. If your vessel causes damage to a property or another vessel, you may be subject to fines or penalties.

**Stabilizing erosion** - Just a friendly reminder for property owners to regularly check the condition of their tarps or plastic that is protecting the eroded areas. Tarps and plastic tend to become brittle in the sun and may start falling apart. Our area is still experiencing rain events and that plastic will help keep the soil in place preventing further erosion.

**Establishing sod after seawall replacement** - Placing the sod is the final phase of seawall replacement construction. As per City ordinance, property owners are responsible for establishing the sod after it has been placed and the City will not reimburse the owners for their water usage.

Dock Match program - The Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance (PGBA) has once again set up a program called *Dock Match*, which is to help facilitate relocation of boats that will need to be temporarily relocated from properties that had seawall failures. If you have a dock that is vacant and would like to make it available to another PGI or BSI boat owner, please click HERE to register your dock. Boat owners will have a list available to assist them in connecting with you to try and match their needs to your dock availability. I worked with the PGBA after Hurricane Irma to set this up in 2017 and it was used quite a lot by many residents. This program has been approved by the PGBA and the City of Punta Gorda.

**Dockside dredging** - Property owners that are listed on the Hurricane Ian seawall damage list will not be allowed to have dockside dredging performed adjacent to the seawall until the seawall has been repaired. Any kind of dredging along the damaged seawall may cause further damage.

**Answers to some of your questions -** I receive many questions each week from residents, asking all kinds of things about Punta Gorda activities. Here are some from this week:

Hi we live in the Isles are interested in getting a "No Through or Dead End Street" type street sign put at the end of our street. How do we go about requesting that? Not sure if that is a city or county request. This would be a City request. I asked our City Engineer to respond, and here is the reply: Thanks for contacting the City of Punta Gorda. In regard to your request, the City has adopted a sign policy to reduce sign clutter throughout the City. The policy was targeted at removing all but the most necessary signs throughout the City. You can find details in the policy in the link - click HERE. In review of your request, your street doesn't meet the criteria of extreme case.

I just was told approval was granted to build a 100 ft. high condo development, with 190 units, on the vacant land by Ponce Park in Marion. Is this true? Why in the world would this be approved? I thought we could have no condo buildings over four stories? If this is true, I'm outraged the City would allow this breach of trust with the community by allowing this to happen when we have been told the height restrictions for residential areas would not exceed four stories.

DRC-04-2022, for 135 North Marion Court, was approved on May 5, 2023, for two multi-family condo buildings for a total of 180 dwelling units. The buildings are three stories over parking and meet the maximum building height requirements.

Chapter 26, Section 3.5. GM, General Multi-Family Residential District [excerpt]

## (g) Development Standards [excerpt]

- (6). Maximum height:
- a. 40 feet above BFE to the top of the tie beam for flat, gable, hip, mansard, and gambrel roofs.
- b. 3 habitable floors below the tie beam.
- c. Pitched type roofs are limited to a maximum 6:12 pitch maximum height of 10 feet measured from the top of the tie beam to the highest point of the roof line.

Building height is defined in the Land Development Regulations, Section 19.4 [excerpt]:

**Building Height (Regulatory):** Regulatory building height limits in this Chapter are stated in number of feet and often supplemented by number of stories of habitable space.

**Feet:** The regulatory measurement begins with zero (0) at the minimum finished floor elevation permitted by the Florida Building Code, as of 2023 for areas within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), this includes the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) from the adopted FEMA Flood Map plus 1 foot of Freeboard.

**Story or Stories:** The regulatory measurement of stories begins at the first finished floor elevation at one (1) with each additional finished floor elevation adding one (1) story.

 Areas below BFE which are limited to Parking, Access and Storage as defined by the City of Punta Gorda Building Official shall not be counted as a story for the purposes of measuring the total number of stories. Areas below BFE which are dry flood-proofed or otherwise deemed habitable by the City of Punta Gorda Building Official shall be considered a story for the purposes of measuring the total number of stories.

The DRC approval was set to expire in May 2024, but the applicant submitted an extension request, which was approved by the DRC. If no permits are issued by May 2025, the DRC will expire. No building permit application has been submitted at this time

Military Heritage Museum - Stop in to see the fascinating interactive exhibits, and check out the schedule of wonderful entertainment in the Gulf Theater. Our mission is to promote an understanding and respect for the rich military heritage of the United States and the sacrifices made by all who serve, living and deceased, emphasizing that freedom isn't free. For more information, click HERE. To check out the schedule for this season's fabulous shows in the Gulf Theater - click HERE.

Would you like to be on the mailing list for the Military Heritage Museum, and receive advance notice of upcoming events? If so, please click <u>HERE</u>. <u>You MUST include your</u> name and email address in your request in order to add you to the database.

## There are a lot of great events coming up in town, so don't miss out on these:

April 27 - Strongman Competition, Laishley Park. For information, click HERE.

May 3-5 - Punta Gorda Hibiscus Festival, Gilchrist Park. For information, click <u>HERE</u>.

May 18 - Home and Hurricane Expo, Event Center. For information, click HERE.

May 18 - Day of Celtic Music, Fishermen's Village. For information, click HERE.

May 25-26 - Indoor Arts and Crafts Show, Event Center. For information, click HERE.

June 1 - Island Vibe Music Festival, Laishley Park. For information, click HERE.

June 1-2 - Punta Gorda Gun Show, Event Center. For information, click HERE.

June 8-9 - Spirit Fest, Event Center. For information, click HERE.

June 15 - Blues Fest, Fishermen's Village. For information, click <u>HERE</u>.

July 4 - Fourth of July festivities, Fishermen's Village. For information, click HERE.

For upcoming events and festivals from the City's website, click HERE.

Punta Gorda Chamber's events page - click HERE.

Charlotte County Visitors Bureau events page - click HERE.

Gulf Theater at the Military Heritage Museum - click HERE.

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association - click HERE.

Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, click HERE.

Visual Arts Center events, click HERE.

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce events, click HERE.

Fishermen's Village events, click <u>HERE</u>. For all Fishermen's Village event information, you must go to the calendar under Events and click on the specific listing for details.

## **Police Department:**

Employee Recognition - Chief Pamela Smith had the opportunity to recognize multiple

employees and volunteers Wednesday afternoon for their service to the city. Awards were given for Employee of the First Quarter, Exceptional Duty, Volunteer of the First Quarter, and Five Years of Volunteer Service. The volunteer awards came at a fitting time, as this week is National Volunteer Week.



- \* PFC Christopher Nunziato and OFC Vincent Matteini were both named Employee of the First Quarter 2024.
- \* An Exceptional Duty award was presented to Lt. Christopher Salsman.
- \* Al Valdez was awarded the Volunteer of the First Quarter 2024 and Five-Year Volunteer service awards were given to Marilyn Kaye-Kibbey, Stuart McMeans, Anthony Demarco, Ara Aprahamian, and, Duane Ising.

**Volunteers In Policing (VIP) -** Our volunteers are an absolutely vital part of this police department and we appreciate them greatly! Members of the community interested in volunteering may contact the Volunteer Staff Coordinator at 941-575-5536 or by emailing vip@pgorda.us.

**Police Officer testing** - The Punta Gorda Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. A virtual testing process will take place in June. Applications must be received by May 24. The written exam will be completed online between May 31 and June 7, and virtual oral board exams will be conducted via Zoom on June 18. The department is accepting applications from certified and non-certified candidates.

**Public Safety Dispatcher testing -** The police department conducts new hire testing continually in order to be prepared for future openings. We are currently accepting applications for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher. Applications must be received by May 3. The exam will be held on the morning of May 16, beginning at 9 a.m.

**Internship program** - The police department is currently accepting internship applications for the summer semester of 2024. Our internship program is open to college students and high school seniors interested in gaining educational experience in law enforcement, criminal justice, and small government administration. Spots fill up quickly and the selection process can be competitive, so we encourage potential interns to apply today!

To apply for employment or for more information, please visit <a href="https://www.pgpdjobs.com">www.pgpdjobs.com</a> or contact our Employee Development Coordinator at 941-575-5571 or by email at <a href="mailto:employeedevelopment@pgorda.us">employeedevelopment@pgorda.us</a>.

**Fire Department: EMS Documentation training** - The fire department has been working on EMS documentation training. Every call out firefighters respond to whether it be for a fire, medical emergency or even a public service assistance call, a report number is generated. These reports are used to



document events of the call, track statistics on call types and equipment used. This helps the fire department track trends and build trainings based on current events here within the City.

Fire Training - Lieutenant Alex Davenport and Firefighter/EMT Xavier Finnerty spent some time training alongside one of our volunteer firefighters this week. The crews spent time discussing pumping operations and water supply connections. We love seeing our crews out sharpening their skills and passing them along to the next generation!

Planning Corner: On April 22, City staff attended the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center's (CHEC) vertical oyster garden (VOG) installation at Laishley Marina. City staff learned how simple it is to install these habitat-providing, water-cleaning stacks of dried oyster shells from a dock or pier. For more information on VOGs - and how to hang one from your dock, click HERE.

**Sanitation: Did you know?** You may schedule a collection of a yard waste pile, appliance, electronics, motor oil, or batteries using the Schedule a Special Pick Up form. The form is located on the Sanitation home page of the City website - click <u>HERE</u> or call 941-575-5050 from 8 to 4:30 weekdays.

**Recycling - Reduce contamination -** Homeowners should only place the following materials in their recycling carts - Newspapers, magazines, office paper (no shredded paper), brown paper bags, paperboard cartons, dairy and juice containers, junk mail, phone books, flattened cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic containers number 1-7, glass bottles/jars and tin or steel cans. **Plastic bags -** Do not place the following into recycling carts: liquids foods, waste, fabric, wood, hoses, cords and styrofoam.

Reduce contamination info - click HERE.

Human Resources: Open positions - The City of Punta Gorda offers a very generous benefit package to include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and a defined contribution retirement plan with matching contributions. Currently hiring for a professional position in the Utilities Department for Maintenance Worker I - Wastewater Collection. A skilled laborer position responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of wastewater collection facilities and systems. The City of Punta Gorda has a variety of employment opportunities available learn more by clicking HERE.

Why Is water safety so important? - It only takes a moment. A child or weak swimmer can drown in the time it takes to reply to a text, check a fishing line or apply sunscreen. Death and injury from drownings happen every day in home pools and hot tubs, at the beach or in oceans, lakes, rivers and streams, bathtubs, and even buckets. Take these sensible precautions when you're around water (even if you're not planning to swim):

- \* Know your limitations, including physical fitness, medical conditions.
- \* Never swim alone; swim with lifeguards and/or water watchers present.

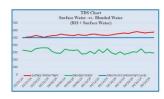
- \* Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket appropriate for your weight and size and the water activity. Always wear a life jacket while boating, regardless of swimming skill.
- \* Swim sober.
- \* Understand the dangers of hyperventilation and hypoxic blackout.
- \* Know how to call for help.
- \* Understand and adjust for the unique risks of the water environment you are in, such as: River currents, ocean rip currents, water temperature, and shallow or unclear water.
- \* Underwater hazards, such as vegetation and animals.
- \* Learn how to perform these five skills in every type of water environment that you may encounter (such as in home pools, oceans, lakes, rivers and streams):
- Enter water that's over your head, then return to the surface.
- Float or tread water for at least 1 minute.
- Turnover and turn around in the water.
- Swim at least 25 yards.
- Exit the water.

For more information, click HERE.

Administration - The Citizens Academy completed its 2024 sessions. This year's sessions hosted 16 attendees. Attendees were provided with certificates of completion at the April 17, City Council meeting. City employees provide attendees with an overview of their department functions across the City. The academy is a great way for citizens of the City to gain a better understanding of each department. Our employees take pride in their work and enjoy educating citizens regarding their specific roles. If interested in attending, enrollment for the 2025 sessions begins on October 1. Information regarding the academy may be found on the City's website - click HERE.

**Lot mowing -** The City will begin a new mowing cycle on April 30.

**Groundwater RO plant update -** Maximum total dissolved solids (TDS) allowable is 500 without a waiver. Our numbers are consistently way below the maximum allowable level with the R.O. Plant water in service.



Welcome to new or transferred businesses in the City this week - Lulu's Donuts, 221 Wood Street; Howell Wealth Advisors, 2705 Tamiami Trail.

**City Clerk: 2024 Election cycle** - The seats for Districts 1, 2, and 4 are scheduled for election this year. A general election will take place on November 5, if there are two candidates for one district. A primary election will take place on August 20, if we have three or more candidates for one district. The two candidates receiving the most votes would proceed on to the general

election.

- \* Candidate packets are now available for the 2024 election cycle. The packet can be viewed on the City Clerk page of the City website. Bound copies are available to interested parties who make an appointment with the City Clerk's Office to review the materials contained in the packet and to complete an acknowledgement of their receipt.
- \* Filed candidates will be listed on the website upon submission of Form DS-DE 9.

**Update signature** - Did you know your signature can change over the years? Ensure the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections has an up-to-date record of your signature on file for the upcoming election. Stop by their office at 226 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda to update yours during regular business hours.

**Vote By Mail** - In order to vote by mail, you must have a valid request on file with the Supervisor of Elections Office. Requests for vote-by-mail ballots can be made in person, by calling 941-833-5400, or by visiting the Supervisor of Elections website - click <u>HERE</u>.

Board and committee vacancies: Volunteers needed - Vacancies currently exist on the

Building Board, Code Enforcement Board, Historic Preservation
Advisory Board, Donation Review Committee and Utility Advisory
Board. If you are interested in applying for any position, please
contact the City Clerk's office at 941-575-3369 or
pgclerk@cityofpuntagordafl.com. You must complete an Appointment

Information Form along with a resume and submit to the City Clerk's

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Office either in person to City Hall at 326 W. Marion Ave., or to email address above.

If you ever have a question you would like answered, please email me at <a href="mailto:lmatthews@cityofpuntagordafl.com">lmatthews@cityofpuntagordafl.com</a>. I respond to all emails that are personally directed to me, as long as the questions are not related to an upcoming public hearing. Elected officials are not permitted to discuss issues or offer opinions on items that will come before us for a vote. If I don't have the answers to your questions, I will get it for you.

Thanks for staying in touch with what's happening in Punta Gorda. I hope that you find this newsletter informative. If you would like to share it with others, please feel free to do so. If you know anyone else who may want to receive this, please have them email me their name, email address and zip code, and I'll be happy to add them to the distribution list. Also, if you change your email address, please let me know it is changed so you can continue to receive the newsletter - go to the bottom of the newsletter and "Update your preferences" to keep it current.

A note to readers of this newsletter - If you or your email server report my newsletter as having spammy content, it sends a message to Mail Chimp that you have not accepted receipt

of the newsletter and it will automatically remove you from my subscriber list. Most of the time, this is unintentional. However if you somehow find you stop receiving it each week, this is the reason. Once you are removed from the database, you stop receiving it permanently. If I see that this happens, I will attempt one time to send you an email and let you know you need to accept a resubscribe request in order to get back into the database. Also, a few of my readers have experienced periodic problems with not receiving this newsletter. It seems that some of the virus prevention programs send the newsletter to spam from time to time, especially if the newsletter is lengthy. Please ensure you have the sending email address in your address book, which is <a href="mailto:upstateone@comcast.net">upstateone@comcast.net</a>. And if you suddenly stop receiving this, please be sure to check your spam folder. I never delete anyone from the subscriber list unless I am asked to do so. Apologies for any inconvenience.

If at any time, you would like to get in touch to ask a question, feel free to contact me.

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