

# WEEKEND WAVE

10-30-15



## Friday Economic Roundup

### Hands Across the Harbor January 30, 2016

The Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) invite residents to participate in the 8th Annual Hands Across the Harbor - Half Marathon Bridge Run, Ride, and Roll.

The event will be on January 30, 2016 and features a half marathon, 5k competitive run, 13.1 mile competitive longboard race as well as 5k fun walk, 13.1, 20 and 30 mile bike rides.

This IDSA Sanctioned Longboard Race and the ½ Marathon will follow the same course that can be viewed at <http://www.walkjogrun.net>. Participants of the Longboard Race must be members of the International Distance Skateboard Association (IDSA) before registering. IDSA membership is available at <http://www.theidsa.org>.

Autumn Deal registration for the ½ Marathon Run and Longboard Event is \$60 from now until November 1, 2015 plus Buy One/Get One Free!! Pre-registration special rates for all other events are \$30.00, or \$25.00 for students with an ID, through January 15, 2016. Rates go up for all events after that. This is a green event and we ask your help in making it a success by signing up online at <http://handsacrosstheharbor.org>.

Pre-registered participants will receive a high-performance t-shirt, free pancake breakfast, awards and a chance to win the Fabulous Getaway Prize - a two-night stay at the Hyatt

Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa plus a \$200 hotel gift card.

Proceeds from Hands Across the Harbor benefit the education programs at the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center. For more information, visit <http://www.handsacrosstheharbor.org/>.

## 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.

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