There is no Better Time to Upgrade to The Cloud!

DNDC is running a special for all Chamber Members! Before the end of the year all new phone systems with DNDC will have a waived activation fee!

We help businesses and non-profits of all sizes save an average of 30-55% on their monthly phone bill with a brand-new cloud phone system!

DNDC has been a family owned and operated business for over 30 years. With the expertise to know that we are getting things right and the innovation to keep our customers on the cutting edge of business technology we are able to give the local touch to any size business.

Contact Jonathan today at 941-932-8899 to learn more about how a Cloud phone system with DNDC can improve your business.
Calendar of Events December

2nd - 27th
2nd  6:00 pm  NPACC Year-End Membership Drive
          Holiday Social (Plantation Golf & Country Club, 500 Rockley Blvd,
          Venice)
3rd  8:30 am  Business & Economic Development Committee (Room 244 - North Port
          City Hall)
3rd  4:00 pm  Professional Development & Education Committee (Goodwill Job &
          Career Center, 14879 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port)
4th  7:30 am  Breakfast Club Networking (LongHorn Steakhouse, 1381 Tamiami Trail,
          Port Charlotte)
5th  4:30 pm  Ribbon Cutting - Monarch Direct (264 Market Circle, #6, Port Charlotte)
6th  9:00 am  Marketing & Communication Committee (Charlotte State Bank, 4300
          Aiden Lane, North Port)
6th  2:00 pm  Ribbon Cutting - DLP/Brite Homes (14942 Tamiami Trail, Unit C&D, North
          Port)
10th  8:30 am  Member Services Committee (Perkins, 6001 S. Salford Boulevard, North Port)
10th  5:30 pm  Adopt a Family Giving Tree Distribution (North Port Area Chamber)
11th  8:30 am  Resource Development Committee (Key Agency, 14942 Tamiami Trail)
12th  5:30 pm  Ribbon Cutting - Advocate Radiation Oncology (3080 Harbor Blvd,
          Port Charlotte)
13th  Leadership North Port - Human Services Day
13th  5:30 pm  Ribbon Cutting - The Axe Haus (7040 Sumter Crossing Dr., North Port)
19th  11:30 am  Annual Awards Luncheon (Heron Creek Golf & Country Club, North Port)
24th  Closed  Chamber Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
25th  Closed  Chamber Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
26th  No Government Relations Committee in December
31st  1:00 pm  Chamber Office will Close for New Year’s Eve
1st  Closed  Chamber Office Closed for New Year’s Day
3rd  9:00 am  Marketing & Communication Committee (Charlotte State Bank, 4300
          Aiden Lane, North Port)

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Monday, December 2, 2019
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Plantation Golf & Country Club
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Venice

Save to Admit: DJ Services + Dancing + Holiday Music + Family Friendly Food
$25.00 per person
(includes appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages and entertainment)
Cash bar will be available!

Breakfast Buffet **
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Bacon, Eggs, French Toast, Sausage, Home fries,
Oatmeal, Mixed Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

Or email: info@northportareachamber.com
Or call 941-564-3040

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Crusier’s Travel & Tours, LLC
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Dream Vacations - Ed & Robin Rinkewich
Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County
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SeePort Optometry
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State Farm Insurance - Dean McConville Agency
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Ted & Linda Curran - Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty
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Wendy Namack, CFP® - Namack Portfolio Investment Professionals, LLC

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Real Community Radio

To us, it’s personal.
A Message from the Executive Director

It is hard to believe, but the Holiday Season is here. This year sure has gone fast.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is conducting a “Year End” Membership Drive”. The concept of this Membership Drive is to encourage businesses that are not currently a member of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, to expand their efforts and make a commitment to help their business grow and be more successful. The Chamber wants to help by offering non-Chamber businesses an opportunity to join the Chamber and receive benefits that will help their business be more successful and grow. Any business that joins the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce by December 31, 2019, will receive a FREE Ad in the North Port Sun newspaper ($216 value), will be entered a raffle to win a 55” Smart Television ($420.00 value donated by Walmart Supercenter) and the Chamber will waive the $25.00 administrative fee. This is also the last chance that a business can join the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and claim the membership dues on their 2019 business tax return. Any current and active Chamber Member that solicits and secures a new Chamber Member during the “Membership Drive” will receive a $25.00 credit to their Chamber account (for each new Chamber Member secured) and be entered a raffle to win the “Business Spotlight” in the February 2020 Communicator Newsletter.

Annual Holiday Social
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will host their Annual Holiday Social on Monday, December 2, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Plantation Golf & Country Club, located at 500 Rockley Boulevard in Venice. The cost is $25.00 per person and includes heavy appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages, entertainment and dancing. A cash bar will be available. Music will be provided by Mike Juaire of Spin It Again DJ Services. The Chamber will conduct a Giving Tree at the Holiday Social for Chamber Members to provide gifts to 100 children in North Port that are less fortunate during the Holiday Season. The presents that are collected by Chamber Members for families participating in Giving Tree Program will be distributed at a reception by Santa Claus at the Chamber office, located at 1337 N. Sumter Boulevard in North Port, on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

Annual Awards Luncheon
Chamber members and the public are invited to attend the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club. All nominees & winners of the 2019 Business-of-the-Year Awards and the Annual Frosty Award Judges Choice & People’s Choice Awards will be announced and all Committee Members that volunteered over the past year will be recognized. The cost is $25.00 per person and includes a choice of pork
loin with fire roasted apple demi or chicken frances along with whipped potato, green beans and beverages. Table sponsorships are available for $250.00 (includes: seating for six people) and ½ table sponsorships for $150.00 (includes seating for three people) and includes: recognition in the Program, verbal recognition, and a special table sponsor sign. Come join us as we recognize the nominated and winning businesses/organizations for their accomplishments and success. Space is limited, so register for the luncheon now.

**Holiday Shoe Box for Seniors**
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is an official drop-off location for the Holiday Shoe Box for Seniors Program. This is a program in which you can fill a wrapped shoe box with gifts that will be delivered to needy seniors of our community (wrap the top and bottom of the shoe box separately and state whether it is for a male or female). Examples of gifts that can be included in the shoe box are; stamps, stationery, a nice pen, socks, slippers, books, lotions, personal hygiene items, games, puzzles, crafting kits, sweets & treats, etc. The senior community is a segment of our population that too often gets overlooked or forgotten. For many of our seniors, they have invested their life savings to live and retire in North Port. Many of them live on a fixed income and struggle daily with the increasing cost of living. I would like to ask you to support this worthwhile program and our senior community and make your donation today. It is requested that all donations be received at the Chamber office by Monday, December 9, 2019.

**Toys for Tots**
The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is an official drop-off location for the Holiday Toys for Tots Program. This program is being sponsored by the Marine Corps League, Detachment 948. The Chamber would like to encourage the community to donate a new, unwrapped toy at the Chamber office so that these toys can be distributed to those less fortunate than us. A special request is made for donation of batteries that can be used with the toys. Please help the Chamber bring the joy of the Holiday Season to children and families that are less fortunate. All donations are requested to be delivered to the Chamber office by Friday, December 13, 2019.

I would like to wish you and all your loved ones a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and hope that you enjoy all the festivities that the Season has to offer you.

*William J. Gunnin*

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Executive Director  
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
Honor Roll

The North Port Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have these partners renew their annual investment in the community:

- A Cut Above the Rest Lawn Maintenance
- Amerilife & Health Services
- Big Brothers & Sisters of SunCoast, Inc.
- Charlotte County Safe and LockSmiths
- Deborah Snowden - Coldwell Banker Sunstar
- epiphany Health
- Fairway Funding
- Fuccillo Kia of Port Charlotte
- Grappin Clinic of Chiropractic & Acupuncture, P.A.
- Hot Sauce Harry’s
- House O’Maps
- Kapper Contracting
- Keller Williams – Rhonda Gustitus Team
- MonarchDirect
- North Port Community United Church
- North Port Concert Band
- Oneblood
- Sarasota County Tax Collector
- Suncastle Roofing
- W. Kevin Russell PA
“Absolutely love the Chamber here in North Port. Bill and his team do a fantastic job making sure we are active in our Community and have an abundance of opportunities to promote our business and network with others!” April Tsotsos, Exit Compass Realty

“A busy chamber but never too busy to help. The Friends of Shannon Staub Public Library feel very welcome and I enjoy meeting everyone at the events. Thank you to the chamber office staff for their support.” Dee Speers, FOSSPL

“Bill is an awesome Director and the team at the Chamber give so much to our community making it a great place to live.” Denise Vanderberg Courtney, Stewart Title
YEAR-END MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
DECEMBER 2 - 27, 2019
Join the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce “The Chamber of Choice” and help your business/organization grow!

Stand out from your Competition.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is offering businesses:

- Application Fee Waived ($25 value)
- Free Color ad in the North Port Sun Newspaper ($216 value)
- Chance to WIN a 55” Color Smart TV (donated by Walmart #3387)
- Can claim membership dues on your 2019 tax return if paid by Friday, December 27, 2019!

Any current Chamber Member that solicits and secures a new business to join the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce through the Year End Membership Drive will receive a $25.00 credit to their Chamber account for each new Chamber member.

For more information, contact the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce at 941-564-3040 or signup online at www.NorthPortAreaChamber.com.
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Cash bar will be available!
Drink Special Candy Cane Martini

Requested attire: Cocktail/Semi-formal

Register online at NorthPortAreaChamber.com

Adopt a Family Giving Tree

At the Holiday Social or in the Chamber Office you may pick a family for the holidays off the Giving Tree. A list of needed and wanted items will be provided for each family and family member.

Presents/gifts will be distributed to the families by Santa Claus at the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 1337 N. Sumter Boulevard, North Port on Tuesday, December 10 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
Chamber Networking Breakfast

Put your morning to work.

Location: Longhorn Steakhouse
1381 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte

Address: 1381 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte

Day/Date/Time: Wednesday
December 4, 2019
7:30 am - 9:00 am

$8.00 pre-register or $10.00 at door

**Breakfast Buffet**
Bacon, Eggs, French Toast, Sausage, Home fries,
Oatmeal, Mixed Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

Registration Required By December 3rd.
www.northportareachamber.com
Or call 941-564-3040
Or email: info@northportareachamber.com
Join North Port Area Chamber of Commerce in a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for

Friday, December 6, 2:00 pm
14942 Tamiami Trail, Unit C&D, North Port

Refreshments will be available. Raffle for Giveaways!
Join North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
In a Joint Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for

Advocate Radiation Oncology

Thursday, December 12, 5:30 pm
3080 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte

Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 10 to Carol Murphy at 941-883-2365 or cmurphy@advocatero.com
GRAND OPENING
December, Friday the 13th 5:00PM-11PM
7040 Sumter Crossing Dr
North Port, FL 34287
941.426.AXES

RIBBON CHOPPING 5:30PM
RAFFLES - FOOD - DRINKS

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Cost: Individual $25.00 per person
Full Table (seats 6) $200 (includes premiere seating, table sign, name listed in program and recognition at luncheon)
1/2 Table (seats 3) $125 (includes premiere seating, table sign, name listed in program and recognition at luncheon)

Meal: Pork Loin with fire roasted apple demi or Chicken Frances with whipped potatoes, green beans and beverages

Name: ______________________________________  Company: ______________________________________
Email: ______________________________________  Phone: _______________________________________
Please reserve ____ ticket(s) or ____ table at $________________
The following people will be attending:

1. ___________________________________Pork or Chicken  2. ______________________________Pork or Chicken
3. ___________________________________Pork or Chicken  4. ______________________________Pork or Chicken
5. ___________________________________Pork or Chicken  6. ______________________________Pork or Chicken

___ check enclosed       ____invoice me        ____below is my credit card information

Card type: Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AMEX  Number: ________________________________
Expiration date: ________  CVV: ________  Zipcode: _________  Signature: _______________________

*** Seating is Limited. Deadline to Register is Monday, December 16, 2019.****
Be a Leadership Sponsor!

2020 Leadership North Port is seeking sponsors for Leadership Day Sessions (maximum of 2 per day)

$250 Donation

Benefits to Donor:
- Thank You in front of Leadership participants
- Opportunity to address the Leadership participants at Day Session
- Provide business cards, flyers or handouts for Leadership participants
- Recognition in Chamber newsletter and at Leadership Graduation
- Opportunity to attend part or all of the Day Session sponsored
- PLUS a ticket to the Leadership Graduation

Purpose of Donation:
Your donation will help defray the cost of transportation required to transport the Leadership participants, as a group, to various locations during their Day Sessions. Leadership North Port is not subsidized by the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce. It is a self-supporting program which educates current and future leaders on a variety of topics designed to create a greater awareness and understanding of the community, its issues and its needs.

Day Sessions .. 8am-5pm
November 1, 2019 .. Community Growth & Transportation
December 13, 2019 .. Human Services (FGB)
January 10, 2020 .. Government (Rothco Signs)
January 22, 2020 .. Arts & Culture (evening session at North Port Art Center)
February 14, 2020 .. Media & Justice (Gale West, Your Health Consultant)
March 13, 2020 .. Environment & Tourism
April 10, 2020 .. Manufacturing & Commerce (Buffalo Graffix)
May 8, 2020 .. Education
June 12, 2020 .. Healthcare

Graduation
June 26, 2020 .. Heron Creek (evening)

Please contact:
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce
1337 N. Sumter Boulevard
North Port, FL 34286
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Leadership North Port is a program of North Port Area Chamber of Commerce.
Leadership - Friday, November 1, 2019

Community Day!
Breakfast Club Networking
ANY WINNINGS WILL BE REDEEMED IN PLAY MONEY AND CAN BE USED TO BET, PLAY CASINO GAMES, OR BUY RAFFLE TICKETS & AUCTION ITEMS. YOU MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.
BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GROWING TOGETHER

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CHAMBER STATISTICS

November 2019 YTD 2019

Phone Calls: 384 (5,332)
Visitors in Office: 125 (1,691)
Website Visits: 2,452 (34,506)
Website Page Views: 9,639 (110,482)
Facebook Visits: 504 (6,509)
Facebook Reach: 4,332 (84,211)

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