

# Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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## Community Services

### Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Stone Crabs hosted the Bradenton Marauders at the Charlotte Sports Park. Attendances at these games were, Thursday 5/8 – 775 and Friday 5/9 – 1695.

The Charlotte Stone Crabs have a four (4) game home stand vs. Clearwater Threshers and will be playing at the Charlotte Sports Park from May 16 –19.

### Tringali Recreation

Mother's Day Craft – Wednesday 5/7/14 5:30-7:00pm

Children arrived at Tringali Recreation Center on Wednesday 5/7/14 at 5:30 pm with their sisters, fathers, brothers, aunts and grandma's anyone who could help them keep the secret of the gift for their Mothers. Each child created and decorated a plant holder that they were able to top off with a beautiful planted flower. They also created Mother's Day cards with a poem and their own hand prints for a memory of this moment in time. The Tringali meeting room was decorated with bright spring colors, flowers and streamers creating a fun and festive place to craft a special gift for Mom.

Big Surf XVI – Saturday 5/10/14 8:30-11:00am

Area children attended the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Big Surf Fishing Tournament at Englewood Beach on May 10 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Each child visited three stations to learn about fishing rules and regulations, fish anatomy and habitats, and basic casting skills. Once children completed all three stations they were directed to the beach where they received a free fishing pole courtesy of Fish Florida along with basic instructions on how to use it. Approximately 50 children attended. There was a hot dog cook out following the event as well as raffle prizes for those that remained. There were also certificates that went to the children who caught the biggest and smallest fish in two age groups. Having documented most of the details of the preparation we are hoping for an even bigger success in 2015.

### Harold Avenue Recreation

The Summer Youth Basketball League has officially begun at Harold Avenue Recreation Center. The participants dawned the courts for their first practice of the season last Tuesday. The participants were then given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the league by participating in a Preseason Jamboree which was held on Saturday. During the course of the day, the center played host to 297 players and 600 spectators. Tip off took place at 8:00 am. During this time opposing teams played in 20 minute scrimmages. The league will continue with 10 regular season games and a post season tournament. Games for all participants 14 years of age and younger are to be played on Saturday's beginning at 8 am. Games for all 15 years of age and older are to held on Sunday's beginning at 2:00 pm. In other news, participation in Tae Kwon Do, Table Tennis, and Pickleball continue to remain steady

### Port Charlotte Beach and Recreation

This is the season, no not Christmas, but of Graduation parties and Weddings. Port Charlotte Beach Park and Recreation facility is certainly a beautiful area to hold your celebrations. This past Saturday, May 10, a graduation party was held for about 40 people and a good time was had by all. On Saturday, May 17, there will be another graduation party with an expected attendance of 100 family and friends, with the main event being held on the Deck.

This past week Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center had Azalea Neighborhood Watch meeting working diligently to create a safer community and provide better community service. It was attended by 60 residents.

This coming Wednesday we will have Charlotte County Human Services here with 50 county employees from 7 area counties for senior services training. All will be able to network, create new friendships, and enjoy a BBQ lunch at Beautiful Port Charlotte Beach!

We will also have the Charlotte County Sherriff's Office and The Buckeye/Horseshoe Neighborhood Watch, quashing crime and promoting a tighter community with an average attendance of 40.

Coming up on May 21, we will have The Genealogical Society exploring the past and digging up interesting stories and characters with personal family ties. All are welcome, see what secrets lie in your in your family history.

Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 291 paid admissions, was visited by 62 pass holders and had 55 water aerobics participants.

### **South County Regional Pool**

For the week of 5-4-14 through 5-10-14 South County Regional Park Pool had 243 paid admissions, 22 water aerobics participants and was visited by 164 pass holders. We had a swim meet with approximately 300 in attendance. The Bluefin's held seven practices with approximately 433 swimmers. Approximately 50 Edison HS students and volunteers held end-of-year pool party.

Summer camp at South County Regional Park is full for all first session. Staff is preparing for the start of the program at South County and Harold Ave on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Oyster Creek Regional Pool**

For the week of 5-7 through 5-13-14, Oyster Creek Pool had 200 paid admissions, was visited 78 pass holders and had 122 water aerobics participants. Learn to Swim Spring Session 3 was completed. The Charlotte County Blue Fins held 5 swim practices resulting in approximately 80 "splashes".

### **Extension Services**

Newspaper Article for May 12 – "Why ti?" (it is about Ti Plants)

Environmental Horticulture Statewide Retreat – UF/IFAS Gainesville – Professional Development – May 12

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2014 Master Gardener Training – May 12 – "Best Practices for Public Speaking" – May 13 – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Community Roadway (gateways & thoroughfares) Landscape Beautification – Public Works – May 14 – 2 pm

2014 Master Gardener Training – May 15 – "Plant Propagation" – May 15 – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm – Dr. Monica Ozores-Hampton from the Immokalee REC

Gulf Citrus Growers Association Board - Elections – May 15 – 8:30 am – Extension Conference Room

2014 Farm Safety Day - Immokalee

### **Libraries and Historical**

Join us for our upcoming Hurricane series; these past hurricanes impacted Florida and this area in many ways. June 18, is Hurricane Andrew, and it will be presented at the Englewood, Charlotte Library at 3 p.m. This is a free program presented by the Charlotte County Historical Center.

May 31 is our Summer Reading club kick-off event. This will be held at the Mid-County Regional Library from 10am until 2pm and everyone is invited. This is a great way to get in the summer reading groove with clubs for youth, teen and adults. Come, see what fun we will be having this summer with, Fizz, Boom, Read!

## **Facilities Construction & Maintenance**

### **Repairs and Maintenance**

Real Estates Services and Community Development departments are relocating starting this week from Building Construction Services building to "B" building room 208.

After many months of intense and detailed collaboration with the Information Technology Department, on Monday May 12th Facilities SharePoint Work Order Request System was upgraded to the 2010 version. Our IT contact, Dennis Woodruff worked with us to make the new and improved version provide consistently better access with easier, more user-friendly reporting capabilities. During testing the old and new systems ran parallel to assure the transition was smooth. Phasing out of the old system will mean the old links are limited to read only status during the final transition period. We have addressed the initial hurdles in the implementation process and are successfully fulfilling the new work order requests from our county partners for service and repairs. Many thanks to Dennis, Victor, and Darla for all their efforts on updating this vital software.

### **Operations**

A Charlotte County Sherriff's Office Deputy is now assigned to the Murdock campus on a full time basis. The newly assigned deputy will be providing additional security at a wide range of public meetings that take place at the Murdock Campus regularly, and will be available to respond to a full range of security and safety related issues that frequently arise on campus in a timely manner. The addition of this deputy will provide us with a level of flexibility and responsiveness that is expected to provide a significant enhancement to our ability to keep the Murdock Campus safe for our citizens, customers, employees, and elected officials.

Accessibility improvements are being made in several parks and county buildings beginning this week. In total, eighteen small but significant projects are planned to improve ADA accessibility at these locations. The projected timeline for completion of these projects is sometime in the fall and then a second set of accessibility projects will start. The second phase will continue until we have completed all identified areas in need of these improvements. Public Service Announcements will be posted on the counts county website to give advance notice of areas where work is being done. Our goal is to have very minimal impact on day-to-day activities. Some minor schedule adjustments may be needed but should not require a complete facility shut down for more than a day or two, only if necessary.

Starting last week the Facilities Department began making safety improvements to the Murdock Administration parking lots and drive ways. This project includes changing signage and installing speed control bumps throughout the campus parking areas. Work is starting in high pedestrian and vehicle traffic use or in areas of restricted line of sight.

## **Human Services**

Veteran Services Officer, David Donohew and Assistant Veteran Services Officers, David Rockow and Terry Keene successfully completed the required semi-annual Re-Certification course offered by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. Congratulations Gentlemen.

The Board of County Commissioners also recognized the 65th anniversary of the Office of Veteran Services in Charlotte County at their May 13, 2014 Commission meeting.

211 Charlotte has physically relocated to the Human Services facility at 1050 Loveland Blvd. 211 operations can now more efficiently be integrated with human services and community initiatives.

## Public Works

### Active Construction Projects (may affect vehicular/boater/pedestrian traffic patterns)

**Dredging - Northwest Port Charlotte Waterways** – This project will facilitate safe navigation by providing new access channels into the waterway system connecting to the Myakka River navigation channel. This is a new channel, over one mile long, that extends and connects three waterways to the Myakka River channel. This project consists of design, engineering, permitting and construction of the new channel. Construction Contract: Marine Contracting Group, Projected Schedule: 07/07/2013 – Late Spring 2014

The contractor is conducting clean-up dredging in the Venus and Cheshire waterways. Receipt of the as-built drawings is expected by May 16, 2014. This project is nearing completion.

**Rotonda West Entry Features** – This project will provide new signs at five (5) locations throughout the community. Signs will include landscaping and lighting. Funding is provided from assessments in the Rotonda West Street and Drainage Unit. Construction Contract: Keesling Construction, Construction Schedule: 04/14/2014 – July 2014. Utility locates are complete and the contractor will be on site May 15, 2014.

*PSA issued 5/14/2014: – Construction of the Rotonda West Entry Features will begin Thursday, May 15, 2014. The contractor will begin by installing silt barriers and excavating the area at Rotonda Blvd North. Entry Features are being constructed just outside of Boundary Boulevard at Rotonda Boulevard North, Rotonda Boulevard West, Rotonda Boulevard East, Rebel Court and Cape Haze Drive. Construction is expected to continue through mid-August 2014. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to exercise caution when traveling through these areas.*

**Sidewalks - Gardens of Gulf Cove** – The Gardens of Gulf Cove MSBU Committee requested that sidewalks be installed from the current end of the sidewalk on Coniston Street to Englewood Road and on Coliseum Boulevard from Englewood Road to Drucker Circle. Construction Contract: Bonness, Projected Schedule: 04/24/2014 – 05/31/2014

The Contractor completed this project ahead of schedule. Staff will be meeting the contractor on site for a final inspection and will provide a punch list on May 15, 2014.

**U.S. 41 Microtunnels / Weirs** – This project involves engineering and permitting for the directional drilling of culverts under U.S. 41 at the Fordham, Elkcam, and Pompano Waterways, replacement of culverts at the North and South U.S. 41 Access Roads, within the Pompano Waterway, replacement of a stand-alone weir across the Elkcam Waterway, north of the U.S. 41 Access Road, and replacement of a stand-alone weir across the Fordham Waterway, north of the U.S. 41 Access Road. The U.S. 41 Access Roads at the Pompano Waterway were closed to traffic the week of January 6, 2014. Construction Contract: ZEP Construction, Projected Schedule: 11/18/2013 – Summer 2015

Pompano Waterway: Zep Construction continues to build the concrete endwalls and excavate material. The final drainage pipes will be installed and the utility work will begin next week.

Elkcam Waterway: Zep Construction is currently preparing the northbound side launch pit for Huxted Tunneling. Starting May 19, Huxted will begin microtunneling under US 41 and will work 24 hour shifts until completion.

*PSA issued 5/14/14: Microtunneling under U.S. 41 will begin at the Elkcam Waterway on Monday, May 19, 2014. Zep Construction and Huxted Tunneling will bore an 84" microtunnel under U.S. 41 to increase the stormwater flow capacity within this waterway. When work begins, construction will be carried out 24 hours a day through Thursday, May 22, 2014. Motorists and pedestrians are urged to exercise extreme caution in this area as construction crews will be on site day and night.*

**Winchester Boulevard South Extension** – This project includes the construction of a new four-lane connector from Placida Road to the Charlotte/Sarasota County line, with a direct connection to I-75 via River Road within Sarasota County. As construction progresses, the final design and permitting of the intersection of SR 776/Winchester will occur and the intersection improvements will be rolled into this project. Construction Contract: ZEP Construction, Projected Schedule: 11/25/2013 – Summer 2015

The clearing and grubbing is complete and there will be no more burning of vegetative debris. The Contractor is using the material excavated out of the retention pond as fill for the new roadway. Approximately 2 miles (of the 4.6 miles) of roadway have the bottom layer of fill in place. Drainage pipes and structures are being installed as well as utility lines for both CCU and Englewood Water District. FP&L is currently moving power lines that were in conflict with the new road.

We have received many inquiries about work taking place north of SR 776; the contractor is in the area clearing and grubbing. This area will be utilized as a flood plain compensation site similar to the site that exists adjacent to Winchester Boulevard North. This flood plain compensation site is required to balance the fill that was placed within the Oyster Creek/Gondolier Waterway flood plain to build Winchester Boulevard.

### **Construction Projects in Design or Negotiation**

**Placida Road Safety Improvements Phase 1 (Rotonda Blvd. West to Cape Haze Drive)** – Safety improvements include: a 2.9 mile bicycle-pedestrian path from Rotonda Boulevard West to Cape Haze Drive, intersection improvements at Lemon Bay Golf Course, Bantry Bay, Cape Haze Drive and Panama Drive and resurfacing of Placida Road from Rotonda Boulevard West to the Boca Grande Causeway. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: Through July 2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

60% design plans are underway. Utility notification/coordination activities continue:

1. CenturyLink identified locations of minor conflict with existing pedestals and splice cabinets; they will adjust for any issues which cannot be resolved by "weaving around" with the sidewalk.
2. Utilities Inc. (Sandalhaven) owns an active sewer forcemain line buried with 3ft +/- cover along the northbound shoulder from Sta 181 to Sta 266. Sidewalk grading will move the roadside ditch/swale closer to the road and will reduce existing cover for forcemain. They are considering adjustment and/or re-construction.
3. FPL power pole relocation and hardening is underway through sidewalk project area. Two poles with guy wires are pulling westward across the proposed sidewalk path and will be adjusted by FPL.
4. Comcast has mostly aerial facilities on FPL poles. They have reported a segment of CATV fiber buried 3ft +/- cover from Sta 181 to Sta 197.
5. CCU has no major issues with their existing facilities. A meeting was held with CCU on April 29, 2014 to discuss a corridor for a possible reclaimed water main.
6. Working on scope of services to provide for turn lane geometry near Panama Blvd.

**Placida Road Safety Improvements Phase 2 (Cape Haze Dr. to Boca Grande Causeway)** – The continuation of the Phase 1 bicycle-pedestrian path from Cape Haze Drive to Boca Grande Causeway. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: Through July 2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

60% plans are complete. A SWFWMD pre-application meeting was held on April 24, 2014. We are currently working on addressing comments from that meeting and preparing and exemption request. Utility notification/coordination is on-going:

1. CenturyLink identified locations of "minor" conflict issues with existing pedestals and will make necessary adjustments.
2. FPL power pole relocation and hardening is underway throughout the sidewalk project area. Three FPL poles with guy wires are pulling westward across the proposed sidewalk area and will need to be adjusted by FPL. Comcast facilities are aerial on FPL poles.
3. CCU has no major issues with existing facilities however there is a possibility for a new reclaimed water main.

**Sidewalks – Burnt Store Lakes** - The South Burnt Store MSBU Committee requested sidewalks within the Burnt Store Lakes subdivision. This project will design and construct approximately 1.5 miles of sidewalks on Vincent Avenue from Boca Vista Road to Burnt Store Road and on Saragossa Lane from Cape Horn Boulevard to Burnt Store Road. Design Contract: Banks Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 01/06/2014 – September 2014, Procurement Process: Fall 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Early 2015

30% design plans have been received and are being reviewed by staff. The MSBU met on May 13, 2014 and requested that an additional sidewalk be installed on Rio Togas Road. Banks Engineering will provide a scope of services and fee schedule for the additional work.

**Sidewalks - Rotonda Boulevard West** - Three sidewalks are being funded through the Rotonda MSBU. Sidewalks will be installed from Parade Circle to Rotonda Circle on Rotonda Boulevard East, Rotonda Boulevard North and Rotonda Boulevard West. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 08/18/2011 – 06/11/2013, Procurement Process: June 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2014

Design plans have been reviewed by the utility companies. This project is expected to be submitted to the Purchasing Department by May 30, 2014 in preparation for bid solicitation.

**Sidewalks - South Gulf Cove** – The South Gulf Cove MSBU Committee requested approximately 17 miles of multi-use pathways within the South Gulf Cove subdivision. Phase One includes the design and construction of approximately 2.7 miles of off-street pathways on Ingraham Boulevard from Gasparilla Road to Calumet Boulevard and on Calumet Boulevard from Ingraham Boulevard to St. Paul Drive. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 01/06/2014 – 10/01/2014, Procurement Process: Fall 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Early 2015

30% design plans are expected to be delivered by the end of May 2014. The Beautification Committee requested that benches and minimal landscaping be included in the design. Johnson Engineering prepared a scope and fee to add the benches and landscaping and staff is working on a change order to include the additional work.

## **Coastal Projects**

**Alligator Creek -6 Feet Dredging c391302** – The Alligator Creek Waterway MSBU Committee requested that the County design and apply for a permit to dredge the navigable waterways within the Alligator Creek MSBU to a depth of -6 feet MLW. It is anticipated that a significant amount of time may be required to negotiate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to issue permits for the dredging within the Alligator Creek to more than a depth of -5 feet, which is the depth for the current permit. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 01/06/2013 – Summer 2014, Procurement

Process: Fall 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Spring 2015

Natural resource investigations are complete; no impact to sea grasses, hard bottom or oysters exists. The geotechnical study is complete; rock was located however no continuous rock is exposed at the surface. No rock shelf exists containing soft corals or other hard bottom habitats.

The permit plans and exhibits were submitted to the permitting agencies in February 2014. The Mitigation/Public Interest Plan was formulated and submitted to the permitting agencies for review. The Army Corps of Engineers sent a Request for Additional Information; they want to combine this project with the Alligator Creek Maintenance Dredging Project. The Consultant is attempting to rectify this now.

**Alligator Creek Maintenance Dredging c390502** – The MSBU Committee requested that engineering services be sought to engineer, permit, construct and manage the removal of silt to existing permitted conditions and pursue seeking permits to increase the depth of the access/main channel to -6 feet Mean Low Water (MLW). If maintained to existing conditions (-5 feet MLW), the approximate volume of material to be removed is about 3,000 cubic yards. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 01/06/2014 – Spring 2014, Procurement Process: Spring 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2014

The Army Corps of Engineer (ACOE) permits expired March 2014; re-authorization of project permitting is underway. Plans and specifications are complete pending any revised permit language required by the permitting agencies. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit was received however the ACOE permit application is still under review. The ACOE sent a Request for Additional Information as they want to combine this project with the Alligator Creek -6 Feet Dredging Project. The Consultant is attempting to rectify; this may delay maintenance dredging. The bid specifications are under review by staff.

**Buena Vista Grassy Point Waterway Maintenance Dredging** - Maintenance dredging provides continued safe navigation for citizens who utilize the waterways. This project provides for engineering, design and permitting to dredge the lateral channels and 500 feet into the interior canals to determine the amount of material needed to be removed to restore safe navigation. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 02/01/2014 – Fall 2014, Procurement Process: Fall 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2014

Survey work was conducted the week of April 28, 2014 to obtain information on existing conditions that will facilitate the permitting and engineering of the project. They are in the process of engineering the data retained from the survey work and will have plans ready for review soon.

**Harbor Heights Waterway Maintenance Dredging** - This project consists of maintenance dredging existing man-made canals and access channels to their permitted conditions to restore safe navigation within the waterway system. Design Contract: Stantec, Design/Permitting Schedule: 12/17/2013 – Summer 2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

Staff reviewed the 80% design plans with the consultant; permitting strategies were discussed which should lead to a streamlined permitting process. The permit application was reviewed by staff and submitted the week of April 21, 2014; the permit was received May 8, 2014. The Consultant is in the process of compiling the bid specifications.

**Manchester Waterway Maintenance Dredging** - Maintenance dredging will be conducted in the Manchester, Ackerman and Hyattsville Waterways to provide safe navigation to the citizens who utilize the waterways. This project is located within Gasparilla Sound - Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 12/15/2012 – 02/20/2014, Procurement Process: 02/20/2014 – May 2014, Projected Start of Construction: June 2014

Bid opening was held April 30, 2014. A recommendation to award the construction contract will be presented to the BCC on May 27, 2014. Upon contract approval, the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

**South Gulf Cove Turn Basin** – The South Gulf Cove Waterway Committee requests to permit a turn basin outside the lock complex to aid boaters in holding position while the lock is in use. From outside the lock, the only existing location for vessels, with any substantial size and draft, to hold position is in the channel. Due to the channel width, this poses a potential hazard notably during high winds or seas. The creation of a turn basin will aid boaters by providing sufficient space to hold position until the lock is free of other vessels. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 06/01/2013 – Spring 2014, Procurement Process: Spring 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2014

The FDEP permit was issued, however the permit application is still under review by the ACOE. Due to the volume being dredged, the ACOE must seek approval from National Marine Fisheries (NMF.) The Consultants are making every attempt to work with ACOE and NMF to expedite the process. The ACOE indicated that the permit application review is nearing completion.

Johnson Engineering completed the construction plans and the bid specifications; staff reviewed the bid documents the week of April 14, 2014. Johnson Engineering is in the process of revising the bid specifications to include modifications recommended by staff.

A location was accepted as the spoil disposal site that may reduce the cost of hauling material, however due to the requirements that have been communicated by State Park staff to place the dredged material on State Park property, staff requested that Johnson Engineering prepare a cost comparison between using this spoil site and trucking the spoil to the landfill.

**Stump Pass 10 Year Beach and Inlet Management Plan** – This project provides for continued monitoring, as required by permitting, for dredging Stump Pass that re-established the 1980 channel alignment and provided for re-nourishment of critically eroded beaches. Maintenance dredging of Stump Pass and beach re-nourishment will be conducted approximately every three years. An engineered structure will be installed at Stump Pass to improve program performance. In the permitting process, an Adaptive Management Plan Strategy will be employed to provide options for modifications to structure(s) placed with initial construction, or installation of additional structures in the future, in response to beach and inlet management activities and storm erosion impacts. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 04/16/2012 – Spring 2015, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

The Florida Park Service prefers a rock terminal groin sited as far south as practicable. Coastal Engineering Consultants completed a project modeling study to determine how far south it can be placed to minimize impacts. The result of this modeling showed that reducing the height of the structure by 1.5 feet did not affect the performance and decreased any negative impacts downstream of the structure. However, the State Park Service did not choose this as their desired configuration. They asked for a design that would increase the amount of sand placement upstream of the structure, but the modeling showed that this would be more costly and could have negative impacts on the down drift beaches and the pass itself.

The permit application was reviewed by staff and submitted to the permitting agencies on May 13, 2014.

### **Landscape Projects**

- 100% design plans for the King's Highway/I-75 gateway project were submitted to FDOT for permit application.
- The county is advertising its first contract for "As Necessary" irrigation services to be employed interdepartmentally.
- An ornamental planting was installed on Aaron Street within the Parkside District at the access point to Sunshine Lake.

- A Landscape Maintenance contract for Charlotte Harbor Gateway Phase I, Melbourne Street Bridge approaches, and the US 41 Revitalization Phase I Project, between West Tarpon and Port Charlotte Boulevards, have been advertised.
- Quotations have been received for the landscaping of four pilot cul-de-sacs in Burnt Store Village and are under review.
- Submittals from consulting firms have been received for the design of Harbor Heights Median Improvements and are under review.
- 100% landscape and irrigation plans are complete for the Edgewater Drive Widening Phase 2 project.
- May begins the County's first three monthly specialty mowing contracts along the main thoroughfares.

## **Tourism**

Ms. Becky Bovell, former Tourism Director of the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau, was inducted into the Charlotte County Tourism Hall of Fame during the Tourism Breakfast at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center last week (May 15). More than 100 members of Charlotte County's tourism industry attended the event that also celebrated the value of the sports industry to Charlotte County. Retired professional football player and Charlotte County resident Anthony Hargrove served as the keynote speaker and Jimmy Dean, publisher of Harbor Style magazine, served as the breakfast's emcee. The Charlotte County Tourism Hall of Fame was created to honor people whose body of work in support of tourism has been both exceptional and diverse.