

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Sports Park hosted a six (6) game home stand for the Charlotte Stone Crabs on the following dates with the below attendance: Thursday, 6/19 – 566; Friday, 6/20 – 572; Saturday, 6/21 (Fireworks) – 1662; Sunday, 6/22 – 341; Monday, 6/23 – 397; Tuesday, 6/24 – 885.

The Tampa Bay Rays GCL will be hosting games at the Charlotte Sports Park on 6/26, and 6/27. Games are scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon.

Harold Avenue Recreation

Week 4 of the Summer Break Space Camp was completed at Harold Avenue Recreation Center. The cadet exploration was filled with some interesting thrills. There was so much ground to cover that the cadets had to split in to two groups allowing them to explore more territory quickly. Approximately 22 of the cadets set out to explore the planet LEGOLAND. This planet had inhabitants like no other. They actually looked like Lego robots. During the course of their stay they were entertained with rounding hills, shows, and other interactive thrills. In the meantime, the other 28 cadets set out to explore Water Land. This land was filled with large watering holes, water bombs, and slides. The cadets spent their time enjoying these refreshing activities followed by some outdoor field fun.

Port Charlotte Beach and Recreation

This coming week we will have 33 girls attending Gymnastics Camp. Participants will learn new skills, swim at the pool and make new friends. We also have a wedding and reception scheduled on the deck and in room A.

For the week of 6-18 through 6-24-14, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 327 paid admissions, was visited by 32 pass holders and had 18 water aerobics participants. In addition, staff conducted 26 private swim lessons. The pool also hosted 30 Gymnastics camp participants for swimming Tuesday afternoon.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 6-15-14 through 6-21-14 South County Regional Park Pool had 636 paid admissions, 38 water aerobics participants and was visited by 154 pass holders. The Bluefins held twelve practices with approximately 600 swimmers. 10 outside summer camps brought in approximately 564 swimmers. Also, South County Regional Park and Harold Avenue summer camps had approximately 270 swimmers and we held a summer camp "water day" for the kids on Tuesday 6/17 with bounce house, waterslide and pool volleyball. We also held a Moonlight Swim on 6/21 which had 82 in attendance.

Oyster Creek Regional Pool

For the week of 6-15-14 through 6-21-14 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 575 paid admissions, 86 water aerobics participants and was visited by 89 pass holders. The Bluefin's held five practices with approximately 125 swimmers. Eight local summer camps visited OCRP with a total of 292 campers. The Moonlight Swim was very successful, 197 people had fun swimming in the pool while watching the Lego Movie.

Extension Services

Newspaper Article for June 23 – "Truly ornamental - ornamental grasses"

MG Radio – 1580 – WCCF – June 24

Managers Meeting - Charlotte Sports Park Conference Room – June 25

Libraries and Historical

Advice for your Device is a program where you can bring in any type of E-Reader device and staff will help you get set up to use our library of materials. Check with a local library for days and times!

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

To address a standing water issue under the Public Works Engineering Modular Office site drainage remediation work should be complete by end of this week.

New solid metal access control doors for enhanced security were installed on storage area of Fleet Building to replace existing glass doors.

South County Regional Park Recreation Center/Gym needed work done to remediate wall leaks and refurbish the building expansion joints. This project is now completed.

Operations

Accessibility improvements continue at East Englewood Park, Harold Ave Park, and Ann Dever/Oyster Creek Park. Work at Port Charlotte Library will start next week for improving the rear ADA Ramp and functionality for book drop returns. Ann Dever should be finished up by end of next week. The East Englewood and Harold Ave. locations have more intricate pieces such as landscape, asphalt, drainage, etc. that will continue to be improved until final completion.

Project Management

The HVAC control system at Harold Ave Park continues to operate properly. This system provided a competitive hardware alternative that operates on the same software Charlotte County is currently using. This will help allow dollar savings in the future by giving the county the option to competitively bid control systems if the systems meet the requirements of the project.

Human Services

Combat Wounded Veterans Recognition: The Board of County Commissioners will be recognizing Combat Wounded Veterans at their monthly fourth-Tuesday board meetings—the intent is to recognize those Charlotte County individuals who, in the defense of their country, sustained injuries from combat and were awarded the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart honor is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed.

To qualify, a veteran must have served during a war time period as set forth by the laws of the United States and must have received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained. The veteran must be considered a full time Charlotte County resident.

The nomination process for the BCC Combat Wounded Veteran recognition starts with a request form, completed and turned in to any member of the Charlotte County Veterans Council Executive Board for review by the fourth Tuesday of the month. A person can be nominated more than once. The nominations will not carry over and a new nomination form must be completed each month. Please call Charlotte County Veteran Services for an application or for additional information at 941.764.5579.

FACHSA: Charlotte County Human Services Director, Vikki Carpenter and Family Services Manager, Emily Lewis attended the Florida Association of Counties' Human Services Administrators (FACHSA) annual meeting this past week in Orlando. Presentations and topics of discussion included: Legislative outcomes impacting human services; Strategic Planning; Homelessness; and Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiatives. Also, at this annual meeting, Emily Lewis was nominated to serve on the 2014-2015 FACHSA Board as Secretary. Congratulations, Emily.

Youth Summit: Family Services in Partnership with Drug Free Charlotte County hosted the first meeting of the Youth Summit planning committee. Approximately 30 individuals attended including 10 teens. The Youth

Summit is one of the strategies of the Healthy Communities Healthy Youth committee's strategic plan. The Youth Summit is scheduled to be held in the fall of 2014.

Public Works

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

2014 County Paving Program - This program provides for the resurfacing of roads in Greater Port Charlotte and the Road & Bridge Districts. 2014 paving maps are available on the public Web site. Construction Contract: Ajax Paving, Projected Schedule: 02/03/14 – Late 2014

Ajax Paving finished the final course of asphalt in the Olean 1 area and restoration is underway. The Contractor is paving and performing restoration in the Elmira 2 area; paving will be complete June 24, 2014. The Contractor will be shutting down the week of July 4, 2014 for the holiday; upon return they will move to the southern part of the County to begin paving the Road and Bridge District streets in the contract.

To date, approximately 52,415 tons of pavement has been placed in the Road and Bridge and Greater Port Charlotte Districts. The amount of contract time that has elapsed is approximately 32.24% and the Contractor has completed approximately 51.54% of the work.

On June 10, 2014, Change Order #4 was approved to finish paving the remaining streets in Gulf Cove that was deleted from the FY12 paving program.

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. Construction Contract: Marine Contracting Group, Construction schedule: 06/26/2014 – Fall 2014

The contractor is mobilizing equipment to the site this week to establish the spoil area.

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

The Contractor completed block installation at four locations. Offsite roof construction and fence welding is complete. There is a possible utility conflict at the Rotonda Boulevard North location; staff is working with CenturyLink to resolve the issue so the contractor can proceed to this location.

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

Excavation is underway for the Flood Plain Compensation Pond north of SR 776 and west of Wilmington Boulevard. Trucks hauling the excavated material are using SR 776 and San Casa Drive as the haul route to transport the material into the Winchester Boulevard South construction site.

The new box culvert in the Oyster Creek crossing is under construction. The Contractor will be placing the concrete in the floor of the culvert in the next week. The walls and roof of the culvert will follow.

The Contractor continues to install drainage pipes and structures for the new roadway; utility lines for both CCU and Englewood Water District are being placed. FP&L, Comcast, and FP&L Fibernet moved all power lines that were in conflict with the new road.

To facilitate the utility installation, drainage system and the roadway construction, Fruitland Ave and Avenue of the Americas intersection with Winchester Blvd will be closed to thru traffic until August 18th. This will allow the Contractor to complete the construction of the new roadway within the intersection without placing the motoring public in danger. The intersection will be reopened in time for the start of the 2014-15 school year.

Construction Projects in Design or Negotiation

Sidewalks – Harbour Heights - This project consists of constructing approximately 2.75 miles of 5' wide sidewalks within the Harbour Heights MSBU District. Sidewalks are proposed along the following six (6) roadways: Sunnybrook Road (from triangle at Broadpoint Dr. to Peace River Dr.), Peace River Drive (from Sunnybrook Rd. to San Marino Dr.), San Marino Drive (from Broadpoint Dr. to Peace River Dr.), Broadpoint Drive (from Voyageur Dr. to Washington St.), Sulstone Drive (from Sunnybrook Rd. south to end), Voyageur Drive (from Broadpoint Dr. to end). Design Contract: Charlotte Engineering, Design/Permitting: 6/27/14 – Late 2014, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

The Board of County Commissioners approved a CIP amendment for this project on June 24, 2014. A work order will be issued to Charlotte Engineering to begin design by June 27, 2014.

Sidewalks - Sheehan Boulevard – This sidewalk will be installed on Sheehan Boulevard, from Noble Terrace to Peachland Boulevard, and includes a connection to a recently constructed sidewalk on Alton Road. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: 03/02/2011 – 05/10/2013, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

This project was expected to be advertised for bid in early February 2014 however outstanding utility issues have delayed advertisement. CCU is currently trying to acquire an FDEP permit for their portion of the project.

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

The Beautification Committee requested that benches and minimal landscaping be included in the design. A change order was approved for the additional work and Johnson Engineering is incorporating the additional features into the design. The 30% design plans are expected to be delivered by the end of June 2014.

Coastal Projects

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

Johnson Engineering completed the survey and the preliminary plan design; preliminary plans are under review. A pre-application meeting will be scheduled with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in an attempt to expedite the permit review process.

Gulf Cove 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/access channels and 100 feet into the interior canals. The amount of material to be removed will be determined as engineering and design progresses. Design Contract: TBD, Design/Permitting Schedule: May – Sept. 2015, Procurement Process: Fall 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015

The scope of services has been negotiated and the Consultant is in the process of gathering preliminary data. The initial survey is scheduled this month and the preliminary design will follow.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: July 2014-Field Work, August 2014-Data Reduction and Design Plans, September 2014-Permit Application Preparation and Submittal, October 2014 through Summer 2015-Permit Processing

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 – Spring 2014, Procurement Process: July 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

Staff reviewed the bid specifications and the Consultant made final revisions; limited vegetation trimming, for line of sight/navigation, is being added to the contract. This project is expected to be advertised for bid in July 2014.

Drainage Projects

Charlotte Harbor Watershed Management - Stormwater Structures Phase 2 - This project shall follow Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) guidelines consistent with the District's Watershed Management Program. Three components are proposed: Topographic Information, Watershed Evaluation and a Watershed Management Plan. The Watershed Management Plan includes the installation of stormwater structures on Church Street and Bayshore Road (BMP 6) and on Harper Avenue (BMP 29) as Phase 1 of this project which is complete. Phase 2 includes the installation of stormwater structures on Central Avenue near Oakley Street (BMP 25), near Church Street (BMP 26) and near Main Street (BMP 42). Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: 02/06/2014 – June 2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

The SWFWMD permit and the 90% design plans have been received; the plans are currently under review.

Maintenance and Operations

Week Ending June 24, 2014

There were 47 new work requests for service from 6/17/2014 through 6/24/2014. Most of the calls were for drainage, some for brush removal, and debris removal from the right of way.

A Drainage crew performed 2,400 square feet of Line and Grade, and installed 24 linear feet of 14"X23" reinforced concrete pipe for a driveway and 40 linear feet for a road crossing on Washington Loop Road near Gray Fox Lane.

The Quick response crew re-graded 6,000 square feet for sod on Washington Loop. They also performed 230 square feet of standard cuts on Tropical and Lakeview and 410 square feet on Beaver Ln. and Westchester.

A drainage crew replaced a driveway pipe and finished up Line and Grade on Forbes Terrace and picked up brush on the North Access Road in Englewood East.

An outfall crew installed two road crossing and armored three of them in the Peachland area of Port Charlotte in advance of the Paving Program.

Swale work was completed using the Menzi Muck Excavator on Catherine, Hernando, and the Hayworth ditch in Port Charlotte.

A drainage crew completed 4,000 square feet of Line and Grade on Talbot Street; this job is on-going.

An Outfall Crew completed a 19"x30" reinforced concrete pipe outfall at Saxony Circle including open cut restoration, final dress up and sod ordered.

Completed 20 linear feet of 12"x18" reinforced concrete pipe driveway on Grove Avenue; concrete drives have been poured with dress up & sod to follow.

Two outfall crews replaced four road crossing pipes in the Peachland area and a drainage crew completed 8,400 square feet of line and grade on Alpine Ave. between Dorchester St. and Yarmouth St. and 2,700 square feet on Yarmouth St. between Alpine Ave. and Evanston Ave.

Other Projects

Electric Runs to Rotonda West Bridges – The Rotonda MSBU Committee requested the installation of an electric power system for five Bridges that cross the Rotonda River. Locations are: Rotonda Boulevard East, Rotonda Boulevard West, Rotonda Boulevard North, Cape Haze Drive and Rebel Court. Design Contract: Florida Transportation Engineering, Design/Permitting: 12/14/2012 – 08/09/2013, Procurement: 10/21/2013 – 01/28/2014, Construction: 04/14/2014 – July 2014

All conduit and 12' poles are installed. Installation of the 6' poles and pull boxes are expected by July 1, 2014. Project is on schedule to be completed by the middle of July 2014.

Harbour Heights Median Improvements - This project consists of installing curbing, irrigation and landscaping within the existing medians on Sunnybrook Road and Broadpoint Drive. Design Contract: Charlotte Engineering, Design/Permitting: 6/27/14 – Late 2014, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

The Board of County Commissioners approved a CIP amendment for this project on June 24, 2014. A work order will be issued to Charlotte Engineering to begin design by June 27, 2014.

Tourism

Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau staff attended the Florida Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (FADMO) annual marketing summit meeting June 16-18 in Daytona. The meeting included a program by VISIT FLORIDA, the state tourism marketing corporation, reviewing their 2015 marketing plan and highlighting programs that will be offered for marketing partners. Staff also attended informational sessions on Florida tax statute, visitor experience mapping, new content development and marketing trends, traveler expectations of destination websites, and generational differences of the Florida traveler.

Jennifer Huber, Public Relations Manager for the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau, has been

appointed to serve a one-year term on VISIT FLORIDA's Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature Committee. The committee composes of representatives from hotels, attractions and destinations and works with the state's tourism bureau to promote nature-based, cultural heritage and rural tourism.