

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

Published 10/21/14

Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

In partnership with the Lee County Sports Authority, the Charlotte Sports Park hosted several games of the Perfect Game Tournament from 10/10 – 10/12. All playing fields along with the stadium were utilized and estimated attendance was 4000 for the three day event.

Harold Avenue Recreation

Footloose, get loose and put on your basketball shoes! Watch me shoot some threes as the crowd explodes with screams. Yes Jack! Basketball is back! The floor is done, come on and join the fun at the Harold Avenue Recreation Center. On Thursday the "All Clear" was given allowing recreational activities to resume on the brand new wooden gym floor. The approval was received just in time for area basketball officials to participate in a one day clinic on Saturday to sharpen their skills for the upcoming season. In addition, Registrations for the Winter Youth Basketball League are still under way. The Youth Basketball League is open to area youth between the ages of 5 and 17 years old. The league, which will begin in November, consists of 10 regular season games followed by a postseason playoff for youth ages 9 and older. All interested parties have until Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 5 p.m. to register.

Port Charlotte Beach Pool

For the week of 10-8 through 10-14-14, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 154 paid admissions, was visited by 41 pass holders and had 37 water aerobics participants.

This past weekend we had two events at PCB. The first was a 60th Birthday Party which was celebrated with 80 guests in attendance, with authentic Cuban cuisine! The second event was a Baby Shower with 35 guests in attendance.

This next weekend we have a wedding and reception scheduled for 130.

A new program starting at Port Charlotte Beach is Tai-Chi on Monday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. For information call Richard Curtis at 407-923-8310.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 10-5-14 through 10-11-14 South County Regional Park Pool had 149 paid admissions, 19 water aerobics participants and was visited by 161 pass holders. We had 6 athletes compete in the Special Olympics State Games. We had 3 candidates participate in lifeguard tests and interviews. The blue Fins held five practices with approximately 350 swimmers. High School swim team and dive team held seven practices with approximately 280 participants.

Oyster Creek Pool

For the week of 10-5-14 through 10-11-14 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 166 paid admissions, 98 water aerobics participants and was visited by 69 pass holders. The Bluefin's held 4 practices with approximately 100 swimmers. The Lemon Bay High School Swim Team held 4 practices with 40 swimmers at each practice.

Extension Services

Newspaper Article for October 13 - "The popular pygmy date palm"

4-H Marine club supervision – October 13

Gateway Meeting - UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension Office, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota – October 16

Managers Meeting - Charlotte Sports Park – October 17.

2014 Gardening Symposium – October 18 - I will be conducting "Weed Control in Your Landscape" – twice.

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

- Facilities submitted a report to Administration on our use of 2,828 hours of Charlotte County jail inmate labor last fiscal year to augment our projects and operations.
- The wireless handicap entrance door at Cultural Center library location recently had several repairs done to address patron concerns. The indoor and outdoor push button and plates were replaced. Also the internal circuit boards were replaced and reprogrammed.

Operations

- Justice Center's new x-ray machine has been ordered through purchasing to replace the old dilapidated one. This new machine has far better technology and was picked by a committee including those directly involved with its daily use.

Project Management

- Light poles have been delivered to Carmalita Park. Installation of new LED lighting for the softball parking lot will begin next Monday
- The pre-construction meeting was held for the Anger Fishing Pier and Parking project.

Human Services

Eighteen months ago, J.J., a severely disabled veteran came to see our Veteran Services Officer, David Donohew, about a VA Claim that was denied. David read the claim and saw that the VA had not used the proper law to adjudicate the claim. David did a notice of disagreement citing the applicable laws and the claim was overturned in favor of the veteran, and J.J. received \$30,000.00 in back pay. J.J. has not worked for the past thirty years and now receives his VA Disability in addition to his Social Security Disability.

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 Website. Construction Contract: Ajax Paving, Construction Schedule: 02/03/14 – Late 2014

The Contractor finished paving in the Midway 8 area and has moved into the Peachland 3 area.

The sod Contractor is having difficulty getting into the sod fields to cut sod at this time, therefore sodding will resume as soon as sod can be cut in the fields.

To date, approximately 72,095 tons of asphalt has been placed in the Road and Bridge, Greater Port Charlotte, and Punta Gorda Non-Urban MSBU Districts. The amount of contract time that has elapsed is approximately 54.62% and the Contractor has completed approximately 63.41% of the work.

C.R. 771 (Gasparilla Road) Widening – The purpose of this project is to widen C.R. 771 (Gasparilla Road) to a four-lane divided roadway, from S.R. 776 to the vicinity of Rotonda Boulevard East. The project will include the installation of sidewalks and bicycle facilities. This 790 calendar day project is funded by the 2009 Sales Tax, Road Impact Fees, Gasoline Tax and a State Grant. Construction Contract: Construction Manager at Risk, Halfacre Construction, Woodruff and Sons, Inc. will be performing on-site construction, Construction Schedule: 07/07/14 – 09/04/16.

Woodruff and Sons is currently installing underground utilities on CR 771 on the east side of the roadway, south of the Butterford Waterway. Crews are also clearing vegetation on the east side of the roadway, north of the Butterford Waterway, up to SR 776.

Atlantic Directional Drilling is on site boring utility lines under the Butterford Waterway; this utility work is projected to be finished by October 27, 2014.

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Dorchester Waterway at Kenilworth DOR 4.89 - This project provides for the design, permitting, and construction of a stormwater control structure under Kenilworth Boulevard at the Dorchester Waterway. As a result of the Stormwater Master Plan that was completed in 1998, it was determined that many of the existing water control structures were either undersized or had deteriorated since the 1960's when they were originally built. This particular structure collapsed in late November 2013. This structure will be upsized from two culverts to two 8'x10' box culverts. Construction Contract: Lovin Construction, Construction Schedule: 9/15/2014 – 12/31/2014

Construction is underway. The box culverts are being formed and poured. The work on the headwalls and wingwalls will begin the week of October 20, 2014.

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Sunset Waterway at Forrest Nelson Blvd SUN 3.65 – This project provides for the construction of a stormwater control structure under Forrest Nelson Boulevard, between Quesada Avenue and Corktree Circle, at the Sunset Waterway. As a result of the Stormwater Master Plan that was completed in 1998, it was determined that many of the existing water control structures were either undersized or had deteriorated since the 1960's when they were originally built. This particular structure will be replaced with three 8'x10' box culverts to increase flow capacity. Construction Contract: Quality Enterprises, Construction Schedule: 05/19/2014 – 10/13/2014

Construction is nearing completion; Forrest Nelson Boulevard is open to traffic. The Contractor received a punch list on October 15, 2014 and is working on completing the punch list items.

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. Construction Contract: ZEP Construction, Projected Schedule: 11/18/2013 – 5/12/2015

Elkcam Waterway: Zep Construction is preparing the waterway for rip rap foundations and construction of the concrete headwalls.

Fordham Waterway: Huxted Tunneling completed the last microtunnel for this project. Zep Construction is installing the new concrete weir upstream of the northbound Access Road.

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 survey work for the project area is complete. County staff met with Charlotte Engineering & Surveying to discuss design options. 30% design plans have been received and are being reviewed by staff.

Sidewalks - Parade Circle Sidewalk Connections - The Rotonda West MSBU requested that sidewalks be installed along the feeder roads leading to Parade Circle. This design will be for approximately 950 feet of 6' sidewalk along Oakland Hills Road, Pebble Beach Road, Pinehurst Road, Broadmoor Road, Long Meadow Road and White Marsh Road. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting: through Spring 2015, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

The survey of the project area is complete. 30% plans are expected in early October 2014.

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: through 10/14/2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

This project is advertised for bid. A pre-bid conference was held on October 13, 2014 and bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on November 5, 2014.

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 MSBU Committee met on September 11, 2014, and requested that the sidewalks be designed at a width of 10 feet. Johnson Engineering has been advised and will revise the plans accordingly. 90% plans are expected in November 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 – August 2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

A Request for Quotes, for Phase 2 Construction, is advertised. A pre-quote meeting was held on October 8, 2014 with quotes due to the County by October 17, 2014.

DeSoto Canal Bank Restoration and Stabilization Phase 2 - Subsequent to clearing the canal banks it was discovered that the slopes had degraded resulting in erosion. Design and reconstruction of the slopes is necessary to prevent future degradation. Phase 2 includes the continuation of bank restoration to Harbor View Road and consists of installing an Anchor Reinforced Vegetation System (ARVS) along the west bank of the DeSoto Canal.

Design Contract: Tetra Tech, Design/Permitting: 06/08/2012 – 04/01/2014, Procurement Process: through October 28, 2014, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2014

The Construction Contract will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on October 28, 2014 for award to Marine Contracting Group, Inc. Upon Notice to Proceed, this project will take approximately 180 days to complete.

Newgate Waterway Spoil Removal - The Newgate Waterway has several large silt deposits and overgrown vegetation within the limits of the water line. This accumulated material is causing an adverse impact on the stormwater conveyance system and needs to be removed. Approximately 8,000 cubic yards of material will be removed from the waterway approximately 3,400 feet from Jennings Boulevard to east of David Boulevard. Design Contract: Stantec, Design/Permitting Schedule: 02/01/2013 – 8/30/2014, Procurement Process: September 2014, Projected Construction Schedule: December 2014 – March 2015 (during dry season)

A consultant has been retained to perform the permitting, surveying, and relocation requirements to protect and relocate tortoises from the project site as required by law.

As we are anticipating construction to start in December 2014 during the dry season, the gopher tortoise survey (which is only good for 90 days) will be completed and the relocation permit will be submitted by the end of October 2014.

The pre-bid meeting is scheduled October 24, 2014. Bids will be due on November 12, 2014.

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Fordham Waterway at Quasar FOR 4.60 - This project provides for the construction of a stormwater control structure under Quasar Boulevard at the Fordham Waterway. As a result of the Stormwater Master Plan that was completed in 1998, it was determined that many of the existing stormwater control structures were either undersized or had deteriorated since the 1960's when they were originally built. This particular structure will be properly sized from two 60" RCP with a 50' weir to one 8'x10' box culvert with a 6' weir. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 10/01/2013 – August 2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015

The survey is complete and the SWFWMD permit application has been submitted. 90% plans were received October 14, 2014 and are currently under review by staff.

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Niagara Waterway at Quasar NIA 5.09 - This project provides for the design, permitting and construction of a stormwater control structure under Quasar Boulevard at the Niagara Waterway. As a result of the Stormwater Master Plan that was completed in 1998, it was determined that many of the existing water control structures were either undersized or had deteriorated since the 1960's when they were originally built. This particular structure will be properly sized and upgraded from two 48" metal pipes with a 44' weir to two 48" concrete pipes with a 20' weir. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 05/01/2013 – 9/1/2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015

The design is complete and permits have been obtained. Due to funding and other ongoing projects, this structure is scheduled for construction in late 2015.

Maintenance & Operations

October 8-14, 2014

There were 59 new work requests for service during this time period. The calls were for drainage work, brush cutting, illegal dumping and potholes.

- A Drainage Crew completed 14,340 square feet of line and grade in Deep Creek on Recife Dr. and on

Guapore Dr.

- The Quick Response Crew completed 1,337 square feet of standard cut in the Punta Gorda Non-Urban District on Larkspur Dr.
- An Outfall Crew installed 48' of 12"x18" reinforced concrete pipe in the Punta Gorda Non-Urban District on Alder Rd.
- A Drainage Crew completed 4,450 square feet of line and grade and shot some elevations on a new job in the Greater Port Charlotte District.
- An Outfall Crew installed 108 feet of 14"x23" pipe and 95 feet of 24"x38" pipe and poured 3 crossings, in the Greater Port Charlotte District.
- The Flail mower cut 11,775 cubic yards of vegetation in Greater Port Charlotte and 17,600 cubic yards in the north Road & Bridge District.
- 72 linear feet of small pipe was installed on Allworthy in Greater Port Charlotte.
- 36 linear feet of guardrail was installed due to two accidents (1 in Greater Port Charlotte, 1 in West County)
- 5000 pounds of debris was removed from rights-of-ways in Greater Port Charlotte.
- 155,500 square feet of vegetation was mowed with the Menzi Muck in the Mid County Stormwater District.
- A Drainage Crew completed 10,300 square feet of line and grade in South Gulf Cove.
- An Outfall Crew grubbed out, shelled, and paved a turnaround at the dead end of Brookwood Dr. in Grove City.

Other Projects

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 design team is surveying the area. 30% design plans have been received and are being reviewed by staff.

Manasota Key Community Plan Design – The Manasota Key MSTU Committee requested the development of a Community Plan including, but not limited to, sidewalks, bike paths, crosswalks and lighting. The first phase of this project consisted of a conceptual master plan completed by Weiler Engineering in December 2013. Phase 2 is the design of construction ready plans consisting of the top priorities as identified by the MSTU Committee. Design Contract: Weiler Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: July 2014 – Early 2015, Construction: N/A (Design Only)

Weiler Engineering met with the MSBU Committee on September 10, 2014 and reviewed the preliminary 30% design plans. The MSBU Committee agreed that 5 feet wide sidewalks were a better option with the limited right of way. 30% design plans are expected by mid-October 2014.

Tourism

Charlotte County continues to be a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts and to keep the destination top of mind with outdoor writers, photographers and broadcast journalists, Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau staff attended the Annual Southeastern Outdoor Press Association Conference in Fontana Dam, N.C., earlier in the month (Oct.8 - 11). Bureau staff participated in the tourism showcase as well as educational and networking opportunities. Charlotte County hosted the group in 2009 and even after five years, many members still say that was their favorite conference. In 2016, the conference will be held in Polk County, Florida, which will provide an opportunity for Charlotte County to host journalists during pre- and

post-conference trips.

Utilities (CCU)

\$2,071,324 Grant Awarded to CCU

Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) has received notification from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) that the East and West Spring Lakes project has been accepted for funding in the full amount that was applied for: \$2,071,324. The funding is from the FY2015 TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Water Quality Restoration Grant.

Fall Educational Tours Return to CCU Facilities:

This is a unique opportunity to learn about what goes on behind the scenes. Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) is opening Rotonda Water Reclamation Facility from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Oct. 29, and West Port Reclamation Facility from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 7 for educational tours. Visitors will learn about the water reclamation process, observe treatment plant operators in action and learn about the transport, processing and disposal of bio solids. Reservations are required in advance. Please call 941.764.4304 to learn more, reserve your space, and identify which of the tours you would like to attend.