

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Our government access television station CC-TV is now broadcasting on both CenturyLink Prism TV and Comcast. CC-TV provides viewers with live broadcasts of Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners meetings and Code Enforcement Special Magistrate meetings. Additional programming includes previously recorded Punta Gorda City Council meetings, Construction Industry Licensing Board meetings, special documentaries and local, state, and national satellite programming. Viewers can also find informative programming on Florida environmental and historical topics, public service announcements, and more.

CC-TV is broadcast 24 hours a day on CenturyLink Prism TV channel 96 and on Comcast channel 20 (in some areas south of Punta Gorda the broadcast is on Comcast channel 96). The broadcast is also streamed live online and the schedule is posted weekly on the CC-TV web pages at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov. Call CC-TV at 941.623.1090 for more information.

Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park: On Saturday, 11/22, the Charlotte Sports Park will be hosting the 3rd Annual Tippecanoe Trail & Mud Run (5K and 10K) beginning at 8:30 am, along with the 15th Annual Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival at 10 am.

Harold Avenue: Week one of the Winter Youth Basketball League was completed this weekend. Over the course of the weekend the center played host to 308 players and 600+ spectators. The participants of the Winter Youth Basketball League play games consisting of two 20 minute halves and demonstrate new skills acquired during the first two weeks of practice. The Winter Youth Basketball League will continue with nine more weeks of regular season games followed by a post season tournament in February.

Port Charlotte Beach Pool: Port Charlotte Beach Pool has been closed for renovations since 11-10-14. Work has been progressing ahead of schedule and the Department anticipates re-opening well ahead of the January 15, 2015 deadline.

Port Charlotte Beach Park: This past weekend was a busy one here at PCB. The Florida Highway Patrol had their 75th Anniversary Party/picnic. The event was park wide with games for the kids, games for the adults and lots of food. The total in attendance was 240 inside, with more enjoying the great weather outside. Then on Sunday we had a memorial service, with a total of 70 to 100 throughout the event.

Coming up this next weekend we have a wedding on Saturday for 90 guests and an anniversary party on Sunday for 100 guests.

Oyster Creek Regional Pool: For the week of 11-9-14 through 11-15-14 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 54 paid admissions, 268 water aerobics participants and was visited by 84 pass holders. The Bluefin's held 4 practices with approx. 100 swimmers.

South County Regional Pool: South County Regional Pool is closed through Jan. 15, 2015.

Extension Services:

Newspaper Article for November 17 - "Also known as the Barbados flower-fence"

Overall Advisory Committee – November 17 – Extension Conference Room

Charlotte Academy – Science Fair Judge – November 18

Landscape Committee Meeting - Public Works Conference Room – November 19

Friends for Extension Annual Meeting – November 20

Extension Staff Meeting – November 20

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

- Work has begun on the Harbour Heights bathroom renovations. The expected completion date of this project is approximately a month.
- New LED lighting is now completed at the Tringali Rec Center gym. This is being coordinated with the other planned improvements by Community Services. Phase II of the LED lighting project will begin in two weeks.

Operations

- Preparations are underway to check electrical outlets and photo sensors for the lighting of the county's tree on Murdock Administration campus facing SR 41.
- The contract for repair and maintenance to Fire Alarm system is now out for bid.
- Annual service and inspections to fire extinguishers are being done at some county facilities. The remainder of inspections will be completed in April.

Project Management

- The low bid for the Port Charlotte Beach Fishing Pier and Boardwalk Rebuild project was submitted by Bay Shore Construction.
- The maintenance request for bid was submitted to purchasing and fiscal for the Sports Park Grass parking under drain system. Purchasing started compiling the documents for spec review.
- The Carmalita Park and South County Park concession stands are scheduled for consultant and staff review. The review will identify any items needing to be completed or corrected. The contractor has the majority of final inspections complete. All final inspections will be completed before acceptance of the facilities.
- Bay Heights Boat Ramp project received the FDOT permits. The Fish and Wildlife Commission issued the buoy permits. The project is currently waiting on the US Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineering permits.
- The Board of County Commissioners approved the ranking of the design consultants for the Airport Road Annex Master Plan. Additionally, it was approved to begin negotiations with the top ranked firm. A scope meeting will be scheduled to determine proposal timeline and cost.

Public Works

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

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 complete and have been backfilled. The fabric form has been installed and now the rip rap is being placed. The project remains on schedule with 62% complete.

Construction Projects in Design or Negotiation

Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk, Phase One – This project is to design and construct pedestrian and boater access to Charlotte Harbor. The Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area (CHCRA) is interested in providing continuous pedestrian access from Bayshore Live Oak Park to Chester Roberts Park and to improve boater access to the harbor. Design Contract: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Design/Permitting Schedule: 06/17/2009 – 03/18/2011, Procurement Process: September 2014, Projected Start of Construction:

December 2014.

Staff submitted the required documents to FDOT to proceed with the construction contract; notice was received from FDOT that all documents have been submitted and we anticipate Notice to Proceed from FDOT by the end of November 2014.

Staff will be utilizing Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services for this project to ensure compliance with federal rules and requirements. The Board of County Commissioners approved the CEI contract with CDM Smith on November 12, 2014. The Purchasing Department will schedule a negotiation meeting to discuss the scope and fees for the project.

Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk, Phase Two – This project is to design and construct pedestrian and boater access to Charlotte Harbor. The Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area (CHCRA) is interested in providing continuous pedestrian access from Bayshore Live Oak Park to Chester Roberts Park and to improve boater access to the harbor Phase 2 includes the design of pedestrian connections from the promenade (located along the east side of US 41 northbound travel lanes), including a boardwalk crossing underneath the US 41 Bridge, a stairway connecting the promenade to the US 41 Bridge sidewalk, a fishing pier, and a water taxi dock facility. Design Contract: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Design/Permitting Schedule: 10/15/2013 – 11/17/2014, Procurement Process: Summer 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015

Meetings with the design firm continue; work is progressing on the 60% design plan review as well as document preparation for permit applications.

County staff and the design team are working with the Florida Department of Transportation to discuss the plans and secure the land lease agreement.

Edgewater Drive Widening Phase Two – This project will widen Edgewater Drive, between Harbor Boulevard and Midway Boulevard, to a four-lane arterial roadway designed to better serve the central portion of the County and accommodate anticipated traffic growth. The project will include replacing three bridges (West Spring Lake Waterway, East Spring Lake Waterway, and Sunrise Waterway) and improve five intersections, four of which will be roundabouts Improvements include a raised median, curb and gutter, sidewalks/bike lanes, and landscaping. Design Contract: Southwest Engineering and Design, Design/Permitting: Complete, Procurement Process: Complete, Projected Start of Construction: 01/05/2015.

The Board of County Commissioners awarded the construction contract to Owen-Ames-Kimball on October 28, 2014. The Notice to Proceed for construction is scheduled January 5, 2015.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) contract with Southwest Engineering & Design on November 12, 2014.

The County plans to hold a Public Information Meeting to discuss the project and the associated road closures in early 2015. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Parkside - Harbor Boulevard Improvements (U.S. 41 to Olean Boulevard) Phase 2 – Phase 2 design includes roadway improvements consisting of a four lane divided roadway with a 16' – 20' raised median that will provide for safer turning movements, 8' – 10' multi use paths on both sides, landscaping, decorative lighting, wayfinding and a gateway feature Utility improvements are included in this project. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 11/12/2013 – Late 2014, Procurement Process: Early 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Spring 2015

The Board of County Commissioners approved running FPL power lines underground, along the west side of Harbor Boulevard, on November 12, 2014 as part of the Harbor Boulevard Enhancement project.

Charlotte County staff is currently reviewing the 60% design plans and is preparing comments.

South Gulf Cove Bridge Repairs – This project consists of Bridge repairs needed in South Gulf Cove based on the 2013 Florida Department of Transportation Bridge Inspection Report. The St. Paul Drive Bridge over the Zephyr Waterway has one (1) pile with delamination at each of the four corners with evidence of corrosion bleed-out on the northwest corner that needs to be repaired. The Ingraham Boulevard Bridge over the President's Waterway has two (2) piles that have experienced section loss within the wet/dry zone due to the

corrosivity of the blackish water and are in need of repair. Design Contract: American Consulting Professionals, Design/Permitting Schedule: 05/01/2014 – 12/31/2014, Procurement Process: April 2015, Projected Start of Construction: May 2015

Staff reviewed 90% design plans and provided comments to the design engineer.

Drainage Projects

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: January 2015 – 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 January 2015 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.

Bids for the construction contract were received and opened on November 12, 2014. A recommendation to award the construction contract will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on December 9, 2014.

Tourism

Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau staff traveled to New York City last week (Nov. 13) to participate in a luncheon for members of the media. VISIT FLORIDA arranged the event which was attended by media outlets ranging from traditional print publications to online magazines and blogs. The writers and editors represented publications as Everyday with Rachel Ray, New York Times and Travel & Leisure Magazine. Staff shared what's new in Charlotte County in order to provide story ideas for future newspaper, magazine and online articles. Of particular interest were Florida Tracks & Trails and various sporting events being held in the County in 2015.