

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Harold Avenue

Dribble that ball down the court and Score – Team- Score! Week 8 of the Winter Youth Basketball League was completed on Sunday. The Spurs, of the 11-12 age brackets, is the only undefeated team in this highly competitive league. With two weeks remaining in the regular season it is still anybody's game. The Youth Basketball League is open to area youth between the ages of 5 and 17 years old. The league consists of 10 regular season games and a post season tournament. League practice hours are held inside of the Harold Avenue Recreation Center Gymnasium from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Games are held on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

This past weekend at Port Charlotte Beach we had Charlotte Harbor Kids Fest that ran from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. The weather was cold, windy and threatened to rain, but, we had great vendors, county staff and volunteer's tough it out, for an outstanding event! We had approximately 720 to 750 attend, with free food, lots of activities and games at each booth, every child received goodies and information about Charlotte County Camps, Programs and Sports, clubs and services. Everyone had a great time.



For the week of 1-21 through 1-27-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 157 paid admissions, was visited by 73 pass holders and had 108 Water Aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 1-18-15 through 1-24-15 South County Regional Park Pool had its first full week of being open following the renovations. We had 58 paid admissions, 28 water aerobics participants and were visited by 107 pass holders. The Blue Fins also resumed their training here and held six practices with approximately 350 swimmers.

Oyster Creek Regional Pool

For the week of 1-18-15 through 1-24-15 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 95 paid admissions, 118 water aerobics participants and was visited by 94 pass holders. The Bluefin's held 5 practices with approximately 125 swimmers.

Extension Service

Newspaper Article for January 26 – "Don't call me pigweed, I'm amaranth"
South Central Monthly CED Polycom Meeting – January 26
Master Gardener Radio Program – January 27 – WCCF-1580
Extension Staff Meeting – January 27
Landscape Gardening Series – January 30 – "Trees"
County Fair Begins – January 30

Historical Center

On January 24, 2015 the Historic Cookie House Tours hosted by the Charlotte County Historical Center were attended by 94 adults and 2 children. The public showed a great amount of support for the event and donated generously to our preservation funds.

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

The unpaved parking lot and driveway areas at Murdock Building D are having new crushed shell application starting this week. The additional shell should improve rainwater drainage and help to minimize standing water puddles in rainy season.

Operations

To enhance security for county vehicles, building, and employees, light poles and energy efficient fixtures are in planning phase for Murdock Building D and adjacent parking areas.

Project Management

The El Jobean fishing pier design scope of work and fees have been completed and sent to purchasing so the design can begin.

The submittals for the Port Charlotte Beach pier and boardwalk rehabilitation project have been returned to the contractor with comments for correction of some items.

The contractor has obtained the site permit and landscape permit from Building Construction Services department for the Harbor Heights Park drainage, parking and sports courts improvement project. The Development Review Committee has approved the project and the survey and layout work is continuing.

The Anger Park retaining wall at the property line is scheduled for concrete pouring today.

Public Works

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

Burnt Store Road (Phase III) Widening – Construction consists of widening Burnt Store Road, between the Lee County Line and a point north of Zemel Road, to a four-lane divided suburban typical section including stormwater management, drainage improvements, street lighting, 6' sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, utility relocations and additions. Construction is projected to be complete in September 2015. Construction Contract: Gibbs & Register, Construction Schedule: 03/10/2014 – 09/10/2015

- The excavation of 1 pond and grading and sodding of swales continues.
- Work is progressing on the box culverts at the Clark Canal. Work is on hold for the box culvert at the Bear Branch Creek until a traffic change takes place in February 2015. Once traffic shifts, the west side of the box culvert will be completed.
- Approx. 72% of the utility pipe and 71% of the drainage pipework is installed and installation continues.
- Over 40% of the sidewalk sub grade has been installed on the northbound side. Concrete installation for the sidewalk is 22% complete on the northbound and southbound sides.
- The contractor completed 24% of the stabilizer/base on the northbound travel lanes and 9% on the southbound travel lanes. The first course of asphalt has been paved (about 2000 feet) on the northbound lanes - and another 1500 feet have been paved on the southbound lanes.
- Crews are installing street lighting and IT conduit on the east side of the project. FPL is relocating the poles on the east side; 100% of the poles are set and installation of the new electrical wire is approximately 80% complete.

PSA released 1/27/15 - A portion of Doredo Drive, between Burnt Store Road and Quesa Drive, will be closed to traffic Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 through Saturday Feb. 7, 2015. Utility installation work will be conducted in conjunction with the Burnt Store Road (Phase III) Widening project. Detour signs will be in place to direct traffic around the construction site. The Public Works Department reminds motorists to remain alert at all times and to exercise caution when traveling through construction zones.

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. Construction Contract: Marine Contracting Group, Construction Schedule: 11/10/2014 – 6/1/2015

The Contractor is placing pipe and fill as needed towards the south end of the project site and is 50% complete and ahead of schedule.

Erosion control matting installation is about 45% complete and the sodding is not far behind.

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, Construction Schedule: 11/18/2013 – 5/12/2015

- Elkcam Waterway: Zep Construction is placing riprap on the downstream side and preparing to place fabric form along the banks. Construction is in progress on the new weir upstream of US 41.
- Fordham Waterway: Zep Construction completed the east side headwall and is currently excavating the upstream side in preparation for the new riprap. Zep will start the west side headwall in early February 2015.

PSA issued Jan. 28, 2015: The US 41 Northbound Access Road that was closed at the Fordham Waterway (between Conway Boulevard and Easy Street) will open to traffic on Monday, Feb. 9, 2015. Zep Construction completed the installation of a new water control structure and the final two 84" microtunnels under US 41. This project was conducted in conjunction with the US 41 Stormwater Structures - Microtunneling Project to increase stormwater flow capacities at several locations in Port Charlotte, FL; drainage improvements will follow at the Pompano Waterway - under Elmira Boulevard - between Brooklyn Avenue and Depew Avenue.

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, Construction Schedule: 11/25/2013 – Summer 2015

- Florida Department of Transportation approved the final plans for the SR 776 intersection, right turn lane and signalization improvements.
- The Contractor is in the process of placing base material for the new northbound and southbound roadway lanes from CR 775 north to Fruitland Blvd.
- All of the fill dirt has been completed from CR 775 to SR 776.
- Sidewalk subgrade is being placed and concrete is being poured; 65% of the sidewalk is complete.
- Median curb has been poured and is 75% complete. They are preparing the median separators for pouring of concrete.
- Storm drainage and utility installations are 99% complete.
- Trucks hauling imported material are using SR 776 to San Casa Drive, then to CR 775 (Placida Road) as the haul route to transport the material into the Winchester Boulevard South construction site. As the trucks enter and leave, the CR 775 right-hand northbound lane will be closed from north of the Buck Creek Bridge to

the Winchester Boulevard intersection. This allows trucks to exit the project onto CR 775 and accelerate to the posted speed limit while not impacting northbound traffic on CR 775.

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.

The County is utilizing Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Local Agency Program (LAP) Funds to construct this project. Notice to Proceed was issued by FDOT on Dec. 11, 2014.

This project includes Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services to ensure compliance with federal rules and requirements. The Board of County Commissioners approved the CEI contract with CDM Smith on November 12, 2014.

Design Contract: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Design/Permitting Schedule: 06/17/2009 – 03/18/2011, Procurement Process: December 2014, Projected Start of Construction: March 2015.

Bids were opened on January 23, 2015 and Quality Enterprises was the lowest bidder. The Purchasing Department is currently reviewing the bid documents; once approved Public Works will review and make recommendations. FDOT must also review the bid documents as part of the LAP project requirements.

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 Engineering Division received the 90% landscape plans and is currently reviewing 90% utility and stormwater plans.

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 – April 2015, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

The survey work for the project area is complete. County staff met with Charlotte Engineering & Surveying to discuss design options. 90% design plans have been received and are being reviewed. Contract documents are assembled in correlation with the 90% plan review.

Landscaping Projects

Basic landscape maintenance was performed at: South Gulf Cove; Manasota Key; Grove City Park; US 41 Revitalization; US 17 medians in Cleveland and Charlotte Harbor Gateway.

Maintenance & Operations

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A total of 22 new requests were received related to brush, asphalt restoration, drainage, illegal dumping and debris.

Drainage line & grade:	6,800 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
	1,250 in Gulf Cove
Large pipe install:	24 LF in Englewood East
Small pipe install:	232 LF in Greater Port Charlotte

	24 LF in Burnt Store Village
	24 LF in Gulf Cove
Menzie ditch cutting:	86,506 SF in Mid County Stormwater
	63,000 SF in South County Stormwater
	110,000 SF in West County Stormwater
Boom Mower:	Cut 41,782 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
	Cut 2,666 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte
	Cut 2.540 CY in Road & Bridges North
	Cut 11,000 CY in South Punta Gorda Heights West
	Cut 21,850 CY in Rotonda Heights
Shoulder Repair:	Maintained 1 mile of shoulder on Washington Loop Road
Culvert Cleaning:	Cleaned 40 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte
Armoring (Placing concrete over a pipe to protect the pipe and help open the road to traffic sooner):	11.5 CY in Greater Port Charlotte

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 – Early 2015, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

The design team surveyed the area. The 90% design plans were received and are under review. Contract documents are being prepared in conjunction with the review process.

Tourism

Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau staff attended the Travel & Adventure Show in Chicago last month (January 17-18, 2015). This two-day consumer and travel professional trade show attracted over 20,000 attendees from all over the greater Chicago area. Approximately 1,000 visitor guides were distributed from our booth and approximately 700 names and email addresses were captured from the drawing for our vacation giveaway in which the winner will receive vouchers for two round trip tickets on Allegiant Airlines, a two-night stay at the Weston's wannaB inn and two tickets for the Englewood area's newest attraction, Captiva Cruises.