

# Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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## Community Services

### Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Sports Park hosted the Southwest Florida Regional Summit in the hospitality suites on Feb. 13.

The Charlotte Sports Park hosted three games of the Snowbird Classic on Feb. 13. Estimated attendance for the three games was at 1500.

Upcoming Activities:

The report dates for the 2014 Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training Season are as follows:

February 21 - pitchers and catchers; February 28 - full squad

### Harold Avenue

It is hot. It is hot in here. There must be some ballers in the atmosphere! On this past weekend Round One of the Youth Basketball League's Post Season Finals were completed. Twenty of the twenty eight teams that were eligible for the single elimination playoffs competed to secure a spot in the next round. Each game was filled with competition, excitement, and many surprises! The Harold Avenue Recreation Center staff would like to thank all of the participants and their families for a job well done. Round Two of the playoffs will be played on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 beginning at 9 a.m. In other news, Harold Avenue Recreation Center's regularly scheduled programs continue to remain steady.

### Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

This past weekend we had a Quinceanera for 85 people and a wedding on Sunday for 35.

For the week of 2-11 through 2-17-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 244 paid admissions, was visited by 54 pass holders and had 107 water aerobics participants.

### South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 2-8-15 through 2-14-15 South County Regional Park Pool had 52 paid admissions and was visited by 107 pass holders. We only had 2 water aerobics participants this week due to the cold weather. The Blue Fins held eight practices with approximately 400 swimmers.

### Oyster Creek Regional Pool

For the week of 2-8-15 through 2-14-15 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 136 paid admissions, 87 water aerobics participants and was visited by 115 pass holders. The Bluefin's held 5 practices with approximately 125 swimmers.

### Extension Service

Newspaper Article for February 16

Promotion and Permanent Status Workshop – Manatee County Extension –February 17

Managers Meeting - Charlotte Sports Park – February 18

Landscape Gardening Series – February 20 – "Flowers"-

## Facilities Construction & Maintenance

### Repairs and Maintenance

Furniture delivery is scheduled for next week to complete the remodeling project at Building Construction

Services office area for new employees.

Construction of a security access area in Risk Management office is complete. The new walls and door created a small lobby area for permitted entrance only to staff offices.

### **Operations**

New solid climbing apparatus for the Family Services Playground was ordered to replace the climber belt apparatus that is degrading in the Florida sun. The new piece will be a solid structure which compliments the existing structure and still gives the same function as original being replaced.

### **Project Management**

The Anger pier pilings were inspected today by boat and construction of the Anger Park parking lot is continuing.

The Harbour Heights Park boat ramp design scope of work and fee schedule has been sent to purchasing.

The asphalt demolition and sports court demolition have been completed for the Harbor Heights Park drainage, parking and sports courts improvements project.

The demolition of the existing Port Charlotte Beach Park pier has begun.

A preliminary design inspection has been performed at the El Jobean Fishing Pier project..

Bay Heights boat ramp project is in external agency permitting with the Army Corps of Engineering. The Corps requested consultation from National Marine Fisheries Service. The Service's review is a 4-phase process with the result of issuing a Letter of Concurrence. Marine Fisheries Service has completed the third phase, moving the concurrence letter into the final stage.

## **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.
- Installation of drainage pipes and utilities continues. Approximately 72% of the utility pipe and 71% of the drainage pipework has been installed.
- Over 46% 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.

## **Projects in Design or Negotiation**

2015 County Paving Program - This program provides for the resurfacing of roads in Greater Port Charlotte, Parkside, Deep Creek, and the Road & Bridge Districts. Construction Contract: TBD, Construction Schedule: Early 2015 – Late 2015

Upon receipt and review of bids, a recommendation to award the paving contract to Ajax Paving Industries, Inc. will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval on March 10, 2015.

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: Feb 2015, Projected Start of Construction: May 2015

Plans and construction bid documents are in the Fiscal and Purchasing Departments undergoing review in preparation for bid solicitation.

## **Landscaping Projects**

- Plant replacements and additions were installed at the Charlotte Harbor Gateway Phase I Project, via contract change order, to enhance the project appeal.
- Basic landscape maintenance services were performed at: US 17 medians in Cleveland; Charlotte Harbor Gateway; US 41 Revitalization; Manasota Key; South Gulf Cove and Grove City Park.

## **Maintenance & Operations**

A total of 33 new requests were received related to drainage (3 drainage pipe replacements and 1 catch basin repair), brush, illegal dumping, and asphalt repair.

- Drainage line & grade: 5,000 SF in Greater Port Charlotte  
12,550 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte  
3,140 SF in Englewood East  
5,000 SF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
- Small pipe install: 96 LF in Greater Port Charlotte  
16 LF in Placida Area
- Menzie ditch cutting: 160,000 SF in West County Stormwater  
263,411 SF South County Stormwater
- Menzie ditch digging: 3,000 SF in South County Stormwater
  
- Boom Mower: Cut 70,220 CY in Greater Port Charlotte  
Cut 9,800 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban  
Cut 6,000 CY in Rotonda Heights
- Shoulder Repair: Maintained 1.1 miles of shoulder on Washington Loop Road in Road & Bridge South
- Culvert Cleaning: Cleaned 13 culverts in Englewood East
- Trash / Debris Removal: Removed 17,420 lbs. from various areas throughout the County

## **M&O Contracted Services**

- The contractor completed 377 LF of curbing on Henry Street as of February 10, 2015.

## **Other Projects**

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

Weiler Engineering met with the MSBU Committee on Sept. 10, 2014 and reviewed the preliminary 30% design plans for the sidewalk along Gulf Blvd. The MSBU Committee agreed that five feet wide sidewalks were a better option with the limited right-of-way.

The 60% design plans for the Gulf Blvd. sidewalk were received on Dec. 31, 2014. A Community Meeting was held at the Tringali Community Center on Wed., Feb. 4, 2015 to present the 60% sidewalk plans. County Staff gathered input and will be presenting the plans to the Board of County Commissioners for direction.

## **Tourism**

In an effort to promote the new nonstop service on Allegiant Air into Florida, earlier this month (Feb. 11 – 13) Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention staff attended a tradeshow in Pittsburgh to educate travel agents about Charlotte County. Allegiant currently offers nonstop service between Pittsburgh International Airport and Punta Gorda Airport four times a week. The event was organized by Pittsburgh International Airport and held at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Other exhibitors included Florida tourism offices and hotels that partner with Allegiant. About 100 travel agents attended and were anxious to learn more about the destination, especially it snowed that evening. During the trip, staff also met with two members of the Pittsburgh media to educate them about the area.

## **Utilities (CCU)**

Charlotte County Utilities' (CCU) expedient efforts helped maintain 418 water service connections without interruption of service. The customers potentially impacted are serviced by Little Gasparilla Water Utility. The plant had a water system failure and estimated they had less than 24 hours of water available to distribute to customers. They contacted CCU for assistance and the team went into action to open a newly-constructed interconnection at South Green Dolphin Drive on Saturday, Feb 14 under emergency conditions. Seventy-six Gallons Per Minute (76 GPM) of CCU public water supply is being distributed to residents on Little Gasparilla Island and they are now a permanent consecutive bulk customer to the CCU water distribution system. It was anticipated that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) would not approve the line activation for a week at the earliest, but the South District office was contacted and approval to activate was received on Feb 17. CCU's efficient efforts enabled this valuable new piece of interconnecting infrastructure to provide the islanders with fresh, clean and safe water.