

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Sports Park hosted the following Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training home games (attendance is noted in parenthesis): Thursday, March 12 – Toronto Blue Jays (5107); Sunday, March 15 – New York Mets (5215)

Upcoming Activities: The Charlotte Sports Park will be hosting the following Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training home games this week: Thursday, March 19 – Minnesota Twins @ 1:05 PM; Friday, March 20 – Toronto Blue Jays @ 1:05 PM; Saturday, March 21 – Minnesota Twins @ 1:05 PM.

Tringali Recreation Center

Tringali Staff has been the host to our Fit for Life Senior Games which is open to amateur athletes 50 years of age and over, with 12 different sports available for participation throughout our many parks and facilities. About 335 initial registrants overall; we've had positive feedback from each event to date. Fruit and water provided to each athlete donated by local merchants. We are hoping to open registration earlier for 2016 to increase participation.

Harold Avenue

Hail! Hail! The Charlotte County Senior Games have begun. Our seniors are "Fit for Life!" Last week two of this year's events were held within the Vivian Hall Gymnasium located at the Harold Avenue Recreation Center. The Harold Avenue Recreation Center hosted Table Tennis on Tuesday and Basketball on Friday. Area seniors competed in the games with hopes of qualifying for the Florida Senior Games State Championship. The Charlotte County "Fit for Life" Senior Games focus on athletic competition, camaraderie and recreational opportunities for seniors 50 and over.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

This past weekend we had a large Wedding and Reception, for 135 guests. We also had a church party with 65 in attendance. The Promenaders had another 84 people for Square Dancing on Thursday and all had a fun night.

For the week of 3-11 through 3-17-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 623 paid admissions, was visited by 105 pass holders and had 142 water aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 3-8-15 through 3-14-15 South County Regional Park Pool had 460 paid admissions and was visited by 188 pass holders. We had 66 water aerobics participants this week. South County Spring Break Camp swam twice with approximately 80 campers. We held the Senior Games Swimming event with 13 participants. The Blue Fins held eight practices with approximately 480 swimmers.

Extension Service

Newspaper Article for March 16 – "If we only had a time machine"
Managers Meeting - Mid-County Regional Library Administrative conference room – March 16
Office Cleaning Week begins – March 16
2015 MG Training – "Woody Ornamentals" – March 17 – Ralph Mitchell
Charlotte County Landscape Committee Meeting - Public Works Conference Room
2015 MG Training – Botany – 9:30 am to 5:00 pm – March 19 – Stephen Brown

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

- Facilities has initiated a Request for Quotes for installing a pedestrian crosswalk to allow access from West County Annex building on San Casa Drive to Ann Dever Park Site across the street.

Operations

- The obsolete wheelchair lift and the temporary portable ramp are now gone from the Historic Courthouse parking area. The newly completed ADA compliant concrete ramp was inspected and is currently in use.
- Logistic and scheduling plans were approved for new carpet installation project at Justice Center. Carpet installers will begin work this week on the third and fourth floor courtrooms, judges' chambers, jury rooms, and conference rooms.

Project Management

- The load testing of the new pilings is continuing at the Port Charlotte Beach fishing pier and boardwalk replacement project.
- The contractor has completed most of the excavation work for the Harbour Heights Park drainage, parking, and sports court improvements.
- Construction work on the Anger Park parking lot is continuing.
- Revisions are being made to the first set of preliminary design plans for the El Jobean Fishing Pier renovation project.
- The final construction bid documents have been sent to purchasing for the construction of the drainage, parking, and lighting improvements at Franz Ross Park.
- The survey has been ordered for the Harbour Heights Park boat ramp project.
- Fire Training Building plans were received for final review. After the review is complete, a plans package will be submitted for permitting. The bid documents will be compiled for submission to Purchasing Department.

Human Services

Veteran Services and Family Services staffs were notified that the veteran they assisted last month in applying for a job with Social Security has been offered the position and will start at a higher rate of pay due to his military service.

Public Works

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

CR 771 (Gasparilla Road) Widening – The purpose of this project is to widen CR 771 (Gasparilla Road) to a four-lane divided roadway, from SR 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: 07/07/2014 – 09/04/2016.

Zep Construction began Bridge construction on the east side of the new Bridge. This work will continue for a few months before traffic is switched to the new lanes. Woodruff and Sons continues with utility installations along the east side of the project north of the Butterford Waterway towards SR 776. Additional crews are on-

site completing storm drain structures, stormwater retention ponds and sidewalks. Construction is approximately 27% 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. Construction Contract: Gator Dredging, Construction Schedule: 12/22/2014 – 04/21/2015.

Dredging is underway and is approximately 75% complete.

Sidewalks - Rotonda Boulevard West - The Rotonda West MSBU Committee requested a sidewalk and bike path along the Boulevards. This project will design and construct approximately 1.4 miles of sidewalk and bike path along Rotonda Boulevard West from Parade Circle to Rotonda Circle. Construction Contract: General Contracting Services, Construction Schedule: 01/05/2015 – 07/31/2015.

Construction began at Rotonda Circle and is moving east. Construction will continue east to Parade Circle before the contractor moves back to complete the bridge between Rotonda Circle and Boundary Boulevard. This project is approximately 50% complete.

U.S. 41 Microtunnels / Weirs – This project involves engineering and permitting for the directional drilling of culverts under US 41 at the Fordham, Elkcam, and Pompano Waterways, replacement of culverts at the North and South US 41 Access Roads within the Pompano Waterway, replacement of a stand-alone weir across the Elkcam Waterway, north of the US 41 Access Road, and replacement of a stand-alone weir across the Fordham Waterway, north of the US 41 Access Road. Construction Contract: ZEP Construction, Construction Schedule: 11/18/2013 – 5/12/2015. Construction is approximately 87% complete.

- **Elkcam Waterway:** Zep Construction completed the concrete sheet installation on the new weir upstream of US 41 and is currently placing the concrete cap on the weir. Installation of riprap around the weir will begin this week. The contractor will start the final restoration in this area to complete this phase of construction.
- **Fordham Waterway:** Zep Construction completed the west side headwall and is currently installing new riprap in this area. Final restoration will follow to complete this phase of construction.
- **Elmira Blvd:** Zep Construction mobilized equipment into this final phase of the project. Zep is currently clearing the site for construction and will start dewatering to construct a single run of 84" storm pipe under the roadway.

Projects in Design or Negotiation

Sidewalks – Burnt Store Lakes - The South Burnt Store MSBU Committee requested sidewalks within the Burnt Store Lakes subdivision. This project will design and construct approximately 1.5 miles of sidewalks on Vincent Avenue from Boca Vista Road to Burnt Store Road and on Saragossa Lane from Cape Horn Boulevard to Burnt Store Road. Design Contract: Banks Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 01/06/2014 – Late 2014, Procurement Process: Spring 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2015

100% design plans were submitted to the MSBU Committee on January 29, 2015. The Committee voted to move forward with construction of the sidewalk on Rio Togas this year. Construction plans and bid specifications are being finalized by staff. This project is expected to go out for bid late spring/early summer 2015.

Sidewalks – Cape Haze Drive - Design and construction of approximately 3,400 linear feet of sidewalk along Cape Haze Drive, from Arlington Drive north to approximately 450' north of Links Lane, where Cape Haze Drive become a four lane road. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting: March 2015 – Fall 2015,

Procurement: Fall 2015, Construction: Early 2015

Johnson Engineering was selected to design this sidewalk project. Staff met with the Engineering firm to confirm the scope and fee for the project.

Sidewalks – Gulfstream Boulevard - This sidewalk will be installed from an existing sidewalk on Gulfstream Boulevard at Snow Drive, continuing to Sea Mist Drive. Design includes a connection to a sidewalk on Sunnybrook Boulevard. A critical design element to this project is a pedestrian bridge over the Sea Mist Waterway. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting: 3/20/2011 – 6/25/2013, Procurement: April 2015, Construction: TBD

Design is complete and the bid package is being prepared to send to the Purchasing Department for bid advertisement.

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: thru Spring 2015, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

Johnson Engineering submitted the 60% design plans which have been reviewed by staff. The 90% design plans are expected the first week of April 2015.

Landscaping Projects

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

Maintenance & Operations

March 11 - 18, 2015: A total of 23 new requests were received related to drainage, brush, and illegal dumping.

- Drainage line & grade: 7,300 SF in Greater Port Charlotte
15,700 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
10,800 SF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
- Small pipe install: 72 LF in Greater Port Charlotte
- Large pipe install: 128 LF in Burnt Store Village
- Menzie ditch cutting: 59,000 SF in South County Stormwater
196,330 SF in Mid-County Stormwater
- Menzie ditch digging: 10,875 SF in Mid County Stormwater
- Boom Mower: Cut 72,587 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
- Shoulder repair: Maintained 2.5 miles of shoulder on Cornelius in Road & Bridge South
- Culvert Cleaning: Cleaned 37 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte
Cleaned 36 culverts in Englewood East
- Trash / Debris Removal: Removed 5,280 lbs. from Englewood East
- Major Outfall: 6,600 SY in Northwest Port Charlotte
- Asphalt Repair: 12.02 tons of material used to repair locations in PG Non-Urban

Contracted Services

- Specialty mowing in South County has been completed for the month of March; specialty mowing continues in North and West County.

- ROW mulching in northwest Charlotte has been completed and the contractor is currently power shearing in South Gulf Cove.
- The pipe lining Contractor is currently working in Deep Creek in eight locations.

Other Projects

Rotonda West Bridge Lighting – The Rotonda West Street and Drainage MSBU requested the installation of decorative lighting to the five bridges over the Rotonda River. Bridge Locations: Rotonda Boulevard East, Rotonda Boulevard West, Rotonda Boulevard North, Cape Haze Drive, Rebel Court.

Wright Construction completed the installation of an electric power system to feed the decorative lighting planned under the first phase of this project.

Design Contract: Florida Transportation Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: through Spring 2015, Procurement Process: Summer 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015

Florida Transportation Engineering submitted the 90% design plans for staff to review.

Tourism



The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau has partnered with Destination Media, Inc., to produce the first-ever Charlotte County Golf Guide. The VCB has received 10,000 guides while another 3,100 guides were distributed by the Florida Golf Marketing Alliance at consumer golf shows that took place in February and March in the Midwest and Northeastern U.S. A copy of the guide, which features nearly 25 courses in the Greater Charlotte County area as well as information on area attractions and accommodations, can be picked up the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau office located at 18500 Murdock Circle, Suite B104, Port Charlotte. The guide will also be distributed at trade shows, welcome centers and other outlets.