

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

Positive Notes: The Charlotte Stone Crabs hosted a two (2) game home stand from 5/1 – 5/2. Attendance at these games was as follows: Friday, 5/1 – 1938; Saturday, 5/2 (Fireworks) – 1304.

The Charlotte Sports Park hosted the Prostyle Baseball Tryouts on Saturday, 5/2. Tryouts were held on one practice field and attendance was estimated at 150.

Upcoming Events: The Charlotte Stone Crabs will host a three game home stand from 5/7 – 5/9.

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

Last week the Harold Avenue Recreation Center resumed its normally scheduled recreation programs with a BANG! After being closed for maintenance several of the center's Drop-In programs experienced a great return of participants. The Open Gym program was active throughout the week with both youth and adults enjoying Harold's refinished wood gym floor. Table Tennis and Pickleball Programs increased by 40% to an average of 25 participants each day.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

For the week of 4-29-15 through 5-5-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 199 paid admissions, was visited by 68 pass holders and had 53 water aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 4-29-15 through 5-5-15, South County Regional Park Pool had 283 paid admissions, was visited 144 pass holders and had 70 water aerobics participants. In addition, Learn to Swim Spring Session 3 began with 8 classes and 35 participants.

Oyster Creek Regional Pool

For the week of 4-26-15 through 5-2-15 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 301 paid admissions, 157 water aerobics participants and was visited by 223 pass holders. The Bluefin's held 5 practices with approximately 100 swimmers.

Extension Services

- Newspaper Article for May 4 – "Yuccas – one spiny, one soft"
- Overall Advisory Committee Meeting May 4
- Parkside Tree Canopy Restoration Committee – May 5 – Cultural Center President's Room
- 2015 MG Training – MG Training – "Vegetables II" – May 5 – Gene McAvoy
- MG Association meeting – May 6
- 2015 MG Training – MG Training – "Composting" – May 7 – Tom Becker
- 2015 Farm Safety Day - Immokalee IFAS Center – May 8
- 2015 Farm Safety Day - Immokalee IFAS Center – May 9

Natural Resources

This week Parks and Natural Resources Land Management staff participated in a variety of activities. The ongoing scrub management activities at Amberjack Environmental Park continue. This phase of the project involves the reduction of overstory and perch tree options for avian predators. The Florida Scrub Jay is not a particularly acrobatic flyer and is often predated by raptor species including the Cooper's hawk. The scrub habitat at Amberjack is in relatively good health and meets much of the "ideal" for Florida Scrub Jays. Recent evaluations of the area indicated significant overstory and perch tree options for predators such as Cooper's hawk. With Amberjack scrub being unoccupied it has the potential for becoming a recipient site for trans

located Scrub Jays as the County-wide Habitat Conservation Plan is implemented. Reduction in perch options will increase the survival potential for birds that have been trans located and are potentially disoriented.

Additional Land Management activities include the identification of a potential exotic grass on Oyster Creek Environmental Park. Staff contacted multiple outside sources as well as the Master Gardener's folks at the Eastport campus location. The grass in question is likely Guinea grass, an exotic/invasive, and is part of the ongoing fight against exotic incursion we often face as land managers. The trouble with exotic/invasive plants and animals is their lack of natural control measures here in Southwest Florida. None of the exotic/invasive flora and fauna is inherently "bad" it just doesn't belong here, didn't evolve as part of the natural landscape and therefore has nothing in our habitat that controls/limits growth or spread. Without these controls the introduced species spread unchecked and often compete with our native species. In the case of native flora the complete value to our natural system is seldom fully recognized and often many other species rely on a specific plant or animal for survival.

Land Management staff also assisted in an interdepartmental work assignment. An ongoing project required some ground trothing of a potential gopher tortoise burrow/culvert. It seems a gopher tortoise had taken up residence in a culvert located under a citizen's driveway. Public Works is working on drainage in the area and didn't want to impact the potential surrogate burrow. A request was made for some assistance from our department. Land Management staff utilized some specific equipment designed for the observation of gopher tortoises, a gopher tortoise camera. This equipment allows us an up close view of the burrow or potential burrow and to see if anyone is home so to speak. This time the tortoise seems to only utilize the culvert from time to time and has not taken advantage of the structure to use as an actual burrow.

In conjunction with these and other responsibilities Land Management staff also participated in ongoing training requirements as well as review of materials for certification as Natural Areas Applicator's license requirements. This certification is essential to land managers as the preservation of our native species is paramount to the protection of our natural systems and resources.

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

Energy efficient LED lighting was installed in the common hallways of Murdock Administration Building B.

Concrete demolition and new concrete was poured to repair various cracked and uneven sidewalk locations at Murdock campus.

Operations

Work on the security lock system and entrance door was done at Murdock Campus, B building room 109.

In preparation for storm season when heavy rain, sun, and wind cause extreme weather damage to the flags flying at many county locations, we have purchased several replacement and some additional spare flags to keep on-hand.

Window cleaning at Murdock 5 story Administration building is underway and will be completed this week.

Project Management

Harbour Heights Drainage, Parking and Court Improvements: the sidewalks have been inspected for ADA compliance by Charlotte County Risk Management.

Anger Park Pier, Parking and Drainage: As Built drawings are being prepared.

El Jobean Fishing Pier: Revised draft plans have been completed and will be reviewed.

Port Charlotte Beach complex Fishing Pier and Boardwalk: The compressive load requirement needed for the boardwalk pilings has been determined and given to the contractor. The contractor has been asked to provide a cost estimate for additional proposed boardwalk pilings.

Fire Station #10: the bid package for the fire sprinklers has been completed by purchasing.

The Sports Park grass parking underdrain maintenance site restoration is nearly complete on the first phase. The sod was installed and will be watered until establishment before starting phase II.

The Veterans Memorial Park Design negotiations are complete with Purchasing Department processing the contract to the consultant. The Construction Manager Request for Proposal was submitted to Fiscal and Purchasing for processing and advertising.

The Jail Infirmary Design Request for Proposal was assigned a Purchasing agent for processing the advertisement package.

Charlotte County Sheriff Office District 1 design Request for Proposal packages are due and will be under review by the professional committee. The Construction Manager Request for Proposal documentation was forwarded to Purchasing for processing.

The Army Corps of Engineers issued the draft permit for the Bay Heights Boat Ramp project. The permit was endorsed and returned to corps for finalization. The draft permit was submitted to the US Coast Guard allowing them to issue the channel marker permit. The consultant is compiling a ready check package for staff review.

Human Services

Lori North has been hired as the new Family Services Manager in the Human Services Department. Lori comes to us from the Charlotte County Health Department where she served as the Health Promotion Program Manager. The Family Services Division administers the grant-funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); Self-Sufficiency Program; Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing Program; Civil Citation Program for youth offenders; and State mandated human services.

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 all ponds is complete. 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 May 2015. Once traffic shifts, the west side of the box culverts will be constructed.
- Installation of drainage pipes and utilities continues. Approximately 97% of the utility pipe and 83% of the drainage pipework has been installed.
- Over 85% of the sidewalk sub grade has been installed on the northbound side. Concrete installation for the sidewalk is 80% complete on the northbound side and 20% complete on the southbound side.
- The contractor completed 53% 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 5,000 feet) on the northbound lanes - and another 1,500 feet have been paved on the southbound lanes.
- Crews are installing street lighting and IT conduit on the east side of the project. FPL pole relocation and new electrical wire is complete. FPL crews have removed the old poles.
- Please note that a traffic shift to the east side of new roadway will take place within the first two weeks of May 2015; extreme caution should be used when traveling in this area.

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. Construction Contract: Quality Enterprises, Construction Schedule: 05/18/2015 – Feb 2016.

Quality Enterprises will begin construction on May 18, 2015. The area will be closed to the public during construction; please refer to the Project Map to view the specific project location.

Public service announcements and on-site signage will be utilized to inform local residents about the upcoming construction activities and the necessary area closure.

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.

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 Southwest Engineering & Design on November 12, 2014. Construction Contract: Owen-Ames-Kimball, Construction schedule: 01/05/2015 – 2/5/2017.

Southwest Engineering & Design launched a website that provides construction updates, roadway information, boater information, and the status of the parks around the construction area. Citizens may sign up to receive future construction updates via email notification at www.GoEP2.com

From GoEP2.com: Lauzon Street is closed from Sheeley Street to Lakeview Avenue for the duration of project. Edgewater Drive is closed to thru traffic. Local traffic only, including resident access, mail, school buses, resident deliveries and emergency services. Please check detour map for access routes. West Spring Lake Bridge, East Spring Lake Bridge and Sunrise Waterway Bridge closed to vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

The intersection of Edgewater Drive and Harbor Boulevard will be transitioned from a traffic signal to a four-way stop effective Thursday morning, April 30, 2015. Motorists are asked to use caution and obey signage while traveling through the area. The final build-out will include new mast arms, traffic signals and pedestrian facilities. The Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements Project is scheduled for completion in February 2017.

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. The Florida Department of Transportation approved the final plans for intersection improvements at SR 776/Winchester Boulevard North. Intersection improvements include a right turn lane and traffic signalization improvements; this work has been added to the project. Construction Contract: ZEP Construction, Construction Schedule: 11/25/2013 – Summer 2015

- The Contractor finished grading the base material for the new northbound and southbound lanes from Aloha Avenue to SR 776 and CR 775.
- All of the fill dirt has been completed from CR 775 to SR 776.
- The old sidewalk and curbing on SR 776 has been removed. Storm drainage is being installed at the new curb line location of the new right turn lane.
- Sidewalk subgrade is being placed and concrete is being poured; 99% of the sidewalk is complete.
- Median curbing has been poured and is complete.
- Storm drainage and utility installations are 99% complete; the remaining 1% is within the SR 776 intersection.

- The installation of street lights and poles is 96% complete.
- The SR 776 intersection gravity wall is complete.
- The first two lifts of structural asphalt are complete on the northbound and southbound lanes and expect to star the final lift of S-3 asphalt around May 6, 2015.

Projects in Design or Negotiation

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 – 07/17/2015, Procurement Process: October 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Early 2016

Meetings with the design firm continue; submission of permit applications and 90% design plans are expected in May 2015. 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 Bridge Repair at Elkcarn Waterway - This project includes engineering services to inspect and evaluate the current condition of each wall at the Edgewater Drive Bridge (014074) over the Elkcarn Waterway near Cousley Drive and determine the most cost effective method of repair. Design Contract: Charlotte Engineering & Surveying, Design/Permitting Schedule: TBD, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

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 – 04/25/2015, Procurement Process: August 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2015

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

Charlotte County Utilities will present a changer order to the Board of County Commissioners on May 12, 2015 to include additional utility design for the Aaron Street infrastructure.

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 – 01/31/2015, Procurement Process: thru June 2015, Projected Start of Construction: June 2015

This project is currently advertised for competitive bid. The pre-bid conference was held April 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Administration Complex, Building B, Room 106-B. Bid opening is scheduled May 20, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Coastal Projects

Manasota Key North Beach Erosion Study – Public Works Engineering requested Letters of Interest (RLI) from the Library of Engineering Firms to complete a Regional Beach Erosion Study (BES) on the north end of Manasota Key, from R monument 1 to R monument 15, upon the request of citizens affected by critical beach

erosion. Upon completion of the study, this information could be used to develop funding strategies and further the project into permitting. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: Summer 2015 – Late 2015

The erosion study shall include the following:

- a. Beach Profile Surveys
- b. Erosion Analysis
- c. Sand Volume Analysis
- d. Conceptual Restoration Plans
- e. Natural Resource Surveys
- f. Develop Funding Approaches and Strategies to Mitigate Total Cost
- g. Participate in Stakeholder Meetings
- h. Provide Potential Cost Estimates
- i. Provide Permit Feasibility Analysis

Coastal Engineering Consultants of Naples, FL will provide services to complete the erosion study which is scheduled to commence in the summer of 2015.

Manchester Waterway Bathymetric Survey – The Manchester Waterway MSBU Advisory Committee requested that a bathymetric survey be conducted within the canals of the Manchester Waterway MSBU. The results of the bathymetric survey will be used to determine the scope of work needed to dredge the canal system to a depth of -4ft measured at MLW landward of the Bridge and -5ft MLW elsewhere. Design Contract: DMK Associates, Design/Permitting Schedule: May - July 2015

Public Works Engineering staff is working with the Purchasing Department to secure survey services through a work assignment with DMK Associates of Englewood, FL.

Pirate Harbor Access Channel – Dredging provides safe navigation for citizens who utilize the waterways. This project provides for engineering, design and permitting to dredge 2,300 feet of access channel that was not covered under previous permitting. This project was originally presented to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in 2003/04 however, at that time, FDEP did not view this project as favorable and it was removed from the original contract. Now that the Pirate Harbor rock ledges have been removed, the engineering and design of the Pirate Harbor Access Channel has been added to the previous contract and will require a standard general permit. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 4/22/2014 – Early 2016, Procurement: Summer 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2016

FDEP completed the UMAM ranking on the seagrass impacts for the proposed dredging. CEC is currently investigating alternative sites for creating a seagrass mitigation project (e.g., fill blow-holes / prop-scars) as the initial search for potential mitigation sites did not find enough suitable areas within the vicinity of the project area, thus a wider search area will be examined using aerial photography.

Additional discussions with FDEP regarding the mitigation options will ensue once CEC identifies alternative sites after which the UMAM analysis can be completed by the County and FDEP. The UMAM analysis is currently under review and has been provided to the Pirate Harbor Waterway Advisory Committee.

Coastal Engineering Consultants will complete the seagrass survey in May – June 2015 during growing season; the ERP application will then be complete and submitted to the permitting agencies.

South Gulf Cove Turn Basin – The South Gulf Cove Waterway Committee requests to permit and construct a turn basin outside the lock complex to aid boaters in holding position while the lock is in use. From outside the lock the only existing location for vessels, of any substantial size and draft, to hold position is in the channel. Due to the channel width, this poses a potential hazard notably during high winds or seas. The creation of a turn basin will aid boaters by providing sufficient space to hold position until the lock is free of other vessels. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 06/01/2013 – Early 2015, Procurement Process: Spring 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2015

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permits have been issued.

Johnson Engineering is reviewing the cost estimate and is conducting a pre-construction update survey to insure the dredge quantities are still accurate prior to bid solicitation which should be complete in May 2015.

Landscaping Projects

April 29- May 5, 2015

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

Lighting Projects - Charlotte County CIP Projects (information for month of April 2015)

Burnt Store Road Phase I – (Pedestrian features/preemption conflict with Seminole Gulf Railroad) Seminole Gulf Railroad submitted a quote for work to be done at the Acline Road crossing; the quote is under review by Public Works staff. Met with County Attorney to work on draft quotation for Seminole Gulf Railroad; draft received from Attorney's office to give to Seminole Gulf Railroad. Seminole Gulf was delivered draft agreement, reviewed, and responded with a counter agreement that is currently under review. Meetings were held with each Commissioner to brief them on the agreement.

Burnt Store Road Phase III – Monitoring contract work as roadway lighting, pull boxes, and communication conduits are installed; several light poles have been installed to date. Inspections are on-going and staff is attending progress meetings. Conduit and pull box installation continues.

Edgewater Phase II Construction – Maintenance of the traffic signal at Edgewater Drive/Harbor Boulevard was transferred to the project's signal coordinator. The intersection was changed to a four-way stop with flashing red signal displays.

Rotonda West Bridge Lighting – Installation of conduits and directional bores is complete. Lighting plans are in progress; 60% lighting plans were reviewed and comments were provided to the project manager. Contract documents were reviewed and comments were provided to the project manager.

CR 771 (Gasparilla Rd) Widening Project – Reviewed and commented on roadway lighting and traffic signal material submittals. Conduit for lighting is being installed.

Midway Boulevard Widening Project – Final lighting plans were received and reviewed; awaiting construction to begin.

US 41 Microtunnel Project – The US 41 Microtunnel/Weir project consisted of microtunneling large culverts under U.S. 41, construction of new water control structures and direct-bury stormwater systems at the Fordham, Elkcam, and Pompano Waterways. This project also included sidewalks, major drainage improvements, Charlotte County Utility relocations and improvements, street lighting, site dewatering, flow diversion, excavation and fill, fabric form, bank & shore riprap placement, grading, sodding, and maintenance of traffic.

Lighting and fiber optic communication conduits had to be relocated a second time at the Elkcam Waterway due to conflicts with the guardrail location along US 41 southbound; light poles which were removed have been re-installed and damaged pull boxes replaced. Minor punch list items remain.

Zep Construction is finishing up the final aspects of this project which is scheduled to be complete in June 2015. All systems are operational allowing the Midway Boulevard Phase II Widening project to move forward into the construction phase.

Winchester Boulevard Project – All roadway light poles and electrical service poles have been installed.

Lighting Projects – Departmental Projects (information for month of April 2015)

Completed preventative traffic signal maintenance at the following locations:

- Airport Rd. at Taylor Rd.
- Toledo Blade Blvd. at Hillsborough Blvd.

- Cochran Blvd. at Peachland Blvd.
- Cochran Blvd. at Kohl's Plaza
- Cochran Blvd. at Quesada Blvd.
- Cochran Blvd. at Publix Plaza
- Quesada Blvd. at Forrest Nelson Blvd.
- SR 776 at Beach Rd.
- SR 776 at N. Access to Merchants Crossing Plaza

A delivery truck transporting a bridge piling to the Edgewater Drive project knocked a light pole into the power lines at US 41 and W. Tarpon Blvd. The pole became hung up in the power lines causing high voltage to surge thru the roadway lighting system. As a result of the pole getting hung up on the power lines, light pole lighting arrestors and fuse holders holder were blown apart in every pole along southbound US 41 from the Morningstar Waterway to Port Charlotte Boulevard. Damage, limited to fuses only, continued past Port Charlotte Boulevard all the way to the load center located across from the Port Charlotte McDonalds south of Olean Blvd. Additional damage found within conductor insulation showing signs of overheating. All wiring repairs have been made and the light pole has been replaced.

- As a result of a vehicle accident, replaced the supplemental, near side, signal pole for eastbound traffic at SR 776 and Beach Rd.
- Replaced the battery in the solar school flasher at Carmalita St. at Education Ave.
- Replaced all signal mounting hardware at SR 776 and Beach Rd., working in partnership with FDOT, who supplied the materials and the County installed.
- Repaired to security lights at the South Gulf Cove Boat lock.
- Responded to a complaint of roadway lighting system outages on SR 776 between Gillot Blvd. and Gasparilla Rd; crews found a tripped main circuit breaker as the cause of the outage.
- Repaired the traffic signal battery backup system at SR 776 North Access to the Merchants Crossing Plaza.
- Replaced the illuminated street name sign faces on the mast arms at Placida Road and Boca Grande Causeway.
- Lighting District employees, Jody Mansell and Gary Colicchio, attended fork lift training at Charlotte County Utilities.
- Participated in the Leadership Charlotte Presentation; Lighting District staff demonstrated the operation of an aerial lift device.
- Working on resolving issues with re-write by FDOT of Maintenance and Compensation Agreement for Traffic Signals; second draft received and is under review.
- Began routine street light maintenance in South County; a total of 11 lights have been repaired.
- Lighting District employee, Steven Van Vliet, was presented with the National Safe Digging Month proclamation at the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners meeting.
- Attended weekly progress meetings and participated in underground signal conduit inspections for the US 41 widening project.
- Attended bi-weekly progress meetings and participated in signal construction inspections on the SR 776 re-surfacing project.
- Verified tightness of pole-to-base attachment hardware on all light poles along Piper Rd. Found numerous pole hardware to be loose and poles leaning.

Traffic Management Center (TMC) (information for month of April 2015)

- Meeting attended with the Traffic Incident Management Team in Ft. Myers.
- Continue monitoring US 41 traffic signals due to Edgewater Rd closure.
- Progress meeting for countywide signal re-timing project.
- Arterial Management Workshop Follow-Up Meeting
- Ongoing - cooperation with FDOT consultants, Albeck & Gerken, for inventory of traffic signal intersections and retiming efforts on US 17.
- Webinar - USDOT State of the Practice in Decision Support Systems (DSS) for Integrated Corridor Management (ICM)
- Webinar - Post TRB Annual Meeting Research

- Webinar - Securing Transportation Systems
- Continue efforts promoting the TMC's Twitter account for traffic incidents.

Locates Performed

233 requests for underground utility locates were received, generating 98 tickets for locates.

Trouble Calls

11 trouble calls received, responded to, and problems of various natures resolved.

Maintenance & Operations

April 29-May 5, 2015

A total of 36 new requests were received related to asphalt repair, debris, brush, and drainage.

- Drainage line & grade: 8,550 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
17,900 SF in Road & Bridge South
1,250 SF in Gulf Cove
9,600 SF in Greater Port Charlotte
- Small pipe install: 52 LF in Greater Port Charlotte
80 LF in Englewood East
152 LF in Rotonda West
- Menzie ditch cutting: 223,500 SF in South Charlotte Stormwater
130,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater
- Boom mower: Cut 36,203 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
Cut 12,000 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Cut 6,200 CY in Rotonda Lakes
- Culvert cleaning: Cleaned 6 culverts in Englewood East
Cleaned 5 culverts in Lemon Bay
Cleaned 44 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte
Cleaned 4 culverts in Northwest Port Charlotte
- Outfall: 850 LF in Englewood East
88 LF in Greater Port Charlotte
- Trash / debris removal: Removed: 4,500 pounds of debris in Greater Port Charlotte
- Shoulder repair: Maintained 3 miles of shoulder in Englewood East
- Asphalt repair: 3.51 tons of material used to repair locations throughout GPC

Contracted Services

- Vertical hedging in Englewood East was completed May 1, 2015 with 1,428,571 LF being cut; the contractor has moved into the Gulf Cove area.
- ROW mowing in Englewood East and Gulf Cove are complete for the Month of May.
- Specialty mowing is gearing up and will begin in North County for May cycles.

Solid Waste (Update for month of April 2015)

Keep Charlotte Beautiful, the Solid Waste Division, Goodwill of SWFL, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County partnered together for an Earth Day Celebration on April 18, 2015. More than 15 environmental businesses and organizations provided information or offered environmental information to the public. Goodwill collected clothing and household items and provided a free document shredding service for the public. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County displayed the winning entries of the Keep Charlotte Beautiful 2015 student calendar art contest as their monthly art exhibit.

Keep Charlotte Beautiful and the Solid Waste Division participated in an educational Earth Day event at Vineland Elementary School. Five classrooms participated in environmental activities, learning about converting waste to energy, composting, recycling, hazardous waste and other Keep Charlotte Beautiful programs.

Keep Charlotte Beautiful talked to seven second grade classes at East Elementary School prior to Earth Day to

discuss litter prevention. The students learned about ways to prevent litter and participated in a cleanup of the school campus.

Keep Charlotte Beautiful recognized eleven schools at a recent Charlotte County School Board meeting for their participation in the 2014 Recycle-Bowl. Recycle-Bowl was conducted during the four weeks leading up to America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, 2014. The schools recycled 26,880 pounds, or 13.44 tons, of recyclable materials during the four-week period.

East Elementary School was the second place winner in the State of Florida and the first place winner in Charlotte County. Other schools participating were: Port Charlotte Middle School, Murdock Middle School, Vineland Elementary School, Myakka River Elementary School, L.A. Ainger Middle School, The Academy School, Kingsway Elementary School, Liberty Elementary School, Punta Gorda Middle School and Lemon Bay High School

Traffic Signing & Marking (data for month of April 2015)

- Herbicide: 1,755 items sprayed
- Marine Signs Replaced: 11
- New Signs Installed: 178
- Raised Pavement Markers Installed: 0 reported
- Road Legends Installed: 429
- Road Scraping: 0 feet reported
- Signs Inspected: 5,609
- Signs Manufactured: 165
- Sign Maintenance: 1,008
- Speed Studies: 3
- Striping: 57,375 feet (10.9 miles)
- Traffic Counts: 31 stations
- Trouble Calls (after hours): 2
- Video Turn Movement Counts: 4

Tourism

Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau staff attended the National Association of Sports Commissions Sports Event Symposium in Milwaukee, WI last month (Apr. 27-30). In addition to the educational sessions and general networking opportunities, the annual conference also provided the opportunity for staff to meet one on one with more than a dozen event rights owners and educate them about Charlotte County's offerings for sporting groups. Event rights owners represented a variety of sports including BMX, boxing, golf, soccer, bowling, beach volleyball, mud runs, and cheerleading as well as a variety of vendors and other suppliers.

For the second time in three years, the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center hosted the Florida State Recognition Day/Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Conference. The event, which took place over the weekend of April 10-12, 2015, attracted over 900 attendees and generated at least 633 room nights. The organizers of the event provided very positive feedback and have committed to bringing the event back in April 2018.