

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Stone Crabs just ended a four game home stance. Attendance for this week was as follows: 6/4 – 776; 6/5 – 1294; 6/6 – 948. The Charlotte Sports Park hosted the Prospect Wire Tournament on 6/5 – 6/8 with an attendance of 850.

Upcoming Events: The Charlotte Stone Crabs are away for the week. Their next home game will be 6/15. We will be hosting the Prostyle Baseball Tournament here on 6/13 – 6/14.

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

Harold's youth basketball league is in full swing with the completion of the first round of games this season. Games are played on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Summer Camp staff prepared for the camp season on Thursday and Friday with training and a parent's meeting at South County Regional Park. Harold will be hosting up to 80 children each week for the eight week camp program. Field trips and swimming are an integral part of the camp and campers registered for full sessions receive free swim lessons.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

Construction is in full swing on the deck, and we hope to have it completed by July 25.

Oyster Creek Regional Pool

For the week of 5-31-15 through 6-6-15 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 488 paid admissions, 170 water aerobics participants and was visited by 147 pass holders. The Bluefin's held 5 practices with approximately 100 swimmers.

Extension Services

Newspaper Article for June 8 – "Protect your beneficiais!"

Soil and Water Conservation Board Meeting – June 8

Managers Meeting - Charlotte Sports Park – June 8

East Port Environmental Campus Meeting – June 12

Natural Resources and Parks

This week in addition to the usual exotic control and scrub restoration projects staff participated in data/sample collection of water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*). This invasive species is fairly common throughout Florida's fresh waters. Recently a sample collected from the sediment of a lake dated back some 10,000 years may indicate water lettuce has been a part of Florida's landscape for a very long time. If the sample collected from lake sediment and samples collected now are genetically similar enough water lettuce may be taken from the exotic/invasive list and reclassified as a native plant.

Athletic Parks

North County Regional Park

Staff has laid out 8 3-on-3 soccer fields for a tournament this weekend. Clay replenishment is under way on the baseball fields. Pro Style sports Baseball travel ball this weekend.

Harold Ave and Carmelita

Field aeration is under way as well as edging and clay replenishment.

Franz Ross

Game field has been prepared for new sod, waiting for a break in the weather.

South County Regional Park

Regular field maintenance.

Human Services

Terry Keene, Assistant Veteran Services Officer, offered help to a Vietnam combat wounded veteran in writing his request for a Bronze Star Medal with V device citation to the Secretary of the Navy. Not routinely a service of our Veteran Services Office, the Veteran and his family appreciated the interest and assistance. The Veteran is waiting for the official response to his request.

Public Works

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

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: Ajax Paving, Construction Schedule: March 2015 – Early 2016

Midway 9 Area: The Contractor completed paving; restoration continues.

Peachland 4 Area: The sodding operation is nearing completion.

Deep Creek Phase I: Base repairs are underway; paving will follow.

To date, approximately 24,986 tons of S-III asphalt has been placed in the Greater Port Charlotte area. The time complete is 43.4 percent and the work completed is 43.5 percent.

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 completed the installation of bridge deck slabs on the east side of the bridge. The Contractor will start the final concrete deck, barrier wall, and utility cradles this week.
- Woodruff and Sons crew #1 is concentrating on new utility installation at SR 776. A directional bore is being installed this week under SR 776, just east of CR 771, to provide for a new water main on the north side of SR 776.
- Woodruff and Sons' Crew #2 is removing the old utility system and installing storm drain systems, from Marathon Boulevard south to Rotonda Boulevard East, to prepare for the construction of the new northbound lanes.
- Woodruff and Sons' Crew #3 is working on sidewalk construction, from Keystone Boulevard moving northward, and is importing fill material to begin road construction from San Domingo to Marathon Boulevard.
- Additional crews are on-site completing storm drain structures and stormwater retention ponds.

Midway Boulevard Widening Phase Two – This is the last phase of a multi-year widening project of Midway Boulevard. The project limits are from Sharpe Street (just east of Harbor Drive) to the intersection of Kings Highway (about 2.25 miles). Design includes four lanes of traffic with center turn lanes, new sidewalks on both sides, closed drainage system, new traffic signals at Beacon Drive, new pedestrian crossings at the schools, new lighting, and a new water and sewer system along the corridor. Temporary sidewalks, meeting the ADA requirement, will be installed during construction to maintain all pedestrian access. The road may be closed to through traffic at times however mail delivery, emergency services and access to local residences will be maintained during construction. This project was selected for inclusion in the 2008 Sales Tax Referendum. Construction Contract: Forsberg Construction, Construction Schedule: June 30, 2015 – Summer 2018

A pre-construction meeting was held May 20; construction will begin June 30, 2015 from Achilles Boulevard to Kings Highway. Project signs have been installed on the west and east ends of the project.

From MidwayUpdate.com website:

The Contractor will be mobilizing and setting up the construction yard during the month of July.

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Fordham Waterway at Peachland FOR 5.11 - This project provides for the construction of a stormwater control structure under Peachland Boulevard at the Fordham Waterway. The new structure will replace two 48" culverts and a 50' weir with one 8'x10' box culvert with a 5' weir. Construction Contract: Quality Enterprises, Construction Schedule: 06/05/2015 – October 2015

The construction contract was awarded to Quality Enterprises at the BCC meeting on May 26, 2015. The pre-construction meeting, originally scheduled June 4, has been rescheduled to June 9, 2015.

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Niagara Waterway at Peachland NIA 5.72 - This project provides for the construction of a stormwater control structure under Peachland Boulevard at the Niagara Waterway. The new structure will replace a 48" reinforced concrete pipe and a 22' weir with two 36" reinforced concrete pipes with a 6' weir. Construction Contract: Quality Enterprises, Construction Schedule: 06/05/2015 – October 2015

The construction contract was awarded to Quality Enterprises at the BCC meeting on May 26, 2015. The pre-construction meeting, originally scheduled June 4, has been rescheduled to June 9, 2015.

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 – 6/30/2015

Elkcam Waterway: Zep Construction completed the new weir and will continue installing riprap along the east side of the project. Final restoration is in progress.

Fordham Waterway: TECO Gas Company completed the relocation of an existing gas line that was previously relocated to the wrong location. Zep will start working in this area next week.

Elmira Blvd: Zep Construction is currently working on punchlist items.

Overall construction is approximately 96% complete.

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 new sidewalk and curbing on SR 776 is complete.
- Storm drainage and utility installations are 100% complete.
- The installation of street lights and poles is 100% complete.
- The SR 776 intersection gravity wall is complete.
- The final lift of asphalt is complete throughout the entire project.
- ADA mats for the sidewalk is nearing completion.
- Roadway signing and striping is 99% complete.
- Signalization at CR 775 and SR 776 is in the final stages of completion.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled June 15, 2015; upon completion of the ceremony, Winchester Boulevard South will be open to traffic.

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

A total of 39 new requests were received related to brush, drainage, asphalt repair, and debris.

- Drainage line & grade: 13,350 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
3,500 SF in Grove City
7,145 SF in Greater Port Charlotte
2,600 SF in Rotonda West
7,490 SF in Road & Bridge South
- Small pipe install: 34 LF in Greater Port Charlotte
20 LF in Englewood East
64 LF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
- Menzie ditch cutting: 68,805 SF in South Charlotte Stormwater
70,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater
40,000 SF in Englewood East
- Boom mower: Cut 977 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte
Cut 23,250 CY in Rotonda Lakes
Cut 30,427 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Cut 43,478 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
- Culvert cleaning: Cleaned 1 culvert in Greater Port Charlotte
Cleaned 2 culverts in Road & Bridge South
Cleaned 16 culverts in Road & Bridge North
Cleaned 2 culverts in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Cleaned 1 culvert in Burnt Store Village
Cleaned 4 culverts in Deep Creek
- Asphalt Repair: Utilized 4 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County
- Trash / Debris Removal: Removed 6,520 pounds of debris from Englewood East
- Road Grading: 33,000 SY on Don Pedro / Knights Island

Contracted Services

- West county ROW Mowing for the month of June has been completed in Englewood East, Grove City, Lemon Bay, Placida, West county R&B, Rotonda West and Gulf Cove. They are currently mowing in South Gulf Cove.

- Specialty mowing continues in all areas; preparing to start applying mulch on US 41.
- The pipe lining company is currently working on two locations on Caring Way in Port Charlotte (behind Charlotte County Ford).

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

Mosquito Control:

Acres treated	46,226
Service requests	82
Landing rate counts taken	28
Waste tires collected	0 reported

Aquatic Weed Control:

Sites inspected	3
Sites treated	35
Mitigation sites maintained	2

Tourism

The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau was recently awarded a VISIT FLORIDA Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature Marketing Grant in the amount of \$3,300. The matching grant will be used to develop and print a comprehensive guide to cycling in Charlotte County. The guide will promote Charlotte County trails, the free bicycle loaner program in Punta Gorda, maps of trails systems, and contacts for guided and scheduled bike rides.