

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Stone Crabs began a four game home stance, 6/15 – 6/18. The Charlotte Stone Crabs game on 6/15 was cancelled due to rain. They played a doubleheader on 6/16. The Charlotte Sports Park hosted the Prostyle Baseball Tournament on 6/13 – 6/14 with an attendance of 815.

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

Summer has officially begun and the first 52 castaways, I mean campers have arrived for Harold Avenue Recreation Center's "Survivor Summer 2015!" For the next 7 weeks the participants of Camp Survivor will be divided into tribes that will compete against one another in recreational games and team building exercises with hopes of being the Last Tribe Standing. To ensure that each castaway receives the most from this experience the first week was dedicated to learning about life on the island. Harold Avenue Recreation Center's "Summer Survivor 2015" Camp is open to area children entering into grades K-5.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

It was a busy week preparing for our big event the Daddy Daughter Dance. It was a SOLD OUT event! We sold over 120 tickets, and had 85 attend the dance. We gave away over \$1700 in prizes from our local vendors! The Dance was a huge success!

For the week of 6-10 through 6-16-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 202 paid admissions, was visited by 31 pass holders and had 84 water aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 6-10 through 6-17, South County Regional Park Pool had 969 paid admissions, was visited by 163 pass holders and had 42 water aerobics participants, and 896 Summer Camp swimmers. The Charlotte County Blue Fins held 13 swim practices resulting in approximately 260 "splashes." In addition, the Charlotte County Blue Fins hosted a swim meet Saturday 6-13-15, in which approximately 135 swimmers and their families attended. Summer Learn to Swim session 1 started on June 16th with 10 classes running Tuesday through Friday until June 26 and 32 participants.

Extension Services

Newspaper Article for June 15th – "Wild for Allamanda"

District IV Success Stories due – June 15

UF/IFAS District IV - 3-Year Pack Review due – June 17

Community roadway (gateways & thoroughfares) landscape beautification committee meeting - June 17 – Public Works

County Appraisal Completion – June 19

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Operations

Facilities is going out for quotes for structural termite fumigation for the Historical Courthouse. In the past we have been treating, by spray method, and conducting inspections to ensure that termites have been kept at bay. These pests were discovered several years ago in the section of building that was taken down as part

of the restoration of this building. We have recently found these dry wood termites on the second floor courtroom near the window sills of the building. We want to insure that these are not going to take hold and begin destroying the facade of this restored building. We have decided to fumigate the structure to make sure this does not happen. Fumigation provides for better treatment, results, and also provides for annual inspections with implied warranties if follow-up fumigations are needed to eliminate these pests. We should have quotes back by end of June to determine which company will be conducting this service for us. Once determined we will schedule accordingly and allowing for public notice as well.

Project Management

Harbour Heights Park Drainage, Parking & Court Improvements: Landscaping and sodding has been installed. When the well is de-commissioned and the final lift of asphalt are completed the park will be ready to open.

Anger Park Pier, Parking and Drainage: The conduit for the cable that was cut by the contractor has been installed. When the Verizon cable is installed in the conduit and the additional rip rap at the pier entrance is installed the park will be ready to be opened.

Harbour Heights Park Boat Ramp: The draft plans have been reviewed and are being revised by Weiler Engineering.

Franz Ross Drainage, Parking and Lighting: The construction has been approved by the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners and the preconstruction meeting with the contractor has been held.

Port Charlotte Beach Park Fishing Pier and Boardwalk: the fishing pier has been opened. The stringers are being installed for the north end of the boardwalk and the deck adjacent to the recreation building.

Human Services

2-1-1 Call Centers throughout Florida contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide information on Summer BreakSpot. This program assists school aged children accompanied with an adult to obtain free breakfast and lunch throughout Charlotte County Public Schools. The program started in June and will end in August (dates for BreakSpot sites vary). Parents/Care Givers are encouraged to dial 211 for information on times and locations nearest to their homes. This program ensures that children of Charlotte County obtain proper nourishment for breakfast and lunch during the summer.

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 – 11/18/2015

- 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 scheduled to begin at the box culvert at the Bear Branch Creek now that traffic has been shifted to the new east side lanes. The west side of the box culverts will be constructed in the upcoming months.
- 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 85% complete on the northbound side and 20% complete on the southbound side.
- The contractor completed 90% of the stabilizer/base on the northbound travel lanes and 10% on the southbound travel lanes. The first and second course of asphalt has been paved on the northbound lanes - and another 1,500 feet of asphalt has 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 traffic has shifted to the east side of new roadway and the speed limit is reduced to 35 miles per hour. The entire project length is a NO PASSING zone; extreme caution should be used when traveling in this area.
- Construction is approximately 64% 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 sidewalk mats are 100% complete.
- Roadway signing and striping is 100% complete.
- Signalization at CR 775 and SR 776 is in the final stages of completion.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held June 15, 2015. Winchester Boulevard South is open to traffic.

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 June 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.

Placida Road Safety Improvements Phase 1 (Rotonda Blvd. West to Cape Haze Drive) – Safety improvements include: a 2.9 mile bicycle-pedestrian path from Rotonda Boulevard West to Cape Haze Drive, intersection improvements at Lemon Bay Golf Course, Bantry Bay, Cape Haze Drive and Panama Drive and resurfacing of Placida Road from Rotonda Boulevard West to the Boca Grande Causeway. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: through Summer 2015, Procurement Process: Fall 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015

Utility design should be complete by August 2015. Construction plans are on hold at approx. 80% pending completion of utility plans. Utility plans are currently at 60% and have been submitted to CCU for review.

Placida Road Safety Improvements Phase 2 (Cape Haze Dr. to Boca Grande Causeway) – This project provides for a continuous walkway along Placida Road from SR 776 to the Boca Grande Causeway. This multi-use path will run along the northwest side of Placida Road and will be 10' wide to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting Schedule: through Summer 2015, Procurement Process: Fall 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015.

Utility design should be complete by August 2015. Construction plans are on hold at approx. 90% pending completion of utility plans. Utility plans are currently at 60% and have been submitted to CCU for review.

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 30 new requests were received related to brush, drainage, asphalt repair, guardrail repair, and debris.

Drainage line & grade:	14,400 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte 3,900 SF in Grove City 3,900 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 1,000 SF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban 14,360 SF in Road & Bridge South
Small pipe install:	176 LF in Greater Port Charlotte 96 LF in Englewood East 92 LF in Grove City 32 LF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Menzie ditch cutting:	47,400 SF in South Charlotte Stormwater 130,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater 167,350 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater 60,000 SF in Englewood East
Boom mower:	Cut 11,600 CY in Road & Bridge South Cut 12,400 CY in Rotonda Lakes Cut 6,000 CY in Englewood East Cut 9,072 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban Cut 23,325 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 52 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 7.95 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County

Contracted Services

- ROW mowing is underway in Greater Port Charlotte; they are currently on the west side of US 41 working their way toward Harborview Boulevard.
- ROW mowing has also begun in South County; they are currently in Tropical Gulf Acres and Burnt Store Road areas.
- The Specialty Mowing Contractor finished the top mulch dressing on US 41 medians, parking pods and Veterans Boulevard.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

Mosquito Control:

Acres treated	49,298
Landing rate counts taken	33
Traps set	1
Service requests	55

Aquatic Weed Control:

Sites treated	17
Sites inspected	11

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: Spring/Summer 2015, Construction: Summer 2015

A Request for Bids is currently advertised. The pre-bid conference is scheduled June 24 and bid opening is scheduled July 8, 2015.

Tourism

Members of the 2015 Charlotte County Chamber Leadership class learned the value of tourism to Charlotte County on June 11. During the Leadership class's Tourism Day, 27 community representatives visited sites from Port Charlotte to Knight Island including the Charlotte Sports Park, Palm Island Resort, Myakka Motorcoach Resort and Riverwood Golf Club. At Englewood beach, the class learned about the beach park's history, beach renourishment and turtle nesting season. Throughout the day, while traveling, participants learned more about the history of Charlotte County including the legend of Jose Gaspar, after whom Gasparilla Island was named, and the early years of El Jo Bean. Tourism Day culminated in a luncheon at the Englewood Event Center and a presentation by Charlotte County's tourism director, Lorah Steiner. The day was coordinated by Tommy Scott, Director of Charlotte County Community Services and Ed Hill, Executive Director of the Englewood Area – Cape Haze Chamber of Commerce.