

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

Below are the dates and attendance figures from the Charlotte Stone Crabs games at the Charlotte Sports Park:

Tuesday	6/23/2015	930
Wednesday	6/24/2015	362
Thursday	6/25/2015	682
Saturday	6/27/2015	1039
Sunday	6/28/2015	205
Monday	6/29/2015	343
Tuesday	6/30/2015	1077

The Charlotte Stone Crabs play at the Charlotte Sports Park on July 4-6 and July 10-13.

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

Hippity hi, hibbity ho, Harold Avenue is the place to go. This week we have drop-in table tennis, pickle ball and that's not all, drop your kids off for camp and drop-in for Volleyball. The camp kids are laughing, and playing and having some fun, and the fun doesn't stop until the full day is done. The Youth basketball season is now in full swing, kids from 5 to 17 are doing their thing. They're dribbling, they're passing, they're scoring some goals, and they're also learning life lessons if the truth is to be told. So come on and stop by, and bring your kids. Enjoy an hour or two at Harold Avenue; you'll be glad you did. The good news is good but the grand news is grand, we'd like to say goodbye to one heck of a man. Congratulations to Mike Norton on his new position at the Charlotte County Sports Park! From all of the staff at Harold Avenue we'd like to send a big thank you for all the time, effort, and support you have shown everyone here and in the Community as a whole.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

Last week we had a sailing camp hosted here at the beach and utilizing our center for class room time. And over the weekend we had a large Bridal Party celebration. This week staff has been busy with the final plans for the Bayshore BBQ Bash that takes place on the 4th of July. Also, the boardwalk is coming along and looks awesome. It should be completed in a few weeks.

For the week of 6-24-15 through 6-30-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 162 paid admissions, was visited by 31 pass holders and had 51 water aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 6-24 through 7-1, South County Regional Park Pool had 657 paid admissions, was visited by 156 pass holders and had 58 water aerobics participants. The Charlotte County Blue Fins held 13 swim practices resulting in approximately 260 "splashes." In addition, we hosted 15 PG Fire pre-employment swim tests. Summer "Learn to Swim" session 1 concluded and we are well underway registering session 2 beginning July 7. 12 different summer camps attended with 618 children swimming.

Extension Services

4-H Camp Cloverleaf - June 29 – July 3 - Lake Placid, FL

Newspaper Article for June 29 – "How to water your newly planted trees"

Final Spring Lakes Workshop Preparation Meeting before June 30 – June 29

Meeting and Lunch with new Associate Dean for Extension, Agricultural Programs, Dr. Saqib Mukhtar – Manatee County Extension – June 30

Spring Lakes Workshop – Beach Complex – June 30

Program Meeting with new Associate Dean for Extension, Agricultural Programs, Dr. Saqib Mukhtar – Manatee County Extension – July 1

Food Nutrition Program Meeting - Dr. Karla Shelnutt, UF/IFAS Foods and Nutrition Assistant Professor – Working Lunch – July 2 – Attendees include CED's from Desoto and Hardee Counties.

Parks

Tringali Recreation Center: Completed installation of new swing structure-4 swings total.

Port Charlotte Beach Park: Completed installation of new swing set structure-4 swings total. Opened south boardwalk at PCB, so now only north boardwalk is under construction.

Edgewater Park small dog area: Complete installation of new 12 x 12 ft. shade structure, with ADA access.

Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park small dog area: Complete installation of new 14 x 14 ft. shade structure, with ADA access.

Harbour Heights Park: Installed 'Felony-No trespassing' construction site signage and entrance barricades at Harbour Heights, as project nears completion people are using park that is still a safety hazard.

Englewood Beach: Installed metal cigarette butt containers on Englewood Beach boardwalk entrances, and new gooseneck cigarette butt holders at the pavilions.

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

Facilities Department staff is again using monitored jail trustee inmate labor to help with a painting project at the Sheriff's District 3, Punta Gorda office. Using inmates to paint the walls saves the county money that would be spent on a painting contractor for a project of this size.

Two deteriorating accessory structures at Charlotte County Animal Control were demolished and removed to make space available for other usage.

Several lighting projects are complete, including retrofitting lights at Ann Dever/Oyster Creek pool women's changing area and locker room. Old ceiling lights were replaced with new LED lights on the second floor of Murdock B building and a light fixture was replaced on the channel marker at northwest fender at Tom Adams Bridge in Englewood.

Operations

Facilities is doing preparation work to put out the construction bid for the Sports Park's Domestic Water Filtration System Installation. This is to insure that we have quality water for use and will also insure the water distribution equipment for hot and cold water are protected from corrosion and premature breakdown. The continuing multiple repairs of this equipment has been very costly. The new filtration system is projected to be a significant cost savings for the Sports Park water distribution system.

Project Management

The Veteran's Memorial Park Request for Proposal packages were received for the Construction Management companies. The packages were reviewed and shortlisted on June 24th by the professional committee

The Fire Training Building Request for Bid pre-submittal meeting was held. Few clarification questions were received with addendum 1 being issued June 19th. The bid package is due on July 15 at 2:00.

The Jail Infirmary Design Request for Proposal pre-submittal meeting was held. The consultants were taken on a tour of the existing infirmary. The packages are due June 30th.

The BCC approved Fawley-Bryant as the design firm for Sheriff's District with negotiations meeting being scheduled. The Construction Manager Request for Proposal is advertised. The Pre-submittal meeting was held June 25th with packages due July 16th. The professional committee will shortlist the companies on July 28th

Harbour Heights Drainage, Parking and Court Improvements: The existing well has been inspected by SWFWMD and at least partially filled by the well sub-contractor.

Anger Park Pier, Parking and Drainage: the park has been opened by Community Services.

Franz Ross Drainage, Parking and Lighting: The Purchase Order for construction has been issued and the contractor has applied for the building permit.

Port Charlotte Beach Park fishing pier and boardwalk: The south boardwalk is scheduled to be opened by Community Services this week. Work is continuing on the north boardwalk and recreation center deck.

Harbour Heights Boat Ramp: some cost estimates have been received from the engineer of record.

Public Works

Landscaping Projects

June 24 - 29, 2015

- 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.
- Mowing of all County-owned fenced retention ponds was completed.

Maintenance & Operations

June 24 - 29, 2015

A total of 52 new requests were received related to brush, drainage, asphalt repair, sidewalk repair, and debris.

Drainage line & grade:	4,500 SF in Grove City
	10,400 SF in South Gulf Cove
	2,000 SF in Greater Port Charlotte
	7,540 SF in Harbour Heights
	7,250 SF in Road & Bridge North
	10,100 SF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Small pipe install:	180 LF in Greater Port Charlotte
	144 LF in Northwest Port Charlotte
	44 LF in South Gulf Cove
	72 LF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Menzie ditch cutting:	81,680 SF in South Charlotte Stormwater
	160,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater
Boom mower:	Cut 23,950 CY in Rotonda Lakes
	Cut 16,500 CY in Road & Bridge South

	Cut 75,038 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
	Cut 17,447 CY in Cook & Brown
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 18 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte
Trash/debris removal:	Removed 4,940 pounds of debris throughout the County
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 2.06 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County

Contracted Services

ROW mowing in Deep Creek, Harbor Heights, Northwest Port Charlotte and Greater Port Charlotte is completed for the month of June; they are currently working in Greater Port Charlotte on the east side of US 41.

South County ROW mowing is currently working on SR 74 and will continue for the next few days.

Specialty mowing completed all cycles for the month of June; they are currently starting early on northern County locations for the month of July with US 41 being the main area of concern.

Mulch continues to be addressed in all areas of the County; currently they are finishing up on Veterans Boulevard and will be moving to locations in West County this week.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 87,114
- Landing rate counts taken: 69
- Traps set: 24
- Service requests: 69

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 24
- Sites inspected: 19
- Mitigation sites maintained: 2

Tourism

The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau is proud to announce Chip Futch, Director of Marketing, has been appointed to Visit Florida’s Advertising and Internet Committee for a one-year term beginning July 1. Visit Florida is the state’s official tourism marketing corporation.

Mr. Futch joined the Charlotte Harbor VCB in 2013. Visit Florida’s Advertising and Internet Committee provides the primary source of industry input, counsel and feedback on strategic matters related to Visit Florida’s domestic and international cooperative and dedicated efforts in direct marketing and advertising, including digital and internet marketing. Visit Florida’s Board of Directors established the Marketing Council Steering Committee to enhance industry involvement. It’s made up of eight discipline-based committees – Advertising and Internet; Communications; Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature; Industry Relations; International; Meetings & Travel Trade; Promotions; and Visitor Services. Committee members are volunteers and represent Visit Florida board members and tourism industry partners who have an expertise or interest in the committee disciplines.