

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

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

Friday, July 24 - 0 (Rained Out)
Saturday, July 25 - 0 (Rained Out)
Sunday, July 26 - 87 (Rain Delay)
Monday, July 27 - 0 (Rained Out)
Tuesday, July 28 - 1129 (Double Header)
Wednesday, July 29 - 324

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

The staff of Harold Avenue Park are happy to announce that our seasonal recreation specialist Cedric Vales will be dropping the seasonal off of his title. He interviewed, was offered and has accepted a permanent position. Welcome, welcome, welcome and once again welcome to Harold Avenue Park.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

Buena Vista had their monthly neighborhood watch meeting with 40 people. Saturday night was a large wedding with 100 people. For the week of 7-22 through 7-28-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 108 paid admissions, was visited by 20 pass holders and had 27 water aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 7-22 through 7-29, South County Regional Park Pool had 179 paid admissions, was visited by 159 pass holders and had 48 water aerobics participants. The Charlotte County Blue Fins held 13 swim practices resulting in approximately 260 "splashes." In addition, we hosted the 2015 Special Olympics County Swim meet on Saturday July 25 where 14 athletes competed to qualify for moving forward in their respective events. Summer "Learn to Swim" session 2 concluded and we are now teaching session 3 to 40 registered participants. Eight different summer camps attended with 358 children swimming.

Extension Services

Newspaper Article for July 27 – "When palms have bad hair days"
South Central Monthly CED Conference Call – July 27
Master Gardener Radio Show (WCCF 1580 AM) – July 28
Purchasing Focus Group Meeting - Building B, Room 106 – July 29
Extension Staff Meeting – July 30
3rd Qtr. Business Mtg. - Community Services - Mid-County Library – July 31

Natural Resources

This week staff focused much of our efforts on surveys for monitoring/grant requirements. Specifically staff surveyed the gopher tortoise recipient site on Tippecanoe I Environmental Park. It is essential per our agreement with FWC we continue to manage and monitor environmental conditions for this unit. This recipient site is scheduled to receive the displaced tortoises should Murdock Village ever be developed. With this understanding the county will save thousands and at the same time increase incentives to develop the land already purchased. Staff also conducted some Scrub Jay surveys. These surveys are important to compliance with the requirements within the Habitat Conservation Plan.

Staff also spent some time researching grant opportunities. There are many grants available to agencies which can help to alleviate the burden of management of property. Not all of these opportunities for funding are applicable to our properties but staff work to explore funding opportunities which can offset the costs of responsible land management and in this way provide a savings to the citizens of Charlotte County.

Staff continued work on exotic vegetation control. Targeted species include Lygodium and Cesar weed.

Parks

- Cleared underbrush and construction debris from newly purchased lots on Bayshore Road. Initial mowing, line cutting, edging and grading. Requested lots to be added to annual mowing contract.
- Repaired multiple concrete cracks at South Gulf Cove Park restroom sidewalk & foyer
- Cleared vegetation from the fishing finger piers at Ainger Creek Park

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Operations

A selection committee was assembled for creating a chair standard that will be used to bid and purchase new chairs for the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. The specifications are currently being written and then will be put out for bid for the purchase of 2000 new chairs for this site. The existing chairs have been well used, surviving through multiple hurricanes and also were used in the temporary "Tentatorium" post-Charley. These chairs are now ready to be retired. The new chairs will better fit the look and current needs for the Event Center.

The HVAC staff move from Murdock Building D to Port Charlotte Fleet building is still in progress. The new office space and planned remodel at Fleet building is in permitting. The existing cubicles at Building D will be repositioned.

A new conference room for Public Works office at Florida Street location is in permitting process

Project Management

Murdock Administration exterior soffit lights: this is a new project initiated under the Energy Initiative Projects and an "aim for Success" meeting to review the scope of work is scheduled for July 30.

Port Charlotte Beach fishing pier lighting: Sweet Sparkman has completed the permit set of drawings and we will be issuing a request for bid to bring an electrical contractor on board who has longshoreman's insurance required for the scope of work.

Justice Center Expansion: The Request for Proposal for design team selection went out on July 20 and is due back on Aug. 26. Presubmittal meeting is scheduled for Aug. 10.

South County Community Library and Archive: a design team has been selected and contract negotiations are in progress. A survey of the proposed parcel is in progress, and an environmental audit will follow. Request for Proposal for Construction Manager selection is in the works, but has not yet been released.

Harbour Heights Drainage, Parking and Court Improvements: As built drawings were prepared by the contractor but needed several additions and these are now being completed by the contractor. Final walkthroughs are being performed this week.

Fire Station #10 Fire Sprinklers: Purchasing is working with the contractor to provide prices for the items that were left out of their bid package. This is being done because bids for this project were limited to one contractor.

The BCC approved the short list ranking for the Jail Infirmary Design consultant and Veteran's Memorial Park Construction Manager at Risk company. Purchasing will schedule the individual meetings starting of negotiation process.

The District 1 Construction Manager at Risk shortlisting by the professional committee was completed on July 28. The sales tax project ranking will meet for approval at the BCC first meeting in September.

Human Services

Family Services Division Manager and Program Specialist III attended a regional CSBG and LIHEAP workshop from 7/21/15 to 7/22/15. Discussions included new reporting requirements with an emphasis on measurable outcomes.

Housing: SHIP: With the funding level for SHIP established, Charlotte County has received notice that will receive a total of \$808,578. This includes \$722,626.00 for the County and \$85,962.00 for the City. There are additional parameters set for Special needs as in the past as well as allowance to fund homeless prevention programs.

Veteran Services received 2014 VA Disability and Pension Claims:

County:	Charlotte
Vet Pop:	20,878
New Claims:	\$10,392,811.00
Reoccurring:	\$73,986,000.00
Total:	\$84,378,811.00

Ivey Winkler received the June 2015 Charlotte County Employee of the Month award at the July 28 BCC meeting.

Public Works

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

Edgewater Drive Widening Phase 2 – 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: 1/5/2015 – 2/5/2017.

Public Service Announcement: *PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (July 28, 2015) – As part of the Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements project, the overnight water main shutdown originally planned for July 28 to July 29 has been rescheduled.*

As a result, water service will be temporarily suspended to a portion of the Port Charlotte service area Tuesday, August 4 at 10 p.m. through Wednesday, August 5 at 6 a.m.

In advance of the project, Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) personnel will place door hangers on 209 homes from Midway Boulevard to W. Tarpon Boulevard to notify them of the shutdown. When service is restored, due to

reduced system pressure from the shut-off of the water supply and as a precautionary measure, CCU is requesting that all customers in the affected area(s) boil water intended for drinking or cooking at a rolling boil for a minimum of one minute. Customers should boil water until further notice.

CCU will notify all affected Customers with a rescission notice as soon as the water quality is confirmed to be at safe consumption levels. As an alternative, bottled water could be used. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Please visit www.GoEP2.com for list of affected residences from Midway Boulevard to W. Tarpon Boulevard.

Excerpt from www.GoEP2.com - July 29, 2015 LOCAL TRAFFIC will be shifted to a temporary roadway from Midway Boulevard to Lake View Boulevard. Edgewater Drive remains closed to thru traffic.

Harbour Heights Median Improvements - This project consists of installing curbing, irrigation and landscaping within the existing medians on Sunnybrook Road and Broadpoint Drive. Construction Contract: Stage Door II, Inc. of Apopka, FL, Construction Schedule: TBD

A recommendation to award the construction contract to Stage Door II, Inc. of Apopka, FL was presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval on July 28, 2015.

A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled; Notice to Proceed will be established at the meeting. All work shall be completed within 90 calendar days from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed.

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. Construction Contract: Underwater Engineering Services, Construction Schedule: 7/27/2015 – Early 2016

The contractor intends to mobilize equipment to the site by Aug. 14 to begin construction. County staff is currently reviewing material submittals and preparing responses to requests for information.

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: 8/3/2015 – 3/10/2016.

The construction contract was awarded to Quality Enterprises at the BCC meeting on May 26, 2015. The pre-construction meeting was held June 9, 2015. Work is scheduled to begin on August 3, 2015.

Traffic Update: PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (July 24, 2015) – Construction is scheduled to begin on Peachland Boulevard, between Torrington Street and Beacon Drive, on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 to replace the water control structure at the Fordham Waterway. Peachland Boulevard will remain open to vehicular traffic during construction however pedestrian traffic will be closed at the canal crossing. This project is being conducted to increase stormwater flow capacity as part of an overall plan to upgrade Charlotte County's stormwater infrastructure system. Construction is projected to be complete by April 2016.

The Public Works Department reminds motorists to remain alert at all times and to exercise caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction zones. More information about this project is available at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov – click Project Status Updates in the Popular Links list on the left.

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: 8/3/2015 – 3/10/2016.

The construction contract was awarded to Quality Enterprises at the BCC meeting on May 26, 2015. The pre-construction meeting was held June 9, 2015. Work is scheduled to begin August 3, 2015.

Traffic Update: PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (July 24, 2015) – Construction is scheduled to begin on Peachland Boulevard, between Aberdeen Avenue and Hallcrest Terrace, on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 to replace the water control structure at the Niagara Waterway. Peachland Boulevard will remain open to vehicular traffic during construction however pedestrian traffic will be closed at the canal crossing. This project is being conducted to increase stormwater flow capacity as part of an overall plan to upgrade Charlotte County's stormwater infrastructure system. Construction is projected to be complete by April 2016.

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Sunshine Lake Recharge Wells – This project consists of the installation of two recharge wells to maintain active water flow through the Sunshine Lake. A recharge well will be located at the north end of Sunshine Lake and a second adjacent to McGuire Park. Construction Contract: Lee Dean & Sons, Inc. of Fort Myers, FL, Construction Schedule: Summer – Fall 2015

The construction contract was awarded to Lee Dean & Sons, Inc. of Fort Myers, FL on July 28, 2015. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled; Notice to Proceed date will be established at the pre-construction meeting; construction time is 90 calendar days.

Projects in Design or Negotiation

Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk, Phase 2 – 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; 90% design plans were submitted to FDOT in June 2015 and are under review.

The design team submitted project documents to obtain permits and is awaiting agency responses.

Edgewater Drive Bridge Repair at Elkcum Waterway - This project includes engineering services to inspect and evaluate the current condition of each wall at the Edgewater Drive Bridge (014074) over the Elkcum Waterway near Cousley Drive and determine the most cost effective method of repair. Design Contract: CES/American Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: through 8/27/2015, Procurement Process: September-November 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2015

CES/American Engineering is currently designing wall rehabilitation; design plans are at 30% completion.

Maintenance & Operations

July 22-28, 2015

A total of 57 requests received related to brush, debris, drainage, guardrail repair, and asphalt repair.

Drainage line & grade:	3,400 SF in Gulf Cove
	4,370 SF in Englewood East
	11,910 SF in Harbour Heights

	16,100 SF in Greater Port Charlotte
	8,225 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
Small pipe install:	216 LF in Greater Port Charlotte
	24 LF in Deep Creek
Menzie ditch cutting:	140,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater
	125,200 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater
Boom mower:	Cut 25,950 CY in Rotonda West
	Cut 15,800 CY in Road & Bridge South
	Cut 63,529 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
	Cut 15,838 CY in Harbour Heights
	Cut 6,270 CY in Cook & Brown
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 39 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte
	Cleaned 13 culverts in Deep Creek
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 2.03 tons of material throughout the County
	Utilized 5.08 tons of material in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Shoulder repair:	Maintained 0.3 miles of shoulder in Road & Bridge North
Trash/Debris removal:	Removed 8,360 pounds of debris throughout the County

Landscaping Services

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; Melbourne Street Bridge and all county-owned fenced retention ponds.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

July 22-28, 2015

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 127,772
- Landing rate counts taken: 80
- Traps set: 39
- Service requests: 61

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 16
- Sites inspected: 23
- Mitigation sites maintained: 1

Other Projects

Sunshine Lake Water Level Control Structure - The purpose of this project is to design and construct a water control structure at the downstream end of the Sunrise Waterway to restore and enhance the water quality of Sunshine Lake. This project is being conducted in response to recommendations received from the Sunshine Lake Water Quality Study. Design: Public Works Engineering Division, Design/Permitting Schedule: 04/17/2013 – 10/01/2013, Procurement Process: through July 28, 2015, Construction Contract: Quality Enterprises, Projected Start of Construction: October 2015.

The purpose of this project is to design and construct a water control structure at the downstream end of the Sunrise Waterway to restore and enhance the water quality of Sunshine Lake. This project is being conducted in response to recommendations received from the Sunshine Lake Water Quality Study.

The 2012 Sunshine Lake Water Quality Study, conducted by Atkins, focused on the potential causes of the existing and persistent algal blooms occurring in the Sunshine Lake/Sunrise Waterway, and recommended

solutions toward restoring and enhancing the water quality of these water bodies. The study recommendations include the following actions: removal of the algal biomass, enhancing circulation by aeration, providing additional water input by well augmentation, and modification of lake levels by the addition of a water control structure.

This project is intended to meet the lake level modification recommendation of the study. The control structure will be constructed at the large culvert at the Tamiami Trail frontage road, located at the downstream end of Sunrise Waterway. The structure will raise the water level in the water bodies eighteen inches, lessening algal growth due to seasonal lowering of water levels. The additional water depth and volume provides additional attenuation and dilution of runoff and will increase storage for suspended solids.

Additional proposed improvements include upsizing the pipe crossing at Gertrude from the existing 36" diameter to a 48" diameter storm drain, and increasing the number of pipe crossings at N. Tamiami Trail frontage road from one 72" to two 72" pipes.

The Board of County Commissioners awarded the construction contract to Quality Enterprises on July 28, 2015. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled August 5, 2015. The Contractor will begin construction within 60 days of the pre-construction meeting.