

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

There were no home games this week for the Charlotte Stone Crabs. The Charlotte Stone Crabs will return home on August 7 – August 12. The Mosaic Baseball Camp on August 1 had 35 kids signed up this year.

Tringali Recreation Center

Tringali Basketball Development Clinic that has been held on Saturdays 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 & 8/1 from 8:00am-3:00pm had children ages 6 through 13 attend 4 basketball skill development clinics; created and executed by staff at Tringali Recreation Center. In total there was over 40 kids participating. Staff created skill training specifically geared towards the kid's needs. Some of the skills covered were ball handling, dribbling, and passing just to name a few. With the success of this clinic, there will be another in the months to come.

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

Week 8 of the Summer Youth Basketball League was completed this past weekend. In this league the competition is fierce. At this time there are only two undefeated teams in the entire league making for an interesting season and upcoming playoffs. The league games are held every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. bringing in over 900 spectators to the building. The Youth Basketball League consists of 10 regular season games plus a post season series.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

This past week was a little quieter so we had time to do extra cleaning around the center, so everything is looking nice and shiny. Sunday, Aug. 2, there was a baby shower with 40 guests in attendance. Tuesday "McDonalds" held a large staff meeting for 150 employees. This weekend there are not any events happening, but after that we only have a few dates available over the next few months, with bookings on Saturdays and Sundays.

For the week of 7-29 through 8-4-15, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 140 paid admissions, was visited by 24 pass holders and had 34 water aerobics participants. Staff also conducted 2 private swim lesson series.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 7-29 through 8-5, South County Regional Park Pool had 313 paid admissions, was visited by 103 pass holders and had 34 water aerobics participants. The Charlotte County Blue Fins held 13 swim practices resulting in approximately 260 "splashes." Summer "Learn to Swim" session 3 has 42 registered participants. Six different summer camps attended with 186 children swimming and 54 children from camps had swim lessons.

Oyster Creek Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 7-26-15 through 8-1-15 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 418 paid admissions, 83 water aerobics participants and was visited by 173 pass holders. The Bluefin's held 5 practices with approximately 100 swimmers.

Extension Services

Newspaper Article for August 3 – "Fiji foliage provides bold color in the landscape"

Managers Meeting - Charlotte Sports Park – August 3

Spring Lakes Contract B Initial Workshop Preparation Meeting to discuss the next public outreach workshop for East and West Spring Lakes - August 4

Turf Site Visit - Larry Larmore – August 5

Parks – Athletic Fields

All five Certified Grounds workers, Jeremy Wilkerson and Monty Rodriguez completed an 8 hour training seminar and received certificates in chemical spill response. This training included proper Federal and State agency incident documentation and reporting as well as the correct methods for cleanup and disposal.

Parks

- Detailed cleaning, preparation and staging of Harbour Heights park for reopening on August 1, 2015 after 6 month improvement project.
- Created log of all Parks work orders submitted to Facilities on O drive, so any Community Services employees can look online.
- Trained all full time employees on accessing Otis, Halogen, county email, Eden and vacation request forms.
- Review of writing accomplishments, tracking all training and training requirements.
- Bayshore Park two newly purchased lots seawall repaired by Dave Mathewson, required for removal of dead trees.

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Operations

Construction of an employee restroom for the Public Works Sign Shop in Punta Gorda is out for quotes.

Proposed remodeling plans of office space in B Building at Murdock have been reviewed by Fiscal management. This will add create additional cubicles for new staff and rearrange existing spaces for more efficient internal access.

Project Management

The negotiations started on Aug. 4 with the Jail Infirmary design consultant. The Construction Manager at Risk Request for Proposal (RFP) was submitted to Purchasing for processing. The RFP documents were compiled and met spec review on Aug. 3.

The initial negotiations meeting was held on July 31 with the Veteran's Memorial Park Construction Manager at Risk company. The company will compile the Preconstruction Services proposal for staff review.

The District 1 design consultant negotiations are complete with contract and purchase order signed by July 31. The kickoff meeting will be scheduled with project stakeholders.

The consultant provided the draft preliminary report on Spring Lake Park Stormwater evaluation. The consultant evaluate the storm water flow and provided corrective actions for erosion control near the parking area and boardwalks. Staff will review the report and provide comment or request clarifications.

The CARE facility design Request for Interest packages were received, evaluated and ranked. Approval was received to start negotiations with the selected firm. The negotiations meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Carmalita Football parking lot lighting: installation is in progress and we were able to get FPL to remove their existing light pole that was in conflict as an urgent request. Two other FPL lights are not critical, and will be schedule for removal after installation of new lighting is complete.

Mid County Regional Library parking lot lighting: the county is working with Graybar to develop quotes for new LED site lighting for the parking lot. Anticipate having quotes finalized in one to two weeks.

Master Space Plan: a kickoff meeting took place on July 27 with the selected architectural firm, and county site visits and drawing verification and documentation is underway for 36+ buildings countywide.

Harold Avenue Park Lot lighting: Electrical Solutions is working with FPL to find solutions for transforming the existing power at the light poles from 480V to 277V.

Tringali Tennis and Skatepark sports lighting: a quote from Musco Sports Lighting was received and is currently on the agenda for approval at the Sept 8 BOCC meeting.

Human Services

Veterans Services: Division Manager met with the owner of the Charlotte Sun-Herald to finalize details of a weekly “Veterans Corner” news article. The first article will be published the first week of September 2015. Veteran organization service officers will collaborate each week to help pick the subject material.

Family Services: Division Manager participated in the Ambassador Program on 7/29/15. This was the last of a 5-week series to help county employees gain a deeper understanding of other departments and the services we provide. This in turn will allow us to better help Charlotte County residents and visitors identify appropriate resources to meet their varied needs.

211: Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Alliance of Information and Referral Services (FLAIRS) for the Summer Food Program that establishes a partnership for referrals to needy families.

Housing Services: Fiscal Services office is working with Housing staff to complete the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report and is preparing the certifications to be presented to the BCC for acceptance of SHIP funds.

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. Maps depicting the specific areas to be paved are available on the 2015 Paving Program webpage located at <http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/projects/Pages/default.aspx> Construction Contract: Ajax Paving, Construction Schedule: March 2015 – Early 2016

Midway 9 Area: This area is substantially complete.

Peachland 4 Area: This area is substantially complete.

Midway 7 Area: Base repairs are complete on Orlando Boulevard; the Contractor will be placing the leveling course soon.

Deep Creek Phase 1 Area: Base repairs on Deep Creek Blvd and Aysen are underway; paving in Phase 1 is underway.

To date, approximately 27,090 tons of S-III asphalt has been placed in the Greater Port Charlotte and Deep Creek areas. The time complete is 64.6 percent and the work completed is 35.3 percent.

Traffic Advisory: *PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (July 31, 2015) – Inclement weather has delayed roadwork on Deep Creek Boulevard (from Sandhill Boulevard to Aysen Drive) and on Aysen Drive (from Deep Creek Boulevard to San Felix Street). Weather permitting, roadway base failure repairs will be conducted at this location Monday, August 3 through Tuesday, August 4 in advance of paving operations. Deep Creek Boulevard and Aysen Drive will remain open to traffic however periodic lane closures may cause intermittent traffic delays. This work is being conducted in conjunction with the 2015 Paving Program; for more information about the 2015 Paving Program, please visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov – click Project Status Updates in the Popular Links list on the left. The*

Public Works Department reminds motorists to remain alert and exercise extreme caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction zones.

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: 7/7/2014 – 9/4/2016.

- Woodruff and Sons' Crew #1 is concentrating on new utility installations from CR 771 east towards Cattle Dock Rd.
- Woodruff and Sons' Crew #2 is installing storm drain systems from Marathon Boulevard north to SR 776.
- Woodruff and Sons' Crew #3 is working on sidewalk construction south of Marathon Boulevard and is importing fill material for road construction from San Domingo Boulevard to Marathon Boulevard.
- Additional crews are on-site completing stormwater retention ponds.
- Overall construction is 46% complete.

Midway Boulevard Widening Phase 2 – This project will complete the widening of Midway Boulevard 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, a 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. Midway Boulevard 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: 6/30/2015 – Summer 2018

Forsberg Construction is working on material submittals for County staff to review. Temporary construction office trailers will be installed across from Port Charlotte Middle School, next to the tennis courts, this week. There will be no impact to the traveling public during this operation.

From: <http://midwayupdate.com/> (June 23, 2015) - The Contractor will be mobilizing and setting up the construction yard during the month of July. Contractors Planned Schedule: Construction Activities for the rest of this year will be focused on the east end of the project from the Niagara waterway (Achilles Street) to Kings Highway. Storm Drainage work to begin mid-August and continue through mid-November along Midway Boulevard in the area between Achilles to Shilo Street.

U.S. 41 Microtunnels / Weirs – This project involves engineering and permitting for the directional drilling of culverts under US 41 at the Fordham, Elkcarn, 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 Elkcarn 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 – 7/30/2015

All contractual construction items are complete.

Projects in Design or Negotiation

Parkside - Gertrude Avenue/Aaron Street Multi-Use Path - This project will provide for a 10' multi-use path, landscaping, decorative lighting, a pocket park and signage along Gertrude Avenue, from Caring Way to Aaron Street, and along Aaron Street from Gertrude Avenue to Harbor Boulevard. Design Contract: Johnson

Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: June 2015 – Fall 2015, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

A Parkside Community meeting is scheduled July 30, 2015 to review the conceptual plan.

Johnson Engineering is expected to have 30% plans submitted for staff review by August 1, 2015.

Parkside - West Tarpon Boulevard/Ambrose Lane Multi-Use Path - This project includes a 10' multi-use path, landscaping and decorative lighting along West Tarpon Boulevard from US 41 to Ambrose Lane and on Ambrose Lane from West Tarpon Boulevard to Elkcarn Boulevard. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: June – Late 2015, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

This project was approved by the Parkside Community Development Committee on March 3 and adopted into the County's Capital Improvements Program on March 24, 2015.

A Parkside Community Meeting is scheduled July 30, 2015 to review the conceptual project plan. Johnson Engineering is expected to have 30% plans submitted for staff review by September 1, 2015.

Lighting Projects - CIP Projects (information reported is for the month of July)

Burnt Store Road Phase 1 – (Pedestrian features/preemption conflict with Seminole Gulf Railroad) An agreement with Seminole Gulf Railroad was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 26, 2015. The agreement is fully executed and the first installment of \$50k has been forwarded to Seminole Gulf Railroad; equipment has been ordered to begin construction.

Burnt Store Road Phase 3 – Monitoring contract work as roadway lighting, pull boxes, and communication conduits are installed; load center cabinets have been built and installed on service poles. Inspections continue.

Edgewater Phase 2 Construction – The contractor de-energized the traffic signal and removed overhead signal displays at the intersection of Edgewater Dr. and Harbor Blvd. to reconstruct the intersection; the intersection is temporarily a four-way stop during reconstruction.

New mast arm foundations have been installed at the intersection of Edgewater Drive and Harbor Boulevard to prepare for the new intersection roadway design.

Electric Runs to Rotonda West Bridges – Project package is in the Purchasing Department.

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 – Construction began June 30. Traffic signal work will coincide with contractor's construction schedule.

Lighting Projects – Departmental Projects (information reported is for the month of July)

- Replaced the aging signal controller cabinet and components at the intersection of US 41 at Grace St. FDOT furnished the materials and County staff installed it.
- Replaced the aging signal controller cabinet and components at the intersection of Marion Ave. at Bal Harbor Blvd. While performing this work, crews installed a radar vehicle detection system replacing failing inductive vehicle loops in the roadway.
- Repaired a damaged pedestrian signal display knocked off its support pole in the southeast corner of US 41 at Taylor Rd.
- As a result of motor vehicle accidents, replaced light pole assemblies on Kings Highway at Midway Blvd., and on Veterans Blvd. near Theresa Blvd.

- As a result of a motor vehicle accident, a light pole on Veterans Highway near Harbor Blvd. was knocked down. The pole and debris was picked up, conductors replaced, conductors re-spliced, and the area was made safe until a replacement pole is obtained.
- Investigate a complaint that the traffic signal at the intersection of US 41 at Aqui Esta Dr. was not communicating with the Traffic Management Center. Crews discovered tripped circuit breakers, a burnt door switch, and two blown surge arrestors on the vehicle detection panel. It appears that lightning was the cause of the damage.
- Replaced one blue confirmation light mounted under the traffic signal display at Marion Ave. at Bal Harbor Blvd.
- Replaced a roadway lighting door and ballast assembly on a light pole along US 17. It appeared that this pole was struck by lightning. Crews were able to follow the path of electricity from the top of the pole all the way down to where it exited the concrete bridge support.
- Met with representatives from the US 41 Gateway Project regarding relocating an electrical service pole in conflict with a proposed driveway.
- Lighting District employees, Andrew Amendola and Gary Colicchio, received I.M.S.A. Traffic Signal Inspector Certifications.
- As a result of an evening thunderstorm, crews repaired damage at the intersection of US 41 at Airport Rd. The cabinet's vehicle detector wiring harness, malfunction management unit, three BIU's, vehicle detector panel, and one audible pedestrian push button had to be repaired/replaced.
- Began routine street light maintenance in South County. So far, 13 lights have been repaired.
- Programmed the traditional school calendar schedule into school flasher time clocks in preparation of the upcoming 15/16 school semesters.
- Completed traffic signal preventative maintenance at the following locations:
 - SR 776 at Oriole Blvd.
 - SR 776 at Gulfstream Blvd.
 - SR 776 at Spinnaker Blvd.
 - SR 776 at Sunnybrook Blvd.
 - Cochran Blvd. at Lakeview Blvd.
 - Cochran Blvd. at Pellam Blvd.
 - Cochran Blvd. at Education Way
 - Murdock Cir. at Education Way
 - Midway Blvd. at Lakeview Blvd.
- Attended weekly progress meetings and participated in underground signal conduit inspections for the US 41 road widening project.
- Attended bi-weekly progress meetings and participated in signal construction inspections on the SR 776 re-surfacing project.

Traffic Management Center (TMC)

- Begin implementation of clearance intervals for countywide traffic signals.
- Continue with review and coordination of countywide signal re-timing efforts.
- Institute new timing plan for Kings Highway from Village Dr. to Sandhill Blvd.
- Attend two day course for Tru-Traffic signal timing software.
- Continue monitoring US 41 traffic signals due to Edgewater Dr. roadway closure.
- Continue efforts promoting the TMC's Twitter account for traffic incidents.

Locates Performed

294 requests for underground utility locates were received, generating 89 tickets for locates.

Trouble Calls

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

Maintenance & Operations

July 29-Aug 4, 2015: A total of 68 new requests were received related to brush, debris, drainage, guardrail repair, and asphalt repair.

Drainage line & grade:	6,655 SF in Gulf Cove 2,500 SF in South Gulf Cove 8,700 SF in Deep Creek 15,056 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 3,000 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
Small pipe install:	76 LF in Greater Port Charlotte 24 LF in Gardens of Gulf Cove
Menzie ditch cutting:	64,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater
Boom mower:	Cut 11,400 CY in Rotonda West Cut 22,200 CY in Road & Bridge South Cut 72,196 CY in Greater Port Charlotte Cut 5,077 CY in Harbour Heights Cut 13,531 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 25 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte Cleaned 6 culverts in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 4.31 tons of material to repair locations in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Road grading:	Graded 5,720 SY on Don Pedro / Knights Island
Trash/Debris removal:	Removed 10,120 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.

Street trees were planted as part of the Elkcarn Boulevard Improvements project.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

July 29-Aug 4, 2015

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 87,016
- Landing rate counts taken: 60
- Traps set: 27
- Service requests: 49

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 12
- Sites inspected: 27

- Mitigation sites maintained: 1

Solid Waste (information reported is for the month of July)

The Solid Waste Division's Hazardous Waste Specialists conducted 20 random business inspections during the month of July (approximately 8,107 lbs. of hazardous waste material). Hazardous Waste Specialists verified that all 20 businesses inspected are in full compliance with current regulatory requirements regarding proper hazardous waste disposal with licensed disposal companies.

The Public Works Maintenance & Operations and Solid Waste Divisions, in partnership with the Charlotte County Sheriff's office and Waste Management, recently conducted a cleanup of several vagrant camps and illegal dumping sites in the Murdock area. The targeted areas resulted in the collection of 120 cubic yards of debris with an estimated weight of 3 tons of garbage collected.

The locations of the vagrant camps and illegal dumping areas were reported by concerned property owners and identified by the County's illegal dumping Code Enforcement Officer that routinely canvases the County. Additional sites will continue to be identified and scheduled for cleanup as manpower and resources become available.

Residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping activities to 1.866.Y.DUMP.CC (1.866.938.6722). When reporting illegal dumping, please make a note of the time, location, description of vehicles, license plate numbers and type of debris that was dumped. Illegal dumping includes yard debris that is dumped in the right of way, or on private property, without the consent of the owner.

Traffic Signing & Marking (information reported is for the month of July)

- Herbicide: 2,395 items sprayed
- Marine Signs Replaced: 79
- New Signs Installed: 60
- Road Legends Installed: 31
- Signs Inspected: 8,650
- Signs Manufactured: 267
- Sign Maintenance: 2,054
- Traffic Counts: 63 stations
- Trouble Calls (after hours): 11