

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Development

Code Compliance Officer Andre Deschenes presented to the Buena Vista Neighborhood Watch group on Monday, September 28th. Topics covered included grass code requirements and recently adopted parking restrictions. Officer Deschenes spoke in detail about how the grass code only applies when the grass exceeds 12 inches in height and covers more than 50% of the mowable area. He also cleared up misunderstanding about the new parking code for trailers and motor homes as they relate to the setbacks of the property. The citizens were very receptive and appreciative of his presentation and the time he spent answering their questions.

Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

On 9/25 The Bocca Lupo Howl at the Moon 5k had a record 576 registered runners. On 9/27 we had the Prospect Select Baseball tournament here which had an attendance of approximately 300 people in the stadium.

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

Last week Harold Avenue staff traveled to the Sports Park to participate in our Community Services Staff Training. We learned through a hands on simulator how to put a small fire out with a fire extinguisher, cash handling skills, first aid and safety as well as how to provide excellent customer service to our patrons here in Charlotte County. After training the entire Charlotte County staff gathered to take part in the annual Team Builder event. Fun was had by all. Teams of 4-5 deciphered codes, completed tasks, and searched for clues at Charlotte Sports Park all while bungeed together. Our very own Mike Massoglia and Stafford Milligan were part of the winning team. Congratulations and great teamwork!

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation and Pool

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center held a wedding over the weekend. They had a setup booked on Friday, and the wedding and reception was on Saturday from 5 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. with 96 guests. Our weekly rentals included - Monday we had a sheriff's office meeting; Tuesday was Operation Homefront; Wednesday was a sheriff's office self-defense class. We have a large wedding booked for this coming Saturday and Sunday.

For the week of 9-23 through 9-29, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 73 paid admissions, was visited by 22 pass holders and had 15 water aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park and Pool

For the week of 9-23 through 9-30, South County Regional Park Pool had 173 paid admissions, was visited by 157 pass holders and had 54 water aerobics participants. The Charlotte County Blue Fins held 7 swim practices resulting in approximately 140 "splashes." The Charlotte High Swimmers returned with 7 swim practices resulting in 413 "splashes."

Extension Services

- GI-BMP Training – September 23rd – substitute Trainer – Don Rainey
- 2015 County Extension Director In-Service Training – Gainesville – September 23 & 24

- East & West Spring Lake CONTRACT B meeting - Port Charlotte Beach Complex – Tom Becker will represent Extension – September 23
- All Staff Meeting – September 25 - Mid-County Regional Library
- Newspaper Article for September 28 – “The story of schefflera”
- South Central Monthly CED Meeting – Conference Call – September 28
- Extension Staff Meeting – September 30
- All Faculty Meeting - UF/IFAS Manatee County Extension Service – October 1
- Family Nutrition Program Coordinator to start – October 1st
- Fur and Feather 4-H Club – October 1

Parks

- Partnered with vendor to install new Parking by App signs at parking meters
- Sprayed for weeds and put on maintenance schedule area at Anger Fishing Pier
- All current staff registered and sized with new uniform company
- All west county playgrounds treated for weeds
- New park bench installed at PCB for CS Gift/Donation program
- Removed dead tree from Placida Park (boat ramp)

Natural Resources

This week Staff secured a scientific collection permit. This legalizes the possession of listed species for educational purposes. For some time, staff have participated in or conducted numerous educational opportunities or outreaches. We often collaborate with schools to speak to Charlotte County youths about the importance of our environment and ways to enjoy and respect our beautiful native landscape. One of the educational tools we utilize in our discussions is visual aids. These aids include a gopher tortoise shell we found on one of our properties, a few shed deer antlers and an alligator skull we found on another property. The kids really enjoy touching these items and for many this is the one opportunity they have to hold and inspect these items.

Staff also continued the overstory reduction of the scrub habitat at Amberjack Environmental Park. An additional 20 trees were dropped from the area and this management action phase is nearly complete.

Human Services

Veteran Services

Veteran Services staff was contacted by Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Homes and Cremation Services about the abandoned cremains of a WWII veteran from November 7th, 2005. For almost ten years the remains remained forgotten. Not much is known about this great American hero. With significant research, confirmed was his date and place of birth, date of death, social security number, last residence and the fact that he had served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945, and was a Sergeant.

The National Personnel Records Center was contacted resulting in notification that his records had been lost in a 1973 fire. Through great work on their part, they reconstructed the discharge information.

Veteran Services extends special thank you to Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Homes and Cremation Services who made arrangements for transporting Sgt. Byron P. Myers remains to the Sarasota VA Cemetery where he will be interred with full military honors.

Senior Services

D Dowling attended and participated in the CFAL (Communities for a Lifetime)/AARP Caregiver Conference planning group. This conference is scheduled for October 29, 2015 at the PC Beach Complex. Agenda items include tasks to be completed with tentative assignments. Food items were decided; Publix trays will be purchased for a brunch. The flyer being worked on and should be available 10/1/2015. CC Human Services - Senior Division staff will take the reservations for this event. Also discussed was the Fall Festival for November to be held on Cultural Center.

Housing Services

Of the 13 rental properties managed by the Housing Division and owned by the County, all are fully occupied except one single family home which is being prepared for new tenants. Two of the home tenants are working through potential sale.

Family Services

- Provided services to 9 clients in the main office during this period.
- 2 households were provided with food from our food pantry.
- 1 crisis assistance application was taken and approved.
- Family Self-Sufficiency / Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing had 2 program intake.
- Conducted 7 Interviews and assessments in the main office during this period.

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, Peachland 4 and Deep Creek Areas: Substantially complete.

Midway 7 Area: Paving is underway.

To date, approximately 43,718 tons of S-III asphalt has been placed in the Greater Port Charlotte and Deep Creek areas. The time complete is 90.9 percent and the work completed is 56.6 percent.

Burnt Store Road (Phase 3) 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 Contract: Gibbs & Register, Construction Schedule: 3/10/2014 – 1/2/2016

- Saragossa Lane, between Burnt Store Road and Trading Post Road, will remain closed to traffic through Tuesday, Oct. 16 due to recent heavy rains. Construction includes a roadway realignment at the intersection of Burnt Store Road and Saragossa Lane. Detour signs are in place to direct traffic around the construction site.
- The excavation of all ponds is complete. Grading and sodding of swales continues on the west side.
- Work is progressing on the box culverts; two of the three box culverts are complete and backfilled. Work is scheduled to begin on the final box culvert after the next traffic lane shift scheduled September 30, 2015.

- Installation of drainage pipes and utilities continues. Approximately 99% of the utility pipe and 99% of the drainage pipework has been installed. 97% of the old utility pipes have been removed.
- Over 98% of the sidewalk sub grade has been installed on the northbound side. Concrete installation for the sidewalk is 99% complete on the northbound side and 37% complete on the southbound side.
- The contractor completed the stabilizer/base on the northbound travel lanes and is now placing stabilized sub base on the southbound travel lanes. The first and second course of asphalt has been paved on the northbound lanes - and another 3,500 feet of asphalt has been paved on the southbound lanes. Paving of the structural course on the southbound lane began Sept. 14 and will continue over the next several weeks.
- Crews have installed street lighting and IT conduit on the east side of the project; the eastern side portion of the project is nearing completion. According to FP&L's work schedule, street lighting on the east side of the project is going to be illuminated within the next 2 weeks.
- Please note that traffic has shifted to the east side of the new roadway and the speed limit was 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 78% complete.

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (Sept. 29, 2015) – *Traffic on Burnt Store Road was scheduled to be shifted to the new travel lanes today from the north end of the construction zone to Yacht Club Boulevard. Due to inclement weather, road striping was not possible therefore the traffic shift will occur either tomorrow or later this week as weather permits. Travel lanes from Yacht Club Boulevard to the south remain on the east side of the new alignment. Travelers entering Burnt Store Road from the west side must yield to construction traffic before reaching the stop signs located at the intersections of the new travel lanes. Pavement stripes and construction barrels are in place to help guide travelers through the construction area. Motorists are urged to observe and obey posted construction zone speed limits.*

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 includes 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 scheduled to pave the intersection of CR 771 and San Domingo Boulevard next week.
- Crew #2 is scheduled to pave the new northbound lanes across the bridge and shift traffic to the new lanes next week.
- Crews #3 and #4 are scheduled to cross CR 771 in multiple locations with utility lines to complete the connections to existing services.

Please note that planned construction activities are contingent upon weather conditions.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (Sept. 30, 2015) – *The temporary road closure on San Domingo Boulevard at CR 771 (Gasparilla Road) has been extended to Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 as inclement weather has delayed progress. This road closure is necessary to reconstruct the intersection of San Domingo Boulevard entering South Gulf Cove. Traffic is detoured via Ingraham Boulevard; variable message boards, flashing arrows and traffic control devices are in place to assist travelers through the construction area.*

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: 8/24/2015 – 11/22/2015

Median construction is progressing nicely; soil replacement is nearing completion. The irrigation directional bores are complete and the installation of irrigation feed lines and electrical lines is in progress. Please use caution when traveling through the construction zone.

Traffic Advisory: PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (Sept. 25, 2015) – *A lane closure/slight detour is expected on Broadpoint Drive at the intersection of Sunnybrook Road from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28, 2015. A road crossing pipe will be installed under Broadpoint Drive in conjunction with the Harbour Heights Median Improvements Project. Median improvements consist of installing curbing, irrigation and landscape material. Advance warning signs are posted along the roadway to caution travelers that they are entering a work zone. Weather permitting, this project is expected to be complete in November 2015. The Public Works Department reminds motorists to drive safely and exercise extreme caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction workers.*

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

Silt fence installation and clearing of pond sites will begin in areas east of Achilles Street to Kings Highway the week of Sept. 28, 2015.

Construction is scheduled to begin at Achilles Street moving towards Kings Highway in mid-October.

From: <http://midwayupdate.com> – 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.

Traffic Advisory: PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (Oct. 1, 2015) – *Detour Planned for Week of Oct. 12; Storm pipe construction will begin at the Niagara Waterway and continue east along Midway Blvd. Achilles Street (south) will be closed at Midway to allow for large pipe installation. Traffic will be detoured around Burlingame Ave and Hardey St. Please refer to Maps/Detour page.*

South Gulf Cove Turn Basin – The South Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU Advisory Board requests to permit and construct a turn basin outside the lock complex to aid boaters in holding position while the lock is in use. From outside the lock the only existing location for vessels, of any substantial size and draft, to hold position is in the channel. Due to the channel width, this poses a potential hazard notably during high winds or seas. The creation of a turn basin will aid boaters by providing sufficient space to hold position until the lock is free of other vessels. Construction Contract: Marine Contracting Group, Construction Schedule: 9/28/2015 – Late 2015

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permits have been issued.

This project was awarded to Marine Contracting Group of Punta Gorda, FL. The preconstruction meeting was held Aug. 27 at which time the Notice to Proceed date was established for Sept. 28, 2015.

The Contractor is in the process of obtaining Temporary Use Permits to facilitate construction.

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 – 3/11/2016.

Construction is underway; the guardrail has been removed from the north side of the road, a temporary barrier wall has been installed, and base material is in place for construction of the bypass lane. Sheets for the dewatering operation are currently being installed and one day has been added to the construction schedule due to inclement weather.

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 – 3/11/2016.

Construction is underway; the guardrail has been removed from the north side of the road, a temporary barrier wall has been installed, and base material is in place for construction of the bypass lane. Sheets for the dewatering operation are currently being installed and one day has been added to the construction schedule due to inclement weather.

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: 9/14/2015 – 12/15/2015

Construction has begun on one of the two wells. The primary shaft has been drilled and now they are working on the main shaft of the well. The contractor is currently coordinating with Florida Power & Light to run electricity to the well pumps.

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 – August 2015

Substantial completion was issued to the Contractor and final punch list items are 100% complete. As-built drawings were submitted and record drawings will be finished by the end of September to complete this project.

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

Parkside Community meeting was held July 30, 2015 to review the conceptual plan. Johnson Engineering is expected to have 30% plans submitted for staff review in September 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 Elkcam Boulevard. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: June – Late 2015, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

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

Sidewalks - Burnt Store Lakes – The South Burnt Store MSBU Advisory Board requested sidewalks within the Burnt Store Lakes subdivision. This project will design and construct approximately 1.5 miles of sidewalks: Vincent Avenue from Boca Vista Road to Burnt Store Road, Saragossa Lane from Cape Horn Boulevard to Burnt Store Road, and Rio Togas Road from Cape Horn Boulevard to Burnt Store Road. Design Contract: Banks Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 1/6/2014 – Late 2014, Procurement Process: Fall 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2015

Budget adjustments have been made allowing for construction to begin on Vincent Avenue, Saragossa Lane, and Rio Togas Road this year. Bid specifications are being finalized by staff. This project is expected to be submitted to the Purchasing Department in September 2015.

Sidewalks - Cape Haze Drive – Design and construction of approximately 3,400 linear feet of sidewalk along Cape Haze Drive, from Arlington Drive north to approximately 450' north of Links Lane, where Cape Haze Drive becomes a four lane road. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting: March 2015 – Fall 2015, Procurement: Fall 2015, Construction: Early 2016

Staff met with the Engineering firm to confirm the scope and fee for the project. 30% design plans have been received and are being reviewed by staff.

Sidewalks - Harbour Heights – This project consists of constructing approximately 2.75 miles of 5' wide sidewalks within the Harbour Heights MSBU District. Sidewalks are proposed along the following six (6) roadways: Sunnybrook Road (from triangle at Broadpoint Dr. to Peace River Dr.), Peace River Drive (from Sunnybrook Rd. to San Marino Dr.), San Marino Drive (from Broadpoint Dr. to Peace River Dr.), Broadpoint Drive (from Voyageur Dr. to Washington St.), Sulstone Drive (from Sunnybrook Rd. south to end), Voyageur Drive (from Broadpoint Dr. to end). Design Contract: Charlotte Engineering, Design/Permitting (Public Works Engineering): 6/27/14 – May 2015, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

The 100% sidewalk design plans were reviewed and returned to the design engineer in May 2015 however utilities were added to the contract.

Utility plans have been received therefore an adjustment to the 90% sidewalk design plans is in progress; contract documents are also being updated to include the utility portion of the project.

Funds for construction will become available in the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

Coastal Projects

Gulf Cove Waterway Maintenance Dredging – Maintenance dredging provides continued safe navigation for citizens who utilize the waterways. This project provides for engineering, design and permitting to dredge the lateral/access channels. The amount of material to be removed will be determined as engineering and design progresses. The project includes the removal of the existing silt to the previous dredge depth of -4ft MLW within the lateral/access channels and 100 feet into the interior canals. Design Contract: TBD, Design/Permitting Schedule: May 2014 - Winter 2015, Procurement Process: Spring 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Spring 2016

Coastal Engineering Consultants (CEC) proposed an alternate approach that will improve navigation and yield cost savings over time through reduction of maintenance dredging needs. The approach includes identifying/combining multiple canals into single channels extending to the river.

The County reviewed the preliminary plan set and issued a revised task order to Coastal Engineering Consultants to proceed with the additional survey and design work. CEC completed the additional survey

and alternate design alignments depicting the proposed connector channels. The design was reviewed and approved by the MSBU Advisory Board; a second change order was submitted to facilitate the new design.

A pre-application meeting was conducted with the FDEP and ACOE to determine project feasibility. Both agencies view the project as favorable. FDEP commented that the FWC Department of Aquaculture will need to comment on the shellfish habitat designation and the ACOE stated that NMF will need to do the same in regards to the Smalltooth Sawfish habitat.

The permit application and drawings are complete and were submitted to State and Federal permitting agencies; correspondence between the County and ACOE confirmed that the review is underway. The Marine Marker Plan is also under review by the permitting agencies.

The Army Corps of Engineers has not asked for an informal review of this project from the National Marine Fisheries Services as of Sept. 30, 2015.

Harbor Heights Waterway Maintenance Dredging – This project consists of maintenance dredging existing man-made canals and access channels to their permitted conditions to restore safe navigation within the waterway system. Limited vegetation trimming, for line of sight/navigation, was added to the contract. Design Contract: Stantec, Design/Permitting Schedule: 12/17/2013 – Fall 2015, Procurement Process: Fall 2015, Projected Construction: Late 2015

This project is tied to the Countywide Dredge Permit and the permit renewal is still pending from Army Corps of Engineers, (ACOE) therefore this project has been delayed. Staff has been in constant communication with the ACOE and has been advised that this project may fit under the programmatic biological opinion that is being completed by National Marines Fishery Service (NMFS) which may facilitate permitting.

County and ACOE staff answered a Request for Additional Information from the National Marines Fishery Service which indicates that this project is now under active review by NMFS.

According to the NMFS website, the draft Letter of Consent advanced to Phase 4 (of 4) on Aug 3, 2015 which indicates that the ACOE Permit may be issued very soon.

Due to the amount of time that has lapsed since the survey was conducted, Stantec will conduct another survey to verify quantities the week of Oct. 12, 2015.

Manasota Key North Beach Erosion Study – Public Works Engineering requested Letters of Interest (RLI) from the Library of Engineering Firms to complete a Regional Beach Erosion Study (BES) on the north end of Manasota Key, from R monument 1 to R monument 15, upon the request of citizens affected by critical beach erosion. Upon completion of the study, this information could be used to develop funding strategies and further the project into permitting. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: Summer 2015 – Late 2015

The erosion study shall include the following:

- a. Beach Profile Surveys
- b. Erosion Analysis
- c. Sand Volume Analysis
- d. Conceptual Restoration Plans
- e. Natural Resource Surveys
- f. Develop Funding Approaches and Strategies to Mitigate Total Cost
- g. Participate in Stakeholder Meetings
- h. Provide Potential Cost Estimates
- i. Provide Permit Feasibility Analysis

Coastal Engineering Consultants completed the surveys and refined the data. Additional survey work will be conducted as needed. A substantial "hard bottom" area was discovered and surveyed to determine the extent of the area and potential impact to the project.

A meeting was held at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce to present the findings; stakeholders discussed this project in detail and the study appears to be on track for completion this winter.

The draft Erosion Study report and the stakeholder presentation were reviewed, approved by staff and posted on the project webpage.

Engineering Division staff will meet with Charlotte County Administration to review the draft Erosion Study report- followed by a review by the Beaches and Shores Committee on Oct. 1, 2015.

Upon completion of reviews, another stakeholder meeting will be held on Manasota Key and a Joint Commission Meeting with Sarasota County will follow.

Additional Information will be provided as it becomes available.

Manchester Waterway Bathymetric Survey – The Manchester Waterway MSBU Advisory Board requested that a bathymetric survey be conducted within the canals of the Manchester Waterway MSBU District. The results of the bathymetric survey will be used to determine the scope of work needed to dredge the canal system to a depth of -4ft measured at MLW landward of the Bridge and -5ft MLW elsewhere. Design Contract: DMK Associates, Design/Permitting Schedule: May – Late Summer 2015

The bathymetric survey is complete. Staff reviewed the results of the survey with the Manchester Waterway Advisory Board and the attending public. The results showed that the general condition of the waterways is in good shape.

South Gulf Cove Parallel Lock – The South Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU Advisory Board is concerned about the congestion of the existing lock and boating restrictions imposed when the existing lock is in under maintenance/repair. The Advisory Board recommends an additional lock parallel to the existing one. This project provides for engineering, permitting and construction management services for the creation of a new parallel lock located next to the existing South Gulf Cove lock. The design of this project is funded by assessments in the South Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU District. Design Contract: DMK Associates, Design/Permitting Schedule: TBD, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

The Board of County Commissioners approved the commencement of negotiations with DMK Associates of Englewood on June 23, 2015. The first negotiation meeting was held on June 24 and a follow-up meeting was held July 20, 2015. The scope and fees are under review by County staff.

The South Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU Advisory Board met on Aug. 18 to discuss the potential consultant fees and construction costs; the Board would like to continue with the design of this project.

Staff conducted another contract negotiation meeting with DMK Associates on Sept. 2 to refine the cost and scope of services; DMK was asked to refine the estimate based on reductions in scope and cost estimates.

Drainage Projects

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Lion Heart Waterway at Peachland LIO 4.03 – This project provides for the design, permitting and construction of a stormwater control structure under Peachland Blvd. at the Lion Heart Waterway. The new structure will replace two 60" metal pipes with two 10'x10' box culverts. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: through January 2016, Procurement Process: Feb – April 2016, Projected Start of Construction: May 2016

30% design plans have been submitted and reviewed by staff. 60% plans are scheduled for submittal to the County for review by Oct. 7, 2015.

Maintenance & Operations (for Sept. 23 – 29, 2015)

A total of 112 new requests were received related to drainage, brush, debris removal, asphalt repair, and guardrail repair.

Drainage line & grade:	6,340 SF in Road & Bridge South 25,040 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 13,000 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
Small pipe install:	116 LF in Greater Port Charlotte 147 LF in Englewood East
Menzie ditch cutting:	120,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater 10,000 SF in Lemon Bay 64,000 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater
Boom mower:	Cut 47,528 CY in Greater Port Charlotte Cut 4,648 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte Cut 11,500 CY in Road & Bridge West Cut 5,500 CY in Rotonda West Cut 13,889 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban Cut 3,000 CY in Englewood East
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 35 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte Cleaned 2 culverts in Englewood East Cleaned 1 culvert in Gulf Cove Cleaned 2 culverts in South Gulf Cove Cleaned 2 culverts in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Sidewalk Maintenance:	Maintained 4,260 LF of sidewalks in Greater Port Charlotte
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 5.43 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control (for Sept. 23 – 29, 2015)

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 62,768
- Landing rate counts taken: 21
- Traps set: 35
- Service requests: 14

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 22
- Sites inspected: 10
- Mitigation sites maintained: 0

Tourism

Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau staff in partnership with the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, Fishermen's Village, Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside and Palm Island Resort, hosted 30 meetings and travel planners and journalists in a suite during the Tampa Bay Rays vs. Miami Marlins game last week (Sept. 29) at Tropicana Field. This function provided valuable networking opportunities to educate Greater Tampa Bay Area buyers and media as to what Charlotte County has to offer in terms of meeting space, lodging, group tour opportunities, and attractions. As part of Charlotte

County's partnership with the Rays, use of the suite and the majority of the food and beverage were provided in-kind.

