

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Development

Community Development Department hosted another roundtable meeting to solicit comments regarding the proposed revisions to wetland related policies. Topics included the goal, objectives and policies on how to avoid, minimize and mitigate wetland impacts within the county. We received many valuable comments and suggestions and staff is looking forward to working with the public to complete this revision.

October 16, Community Development hosted a chili dog fundraiser. Monies raised go toward our Holiday Cheer Fund to help local families in need have an awesome holiday season. This is one of several fund raisers held throughout the year. The amazing support of the community for this event collected \$425 to go toward the Holiday Cheer Fund.

Community Services

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

We ended youth basketball registrations with a bang on Monday, October 19. All of our staff was diligent in making sure registrations went smoothly. We have our first tryout tonight for the 13-14 year olds and this coming Saturday for 9-10 and 11-12. Harold Avenue would also like to welcome our new seasonal employee Patty! She has already jumped right in and started helping Cedric make sure our basketball league runs smoothly. Our first ever volleyball tournament will be held this Saturday in the gym. Falin has worked hard to get the word spread around the community and so far we have six teams signed up!

Port Charlotte Beach Pool

For the week of 10-14 through 10-20, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 98 paid admissions, was visited by 18 pass holders and had 32 water aerobics participants. Port Charlotte Beach Pool was closed 10-20 through 10-23 for scheduled maintenance and staff training.

South County Regional Park Pool

For the week of 10-14 through 10-21, South County Regional Park Pool had 91 paid admissions, was visited by 174 pass holders and had 45 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.”

Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool

For the week of 10-11-15 through 10-17-15 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 112 paid admissions, 127 water aerobics participants and was visited by 176 pass holders. The Bluefin’s held 5 practices with approximately 100 swimmers. Lemon Bay Swim Team practiced 5 times for a total of 150 swimmers.

Extension Services

- Newspaper Article for October 19 – “Puff”
- 34th Florida Master Gardener Conference October 19-21 | Kissimmee, FL – Holly and Tom attending with 10 Charlotte County Master Gardeners
- Supervise 4-H Club - Dog Club & Goat Club – October 21
- Visit with Ruth Damaris Heinlein – October 22

- FNP Coordinator begins work – October 23

Parks

Repaired seating at Hathaway Park amphitheater, trimmed back trees and bushes. Successful preparation for the F18 Regatta at Port Charlotte Beach.

Historical Center

The Charlotte County Historical Center held a Cemetery Resource Protection Training to educate citizens on how to protect and use cemeteries as cultural resources. All the attendees participated in the proper care and cleaning of historic headstones at Indian Spring Cemetery, as demonstrated by the Florida Public Archaeology Network.

Human Services

This year after successfully conducting 10 years of the “Stand Down” annual event for homeless veterans in late October or early November, the Veterans Stand Down Committee has recognized that the veteran organizations and community agencies continue to provide support services for homeless veterans in Charlotte County throughout the year. Therefore, in lieu of the annual Stand Down, a homeless relief fund has been set up by the Charlotte County Veterans Council which will assist homeless veterans on an individual basis when they are in need. The goal is to continue to work with all the veteran organizations and community agencies to seek long term solutions for our homeless veterans.

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 49,141 tons of S-III asphalt has been placed in the Greater Port Charlotte and Deep Creek areas. The time complete is 98.09 percent and the work completed is 60.84 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 reopen to traffic on Friday, Oct. 23. The roadway realignment constructed at this intersection is complete.

- 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 45% 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 6,300 feet of asphalt has been paved on the southbound lanes. Paving of the structural course on the southbound lane began Sept. 14 to cover the areas Gibbs and Register prepared.
- 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 82% complete.

Traffic Advisory: PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (Oct. 21, 2015) – *Please be advised that Rio Togas Road, between Burnt Store Road and Nutmeg Road, will be closed to traffic Monday, Oct. 26 through Friday, Nov. 6. Construction includes a roadway re-alignment at the intersection of Burnt Store Road and Rio Togas Road. Detour signs will be in place to direct traffic around the construction site. The Public Works Department reminds motorists to observe reduced speed limits in construction zones and exercise extreme caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction workers.*

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 this week, weather permitting.
- Crew #2 is scheduled to pave the new northbound lanes across the bridge and shift traffic this week, weather permitting.
- 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. (Oct. 21, 2015) – *The temporary road closure on San Domingo Boulevard at CR 771 (Gasparilla Road) has been extended to Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 as paving crews are behind schedule due to last month's heavy rains. 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.*

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.

Excerpts from www.GoEP2.com – The intersection of Midway Boulevard and Edgewater Drive will be closed Monday, Oct. 19 at 7 a.m. through Monday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Midway Boulevard traffic will be routed on a local detour. Edgewater Drive, to the west of Midway Boulevard, will also be routed on a local detour.

Altoona Street remains closed from Edgewater Dr. to Webster Ave. until further notice.

West Spring Lake Bridge, East Spring Lake Bridge and Sunrise Waterway Bridges are closed to vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Lauzon Street is closed from Sheeley Street to Lakeview Avenue for the duration of project.

The intersection of Edgewater Drive and Harbor Boulevard was transitioned from a traffic signal to a four-way stop. Motorists are asked to use caution and obey signage while traveling through the area. The final build-out will include new mast arms, traffic signals and pedestrian facilities.

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. Median curbing, soil replacement and irrigation directional bores are complete. The installation of irrigation feed lines and electrical lines are in progress.

Traffic Advisory: PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (Oct. 21, 2015) – A lane closure/slight detour is expected on Broadpoint Drive at the intersection of Sunnybrook Road on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Asphalt repairs are scheduled due to the placement of irrigation pipe beneath Broadpoint Drive. 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 late November 2015. The Public Works Department reminds motorists to drive safely and exercise extreme caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction workers.

Rotonda West Bridge Lighting – The Rotonda West Street and Drainage MSBU Advisory Board requested the installation of decorative lighting to the five bridges over the Rotonda River. Bridge Locations: Rotonda Boulevard East, Rotonda Boulevard West, Rotonda Boulevard North, Cape Haze Drive, Rebel Court. Wright Construction completed the installation of an electric power system to feed the decorative lighting planned under the first phase of this project. Construction Contract: Solo Electric, Construction Schedule: 10/12/2015 – March 2016

A pre-construction meeting was held with Solo Electric on October 1, 2015. The notice to proceed was issued for Monday, Oct. 12, 2015.

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 bypass road has been completed on the north side and dewatering has begun.

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 bypass lane on the north side has been completed and traffic switched to the new lane. The footer has been poured for the headwall.

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

Well shafts have been drilled at both locations. The contractor is currently coordinating with Florida Power & Light to run electricity to the well pumps.

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, Construction Contract: Quality Enterprises, Construction Schedule: 9/21/2015 – Spring 2016.

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.

The Sunrise Waterway Water Level Control Structure Project is intended to meet the lake level modification recommendation of the study. The control structure will be constructed at the North Tamiami Trail access road, located at the downstream end of Sunrise Waterway. The structure will raise the water level in the upstream water bodies approximately 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.

Construction is currently underway and is advancing quickly. The existing road crossing culvert has been removed and the large concrete replacement pipes have been installed. Forms for the concrete weir structure are being erected and the concrete will be cast-in-place by the end of October.

The access road continues to be closed to through traffic however access to local businesses remains open during construction.

Traffic Advisory: PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (Sept. 2, 2015) – *Please be advised that the North Tamiami Trail access road, between Elkcam Boulevard and Caring Way, will be closed to thru-traffic starting Monday, Sept. 21, 2015. This road closure is necessary to install a water control structure and pipe under the access road at the canal crossing. Advance warning signs will be on site to assist travelers through the detour. The new water level control structure, placed at the downstream end of the Sunrise Waterway, is designed to restore and enhance the water quality of Sunshine Lake by raising the water level in the upstream water bodies. Weather permitting, this project is expected to be complete within 180 days. The Public Works Department reminds motorists to drive safely and exercise extreme caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction workers.*

Midway Blvd. Phase 2 Widening Project – This project consists of widening a portion of Midway Boulevard to four (4) lanes from west of Sharpe Street easterly to Kings Highway, for a total length of +/- 2.25 miles. The project includes new sidewalks, street lighting, removal and disposal of existing structures, site dewatering, flow diversion, pond construction, excavation and fill, grading, sodding, maintenance of traffic, major drainage improvements, Charlotte County Utility relocations and improvements and the installation of a new mast arm traffic signal at Midway and Beacon Boulevard intersection.

PRE CONSTRUCTION



Currently Forsberg Construction is working in the intersection of Achilles Blvd and Midway Blvd installing 60" and 54" concrete drainage pipes. This work will continue towards Kings Hwy. The current schedule is to construct all improvements from Achilles Blvd to Kings Hwy.



Please visit www.midwayupdate.com for up to date information pertaining to this project which is scheduled to be completed in late summer 2018.

Projects in Design or Negotiation

Burnt Store Road Phase 2 Widening – This project is to design and permit a new four-lane divided roadway to include sidewalks and bike facilities between the existing two (2) four-lane projects to the north and south. This section is from the southern end of Burnt Store Road (near Notre Dame Boulevard) to the northern four-lane section of Burnt Store Road, north of Zemel Road. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting schedule: through 3/3/2017, Procurement Process: Spring 2017, Projected start of Construction: TBD

The first Public Meeting to unveil the design proposal options was held Oct. 7. Over 70 interested citizens were in attendance; some provided input to the proposed design concept options.

The design concept options and citizen input will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for review and recommendation this fall.

Design schedule:

- 30% plans are due March 11, 2016
- 60% plans are due Aug. 12, 2016
- 90% plans are due Dec. 2, 2016
- 100% plans are due Feb. 3, 2017
- Final bid contract documents are due March 3, 2017

Edgewater Drive Bridge Repair at Elkcam Waterway – This project includes engineering services to inspect and evaluate the current condition of each wall at the Edgewater Drive Bridge (014074) over the Elkcam Waterway near Cousley Drive and determine the most cost effective method of repair. Design Contract: CES/American Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: through Fall 2015, Procurement Process: Late 2015-Early 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Early 2016

CES/American Engineering is currently designing wall rehabilitation; design plans are at 90% completion.

NWPC Bridge Inspections and Design Improvements – This project includes an engineering evaluation of seven bridge structures within the Northwest Port Charlotte MSBU District and development of a detailed rehabilitation plan to extend the structure's useful life. A consultant will inspect the bridge piles and collect the necessary field data to design structural jackets and supply a report with estimated costs before designing the jackets. The improvements and repairs shall correct deficiencies identified by FDOT consultants to the extent that is practicable. Design Contract: CES/American, Design/Permitting Schedule: TBD, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

BRIDGE #	ON	AT
014041	McPearson Dr.	Hastings Waterway
014045	Chamberlain Blvd.	Apollo Waterway
014047	Chamberlain Blvd.	Markham Waterway
014048	Jacobs St.	Jupiter Waterway
014050	Biscayne Blvd.	Apollo Waterway
014051	Eisenhower Dr.	Venus Waterway
014052	Eisenhower Dr.	Cheshire Waterway

CES/American Engineering was selected as the design firm; the scope and fees have been approved. The Notice to Proceed date will be established by the Purchasing Department.

Parkside - Harbor Boulevard Improvements (U.S. 41 to Olean Boulevard) Phase 2 – Phase 2 design includes roadway improvements consisting of a four lane divided roadway with a 16' – 20' raised median that will provide for safer turning movements, 8' – 10' multi use paths on both sides, landscaping, decorative lighting, wayfinding and a gateway feature. Utility improvements are included in this project. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 11/12/2013 – October 2015, Procurement Process: Late 2015-Early 2016, Projected Start of Construction: 2/5/2016.

Engineering Division staff reviewed the 90% design plans and provided comments to Johnson Engineering; 100% plans are expected in early November 2015 for review and approval.

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 – Summer 2015, 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 package is currently being reviewed by the Purchasing Department.

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: Late 2015, Construction: Early 2016

60% plans are expected to be received by Oct. 20, 2015.

Sidewalks - Gulfstream Boulevard – This project will consist of an 8' sidewalk installed from an existing sidewalk on Gulfstream Boulevard at Snow Drive continuing to Rosemont Drive. Design includes a connection to an existing sidewalk on Sunnybrook Boulevard. Design Contract: Giffels-Webster Engineers, Design/Permitting: 3/20/2011 – 6/25/2013, Procurement: through Sept. 8, 2015, Construction: TBD

The Board of County Commissioners awarded the construction contract to Bonness, Inc. on Oct. 13, 2015.

Sidewalks - Parade Circle Sidewalk Connections – The Rotonda West MSBU Advisory Board requested that sidewalks be installed along the feeder roads leading to Parade Circle. This design will be for approximately 950 feet of 6' sidewalk along Oakland Hills Road, Pebble Beach Road, Pinehurst Road, Broadmoor Road, Long Meadow Road and White Marsh Road. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting: thru Summer 2015, Procurement: TBD, Construction: TBD

Bid package is expected to be in the Purchasing Department for review by Oct. 23, 2015.

Sidewalks - South Gulf Cove – The South Gulf Cove MSBU Advisory Board requested approximately 17 miles of multi-use pathways within the South Gulf Cove subdivision. Phase One includes the design and construction of approximately 2.7 miles of off-street pathways on Ingraham Boulevard from Gasparilla Road to Calumet Boulevard and on Calumet Boulevard from Ingraham Boulevard to St. Paul Drive. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 01/06/2014 – 10/01/2014, Procurement Process: through Sept. 8, 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2015

A recommendation to award the construction contract to Bonness, Inc. was presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval on Oct. 13, 2015.

Coastal Projects

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.

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. 23, 2015.

Maintenance & Operations (from October 7 – October 13, 2015)

A total of 50 new requests were received related to drainage, brush, debris removal, and asphalt repair.

Drainage line & grade:	27,650 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 9,232 SF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban 9,500 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte
Small pipe install:	172 LF in Greater Port Charlotte 20 LF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban 36 LF in Northwest Port Charlotte 24 LF in Lemon Bay 72 LF in Harbour Heights
Menzie ditch cutting:	120,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater 28,340 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater
Boom mower:	Cut 47,729 CY in Greater Port Charlotte Cut 16,140 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte Cut 6,967 CY in Road & Bridge South Cut 45,065 CY in Englewood East Cut 16,266 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 36 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte Cleaned 15 culverts in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Sidewalk maintenance:	Maintained 3,400 LF of sidewalks in Englewood East
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 4.59 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County
Shoulder repair:	Maintained 0.2 miles of shoulder in Greater Port Charlotte
Debris removal:	Removed 1,880 pounds of debris throughout Greater Port Charlotte

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.

Maintenance & Operations (from October 14 – October 20, 2015)

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

Drainage line & grade:	19,500 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 1,196 SF in Gulf Cove 300 SF in Lemon Bay 12,360 SF in Burnt Store Village
Small pipe install:	125 LF in Greater Port Charlotte

	8 LF in Gulf Cove
Menzie ditch cutting:	80,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater 26,400 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater 31,680 SF in Road & Bridge South 5,900 SF in Road & Bridge North
Boom mower:	Cut 42,445 CY in Greater Port Charlotte Cut 15,489 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte Cut 24,930 CY in Road & Bridge West Cut 10,660 CY in Englewood East Cut 4,416 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban Cut 5,833 CY in Road & Bridge South
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 32 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 11.78 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County
Road grading:	Graded 30,000 SY on Don Pedro Knight Island
Debris removal:	Removed 8,040 pounds of debris throughout Greater Port Charlotte

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.

Planting of street trees was completed as part of the Elkcam Boulevard Improvements project.

Contracted Services

- The October Cycles for Specialty Mowing has begun in West and North County; all South County locations were completed the week of October 5th; the second cycle will begin the week of the October 19th.
- Sweeping for the month of October has begun and will include a full sweep of all locations.
- The Grading contractor had mobilized to the Charlotte Ranchettes and has completed the scheduled work.
- Charlotte County Seawalls has been awarded the small dredging project located in the Presque Isle Lake off of Tennyson Boulevard in Port Charlotte. The Temporary Right-of-Entry has been obtained from the property owner giving the contractor access to the Lake. Survey of the affected property has been completed and is currently waiting for the temporary fill permit for the access property.
- The pipe lining contractor will be mobilizing the week of October 19th to start the 14 locations in Deep Creek, 12 of which are in advance of the road paving project.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control (October 7 – October 13, 2015)

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 55,492
- Landing rate counts taken: 16
- Traps set: 35
- Service requests: 15

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 30
- Sites inspected: 9
- Mitigation sites maintained: 2

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control (October 14 – October 20, 2015)

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 35,604
- Landing rate counts taken: 20
- Traps set: 34
- Service requests: 23

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 50
- Sites inspected: 12
- Mitigation sites maintained: 0

Tourism

Charlotte County continues to be a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts and to keep the destination top of mind with outdoor writers, photographers and broadcast journalists, Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau staff attended the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association Annual Conference in Eufaula, Ala. earlier in the month (Oct. 13 – 17.) The conference will return to Florida in 2016 and in order to generate excitement for conference attendees to visit the Sunshine State, the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau partnered with the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel and Central Florida, location of next year's conference, for a strong presence throughout the conference. This included exhibiting together during the Tourism Showcase, sponsoring a post-dinner event which included the return of the minnow races, and an interactive display during Breakout Day. The Breakout Day activity was a large container of sand with mementos representing the three Florida destinations. When someone picked out an item, they had to guess how it related to Florida. This interaction encouraged dialogue about the destinations. Items representing Charlotte County were a scrubby sponge cut out in the letter "J" (for scrub jays), crimson drums (for red drum, aka redfish), a Matchbox Corvette (for Muscle Car City), a toy ATV (representing Florida Tracks & Trails) and a tube of toothpaste (for fossilized sharks teeth).