

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Haunted House event sponsored by Charlotte Stone Crabs and Walmart had an estimated attendance for this past weekend as follows: Friday, 10/30–500, and Saturday, 10/3–100.

The Charlotte Sports Park will be the host site for the SW Florida Lung Cancer Research Council Run/Walk on Saturday, 11/7/2015.

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

We are starting to see a slow and steady increase of participants in our Pickleball and table tennis programs here at Harold Avenue due to the snowbirds making their way back south. Our youth basketball is gearing up for the Jamboree Kickoff this Saturday. Teams are in the gym practicing four nights a week. Special thank you to our staff for keeping order as our center sees over two hundred and fifty children during the weeknights and will be increasing soon with the addition of the 15-17 year old division. Our Recreation Specialists Cedric and Patti have been working hard to make sure this season runs smoothly.

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center and Pool

We had one wedding this week on Saturday from 4:30 to 11:30 p.m. and 80 guests participated. Saturday we are hosting the Victory Florida USO event. It takes place from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Attendance is expected to be around 100. Sunday is a Sweet 16 reception from 3:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. They are expecting 200 guests.

For the week of 10/28 through 11/3, Port Charlotte Beach Pool had 93 paid admissions, was visited by 31 pass holders and had 113 water aerobics participants.

South County Regional Park Pool

For the week of 10/28 through 11/4, South County Regional Park Pool had 79 paid admissions, was visited by 152 pass holders and had 63 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.” Host to the District Swim Meet where 400 swimmers competed and more than 250 spectators, coaches and officials were in attendance.

Oyster Creek Regional Pool

For the week of 10/25 through 10/31 Oyster Creek Regional Park Pool had 103 paid admissions, 118 water aerobics participants and was visited by 153 pass holders. The Bluefin’s held 5 practices with approximately 100 swimmers. Lemon Bay Swim Team practiced 4 times as they prepared for their Regional Championships. The class of 10 students passed the Lifeguard Training course.

Historical Center

The Charlotte County Historical Center discussed The Air Force Story during the Movie Monday’s program on Nov. 2 with a roundtable of 5 adults. On Nov. 4, the CCHC held an outreach program about the history of the Punta Gorda Army Airfield for the Retired Public Employees Association’s membership meeting with an attendance of 42 adults.

Extension Services

- Newspaper Article for Nov. 2 – “Why you don’t want a golden rain tree”
- Gardening Symposium – Nov. 7 – Extension Office

Parks

- Damaged tree replaced at Tringali Park
- New entry sign fabricated & installed at Cape Haze Pioneer Trail at Brig & Harness
- New entry sign fabricated & installed at Darst Park
- No smoking signs installed at PCB & Bayshore restrooms
- Flag raised and all outdoor lights functioning with close of turtle season

Natural Resources

This week Staff has been diligently working to prepare Tippecanoe Environmental Park for the annual Tippecanoe Trail Run. Most of the obstacles have been constructed and this week staff has focused much of their time treating exotic flora along the course of the race and throughout the park.

Staff is currently engaged in the annual reporting responsibilities. In addition to the FCT annual reports Staff has been compiling data pursuant to the Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site permitted through FWC. This report is a standing requirement per the agreement with the state of Florida. This property represents one of a handful of recipient sites for Gopher Tortoises.

Human Services

Family Services Manager and Juvenile Diversion Program Coordinator worked alongside partner Drug Free Charlotte at this year's Youth Summit. Over 100 youth participants from Charlotte County high schools worked in groups to identify what they felt would improve our community for teens. Ideas ranged from public safety (e.g., lack of adequate sidewalks and street lights on the way to buses and school) to a need for more teen-friendly events and activities. A group of teens from the Summit is now preparing to present their ideas to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

Senior Services staff participated in the "Prepare to Care" Caregiver's Conference at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex. The annual conference aims to equip caregivers with tools and resources to better prepare them to care for a loved one. Keynote speakers included the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) State Advocacy Manager and the Florida Gulf Coast Alzheimer's Association Program Specialist.

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 – Mid-February 2016

Midway 7 Area: Paving continues. Ajax Paving has completed the paving projects in the Midway 9, Peachland 4 and Deep Creek Areas.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of Veterans Boulevard to the 2015 Paving Program on Oct. 13, 2015.

To date, approximately 56,141 tons of S-III asphalt has been placed in the Greater Port Charlotte and Deep Creek areas. The time complete is 82.12 percent and the work completed is 50.10 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

The excavation of all ponds is complete. Grading and sodding of swales continues on the west side.

Work is progressing on the final box culvert.

Installation of drainage pipes is complete. The installation of utilities continues; approximately 99% of new utility pipes are installed and 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 6,300 feet of asphalt has been paved on the southbound lanes. Paving of the structural course on the southbound lane will begin in late November.

Street lighting and IT conduit on the east side of the project is operational; the eastern side of the project is nearing completion. Lighting conduit is being installed on the west side and is approximately 75% complete.

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.

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 curbing, soil replacement and irrigation directional bores are complete. The installation of irrigation feed lines and electrical lines are complete. Landscaping is underway and the Contractor is on schedule to complete the project by Nov. 22, 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. Construction Contract: Bonness, Inc., Construction Schedule: 11/9/2015 – Early 2016

A pre-construction meeting was held Oct. 20 at which time Notice to Proceed was established as Nov. 9, 2015. The contractor will begin survey work on Nov. 9. Construction will begin on Ingraham Boulevard near CR 771 and will continue into the development.

Traffic Advisory: Port Charlotte, Fla. (Nov. 4, 2015) – Construction is scheduled to begin along Ingraham Boulevard in South Gulf Cove on Monday, Nov. 9 which may cause intermittent, temporary lane closures affecting traffic patterns through March 2016. Work will begin near CR 771 to construct a multi-use recreational

trail and to install landscaping along Ingraham Boulevard to Calumet Boulevard and then proceed down Calumet Boulevard to St. Paul Drive. Traffic signs, message boards, and flaggers will be on-site as needed to direct traffic. This work is being conducted in conjunction with the South Gulf Cove Sidewalks project; more information about this project is available at 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 use extreme caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction workers.

South Gulf Cove Turn Basin – The South Gulf Cove Waterway 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

Marine Contracting Group has been dredging the turn basin first to allow freedom of navigation. Once complete they will maintenance dredge the access channel; boat traffic will be routed through the new turn basin when access channel dredging occurs. Material is being trucked from the spoil site to the Charlotte County Landfill.

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; 6 pieces of box culvert have been installed starting at the south going north.

The footer has been poured for the head wall and wing walls on the south side.

The head wall and wing walls on the south side have been formed.

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 head walls and wing walls have been poured on the south side.

Side drainage pipes have been installed going to the roadside drainage structures.

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 pump sites.

The installation of the well pumps is anticipated this week and the stilling wells and discharge pipes should be installed next week.

Projects in Design or Negotiation

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

The Parkside Board met with staff on Oct. 27 and approved proceeding with an 8' multi-use path on Ambrose Lane as there are constraints with only 50' right-of-way. Johnson Engineering is working on design plans.

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

Specification package is currently being reviewed by the Purchasing Department and is expected to be out for bid by Nov. 13, 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: Late 2015, Construction: Early 2016

The 60% plans have been received and are being reviewed by staff. Utilities is looking into the possibility of completing a water main replacement as part of this project.

Coastal Projects

Alligator Creek Dredging – The Alligator Creek Waterway MSBU Advisory Board requested that the County design and apply for a permit to dredge the navigable waterways within the Alligator Creek MSBU to a depth of -6 feet MLW. It is anticipated that a significant amount of time may be required to negotiate with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to issue permits for the dredging within the Alligator Creek to more than a depth of -5 feet, which is the depth for the current permit. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 1/6/2013 – Fall 2015, Procurement Process: Fall 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Winter 2015

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) combined the -5' MLW Maintenance Dredging project with the proposed -6' MLW project even though they are different in their scope.

The FL Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit was received Aug. 29, 2014 for the -6ft MLW project which includes public interest in the form of purchasing and donating an YSI Water Quality Monitor to the "Friends of CHAP."

The ACOE issued their public notice and received one request for additional information from National Marine Fisheries specific to Essential Fish Habitat. Coastal Engineering Consultants responded to the ACOE, supplying them with the requested data; a letter of informal consultation was sent by the ACOE to the National Marine Fisheries for review in February 2015.

On April 9, 2015, staff requested that the Sea Edge ACOE permit be extended which is under review. The review, conducted by the NMFS, included a request for additional information which was answered by Coastal Engineering Consultants.

The National Marine Fisheries' review is complete and the concurrence letter was issued to the ACOE on Nov. 3, 2015. The ACOE should issue the permit soon.

Buena Vista Grassy Point 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 channels and 500 feet into the interior canals to determine the amount of material needed to be removed to restore safe navigation. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 2/1/2014 – Late Summer 2015, Procurement Process: Fall; 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2015

The permit application was submitted to FDEP on July 23, 2014. FDEP issued their permit but had to send the application to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

Consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is underway for the presence of the Smalltooth Sawfish. A request for additional information was received from NMFS on Jan. 12, 2015 regarding the seagrass areas adjacent to the channel. Johnson Engineering provided the requested data.

The NMFS Letter of Compliance was issued to the ACOE on Oct. 29; the ACOE permit is being drafted.

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 Advisory Committee on Oct. 1. An update will be provided to the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 5.

Board of County Commissioners Joint Meeting with Sarasota County was held Nov. 3. Additional Information will be provided as it becomes available.

Pirate Harbor Access Channel – Dredging provides safe navigation for citizens who utilize the waterways. This project provides for engineering, design and permitting to dredge 2,300 feet of access channel that was not covered under previous permitting. This project was originally presented to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in 2003/04 however, at that time, FDEP did not view this project as favorable and it was removed from the original contract. Now that the Pirate Harbor rock ledges have been removed, the engineering and design of the Pirate Harbor Access Channel has been added to the previous contract and will require a standard general permit. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 4/22/2014 – Early 2016, Procurement: Summer 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2016

FDEP completed the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) ranking on the seagrass impacts for the proposed dredging. Coastal Engineering Consultants (CEC) investigated sites for a seagrass mitigation project (e.g., fill blow-holes / prop-scars). The initial search for potential mitigation sites did not find enough suitable areas within the vicinity of the project area therefore a wider search area was examined using aerial photography.

CEC, working in partnership with FDEP and County Staff, completed the field survey of potential seagrass mitigation project areas which is under review by FDEP and FWC.

Through continued correspondence with Federal and State Regulatory Agencies, an alternative approach to the seagrass mitigation plan is under review. This information will be presented to the Pirate Harbor Waterway MSBU Advisory Board on Dec. 8.

The permit application was submitted for this project on Nov. 2 to start the review process.

Stump Pass 10 Year Beach and Inlet Management Plan – This project provides for continued monitoring, as required by permitting, for dredging Stump Pass that re-established the 1980 channel alignment and provided for re-nourishment of critically eroded beaches. Maintenance dredging of Stump Pass and beach re-nourishment will be conducted approximately every three years. An engineered structure will be installed at Stump Pass to improve program performance. In the permitting process, an Adaptive Management Plan Strategy will be employed to provide options for modifications to structure(s) placed with initial construction, or installation of additional structures in the future, in response to beach and inlet management activities and storm erosion impacts. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 4/16/2012 – Summer 2015, Procurement Process: Fall 2015, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2015

After reviewing the proposed alternatives, the Florida Park Service prefers a rock terminal groin sited as far south as practicable. Coastal Engineering Consultants (CEC) completed a project modeling study to determine how far south it can be placed to minimize impacts. The results were provided to the State agencies responsible for review and comment.

The result of this modeling showed that reducing the height of the structure by 1.5 feet did not affect the performance and decreased any negative impacts downstream of the structure. However, the State Park Service did not choose this as their desired configuration. They asked for a design that would increase the amount of sand placement upstream of the structure, but the modeling showed that this would be more costly and could have negative impacts on the down drift beaches and the pass itself.

The ACOE submitted permit documents to the State Historic Preservation Office for review of potential impacts to historical and cultural resources. It is noted that the consulting team included a marine archaeologist who assisted with the design elements to avoid such impacts.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service agency is working on a new Biological Opinion (BO) for this Project. It is noted that the Red Knot was recently listed on the threatened and endangered species list, thus a new BO is necessary to review the project for migratory birds including Piping Plover and Red Knot as well as sea turtles. This review is scheduled to be complete by the end of September.

The County is actively working to renew the original project easements, specific to beach front property owners, for temporary construction and related access needs. Further, the County is seeking additional temporary construction easements from beachfront property owners outside of the original project limits from the State Park Beach to the County Park Beach on Manasota Key; approximately 80% of the easements have been obtained.

County Staff and CEC held a telephone application conference with the ACOE; the project may change slightly to allow additional fill to be placed behind the structure to provide for quicker impoundment of the groin. To date, the changes are viewed as favorable by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The FDEP issued the Final Order (Permit) for the project on Sept. 2. Upon completion of the review by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the ACOE will issue their permit which is anticipated in early November; as of Oct. 26 the NMFS review is complete and the Concurrence Letter has been issued.

The review of construction drawings is complete and now the bid specifications are under review.

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

The 60% design plans have been submitted and reviewed by staff. A pre-application meeting has been held with the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Lighting Projects - Charlotte County CIP Projects

Burnt Store Road Phase 1 – (Pedestrian features/preemption conflict with Seminole Gulf Railroad) Pavement markings, equipment and timings are installed and the rail road pre-emption is fully functional at the intersection of Burnt Store Road and US 41.

Burnt Store Road Phase 3 – Pull box, conduit, and light pole foundations are currently being installed. Power to the load centers is hooked up and the street lights along the east side of the roadway are lit.

Edgewater Phase 2 Construction – All four mast arm foundations have been installed at the intersection of Edgewater Drive and Harbor Boulevard.

Electric Runs to Rotonda West Bridges – Reviewed material submittals and commented on decorative lighting material. Project is underway.

CR 771 (Gasparilla Rd) Widening Project – Conduit for lighting is being installed.

Midway Boulevard Widening Project – Reviewed and commented upon roadway lighting and traffic signal material submittals.

Winchester Boulevard – All punchlist items have been addressed. Signalization and lighting systems have been accepted.

Lighting District Projects

- Investigated a complaint of a roadway lighting outage along US 41 northbound between Gardner Dr. and Olean Blvd. The cause was traced to pinched wiring in a light pole near Easy St.
- Replaced one street light pole that was knocked down as a result of a vehicle accident on Edgewater Dr. at the JBC Sunshine Convenience Store's drive thru.
- Replaced one pedestrian signal pole damaged as a result of a vehicle accident on SR 776 at Bay Heights Rd.
- Replaced one pedestrian signal pole damaged as a result of a vehicle accident on Kings Highway at Harborview Rd.
- Replaced one video detection camera which was tripping its circuit breaker at SR 776 and Coliseum Blvd.

- Responded to a complaint that a traffic signal control cabinet was struck by a motor vehicle that left the roadway. The cabinet was a loss and it had to be completely replaced. Sheriff Deputies directed traffic for roughly four hours until the replacement cabinet could be delivered and installed.
- Responded to a complaint that the school flashing beacon on Wilmington Blvd. South was not turning on. Crews discovered Florida Power & Light had disconnected power to the wrong electrical service causing the outage.
- Began the annual process of testing/certifying all Malfunction Management Units (MMU) to ensure they operate within prescribed operating parameters. MMU's are an electronic device installed in every traffic signal cabinet. The purpose of a MMU is to monitor the signal outputs for conflicting displays. At this time all MMU's in the south and west county areas have been tested.
- Rick Doll, Richard Lisenbee, Richard VanAcker and Hung Do attended CPR/AED/First Aid training.
- Responded to a complaint that the traffic signal was not changing properly on Cochran Blvd. at Lakeview Blvd. Crews found that water had infiltrated into the video detection camera connection causing poor quality video to properly detect vehicles. The faulty connection was re-spliced.
- Performed routine street light maintenance in West County. A total of 15 lights have been repaired.
- Replaced pedestrian push buttons that no longer met Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) standards, pedestrian signage, and count down displays on Jones Loop Rd. at Knights/Mac Dr., Indian Springs Cemetery Rd. and at Cochran Blvd. and Pellam Blvd. All of the material was provided by FDOT.
- Completed traffic signal preventative maintenance at the following locations:
 - US 41 at Hancock Ave.
 - US 41 at Gardner Dr.
 - US 41 at Conway Blvd.
 - US 41 at Easy St.
 - US 41 at Harbor Blvd.
- Reviewed and commented on FDOT's proposed signalization improvement plans for the intersections of US 41 at Harborview/Edgewater Dr., Hancock Ave., Gardner Dr., Conway Blvd., Easy St., Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte Blvd., Midway Blvd., Forrest Nelson Blvd. and Carousel Plaza.
- Attended weekly progress meetings and participated in underground signal conduit inspections for the US 41 widening project.
- Attended the final inspection walk thru on the SR 776 re-surfacing project.

Traffic Management Center (TMC)

- Programmed and tested US 41 & Burnt Store Rd railroad preempt traffic signal timing.
- Organizing equipment for posting and sales of items on GovDeals.
- Attended Traffic Incident Management team meeting in Ft. Myers.
- Webinar - Configuring NTCIP Controllers.
- Implemented the use of a scanner in the TMC to receive additional information regarding roadway incidents.
- Continued monitoring US 41 traffic signals due to Edgewater Rd. closure.
- Continued efforts promoting the TMC's Twitter account for traffic incidents. There are over 100 followers and the number is steadily increasing.

Locates Performed

276 Requests for underground utility locates were received, generating 108 tickets for locates.

Trouble Calls

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

Maintenance & Operations (from Oct. 28 – Nov. 3, 2015)

A total of 51 new requests were received related to drainage, brush, debris removal, asphalt repair, shoulder repair, and sidewalk repair.

Drainage line & grade:	13,890 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 4,810 SF in Burnt Store Village 6,500 SF in Gulf Cove
Small pipe install:	24 LF in Greater Port Charlotte
Menzie ditch cutting:	140,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater 91,500 SF in South Charlotte Stormwater
Boom mower:	Cut 14,450 CY in Lemon Bay Cut 23,700 CY in Road & Bridge West Cut 8,944 CY in Road & Bridge South Cut 264 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban Cut 17,924 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 22 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte Cleaned 3 culverts in Punta Gorda Non-Urban Cleaned 6 culverts in South Punta Gorda Heights
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 4.85 tons of material to repair locations 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.

Contracted Services

- The November Cycles for Specialty Mowing began in West and North County; mulch is being applied on US 41 medians and access road parking pods; work is also being done on Veterans Boulevard residential berm and medians.
- Sweeping for the month of October has been completed and will be a full sweep of all locations.
- Charlotte County Seawalls started the bank restoration in Presque Isle Lake at the Tennyson Avenue location.
- The pipe lining contractor has mobilized and are currently working on the 14 locations in Deep Creek; 12 of which are in advance of the road paving project.
- The power shearing and ROW mulching contractor has mobilized to Northwest Port Charlotte and are currently working on ROW reclamation in Section 2.
- The October cycle of ROW Mowing for Pirate Harbor and Woodland Estates has been completed as of Oct. 29, 2015.
- Row Mowing in West County for Gulf Cove has been completed and the contractor is currently working in Englewood East.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control (from Oct. 28 – Nov. 3, 2015)

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 18,713
- Landing rate counts taken: 6
- Traps set: 15

- Service requests: 4

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 15
- Sites inspected: 14
- Mitigation sites maintained: 1

Solid Waste

Keep Charlotte Beautiful (KCB) was presented a check for \$10,000 from the Waste Management Think Green Grant at the Board of County Commissioner’s meeting. Only 38 Keep America Beautiful affiliates from across the country received this grant this year. The grant will be used for expanding the Keep Charlotte Beautiful Program through marketing, advertising, and improving the website. The grant will also provide educational materials and recycling containers to 11 schools that are participating in the annual Recycle Bowl to enhance their recycling efforts.

Keep Charlotte Beautiful participated in the Port Charlotte Methodist not-for-profit fall festival. The event was attended by approximately 3,000 residents, providing the opportunity to educate local residents about the many opportunities to volunteer for clean-up events held throughout the year like the Great American Cleanup and the Coastal Cleanup.

The Solid Waste Division’s Illegal Dumping Officers arrested another contractor that was caught dumping yard debris; the contractor was charged with a felony. The increased surveillance continues to have a positive impact in curbing illegal dumping activity.

Traffic Signing & Marking

- Herbicide: 4,852 items sprayed
- New Signs Installed: 33
- Legends Installed: 351
- RPM’s Installed: 809
- Signs Inspected: 10,249
- Signs Manufactured: 240
- Sign Maintenance: 1,586
- Striping: 83,255 feet (15.77 miles)
- Traffic Counts: 42 stations
- Trouble Calls (after hours): 2

Tourism

Sugar Bert Boxing Promotions has officially awarded Charlotte County the right to host one of their Regional Championship Qualifiers June 10-12, 2016. The event, which will be held at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, is projected to attract 400-500 boxers representing both genders and all age groups and weight classes. In addition, the event is expected to draw over 1,000 family members and in excess of 100 coaches. The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau will work in partnership with the Charlotte Harbor Boxing Club and other community entities to provide logistical and financial support for the event which will generate a significant economic impact during a slower time of year for tourism. The agreement with SBBP also provides us the first rights of refusal to host the event again in 2018 and 2020.