

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Development

Recently Code Compliance Officers Ronelle Moore, Oliver "Tom" Atkinson, and Steven Brown received their Fundamentals of Code Enforcement (formerly Level I) Certification. This required the successful completion of offsite training and an extensive exam.

We are pleased to announce that Maryann Franks is being reclassified to Permitting and Licensing Supervisor (from Coordinator) and John MacDonald is being reclassified to Senior Program Coordinator (From Senior Design Tech). Also, Maggie Horton will be taking the position of Business Services Manager combining LIS with the Customer Service and Administrative groups.

Public Works

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

Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk, Phase 1 – This project is to design and construct pedestrian and boater access to Charlotte Harbor. Phase 1 includes replacement of the seawall, construction of a restroom facility, small boat launch, parking area, and pedestrian promenade located at the foot of the north-bound US 41 Bridge. Once completed, new amenities will enhance the public's waterfront experience. The project area is closed to the public during construction however residents and tourists are encouraged to visit Bayshore Live Oak Park to continue fishing and enjoying recreational activities.

The County is utilizing Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Local Agency Program (LAP) Funds to construct this project. Notice to Proceed was issued by FDOT on Dec. 11, 2014. 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 CDM Smith on November 12, 2014. Construction Contract: Quality Enterprises, Construction Schedule: 5/18/2015 – February 2016.

The contractor completed the installation of the seawall and cap; the forms still need to be removed.

Concrete sidewalks are under construction and should be complete in January 2016. Decorative lighting has been placed but is not energized at this time.

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' construction crews are off for the holidays. Construction will resume Jan. 4, 2016.

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

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

Harbor Boulevard has reopened north of Edgewater Drive.

Edgewater Drive remains closed to through traffic from Midway Boulevard to Harbor Boulevard. Please check detour map for access routes.

Altoona Street remains closed from Edgewater Dr. to Webster Ave.

Ongoing

Edgewater Drive is closed to thru traffic. 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.

Thomas Marine Construction will replace and widen three bridges along the Edgewater Driver Corridor in Port Charlotte across the East Spring Lake, West Spring Lake and Sunrise Waterway. The contractor anticipates leaving one of the spans open at all times for marine traffic. Any channel restrictions or temporary closures will be coordinated with the Coast Guard and published in the Local Notice to Mariners.

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

Midway Boulevard is closed for construction from Achilles Street to Kings Highway. Detours are in place.

Forsberg Construction is currently clearing stormwater retention pond sites. Utility lines and storm drainage systems are being constructed from Achilles Street to Kings Highway.

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.

The installation of decorative lighting is underway.

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; all box culverts are installed. The rock bed for the headwall, wing wall and weir has been installed. The footer for the head wall and wing walls on the north side has 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.

The head walls and wing walls have been poured on the north side and rough grading of the south part of the site has begun.

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 – 1/15/2016

Well shafts have been drilled at both locations and the pumps and stilling wells have been installed.

The contractor is coordinating with Florida Power & Light to run electricity to the well pump sites. Electrical work is anticipated to be done by mid-January.

Projects in Design or Negotiation

Charlotte Harbor Gateway Harbor Walk, Phase 2 – The Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Area (CHCRA) is interested in providing continuous pedestrian access from Bayshore Live Oak Park to Chester Roberts Park and to improve boater access to the harbor. Phase 2 includes the design of pedestrian connections from the promenade (located along the east side of US 41 northbound travel lanes) including a boardwalk crossing underneath the US 41 Bridge, a stairway connecting the promenade to the US 41 Bridge sidewalk, a fishing pier and a water taxi dock facility. Design Contract: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Design Schedule: 10/15/2013 – 7/17/2015, Procurement Process: Spring 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2016

The design firm re-submitted the final 100% plans review to FDOT; final comments are expected to be returned to the design firm in late December. The design team submitted the plans to the permitting agencies and is waiting for their responses.

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 Early 2016, Procurement Process: Feb. - April 2016, Projected Start of Construction: May 2016

CES/American Engineering completed the 100% design plans and has submitted them to the County for final review and approval.

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: Charlotte Engineering & Surveying (CES), Design/Permitting Schedule: 10/6/2015 – April 2016, 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

County staff met with the consultant and provided bridge reports and plans for the selected bridges. The consultant has begun the research and design phase.

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 – Early 2016, Procurement Process: Feb. – April 2016, Projected Start of Construction: May 2016.

Public Works Engineering Division staff reviewed the 90% design plans and provided comments to Johnson Engineering; 100% plans are expected in early January for review.

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 - Early 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Early 2016

A Request for Bids has been advertised. The pre-bid conference was held Dec. 2 with bid opening Dec. 16, 2015. Bids tabulations are in progress.

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 Fall 2015, Procurement: Dec. 2015 – Early 2016, Construction: TBD

The bid package is in the Purchasing Department for review.

Maintenance & Operations

Dec. 16 – 22, 2015: 67 new requests received related to drainage, brush, debris removal, and asphalt repair.

Drainage line & grade: 6,550 SF in Greater Port Charlotte

12,930 SF in Deep Creek

Small pipe install: 24 LF in Greater Port Charlotte

Menzie ditch cutting: 123,800 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater

81,700 SF South Charlotte Stormwater

Boom mower: Cut 54,134 CY in Greater Port Charlotte

Cut 3,589 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte

Culvert cleaning: Cleaned 1 culvert in Greater Port Charlotte

Cleaned 1 culvert in Rotonda West

Cleaned 14 culverts in Grove City

Cleaned 2 culverts in Northwest Port Charlotte

Cleaned 1 culvert in Rotonda Heights

Cleaned 1 culvert in Englewood East

Asphalt repair: Utilized 3.98 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County

Debris removal: Removed 3,900 pounds of debris from 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.

Dec. 23 – 29, 2015: 13 new requests received related to drainage, guardrail repair, shoulder repair, asphalt repair, and brush.

Drainage line & grade: 2,325 SF in Road & Bridge West

Menzie ditch cutting: 54,400 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater
49,000 SF South Charlotte Stormwater
50,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater

Boom mower: Cut 23,816 CY in Greater Port Charlotte
Cut 4,631 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte
Cut 24,250 CY in Englewood East

Culvert cleaning: Cleaned 12 culverts in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Cleaned 4 culverts in South Burnt Store Village

Debris removal: Removed 1,220 pounds of debris from locations throughout the County

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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.

The County was selected to receive two (2) grants by the Florida Highway Beautification Council of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for gateway landscape projects.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

Dec. 16 – 22, 2015

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 5,465
- Landing rate counts taken: 5
- Traps set: 0
- Service requests: 10

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 20
- Sites inspected: 1
- Mitigation sites maintained: 0

Dec. 23 – 29, 2015

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 1,050
- Landing rate counts taken: 1
- Traps set: 0
- Service requests: 6

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 3
- Sites inspected: 0
- Mitigation sites maintained: 0

Tourism

The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau is pleased to announce the 2016 Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands Visitor Guide is available to assist visitors plan a vacation in Charlotte County, Fla. Included is a lodging directory along with suggested activities ranging from sun worshipping on area beaches to fishing world-class waters and catching baseball fever to paddling through mangrove tunnels of the Blueway Trails. The comprehensive resource guide is supplemented with editorial content and eye-catching imagery.

The guide is used by the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau to promote the area’s tourism offerings which creates a positive economic impact on Charlotte County. Eighty thousand guides were published and will mailed out to people who request it after seeing Bureau advertising and promotions. A copy can also be requested through the website, www.CharlotteHarborTravel.com. Guides will be distributed at various locations including local chambers of commerce, attractions, accommodations, and Official Florida Welcome Centers. The guide will also serve as a calling card at numerous tourism trade events, mailed to potential visitors who request the guide and in the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau offices. Visitors can obtain a guide by calling 1-800-652-6090 or by visiting the Bureau office at 18500 Murdock Circle, Room B-104, Port Charlotte. The office is open Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.