

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Development

On Wednesday, June 1, 2016, Community Development Staff held the first of their public roundtable workshops regarding changes to the county's current sign code. This meeting was well attended by citizens, business owners, and other professionals. This kickoff meeting was very productive and helped staff to create a guiding framework of what the stakeholders wanted, and didn't want, to see. Staff will be preparing a draft document for the next meeting to be held in a few weeks and is planning on at least three stakeholder meetings in total for this subject, prior to bringing it forward for public hearings.

Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Stone Crabs finished up a series with the St. Lucie Mets on Wednesday (5/25) and Thursday (5/26.) Unfortunately, the Stone Crabs fell to the Mets on both outings. They did bounce back over the holiday weekend sweeping the Fort Myers Miracle on Friday (5/27), Saturday (5/28) and Sunday (5/29.) There were spectacular fireworks on display Saturday to honor our fallen troops for Memorial Day. On Sunday, on the practice fields, Perfect Games and Lee County Parks and Recreation, hosted a few consolation games for their large Memorial Day tournament where 1,000 fans came out to support their favorite teams. The Stone Crabs will be back in action on June 8. GO STONE CRABS!

Harold Avenue Recreation Center

This past weekend the kids got their first taste of what game action will look like as the Harold Avenue Youth Basketball League held its Jamboree! Each team participated in a 20 minute scrimmage game against another team in their age division. This week they will start the regular season! Harold Avenue Summer Camp opened this week with over 50 kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade registered for the first week! This week the camp will be taking a field trip to Chuck-E-Cheese to play games, eat some pizza, and have fun, fun, fun!

Tringali Recreation Center

Greetings from the sunny side of Englewood! On May 20, we here at Tringali were celebrating our largest crowd of the year at our Elementary Friday Fun Night. Then, we were able to break that annual high by 10 kids the next week! On Friday May 27 we held our final Elementary Fun Night of the school year and it was a rousing success. In addition to the record numbers, the kids had a fantastic time and were treated to FREE slices of pizza! It was a show of gratitude to those who faithfully attended the event all school year long. The final game of Capture the Flag was one for the ages, with the team wearing mesh pennies winning on a brilliant flanking move! Sadly, we had to bid farewell to those who finished 5th grade and were moving on to Middle School. Thank you to everyone who came out. We look forward to seeing you again in the next school year!

Meanwhile, Super Mini Sports Golf had a full class, giving our group perfect attendance so far! I was pleased to see such great improvement from week one to two and I can't wait to see the steps we take in week 3. It's safe to say, the future of golf in Charlotte County is in good hands! Take care and have a great week!

Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center and Pool

The Recreation Center continues to hold many parties, weddings and celebrations.

For the week of 5/25 through 5/31, Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool had 349 paid admissions, was visited by 39 pass holders and had 21 water aerobics participants. In addition, the pool was open for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Extension Services

- Newspaper Article for May 30 – "If you want a magnolia, try a 'Little Gem'"
- 2016 MG Training Class Graduation at Monthly MG Association Meeting – June 1
- 4-H District Training - CED and 4-H - Manatee County – June 1
- FNP Part time - Office Assistant - Interviews – June 3

Natural Resources

This week staff directed a mechanical reduction in Tippecanoe Environmental Park. The areas treated were scrub habitat that had overgrown and become thick. This mechanical reduction was the initial phase in a management plan to restore the scrub habitat to conditions more suitable to the Florida Scrub Jay. The two units have had little management over the course of the last 8 years. Fire management has been difficult to initiate in these units due to the proximity to El Jobean.

Staff began the vegetative surveys required under the grant award agreement with Florida Communities Trust. Each year FCT offers grant opportunities for agencies throughout Florida for land management and acquisition. Pursuant to these agreements Charlotte County is responsible for multiple monitoring reports including listed species, vegetative plot monitoring and exotic treatment.

Staff also participated in a site visit for the establishment of the obstacle course event scheduled for this November. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss obstacle deployment and logistics associated with the race.

- There are a total of 18 sea turtle nests on Boca Grande so far this season.
- Through our abandoned vessel program natural resources staff pulled one boat out of Lemon Bay.
- Natural Resources staff was interviewed by CC-TV staff in regards Gopher Tortoises.
- LGI (turtle nests): 37
- Boca (turtle nests): 19
- Stump pass state park (turtle nests): 34
- Palm/Knight/Don Pedro (turtle nests): over 100
- Manasota Key (turtle nests): unknown at this time

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

- Exterior painting and staining of Environmental Center building at Cedar Point Park is in progress. This project should be complete by June 3.
- Light retrofit complete at Franz Ross Park Breezeway. ERS to start installation of vinyl and soffit material soon.
- RFQ was submitted to Purchasing on May 27 for the clubhouse parking lot sealing and striping at Charlotte County Sport Park at 2300 El Jobean Road.
- PO issued to Townsend Glass to install glass barrier at Public Works reception desk, awaiting scheduling.

Project Management

- Phase Three construction has begun on the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, located along the historic Charlotte Harbor and Northern Railroad easement on the Cape Haze peninsula. This project will include a new south end entrance to the park, a new restroom facility with additional parking, plus it will connect and complete the paved 8.5 mile long trail. This is a beautiful historic trail that takes you along a natural wildlife area and it is a dog friendly park.
- The Bay Heights Boat Ramp seawall is complete with sheet piles being installed along north property line. The restroom facility ordering is projected to be ordered by end of May.

- The Sheriff's Office District 1 guaranteed maximum price is in draft for review and consideration. The project team will meet to discuss the next steps.
- The jail infirmary is nearing 50 percent design development stage. This phase lays out mechanical, electrical, plumbing, structural, and architectural details. Upon completion of this phase, a cost estimate will be completed by the construction manager.

Public Works

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

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. Construction Contract: Marine Contracting Group, Construction Schedule: 5/10/2016 – October 2016 (150 day contract)

Marine Contracting Group is evaluating existing conditions and gathering data for permit application.

Edgewater Drive Widening Phase 2 (EP2) – 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 – 4/24/2017

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (June 1, 2016) – *The Port Charlotte Boulevard and Edgewater Drive intersection closure has been extended through 4 p.m. Friday, July 1. Port Charlotte Boulevard will be closed to through traffic between Chelsea Court and Edgewater Drive. Access to Edgewater Drive and Sunrise Park will be via Chelsea Court. Visit www.GoEP2.com for a detour map.*

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (May 19, 2016) – *The eastern portion of the Spring Lake Park boat ramp parking lot will be temporarily closed from Monday, May 23 to Friday, July 1 as Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements continue. The Spring Lake Park boat ramp will remain open throughout the construction. The sidewalk east of the parking lot will be closed during construction, but will be reopened for weekends. Traffic signs and flaggers will be on-site as needed to direct traffic. Motorists are asked to use caution and obey signage.*

Excerpts from www.GoEP2.com:

Midway to West Spring Lake Bridge:

- Storm sewer semi-final inspection is in progress. Lighting conduit and foundations are complete. Yard drains are complete.
- Curb, driveways and paving (except wearing surface) are complete on the north side roadway from Midway Blvd. to the West Spring Lake Bridge, and from Sheeley Street to West Spring Lake Bridge, including Lakeview Blvd. and the new roundabout. Sidewalk is nearly complete from Midway Blvd. to West Spring Lake Bridge on both roadways.
- Temporary roadway on the south side has been removed and new roadway base is in progress from Midway Blvd. to Sheeley Street.
- The new sewer lift station at Altoona Street is nearing completion.

- West Spring Lake Bridge is nearing completion. Bridge deck surface finishing and median remain to be completed.

West Spring Lake Bridge to East Spring Lake Bridge:

- Storm sewer and re-use main are complete. Storm sewer semi-final inspection is in progress.
- Roadway base is nearly complete on West Tarpon Boulevard, West Tarpon Court and from the West Spring Lake Bridge to West Tarpon Blvd.
- Bridge deck construction and retaining walls on the west end of the East Spring Lake Bridge are in progress.

East Spring Lake Bridge to Sunrise Bridge:

- Storm sewer, re-use main and vacuum sewer are complete. Storm sewer semi-final inspection is in progress.
- Roadway subgrade is in progress.
- Sunrise Waterway Bridge demolition is in progress. Pile driving for new Bridge is underway.

Sunrise Waterway Bridge to Harbor Boulevard:

- Force main and gravity sewer is complete under the Harbor Blvd. intersection.
- FPL utility relocation is complete. Comcast and CenturyLink utility relocation is in progress.
- Storm sewer drainage outfalls have been installed in drainage easements. Easement restoration to be completed early June.

Midway Boulevard Widening Phase 2 – This project will complete the widening of Midway Boulevard from Sharpe Street 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 ADA requirements, will be installed during construction to maintain all pedestrian access points. 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. Construction Contract: Forsberg Construction, Construction Schedule: 6/30/2015 – Summer 2018

Excerpts from www.midwayupdate.com:

Children are naturally curious about construction sites therefore parents and caregivers should monitor their children's outdoor activities and keep them at a safe distance from all construction activities this summer including heavy equipment and large vehicles. Construction workers are instructed NOT to talk to children. Construction activities will not be conducted on school grounds during school hours.

The Contractor will be paving a new parent pickup entry drive at Port Charlotte Middle School off of Orlando Boulevard at McNulty Avenue this summer while school is out. The new parent pick-up drive will be ready this fall and will allow for better traffic flow when construction starts in this vicinity.

Construction of storm drainage systems is underway; crews are installing concrete pipe from the roadway to pond sites in multiple locations between Achilles Street and Kings Highway.

- Crew #1 is currently installing the new 48" gravity sewer system near Amstead Avenue.
- Crew #2 is currently installing the stormwater drainage systems along the side streets entering Midway Boulevard
- Crew #3 continues to install well point dewatering systems along the sewer pipe installation.
- Crew #4 will begin survey work and layout for all construction activities at Port Charlotte Middle School.

Abscott Street to Bermuda Street: Installation of utilities and drainage systems continue.

Hardey Street to Amstead Street: Installation of utilities and drainage systems continue.

Willoughby Street to Maracaibo Street: Installation of utilities and drainage systems continue.

Shilo Street to Loveland Boulevard: Installation of utilities and drainage systems continue. Crews are now installing the 48" sanitary sewer green pipe starting at Loveland Boulevard heading west.

Kings Highway: Road is closed at Midway and Kings Highway as contractor installs 16" water main line.

Midway Boulevard remains closed to through traffic from Achilles Street to Kings Highway.

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. Construction of the Gulfstream Boulevard Sidewalk is part of a larger contract and will begin upon completion of the South Gulf Cove Sidewalk Project. Construction Contract: Bonness, Inc. Construction schedule: 4/25/2016 – July 2016.

Construction is underway. Stormwater drainage has been installed, subgrade is being mixed and sidewalk concrete is being poured. Restoration of the areas where sidewalk has been poured is projected to begin in early June.

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 – April 2016

This project is complete and final punchlist items are in progress.

Engineering Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

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: TBD, Projected start of Construction: TBD (Funding for construction has not been allocated.)

The first public meeting to unveil design proposal options was held Oct. 7, 2015 and citizens provided input on the design options. These design options were presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on Nov. 24, 2015.

The 30% plans have been received and reviewed by both County and FDOT staff, and have been returned to Johnson Engineering to make adjustments and continue with the development of the 60% design plans.

A meeting with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) was held to present the County's plan for handling stormwater retention and run-off.

Design schedule:

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

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 2015 – Summer 2016, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

The Parkside Board met on Jan 12 to review budgets and design options and authorized staff to move forward with design of an additional sidewalk on the south side of West Tarpon Boulevard to Ambrose Lane.

Johnson Engineering is working on the 60% design plans which are expected by mid to late June.

Piper Road North Extension – Piper Road will be extended north from Henry Street to US 17 at the existing Regents Road intersection. The Airport Commerce Park has been identified as a priority for business development. At the present time, there is a limited roadway network in place serving the airport therefore additional roadway and utility improvements will be required to support new or expanded businesses within the corridor. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 2010-2011, Procurement Process: Summer 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Fall 2016

All project documents, including bid specifications and design plans, are undergoing a final review prior to bid solicitation. Engineering staff expect to have the project package ready to send to the Purchasing Department by July.

Sidewalks - Parade Circle Sidewalk Connections – The Rotonda West MSBU Advisory Board requested that sidewalks be installed along the feeder roads leading to Parade Circle. Construction will consist of six (6) sidewalks, six (6') feet wide, approximately 900 lineal feet each, starting at the Parade Circle and continuing to the next roadway intersection but not going through the intersection at the following locations:

- Oakland Hills Road to Annapolis Lane
- Pebble Beach Road to Mark Twain Lane
- Pinehurst Road to Mariner Lane
- Broadmoor Road to Broadmoor Lane
- Long Meadow Road to Long Meadow Lane
- White Marsh Road to White Marsh Lane

Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting: thru Fall 2015, Procurement: through June 2016, Construction: TBD

Phase 2 sidewalk connections: Bids were opened May 18 and a recommendation to award the construction contract will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on June 14.

Contingent upon Board approval, the preconstruction meeting will be held June 15 with Notice to Proceed issued for June 20. This 120 calendar day contract is projected to be complete by October 18 excluding any delays that may be caused during the rainy season.

Phase 3 bike path connections: Staff reviewed the 60% design plans and are awaiting the 90% plans.

Coastal Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

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. Project area includes: Balboa, DeSoto, Dover, Santa Clara, Santa Barbara, San Salvador, and San Marino canals and associated channels within the Peace River. Brush cutting, for line of sight/navigation, was added to the contract. Design Contract: Stantec, Design/Permitting Schedule: 12/17/2013 – March 2016, Procurement Process: March – May 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2016

A recommendation to award Bid #16-296 to the lowest responsive, responsible, bidder, Marine Contracting Group was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 24. Completion time is 120 calendar days upon Notice to Proceed which will be established at the pre-construction meeting.

Landscaping Projects - In Construction

Burnt Store Village Buffer – This project provides for landscaping and irrigation to create a buffer along the east side of Burnt Store Road between Zemel Road and Dored Drive. Design Contract: Charlotte Engineering & Surveying. Construction contract: Jones Landscape, Construction schedule: May – August 2016.

The pedestal has been installed to prepare for electrical hook ups to the controller and irrigation equipment. Ground work preparations will begin the week of June 6.

Landscaping Projects – in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

Gateway Landscaping: Jones Loop at I-75 – This project provides for roadside landscaping along Jones Loop at the I-75 interchange. This project is funded, in part, by a grant from the Florida Highway Beautification Council. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design Schedule: through November 2016.

Negotiation with Johnson Engineering is complete to determine the scope of services and fees for planning and design. A purchase order to engage design services is in progress.

Gateway Landscaping: US 17 at I-75 – This project provides for roadside landscaping along US 17 at the I-75 interchange. This project is funded, in part, by a grant from the Florida Highway Beautification Council. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting schedule: through November 2016.

Negotiation with Johnson Engineering is complete to determine the scope of services and fees for planning and design. A purchase order to engage design services is in progress.

Lighting District Projects

Edgewater Phase II - Installation of roadway lighting conduit and pole bases is underway.

Burnt Store Road Phase III - All poles on the west side of the road have been installed and are operational. All remaining punchlist items have been addressed.

Rotonda Bridge Lighting - All light poles have been installed. Waiting for FPL to energize the systems.

- Working in conjunction with Florida Power and Light on FPLs hardening projects (pole replacements/upgrades); installed a new electrical service point for the traffic signal on Cochran Boulevard at Peachland Boulevard.
- Assisted Maintenance and Operations with trimming trees growing around roadway light poles along Placida Road.
- Upgraded firmware in approximately 90% of the school zone warning beacon time clocks. The new features of this firmware upgrade allow for once daily communications between the central system program and the field device to sync up the clocks time of day reference. If the central program does not receive a response back from the field device, a visual indication will be displayed for a technician to investigate. The upgrade also provides the central system program a visual indication as to which warning beacons are currently active. The remaining 10% of the clocks will receive this upgrade as soon as the manufacturer provides the necessary materials. The upgrade and materials are being provided at no additional cost to the County.
- The Florida Department of Transportation's re-surfacing, signal, and roadway improvement projects have begun on US 41 from the Peace River Bridge to Cochran Boulevard. Crews have been very busy performing underground utility locates on all buried fiber optics, roadway lighting and signalization within this 6 mile long project.
- The traffic signal controller cabinet for SR 776 at Gasparilla Road project was delivered. A crew is in the process of setting up, testing and ensuring the cabinet's functionality prior to installing it in the field.
- Removed a cabbage palm overtaking the roadway lighting load center on SR 776 at Cattle Dock Point Rd. After the palm was removed, the load center pole was straightened.
- Replaced the pedestrian push buttons which were outdated and no longer meets standards on Kings Highway at Westchester Boulevard, Elmira, Olean and Suncoast Boulevards and on Olean Boulevard at Aaron Street. The buttons were furnished by the Florida Department of Transportation at no cost to the County.
- Performed a re-inspection on the decorative lights at the US 41 Gateway Harbor walk project.

- Cleaned all incident management camera lenses (51 total).
- Responded to a trouble call, after normal business hours, for a pedestrian pole knocked down on Cochran Boulevard at Lakeview Boulevard. Replaced the pedestrian pole.
- In March, a crew responded to a trouble call after normal business hours for a street light pole destroyed during a motor vehicle accident on SR 776 at US 41. The light pole has been replaced.
- In March, a crew responded to a trouble call after normal business hours for a decorative street light pole destroyed during a motor vehicle accident on Rotonda Boulevard North at Rotonda Circle. The light pole has been replaced.
- Responded to a complaint that the decorative lights on Rio Togas Road were not operational. A crew discovered an on/off/auto switch was not left in the correct position after a contractor recently worked on the lights.
- A crew returned to the Burnt Store Road Phase 3 project to go over the deficiency list confirming the contractor had addressed all remaining issues and all have been corrected.
- Responded to a complaint of roadway lights inoperable on US 17 between Bermont Rd. and the Cleveland area. A crew found shorted underground conductors to be the cause. The conductors were replaced restoring power to the lights.
- Responded to a complaint of roadway lights inoperable on Kings Highway in the area of Tractor Supply. A crew identified shorted underground conductors to be the cause. The conductors were replaced restoring power to the lights.
- Transferred all maintenance responsibilities over to Highway Safety Devices, signal contractor for the US 41 resurfacing project. Signal controller and uninterruptable power supply (UPS) cabinet door locks were changed at thirteen locations.
- Assisted the IT Department with creating a redundant communications path between the tower on Edgewater Dr. and the Public Safety building. The Lighting District aerial lift was used to identify obstructions between both locations.
- Attended weekly progress meetings and participated in underground Signal conduit inspections for the US 41 widening project.
- Attended weekly progress meetings for the US41 resurfacing and signal improvement projects.

Traffic Management Center

Closures which required traffic signal adjustments and monitoring:

- May 5: I-75 SB closure with detour into Charlotte County from Toledo Blade.
- May 10: US 41 NB closure at Taylor Road due to crash.
- May 24: I-75 NB closure with detour onto Charlotte County roadways.
- Adjust signal timings due to seasonal changes for US41 traffic signals due to Edgewater Road closure.
- Continue fine tuning new Signal Timings for Kings Highway from Sandhill Blvd to Village Dr.
- Continue fine tuning Traffic Signal coordination timings for Jones Loop Rd from I-75 to Indian Springs Cemetery Rd.
- Continue monitoring and fielding complaints as the need arises. Responding to information requests.
- Continue promoting the Twitter account for traffic incidents. Over 285 followers and increasing.

Locates Performed

449 Requests for underground utility locates were received, generating 161 tickets for locates.

Trouble Calls

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

Maintenance & Operations Division (May 25– May 31)

A total of 49 new requests were received related to drainage, shoulder repair, asphalt repair, brush, and illegal dumping.

Drainage line & grade:	20,450 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 600 SF in Deep Creek 8,400 SF in Englewood East
Small pipe install:	16 LF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Menzie ditch cutting:	160,000 SF in West Charlotte Stormwater
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 54 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte Cleaned 16 culverts in Lemon Bay Cleaned 1 culvert in Road & Bridge West Cleaned 5 culverts in Northwest Port Charlotte
Boom mower:	Cut 53,434 CY in Greater Port Charlotte Cut 7,478 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban Cut 46,600 CY in Englewood East Cut 19,700 CY in Placida Area
Debris removal:	Removed 6,317 pounds of debris from locations throughout the County
Shoulder repair:	Repaired 2 miles of shoulder in locations throughout the County
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 3.52 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.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control Division (May 25– May 31)

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 3,053
- Landing rate counts taken: 2
- Traps set: 0
- Service requests: 8

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 4
- Sites inspected: 22
- Mitigation sites maintained: 0

Charlotte County Mosquito Control's outreach activities continue with the assistance of Stephanie Phillips, Wellness Coordinator. A "Stall Story" was distributed countywide promoting mosquito control through several prevention techniques. Mosquito Control staff members thank her for her help and energy.

Mosquito Control staff returned to Peace River Elementary School to conduct classroom presentations on mosquito biology and to educate students about how they can help reduce larval habitats in their backyards and prevent bites during summer break. Presentations were also given to two Home Owners Associations as well as to a Condominium Association.

Mosquito Control staff members anticipate the arrival of one new full-time employee and annual seasonal staffing. Upon the arrival of additional staff, surveillance activities will increase in time for mosquito breeding season; sentinel chickens will be ready for placement in various sites countywide.

Mosquito Control staff members are coordinating with other agencies and offered to provide assistance with the removal of large amounts of debris that collect water and create an environment conducive to mosquito breeding. Special traps are in place at one known debris field to monitor the mosquito species proven to carry Zika and other harmful viruses. A recommendation was made to remove the debris (especially tires) before the rainy season heightens.

Mosquito Control staff members are working with the Public Information Office to develop a press release and article for the Charlotte Sun regarding Mosquito Control awareness week June 21-27. Staff will meet with the Florida Department of Health in June to coordinate.

Mosquito Control completed 11 larvicide treatments of approximately 516 acres and 19 adulticide treatments of approximately 19,271 acres and received/responded to 8 residential service requests. Phone calls regarding Zika are steady with 1-2 per day.

Traffic Signing & Marking – May Totals

Herbicide:	527 items sprayed
New Signs Installed:	34
Legends Installed:	101
Marine Signs Replaced:	27
Road Scraping:	7,000 feet (1.33 miles)
Signs Inspected:	3,601
Sign Maintenance:	839
Signs Manufactured:	76
Striping:	130,675 feet (24.75 miles)
Traffic Counts:	45 traffic counts and 10 speed studies
Trouble Calls (after hours):	6

Tourism

The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau received the Florida Sports Foundation Best Event of the Year – Small Market Award for the 2016 Snowbird Baseball Classic, held in February and March of 2016. The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau was one of six Florida sports commissions receiving awards recognizing Florida communities and sports commissions for their outstanding efforts in sports tourism in the State of Florida.

This collegiate baseball event drew 100% of its teams from out of state with 25 NCAA Division I and 12 Division II schools competing over a four-week period in 2016. The Eighth Annual event generated approximately \$5 million in direct expenditures and \$10 million in economic impact, while producing over 6,500 room nights between teams, family members, alumni, groups/fans and media.

The Florida Sports Foundation (FSF), the state's leading sports promotion and development organization, presented six awards to recognize Florida communities and sports commissions for their outstanding efforts in sports tourism in the State of Florida.