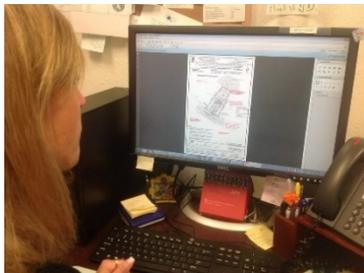


Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Development



The first residential Babcock permits came in this week and are being reviewed digitally!

Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Perfect Games Tournament ended their games (Thursday 7/21/2016) with 300 in attendance. The Stone Crabs went 3 and 1 this weekend against Brevard County. Friday was a rain out but over 1,000 people attended the double header on Saturday ending with a fireworks display.

Tringali Park

This week we are excited about our Super Mini Sports Song and Dance Camp, which begins this Wednesday July 27. My cousin Joy and I will be introducing the 4-6 year olds to the wonderful world of music. Joy will be instructing the dance while I will be teaching the singing. The program lasts 6 weeks, with a performance/recital on the final week. This performance will be held at the Community Center on August 31. Enrollment has been steady and we look forward to the challenge of showing the kids all the great benefits to singing and dancing!

Harold Avenue Park

Letter received by Tina Powell:

Good morning Tina,

Employees from the Department of Health did a clean-up at Harold Park on June 21st. We had seven people present and we collected about eight bags of trash. There was quite a bit of standing water due to all of the rain. We would like to come back again in the fall when it is dry to clean again if that would be okay. Please let me know if you have any concerns or suggestions.

Thank you,

Abbey Ellner

Health Promotions Manager

Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County

Harold Avenue Recreation Center youth basketball leagues finished up their 7th week of the regular season! The playoffs are just around the corner... Harold Avenue Summer Camp is in week 3 of session 2. This week the kids got to enjoy two guest speakers and canvas painting with Bisque It! The kids got to paint their very own Pikachu.

Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool

For the week of 7/20 through 7/26/16, Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool had 288 paid admissions, was visited by 22 pass holders and had 42 water aerobics participants.

Extension Services

- Newspaper Article for July 25 –“What’s blooming now?”
- Caladium Program – July 26
- Master Gardener Radio Show - WCCF –July 26
- CEU Round-Up – July 27
- KPMG Workshop – July 28
- Water Quality Meeting with Dr. Mary Lusk, Water Regional Specialized Agent – July 29
- CED Conference Call – July 29

Natural Resources

This week staff continued the efforts to meet the Florida Communities Trust annual reports. Staff conducted gopher tortoise surveys on Ann Dever Regional Environmental Park as well as a cooperative effort for Charlotte County Sheriff’s Department.

Staff also conducted exotic flora control treatments on approximately 3 acres of Prairie Creek Preserve. The target species consisted of Caesar weed, tropical soda apple and lygodium.

Staff continued the ongoing task of trail maintenance, working this week on Oyster Creek Environmental Park.

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

- Remodeling of the reception area at the Medical Examiner’s office is scheduled to begin this week.
- Franz Ross Park concession/restroom building soffit and fascia repairs are complete.
- Cultural Center Roof Sealing is in progress.
- Engineering began for the addition of demand control ventilation at the Sports Park clubhouse building. This will help lower energy costs and provide better ventilation for the building.

Operations

The Engineer for design of a partial backup generator at the Event Center submitted a cost proposal for negotiations. We will review the proposal and complete the design and engineering process. When this phase is complete the next step for this generator project will be requesting bids for construction.

Project Management

- Permits were received from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for removal and relocation of two osprey nests at sports lighting retrofit projects at both Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park and at North Charlotte Regional Park. Work will commence in the fall.
- Pre Submittal Meeting for Construction Manager at Risk for West County Annex expansion project was held this week.
- Port Charlotte Beach floating dock and seawall contractor mobilized prior to pre-construction meeting held today.

Human Services

Family Services Division (Real People, Real Stories, Real Investment)

A client, on limited income and who is enrolled in the Department’s Family Self-Sufficiency Program, wanted to have her two sons learn how to swim recognizing the potential danger facing young children in Florida. The client’s case manager referred her to the South County Recreation Center’s Scholarship Program and the

client met with the aquatics manager to sign them up. As a result of receiving financial assistance, her two sons are able to take swimming lessons.

Ms. G. is disabled and lives with her son. She has been getting by without any assistance, but recently faced a crisis when her air conditioner broke, causing the electric bill to be triple the normal amount. Due to her fixed income, she was at a loss as to how to pay the bill. Using grant funds from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), her program specialist was able to assist her in resolving the crisis and help avert any possible medical issues due to the heat.

Public Works

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

Tom Adam's Bridge Rehabilitation – This project will replace the existing Tenderhouse, electrical and mechanical equipment. The proposed Tenderhouse will provide a gateway to Manasota Key and will feature a standing seam roof, color coordinated with the Bridge, and large observation windows designed to withstand hurricane winds. The proposed Tenderhouse will provide visibility of traffic and pedestrians approaching the structure when the Bridge is being opened or closed. Currently, the Bridge tender's view is obstructed. The existing concrete railing and guardrail will be removed and replaced with a steel traffic barrier and aluminum handrail, which will allow for widening the sidewalk to a minimum of five (5) feet. The sidewalk surface will be topped to correct slope and alignment issues. The project also includes the replacement of the existing traffic gates, traffic signals, the approach slabs, abutment wall cap, slope pavement, and the Bridge will be repainted. Construction Contract: Quinn Construction, Construction schedule: 3/29/2016 – 6/7/2017.

Excerpts from www.TomAdamsBridge.com:

Bridge Tenderhouse

Subcontractor completed the pile driving, the foundation, and the first wall sections were cast.

Bridge Repairs/Upgrades

- Contractor is getting all shop drawings for electrical/mechanical/and architectural items for approval so they can be available when the tenderhouse building is completed.
- Items for the auto barrier, pedestrian barrier, and sidewalk topping are being reviewed.

Maintenance of Traffic

- The contractor has utilized alternating single lane closures for materials deliveries and concrete placements. These will continue to occur throughout the project. E-mail blasts will be sent out 24 hours prior to future closures. Also the closures will be listed on this site
- The contract allows the contractor to close the bridge for 7 days at some point between June 15, 2016 and August 15, 2016. We will use the e-mail notification (sign up on the Home page) at least a week before the detour is to be utilized.

Advisory Content

The Tom Adams Bridge will not close Aug. 1, 2016 as previously scheduled. The Closure is postponed until June 2017. Construction crews are counting on you to travel safely.

Landscape 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 Doreda Drive. Design Contract: Charlotte Engineering & Surveying. Construction contract: Jones Landscape, Construction schedule: 5/23 – 10/20 2016 (90 150 calendar days).

Cypress, red maple, and sweet bay trees have been planted and ground preparations are underway for plant beds. Electric and water services have been established.

Installation of irrigation, trees and shrubs will continue. This project is progressing ahead of schedule.

Gateway Landscaping: Toledo Blade Blvd. (US 41 to Hillsborough Blvd.) – This project provides for median landscaping with irrigation along Toledo Blade Boulevard between US 41 and Hillsborough Boulevard. Landscape materials may include trees (Palm, Japanese Blueberry, Crepe Myrtle), shrubs (Saw Palmetto, Ixora, Fountain Grass), and groundcover (Coontie, Purple Lantana, Asian Jasmine, Starburst Pentas). The Board of County Commissioners expressed their approval to proceed with planning, design and construction of landscaped community entrance features that will improve the appearance of certain gateways to Charlotte County and enhance the County's overall desirability as a place to visit, work and live. Design Contract: David M. Jones, Jr. & Associates, Construction Contract: MRT Lawn and Garden Center, Construction Schedule: 7/7 – 9/5/2016 (60 calendar days)

Water and electrical points of service are ready at this location however electrical service is pending activation by Florida Power and Light. Directional bore drilling and trenching for irrigation is expected to begin in the rights-of-ways in early August.

As work progresses, intermittent, temporary lane closures are expected for the delivery and installation of landscape trees within the medians. Traffic advisory will be issued prior to temporary inside lane closures.

Midway Boulevard Median Landscaping – This project provides for median landscaping with irrigation along Midway Boulevard between Yancey Street and Harbor Boulevard. Landscape materials may include trees (Palm, Weeping Yaupon, Crepe Myrtle), shrubs (Silver Palmetto, Bluestem Palmetto, Fountain Grass), and groundcover (Purple Lantana). Design Contract: David M. Jones, Jr. & Associates, Construction Contract: Superior Landscaping and Lawn Service, Construction Schedule: 6/27 – 8/26/16 (60 calendar days)

The reclaimed water facility connection is in place. Ground preparations are underway.

US 41 Landscaping at Waterway Crossings (Microtunnel Locations) – This project provides for landscaping along US 41 at the Elkcam, Fordham and Pompano Waterway drainage crossings. Landscape materials may include trees (Sand Live Oak, Sabal Palm, Slash Pine), shrubs (Saw Palmetto, Fakahatchee and Cord Grass), and groundcover (Coontie, Leather Fern). Design Contract: David M. Jones, Jr. & Associates, Construction Contract: MRT Lawn and Garden Center, Construction Schedule: 6/20 – 8/19/2016 (60 calendar days).

All landscape plants have been installed. The preliminary walk-through was conducted July 8 and substantial completion was issued to the Contractor. This project was completed ahead of schedule.

Landscaping Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

Gateway Landscaping: I-75 at King's Highway – This project provides for roadside landscaping along I-75 at the Kings Highway interchange, as programmed by FDOT's Bold Landscape initiative. The Board of County Commissioners expressed their approval to proceed with planning, design and construction of landscaped community entrance features that will improve the appearance of certain gateways to Charlotte County and enhance the County's overall desirability as a place to visit, work and live. Design Contract: David M. Jones & Associates, Design Schedule: through Fall 2016

Design is nearing completion. Construction plans have been submitted to FDOT to request permitting of the Community Aesthetic Feature. The County's request to extend the FDOT Irrigation and Landscape Permit was granted through July 10, 2017. Construction is pending completion of the FDOT I-75 road widening project in the vicinity of Kings Highway.

Gateway Landscaping: Jones Loop at I-75 – This project provides for roadside and median landscaping along Jones Loop, from Mac Drive to Piper Road, at the I-75 interchange. The Board of County Commissioners expressed their approval to proceed with planning, design and construction of landscaped community entrance features that will improve the appearance of certain gateways to Charlotte County and enhance the

County's overall desirability as a place to visit, work and live. This project is funded, in part, by a grant from the Florida Highway Beautification Council. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design Schedule: June – Dec 2016.

The initial survey and environmental site visit is complete. Design is in progress; base plans and sightline analysis is underway to identify potential planting areas and sign locations. 30% design plans and cost estimates are expected in early August.

Gateway Landscaping: US 17 at I-75 – This project provides for roadside landscaping along US 17 at the I-75 interchange. The Board of County Commissioners expressed their approval to proceed with planning, design and construction of landscaped community entrance features that will improve the appearance of certain gateways to Charlotte County and enhance the County's overall desirability as a place to visit, work and live. This project is funded, in part, by a grant from the Florida Highway Beautification Council. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting schedule: June – Dec 2016.

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Winchester Boulevard Median Landscaping and Buffer – This project provides for landscaping with irrigation along Winchester Boulevard South, from SR 776 to CR 775 (Placida Road). Design services will include preparation of construction drawings, bidding and inspection services for the installation of landscaping, irrigation and a proposed buffer. Landscape plants include canopy and ornamental trees, palms, shrubs and ground cover. Design Contract: CES/American, Design/Permitting Schedule: Early 2016 – 8/22/2016

The 60% design plans are under review by County staff; utility coordination and progress meetings continue.

A second public input opportunity is scheduled for 2 p.m. on August 3 at Tringali Community Center, 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood, FL to present the 60% design plans and record public input.

Maintenance & Operations Weekly Accomplishments (July 20 – July 26, 2016)

A total of 71 new requests were received related to drainage, brush, asphalt repairs, sidewalk repairs, guardrail repair, and illegal dumping.

Drainage line & grade:	2,400 SF in Greater Port Charlotte 1,900 SF in Northwest Port Charlotte 1,800 SF in Rotonda West 2,630 SF in Grove City 15,000 SF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Small pipe install:	72 LF in Greater Port Charlotte 24 LF in Englewood East 48 LF in Northwest Port Charlotte 128 LF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Large pipe install:	160 LF in Englewood East
Menzie ditch cutting:	35,000 SF in Mid Charlotte Stormwater 25,000 SF in Englewood East
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 39 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte Cleaned 12 culverts in Northwest Port Charlotte Cleaned 5 culverts in Rotonda West Cleaned 10 culverts in Gulf Cove Cleaned 4 culverts in Road & Bridge North
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 9.58 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County
Boom mower:	Cut 72,632 CY in Englewood East Cut 18,946 CY in Greater Port Charlotte Cut 63,150 CY in South Gulf Cove

Debris removal: Cut 1,300 CY in Road & Bridge West
Removed 9,620 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.

Mosquito & Aquatic Weed Control

Mosquito Control

- Acres treated: 27,891
- Landing rate counts taken: 38
- Traps set: 34
- Service requests: 60

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 21
- Sites inspected: 2
- Mitigation sites maintained: 1

Tourism

Last month (July 21), the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau assisted a writer on assignment for a major retirement publication for an article about Port Charlotte. This entailed planning a day-long itinerary and accompanying the writer to various businesses and organizations of interest to retirees. The publication has featured other Charlotte County destinations and the writer's visit is a direct result of a media familiarization trip the CHVCB hosted a few years ago. It's anticipated the article will be published by the end of 2016.