

Charlotte County Weekly Department Highlights

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Community Services

Charlotte Sports Park

The Charlotte Sports Park was a busy place on Sept. 14 for "Operation Stone Crabs" exercise where regional first responders and various emergency crews staged an emergency event.

Charlotte Sports Park attended the All-Staff meeting on Sept. 16.

On Sept. 20, the Tampa Bay Rays played their 1st Instructional League game. Charlotte Sports Park also had a successful sold out bus trip on the Sept. 20 for the Trip to the Trop, Tampa Bay Rays vs NY Yankees.

Harold Avenue Park

This past Friday Harold staff attended the Community Services meeting at Port Charlotte Beach. Also on Friday fliers for our Harold Avenue Fall/Winter Youth Basketball League were distributed to all public schools in Charlotte County with registration going into October. Harold continues to host Daughters at Play Youth Basketball. This past week we hosted St. Charles Borromeo for their Girls' Volleyball games and practices. Harold hosted the first Charlotte County Wellness at Work Yoga class this past Monday with about 5 people attending. Numbers are rising for the open volleyball we have on Thursdays here at Harold Ave. Finally, Harold Staff are working on our Trunk or Treat on Spooky Street event planned for October.

Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool

For the week of 9/14 through 9/20/16, Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool had 168 paid admissions, was visited by 42 pass holders and had 49 water aerobics participants. In addition, Lifeguard staff conducted one private swim lesson series and one individual private swim lesson.

Tringali Park and Recreation

This week's good news starts with our always fun and successful Team Builder event that took place last week. The turnout was great and all the employees seemed to be enjoying the task they were given, as well as the wonderful lunch they were provided. We are already looking forward to next year's Team Builder!

Last week also saw the start of two programs. On Monday, we kicked off our new Junior Sports program, aimed at 7-10 year olds. The first sport we are teaching is basketball. The turnout for the first session was encouraging. Word of mouth must have been good, because our turnout doubled for the second session. The kids learned a lot of fundamentals and had a lot of fun at the same time. On Wednesday, we had the return of Super Mini Sports Basketball. These 4-6 year olds really took to the game, learning to dribble and pass very quickly. We look forward to more good times during this 5 week program.

Extension Services

- Newspaper Article for Sept. 19 – "Whoa, it's a ponytail palm"
- GI-BMP Training – Sept. 20
- Teaching Assessment - Imagine School – Sept. 21
- Soil and Water Special Meeting at East Port Campus – Sept. 21
- FCS meeting with Dr. Gutter and Ms. Brenda - Conference Call – Sept. 22
- Rotary - Isles Yacht Club - Nuisance Wildlife, Vertebrate Pest Control Talk – Sept. 22
- Turf Site Visit – Sept. 23
- Extension Staff Meeting – Sept. 23

Natural Resources

This week staff focused on continuing career development by studying for the Natural Areas Applicator's permit. This permit will facilitate the in-house treatment of exotic flora and so provide a cost saving measure to the County.

Staff also participated in an All-Staff Meeting conducted by Community Services Director Tommy Scott. This meeting is an opportunity for Tommy to address issues effecting the staff as well as answer questions regarding future plans of the department.

Facilities Construction & Maintenance

Repairs and Maintenance

- B200 Records Division security wall installation is in progress. The estimated completion date is Sept. 21, 2016.
- The Cultural Center main parking area seal and stripe is in progress. The estimated completion date is Sept. 22, 2016.
- The Emergency Vehicle Repair Building roof repairs and stucco on structures is in progress. The estimated completion date is Sept. 29, 2016.

Operations

The new Facilities Cleaning Contract has been awarded and begins Oct. 1, 2016. Facilities will be transitioning the new awarded contractors and closing out the current ones making them ready to take over of the scope and contract as of the new fiscal year.

Project Management

- Port Charlotte Beach floating dock and seawall improvements work has begun.
- Cape Haze Pioneer Trail final sod installation occurred this week and the final asphalt paving will be completed Sept. 23, 2016.
- The Mid-County Library design proposal has been submitted for renovation work.
- Recreation Center Renovations construction manager kick off meeting was held and finalizing cost opinions to move forward with design is in progress.
- McGuire Park is in the process of permitting and final design.
- The pier decking is being installed at Bay Heights Boat Ramp. The contractor completed the flatwork for the pavilions and dumpster area while starting the sidewalk interconnections. The drive and parking base was leveled and compacted.
- Jail Infirmary plans were submitted to the building department to start the permit review process. The contractor continues with the guaranteed maximum price process, projecting the draft review will be next week.
- The retention pond was dug to the proper depth utilizing the fill for rising the site to proper elevation at the Sheriff's District One facility. The building pad was compacted and surveying completed. The footers excavation began before proceeding with the under slab preparation.

Human Services

Human Services was notified of approval of the Community Service Block Grant Modification. This approval will allow a meaningful collaboration between the Family Services and Senior Services Divisions in an effort to assist elders in Charlotte County to remain independent.

Utilization of the grant funds from this modification is expected to begin Oct. 1, 2016 and run through Dec. 31, 2016. As of 9/20/2016, 119 elders have been identified as potentially eligible to receive benefits under this grant. During this time, case managers and the case aide will make a personal visit to the individual's home providing detail on how this special project works. Additional community resource information that might be put in place to support elder's service needs after Dec. 31, 2016 will be provided to all participants.

This project is directly in line with the results of the 2016 Senior Division Annual Client Service Evaluation whereby elder clients ranked homemaker as the most valuable service in assisting elders to remain in the community and at home.

There are approximately 500 elders currently waiting for other services on the States Department of Elder Affairs waiting list for Charlotte County. To be considered for participation for services or this project, individuals may contact the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest FL, Inc.'s Aging and Disabled Resource Center at 1-866-413-5337.

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.

The Tenderhouse foundation is complete and the Contractor has begun pouring the floors and walls to the Tenderhouse. The Contractor is utilizing an alternating one-way traffic pattern for delivery of materials, especially concrete, which will continue through the duration of the project. Any traffic delays should not be any longer than would occur during a typical bridge opening. A seven day bridge closure is anticipated sometime between June 15 and August 15, 2017. The contractor is required to give a two-week notice prior to the closure and a Traffic Advisory will be issued at that time.

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.

Bridge Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

Don Pedro / Knight Island Bridge Repairs – Charlotte County is seeking professional engineering services to design repairs on two Don Pedro Knight Island Bridges – Michael Kosinski and Anne Merry.

CES/American was the selected firm, the scope and fee negotiation was completed 9/13/2016

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

CES/American Engineering has completed the plans and are ready for construction bidding. Real Estate Services Division is obtaining maintenance easements for all four sides of the Bridges to secure during construction

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 – October 2016, Procurement Process: Early 2017, Projected Start of Construction: Spring 2017

<u>BRIDGE #</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>AT</u>
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

The Comprehensive Evaluation Report identified 5 of the 7 bridges needing repairs.

The design consultant submitted the 100% Design Plans and Bid Documents for review and approval. As soon as the County approves this project can move forward to the Construction Bidding Phase.

Rotonda Circle Bridge Repair over Pinehurst Creek – The Rotonda Circle Bridge over Pinehurst suffered damage from an automobile accident. After inspection of the bridge we determined this would require a design engineer to review and design the appropriate repair action. Design Contract: CES/American Design/Permitting Schedule: September 2016, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

CES/American was the selected firm, the scope and fee have been negotiated and approved. CES/American can now start the design phase.

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

2016 County Paving Program – The purpose of this project is to resurface Charlotte County roadways in the following districts:

- Greater Port Charlotte
- Deep Creek
- North West Port Charlotte
- Punta Gorda Non-Urban

- Peace River Shores
- Rotonda Heights
- Road & Bridge

[Paving Maps](#) depicting the roadways to be paved within each district are available on the Project Status Updates website. Construction Contract: Ajax Paving, Construction Schedule: 05/09/2016 – Fall 2017

The paving and restoration in Deep Creek has been completed. A punch list will be generated to take care of any outstanding issues. The contractor has completed paving in the Peachland 7 area and is currently trying to resume paving in the Ridge Harbor area in the PGNU District, but due to heavy rainfall totals the paving has stopped. They are continuing to performing base repairs in the Peachland 6 area. The paving in Peachland 5 area will resume as soon as the Ridge Harbor area has been completed. To date there has been approx. 29,093 tons of asphalt placed in this contract. The amount of work completed to date is 17.9% and the amount of contract time that has elapsed is 26.0%.

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 – 10/1/2016.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (July 19, 2016) – *Traffic has been shifted to the new northbound lanes while the contractor builds the new South Bound lanes. Reduced speed limits will remain as posted to ensure safety in the construction zone.*

The contractor is currently building the west side of the project. New drainage is currently being installed north of Marathon Blvd. followed by the new roadway template.

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. (Sept. 20, 2016) – *A temporary traffic pattern change will be in effect between Midway Boulevard and Lake View Boulevard for isolated work in the coming weeks, including the completion of curb construction beginning Monday, Sept. 26. At that time, Edgewater Drive will be converted to a normal divided roadway configuration open to local traffic only. Motorists are asked to use caution and observe all traffic striping and signage. Access for residents will be via Midway Boulevard and Lake View Boulevard using the new Lake View roundabout. Edgewater Drive remains closed to through traffic between Midway Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard.*

Excerpts from www.GoEP2.com:

Midway to West Spring Lake Bridge

- Storm sewer semi-final inspection and correction of issues found during inspection is complete.
- Local Edgewater Drive traffic is accessible via Midway Blvd. and Lake View Blvd.
- Lauzon Ave. remains closed between Sheeley St. and Abhenry Circle. Drainage structure replacement is complete, pavement restoration is planned this month.
- Curb, driveways and sidewalk are complete from Midway Blvd. to the West Spring Lake Bridge (except for temporary openings at Midway Blvd., Sheeley St. and restoration at Altoona.)
- Paving (except wearing surface) is complete from Midway Blvd. to the West Spring Lake Bridge.
- FPL power service for the new sewer lift station at Altoona St. is complete.

- West Spring Lake Bridge is complete except bridge deck surface finishing and median. The bridge is closed to all traffic.

West Spring Lake Bridge to East Spring Lake Bridge

- Storm sewer semi-final inspection and correction of issues found during inspection is complete.
- Paving (except wearing surface) is complete from the West Spring Lake Bridge to W. Tarpon roundabout.
- Roadway base is nearly complete on West Tarpon Blvd., West Tarpon Court.
- West Spring Lake Bridge is complete except bridge deck surface finishing and median. The bridge is closed to all traffic.
- Retaining wall construction on the east side of the East Spring Lake Bridge is in progress.

East Spring Lake Bridge to Sunrise Bridge

- Storm sewer semi-final inspection is complete. Correction of issues found during inspection is underway.
- Paving (except wearing surface) is complete on the new eastbound roadway from near the East Spring Lake Bridge including Port Charlotte Blvd. and the roundabout.
- The traffic pattern has been adjusted for access to Sunrise Park.
- Roadway subgrade and base are in progress on the westbound roadway.
- Sunrise Waterway Bridge construction continues.

Sunrise Waterway Bridge to Harbor Boulevard

- Gravity sewer is complete. Residential connections to the new sewer will begin following regulatory agency approvals. Residents will receive notices of the scheduled switch over.
- Comcast and CenturyLink utility relocation are nearly complete.
- New Re-use water main is in progress from Harbor Blvd. to Sunrise Waterway Bridge
- Storm sewer drainage outfall easement restoration to be completed.

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

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (Sept. 20, 2016) – *Please be advised that traffic will detour starting the week of Sept. 26. A portion of Hayworth Road (in the vicinity of Breezeswept Ave.) will be closed. Traffic will be routed on a short detour using Page St. and Montrose Ave. Travelers are encouraged to choose an alternate route when possible. Mail delivery, emergency services, and access to local residences will be maintained during construction*

Construction crews are currently installing the new 8" gravity sewer from Maracaibo to Amstead. Crews are currently installing new utilities along Page St in preparations for the new 60" Storm Drain to be installed from Midway to Pond C-2 at Breezeswept Ave. Crews are working on excavating fill material from Pond C-2 off Page St. and crews are completing site work preparation for new road between Achilles and Kings Hwy. Crews will continue to work on water main and sewer main items between Hayworth St. and Sharpe St. Crews also continue to maintain miscellaneous drainage and safety items throughout the project

Excerpts from www.midwayupdate.com:

Sharp Street to Birchcrest Boulevard: The contractor has been installing a new water main in this area.

Harriet Street to Neil Armstrong Elementary: The contractor has been installing a new water main in this area.

Noble Terrace to Broom Court: The contractor has been installing a new water main in this area.

Conway Blvd. to Page St.: The contractor has been installing a new water main in this area.

Hayworth Rd. to Alton Rd.: The contractor has been installing a new water main in this area.

Morley St. to Orlando Blvd. (PCMS): A new parent pick-up has been installed in this area.

Alton Rd. to Beacon Dr.: The construction crews have cleared Retention Area 'E' of large vegetation. There is no other significant work in this area.

Abscott Street to Bermuda Street: The contractor continues to install new utilities and the drainage system in this area.

Hardey Street to Amstead Street: The contractor continues to install new utilities and the drainage system in this area.

Willoughby Street to Maracaibo Street: The contractor continues to install new utilities and the drainage system in this area.

Shilo Street to Loveland Boulevard: The contractor continues to install new utilities and the drainage system in this area.

Kings Highway: Road is closed at Midway and Kings Highway as contractor installs 16" water main line. Please see current detour map.

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

Roadway Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

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 – May 2016, Procurement Process: June – October 2016, Projected Start of Construction: 11/15/2016.

Plans and permits are complete. The county sent the 100% Plans to FPL Underground to finalize their design plans. FPL requires various easements to complete the underground conversion, we are working together to get the easements and plans incorporated into our construction plans for bidding.

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

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Fordham Waterway at Quasar FOR 4.60 – This project provides for the construction of a stormwater control structure under Quasar Boulevard at the Fordham Waterway. The new structure will replace two 60" reinforced concrete pipes and a 50' weir with one 8'x10' box culvert and a 6' weir. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Construction Contract: Andrew Sitework, Construction Schedule: 6/20/2016 – 2/2017 (180 calendar day contract)

Construction continues. The box culverts have been placed. The footers have been poured. The crews are working on forming the headwalls and wingwalls. The temporary sidewalk is open and operational for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon to allow children to walk to and from school.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (June 9, 2016) – *Quasar Boulevard will be closed between Abner Street and Aken Street (at Niagara Waterway) and between Beacon Drive and Inverness Street (at Fordham Waterway), on Monday, June 20 and will remain closed through January 2017. These road closures are necessary during construction as work progresses to upgrade the stormwater control structures beneath Quasar Boulevard at these two canal crossings. Traffic will be detoured north to Peachland Boulevard. Advance warning signs and detour signs will be installed to direct traffic.*

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Niagara Waterway at Quasar NIA 5.09 – This project provides for the design, permitting and construction of a stormwater control structure under Quasar Boulevard at the Niagara Waterway. The new structure will replace two 48" metal pipes and a 44' weir with two 48" concrete pipes and a 20' weir. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Construction Contract: Andrew Sitework, Construction Schedule: 6/20/2016 – 2/2017 (180 calendar day contract)

Construction work continues. The walls and the weir have been poured. The crews will continue to backfill as necessary. The temporary sidewalk is open and operational for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon to allow children to walk to and from school.

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (June 9, 2016) – *Quasar Boulevard will be closed between Abner Street and Aken Street (at Niagara Waterway) and between Beacon Drive and Inverness Street (at Fordham Waterway), on Monday, June 20 and will remain closed through January 2017. These road closures are necessary during construction as work progresses to upgrade the stormwater control structures beneath Quasar Boulevard at these two canal crossings. Traffic will be detoured north to Peachland Boulevard. Advance warning signs and detour signs will be installed to direct traffic.*

Stormwater Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

Stormwater Control Structure Replacement - Lion Heart Waterway 4.34 (Kenilworth Blvd.) – This project provides for the design, permitting and construction of a stormwater control structure under Kenilworth Blvd. at the Lion Heart Waterway. Construction will consist of replacing (2) 72" corrugated metal pipe culverts with (2) 8'x10' box culverts and a 64' weir. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: Jan – Dec 2016, Procurement Process: Dec 2016 – Feb 2017, Projected Construction Schedule: April – Dec 2017

Johnson Engineering has completed the survey, the existing base plan, and the geotechnical investigation. The engineering firm is coordinating with the utility on the aerial crossing.

The 30% design plans have been submitted to the county for review.

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

Gulfstream Boulevard Sidewalks – 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 completed and the project is covered by the 1 year warranty.

South Gulf Cove Sidewalks – 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

Project Phase: COMPLETED

Warranty of the project is now in effect. Any deficiencies noticed or reported during the warranty will be corrected by the Contractor.

Sidewalk Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

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 – Summer 2016, Procurement: TBD, Construction: Early TBD

We have received the final bid set plans from Johnson Engineering. We are now in the final preparation of the contract documents to submit to the Purchasing Department for bid advertisement.

Harbour Heights Sidewalks – This project consists of constructing approximately 2.75 miles of 5' wide sidewalks within the Harbour Heights MSBU District. Sidewalks are proposed along the following six (6) roadways: Sunnybrook Road (from triangle at Broadpoint Dr. to Peace River Dr.), Peace River Drive (from Sunnybrook Rd. to San Marino Dr.), San Marino Drive (from Broadpoint Dr. to Peace River Dr.), Broadpoint Drive (from Voyageur Dr. to Washington St.), Sulstone Drive (from Sunnybrook Rd. south to end), Voyageur Drive (from Broadpoint Dr. to end). Design Contract: Charlotte Engineering, Design/Permitting (Public Works Engineering): 6/27/14 – May 2015, Procurement: Summer 2016, Construction: TBD

On Sept. 13, the commissioners awarded the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Andrew Sitework. On Sept. 14, we held preconstruction meeting at which time the Notice to Proceed was issued for Oct. 17, 2016 and makes the completion of the project late Spring 2017.

Parkside - Gertrude Avenue/Aaron Street Multi-Use Path – This project will provide for a 10' multi-use path, landscaping, decorative lighting, a pocket park and signage along Gertrude Avenue, from Caring Way to Aaron Street, and along Aaron Street from Gertrude Avenue to Harbor Boulevard. Design Contract: Johnson Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: June 2015 – Summer 2016, Procurement Process: TBD, Projected Start of Construction: TBD

We have received the final bid set plans from Johnson Engineering. We are now in the final preparation of the contract documents to submit to the Purchasing Department for bid advertisement.

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.

Received 100% plans from Johnson Engineering. On Sept. 27, it will go before the board as a change order to add it to an existing Charlotte County Utilities contract.

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: 7/1/2014 – Nov. 2015, Procurement: through 6/14/2016, Construction: 6/20/2016 – 10/18/2016

Phase 2 - Installing concrete, sod, and putting in trench drains. Approximating 60% complete.

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

Other Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

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. This project is funded by the Charlotte County Redevelopment Fund and will be reimbursed up to \$1,410,580 through a Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Design Contract: Kimley-Horn & Associates, Design Schedule: 10/15/2013 – 7/17/2015, Procurement Process: October 2016 - December 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Late 2016

Design is complete and approved by FDOT, the LAP agreement was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on Feb. 23, 2016 and has been executed by FDOT. We are currently pending Army Corps of Engineering permit approval.

Coastal Projects in Construction (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)

The project has been completed

Coastal Projects in Design, Negotiation or Procurement

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. Construction services include environmental protection and dredging of Alligator Creek and adjacent channel dredging within the Gasparilla Sound, Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve. Design Contract: Coastal Engineering, Design/Permitting Schedule: 1/6/2013 – Late 2015, Procurement Process: through June 24, 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2016

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 Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit was received Aug. 29, 2014 for the -6' 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 with the requested data.

The National Marine Fisheries' concurrence letter was issued to the ACOE on November 3, 2015. The ACOE Permit was issued December 29, 2015. A change order to facilitate the bid process was approved; the Consultant resurveyed the project area and provided updated construction drawings and specifications.

A Request for Bids was recently advertised and bids were opened May 4. A recommendation to award the dredging contract to Waterfront Property Services, LLC dba Gator Dredging, will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on June 14.

The contract time is 180 days from the Notice to Proceed which was issued for Aug 1, 2016. The contractor has mobilized to the site and construction is underway.

Gulf Cove 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/access channels. The amount of material to be removed will be determined as engineering and design progresses. The project includes the removal of the existing silt to the previous dredge depth of -4' MLW within the lateral/access channels and 100 feet into the interior canals. Design Contract: TBD, Design/Permitting Schedule: Through Summer 2016, Procurement Process Summer 2016, Projected Start of Construction: Summer 2016

Coastal Engineering Consultants (CEC) proposed an alternate approach that will improve navigation and yield cost savings over time through reduction of maintenance dredging needs. The approach includes identifying/combining multiple canals into single channels extending to the river.

The County reviewed the preliminary plan set and issued a revised task order to Coastal Engineering Consultants to proceed with the additional survey and design work. CEC completed the additional survey and alternate design alignments depicting the proposed connector channels. The design was reviewed and approved by the MSBU Advisory Board; a second change order was submitted to facilitate the new design.

A pre-application meeting was conducted with the FDEP and ACOE to determine project feasibility. Both agencies view the project as favorable. FDEP commented that the FWC Department of Aquaculture will need to comment on the shellfish habitat designation and the ACOE stated that NMF will need to do the same in regards to the Smalltooth Sawfish habitat.

The permit application and drawings are complete and were submitted to State and Federal permitting agencies; correspondence between the County and ACOE confirmed that the review is underway. The Marine Marker Plan is also under review by the permitting agencies.

The Army Corps of Engineers has not asked for an informal review of this project from the National Marine Fisheries Services as of Sept. 30, 2015. The FDEP issued their permit with FWC Department of Aquaculture review of the shellfish habitat designation. The FDEP issued their permit with FWC Department of Aquaculture review of the shellfish habitat designation.

The Coast Guard is ready to issue the Marine Marker Permit pending authorization from the ACOE.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Public Notice was issued February 2016. Upon receipt of the ACOE permit the County will move forward with project implementation.

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.

Construction is underway at this time.

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

The final walk through was held Friday, Sept. 16. This project reached substantial completion ahead of schedule and the one year maintenance and warranty period has begun.

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/Permitting 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/Permitting Schedule: June – Dec 2016.

The 60% landscape and irrigation design plans are currently under review. Construction plans for the gateway sign are also under review.

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.

The 60% landscape and irrigation design plans are currently under review. Construction plans for the gateway sign are also under review.

Winchester Boulevard Median Landscaping and Buffer – This project provides for landscaping with drip 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 – Fall 2016.

The 90% landscape design plans have been received and are under review. Design is being scaled down to bring the cost of construction in line with the budget and to reduce the cost of maintenance upon completion.

The project package is expected to be forwarded to the Purchasing Department for bid advertisement in October.

Maintenance & Operations Weekly Accomplishments (Sept. 14 - Sept. 20, 2016)

A total of 200 new requests were received related to drainage, brush, asphalt repairs, and illegal dumping.

Drainage line & grade:	5,000 SF in Englewood East 23,330 SF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Small pipe install:	36 LF in Northwest Port Charlotte 54 LF in Punta Gorda Non-Urban
Culvert cleaning:	Cleaned 46 culverts in Greater Port Charlotte Cleaned 10 culverts in Deep Creek Cleaned 10 culverts in Englewood East Cleaned 4 culverts in Rotonda Lakes Cleaned 12 culverts in Lemon Bay
Asphalt repair:	Utilized 4.46 tons of material to repair locations throughout the County
Boom mower:	Cut 12,803 CY in Greater Port Charlotte Cut 69,793 CY in Englewood East Cut 5,245 CY in Punta Gorda Non-Urban Cut 13,825 CY in Northwest Port Charlotte
Debris removal:	Removed 11,775 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: 46,253
- Landing rate counts taken: 39
- Traps set: 38
- Service requests: 33

Aquatic Weed Control

- Sites treated: 17
- Sites inspected: 12
- Mitigation sites maintained: 1

Tourism

The Florida Outdoor Writers Association awarded the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau the First Place Excellence in Craft Award in the Corporate/Tourism Promotion category during the organization's Awards Banquet in Palm Coast, Fla. on Sept. 17. The honor recognized the Bureau's 60-second "Experience Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf Islands: 2016" which highlights the destination's nature-based activities.

The video contains segments filmed by various videographers who are Anton Fresco, David Sussman of DW Sussman Photography, Russ Weston, Alex Carabes, and Sean and Brooks Paxton of Shot Locker Productions. Chip Futch, the Bureau's Director of Marketing, produced and edited the video, which was published in 2015 and used in the agency's 2016 marketing program to attract visitation into the Southwest Florida community of Charlotte County.