

Administrator's Update for 4/25/12
By Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

Earlier this month the Charlotte County Historical Center and the Mid-County Regional Library brought history to life. "A Day to Remember: RMS Titanic" living history program marked the 100th anniversary of the great liner's demise. Eleven staff members and volunteers portrayed actual passengers of the Titanic from Lucile, Lady Duff-Gordon to Annie McGowan, 3rd class survivor in a reenactment. Over 55 visitors enjoyed the program and we received compliments and requests for more programs of this kind in the future.

CIP pipe lining

Earlier this month our cured-in-place (C-I-P) pipe lining contractor commenced work on several projects in the county. This work consists of cleaning outfall pipes and then installing a fiberglass liner that cures in place, restoring the pipes to their original design capacity. C-I-P pipe lining is a trenchless technology that does not require excavation in order to rehabilitate a pipeline that is leaking or otherwise structurally unsound. The addition of the liner extends the life of the pipe by a minimum of 50 years. Locations of the projects include: Quirt Lane, Buckeye Avenue, Riverside Drive, Severin Road, Navigator Road, Rio De Janeiro Boulevard at Rampart Boulevard, and Clara Lane.

Cleaning up

Team Port Charlotte and Keep Charlotte Beautiful recently sponsored a cleanup of Parkside. The event was a collaboration of resident volunteers and businesses that serve our community and county government. Waste Management provided the containers for the cleanup and removal at no charge, our solid waste division waived the tipping fees at the landfill and Cintas document shredding company provided their mobile unit. The solid waste division also provided oversight by their code compliance officer to monitor the debris collection. The cleanup resulted in the collection and removal of 3,160 lbs. of debris from the area as well as the recycling of the metals collected and the opportunity for the residents to have documents shredded at no charge.

In mid-April our Charlotte County community services department's Tringali Recreation Center honored Earth Day by holding a beach cleanup at Englewood Beach. The event started at 9 a.m. with about 22 people cleaning the beach. The event ended with a hot dog cook out sponsored by Englewood Winn Dixie at 10:30am. The next cleanup event is scheduled for 9 a.m. on September 29.

Pet oxygen masks

The Riverwood Owners of Mannerly Pets (ROMP) recently presented Charlotte County Fire/EMS with six "O2 Fur Life" pet oxygen mask kits for use on emergency vehicles. When Charlotte County Fire/EMS responds to a fire where a pet has suffered smoke inhalation, the oxygen masks are used to help the injured pet. Fire/EMS will be strategically placing the pet masks on rescue vehicles throughout the county.

Medicaid transportation

In March our Sunshine Ride staff had the Medicaid transportation application and the transportation disadvantaged request application placed on the County's website. Since then, twenty applications were downloaded from the website and have been submitted to Transit. To download an application, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.com/HumanServices and click Transportation Services.