

## **Administrator's Update for 4/24/13**

### **By Ray Sandrock, County Administrator**

The Charlotte County facilities construction and maintenance department focuses on project management, repairs, and maintenance and operations for all the county facilities. This department is not often mentioned in my columns yet they have such a major part in our operations that I would like to touch on a few of their latest endeavors.

Facilities construction and maintenance joined in the celebration at the opening of the expanded Englewood Charlotte Library earlier this month. The project included not only major construction at the facility, but also improvements to onsite parking, lighting and tennis court improvements at the Tringali Recreation Center which shares the location with the library. In addition, facilities maintenance staff provided assistance on the final preparations for the grand opening event. The event was a big success, with 1,200 visitors that day touring the library's rooms and new archive area.

Recently facilities construction and maintenance and the consulting engineers conducted a well-attended and productive public workshop regarding future improvements to Harbour Heights Park. The public input and comments that were gathered are under review.

The Harness Road parking lot near the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail was recently sealed and striped. This is one of several parking lots which were recently or will be soon be resealed and striped. Port Charlotte Library parking lot will be among those that are next. Maintenance of county facilities help us protect the investments that we have all paid for.

### **Stump Pass update**

Stump Pass is an important environmental feature that is vital to Lemon Bay and requires monitoring and maintenance dredging. Currently, extensive field investigations are in progress and numerical modeling began last October. Damage analysis from Tropical Storm Debby is underway and we have initiated the process of seeking reimbursement from FEMA to restore the pass. A presentation was given earlier this month to the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee, followed by a stakeholder meeting. A formal presentation will be made to the Board of County Commissioners in May.

### **E-waste**

Electronic waste recycling (e-waste) curbside pickup is now available in unincorporated Charlotte County. Initiated earlier this month, we had over 200 requests for service during the first five days of the program. To set up a pickup of old, unwanted electronics, visit [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov) and select "Garbage & Recycling" from the Popular Links or call Waste Management at 941.629.1106 or 941.697.0012 (Englewood Area). Make the request at least one day prior to your regularly scheduled pickup day and the e-waste will be picked up on your regular service day by an e-waste truck. E-waste includes computers/monitors/keyboards, printers, radios, phones, stereo equipment, and similar items.

### **Summer leagues**

Preparation for upcoming summer activities at all our recreation centers is underway and the Harold Avenue Recreation Center is getting ready for the co-ed youth basketball league. Registration closes May 2 for this summer league, which is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 17 years old. This is one of our most popular leagues and it includes ten regular season games and a postseason tournament. The adult men's flag football league is also gearing up—registration closes May 9 at the mandatory captain's meeting at Harold Avenue Recreation Center. This league has a ten-week regular season followed by single-elimination playoff series. Call the Harold Avenue Recreation Center 941.627.1074 for information on these leagues and other summer activities.