

## **Administrator's Update for 6/12/13**

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

One of the construction projects in the Parkside area is the Harbor Boulevard improvements project, from US 41 to Olean Boulevard. Last month a public information meeting was held at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County where three design options for the Harbor Boulevard improvements were presented. The options include multi-use paths, curbs and gutters, wayfinding items, and other amenities. Charlotte County residents who did not attend the meeting can still vote for their preferred design option online or at the Port Charlotte Library. The design options are available for viewing on [www.charlottecountyfl.gov/CRA/Parkside/Pages](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/CRA/Parkside/Pages). A ballot box and display boards are also available at the Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron Street in Port Charlotte. Votes and suggestions will be collected through this Friday, June 14. After June 14, all votes and suggestions will be tallied and presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the July 23, 2013 Board meeting.

### **Illegal dumping**

In late May the solid waste division responded to an illegal dumping call reporting four 55-gallon oil drums in east Charlotte County. All the drums were tipped on their sides, leaking oil to the surrounding area. Two of the drums were corroded and had to be transported in over pack drums. All four drums were taken to the Mid County Mini-Transfer Facility on Kenilworth Boulevard in Port Charlotte to be disposed of properly. The soil was severely contaminated with oil and had to be excavated. Public works maintenance and operations division assisted the solid waste division in the cleanup. Charlotte County takes illegal dumping seriously—please call 1.866.938.6722 to report illegal dumping in Charlotte County.

### **Mail savings**

Beginning this month, Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) has outsourced the mail sorting, stuffing, and metering of its outgoing mail for a savings of \$1,846 annually. Although the number may seem unsubstantial, this savings represents only the difference between outsourcing and keeping a part-time mail clerk to do the same job. In the past, when the machines used for these tasks would break down, the sorting, stuffing and metering become a manual operation which took staff time from several employees to get the work done. Additional savings is realized in this staff time that is no longer required.

### **Bad movies**

Tonight is the beginning of Mid-County Regional Library's "Incredibly Bad B Movie Series," celebrating atrocious acting and directing through the summer. The series of three movies are free, including a complimentary slice of pizza while supplies last. Tonight's movie is Ed Wood's "Bride of the Monster," starring Bela Lugosi. This campy monstrosity features a mad scientist's attempt to create atomic supermen. The film features a rubber octopus monster and plenty of schlock dialogue. The movie starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Mid-County Regional Library 2050 Forrest Nelson Boulevard, Port Charlotte. The other films in the series include "Manos: The Hands of Fate" on July 10 and "Teenagers from Outer Space" on August 14.

### **Tringali Dance**

On June 1, Charlotte County Community Services hosted a Summer Nights Dance for 6th through 8th graders at the Tringali Recreation Center in Englewood. The event was designed to provide a venue for middle school kids to come out and be with friends in a safe environment. In addition to multiple dance contests, kids attending the dance played games like limbo, had a hula hoop contest and guessed how much candy was in a jar. Another dance is scheduled for July 13.