

Administrator's Update for 6/19/13

By Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

An initial draft of the new Unified Land Development Code, or ULDC, for Charlotte County is available for public review and comment. The ULDC is a comprehensive revision of all of the county's land development regulations (LDRs), including the zoning and subdivision ordinances, as well as many other development standards such as landscaping, site and building design, and engineering standards. The creation of the ULDC is an effort to consolidate all of the County's land use regulations into a single ordinance while modernizing the standards, clarifying the presentation and writing of the Code, and working to streamline some procedures. The draft ULDC is a work in progress, and staff is still preparing some portions of the Code, which are not yet available for public review. The majority of the draft Code is available at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov — click the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) link in the Hot Topics list. Comments are currently being accepted by email, and a more interactive site will be available soon. Public review and comment will continue for several months as the ULDC is finalized, and public meetings and input sessions will be scheduled in the near future.

Harbor Boulevard

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. Citizens offered suggestions and voted for their design option of choice at the meeting, online, and at the Port Charlotte Library. 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.

Youth basketball

The Summer Youth Basketball League is in full swing at Harold Avenue Recreation Center in Port Charlotte. In addition to working as a team the participants have the opportunity to earn individual recognition. Players that scored the most points each week, have the best hustle, and the best overall game performance will be individually recognized. The games consist of two 20 minute halves providing the participants with an opportunity to demonstrate the skills that they acquired. The Youth Basketball Summer League will continue with eight more weeks of regular season games and a post season tournament to be played on Saturday mornings.