

## **Administrator's Update for 2/26/14**

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

Construction on Burnt Store phase three will begin in early March. This project consists of widening a portion of Burnt Store Road between the Lee County Line and a point north of Zemel Road. The road will be widened from a two-lane undivided road to a four-lane divided road and the project includes stormwater management, drainage improvements, street lighting, six-foot sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, utility relocations and additions. The construction contract was awarded in January and construction is scheduled to begin March 10, 2014.

### **Roadwork: paving**

The 2014 Charlotte County paving program is in progress, resurfacing roads in greater Port Charlotte and in the road and bridge districts. Milling and resurfacing was completed on Midway Boulevard last week and is currently in progress on Veterans Boulevard. The next area will be Olean 1, an area north of Olean Boulevard, south of Midway, and west of Kings Highway. Restoration of the paving areas, including sod replacement, will occur when paving is complete. A project map of the paving areas is available online—visit [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov) and click Project Status Updates in the Popular Links on the left.

### **Pro, college, and youth Baseball**

Not only is spring training for the Tampa Bay Rays starting this Friday at the Charlotte Sports Park, but more baseball is happening at several of our facilities. Charlotte County is hosting the 2014 Snowbird Classic college baseball series at multiple locations. The series kicked off at the Charlotte Sports Park on Feb. 14 and will continue through March 22. Charlotte County community services department is hosting a majority of the series' games at North Charlotte Regional Park in Port Charlotte and South County Regional Park in Punta Gorda. Some games will also be played at Charlotte High School. The game schedule can be found online at [snowbirdbaseball.info](http://snowbirdbaseball.info).

During the six-week Snowbird Classic series, 46 NCAA Division 1 and 3 schools from all over the midwest and northeast will be visiting Charlotte County, including teams such as Ohio State, Auburn, UConn, Iowa, Kansas and Villanova. The series is a wonderful opportunity to see some great college baseball right in our own backyard.

The Snowbird Classic comes at the same time that local Charlotte County youth baseball leagues are starting their seasons. Concession revenue generated by the Snowbird Classic helps support these youth leagues each year. A list of the local leagues can be found in the Community Services Program Guide, available in county buildings and online—visit [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov) and click Parks in the Popular Links on the left.

### **Government Academy**

Just a reminder that the next Charlotte County Government Academy will be held at the end of March; deadline to apply is March 7. This program is a great opportunity to learn about the departments under the Board of County Commissioners. Staff will present information about the many county programs and services, with ample opportunities to ask questions. This free program will be held in a series of four sessions on two consecutive Wednesdays, March 26 and April 2, from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day. Applications are available in the county libraries and in the lobbies of most county buildings, as well as on our website—visit [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov) and click the Academy banner. For more information call 941.743.1944.