

Administrator's Update for 9/3/14

By Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

The Carmalita park concession stand project is progressing. The concession stand was primer painted with all roof penetrations complete. The roofing material was delivered and soffit installation has started. The sidewalks at the site are being poured in preparation of the parking lot repaving, which will begin in early September.

Maintenance

The maintenance and operations crews from public works have been busy around the county. In just one week the following work was completed, and these are just some of the tasks for the week:

An outfall crew removed and installed 32 linear feet of 24 inch by 38 inch concrete driveway culvert on Washington Loop Road and removed and installed 32 linear feet of 19 inch by 30 inch concrete driveway culvert on Carmalita Street. Also installed were 36 linear feet of 14 inch by 23 inch reinforced concrete road crossing pipe on Rosemary St. at Ambassador Ave.

In the greater Port Charlotte area, an outfall crew performed restoration activities after pipe work on Oxford Avenue was completed, and also installed 40 feet of 14 inch by 23 inch reinforced concrete pipe at the intersection of Burkhart Drive and Alaric Street. The outfall crew poured the road crossing with concrete and installed 36 feet of 12 inch by 18 inch reinforced concrete pipe on Burkhart Drive.

A drainage crew is finishing up 30,000 square feet of line and grade on Hamlet Drive in Lemon Bay. In Greater Port Charlotte, a drainage crew completed 7,450 square feet of line and grade on Great Falls Terrace and re-graded 11,000 square feet on Ackerman Avenue for the placement of sod.

Adult Men's Basketball Leagues

Harold Avenue Recreation Center hosted the Adult Men's Basketball Leagues Finals at the end of August. The top two teams in the league battled it out for the title of reigning champs. Congratulations to the "Monsters," the Harold Avenue Recreation Center's 2014 Adult Men's Basketball Summer League Champions. The next Adult Men's Basketball League is scheduled to start in November 2014.

Moonlight Swims

The last moonlight swim events were held at the end of August. South County Regional Park and Pool hosted a moonlight swim, and Oyster Creek Regional Pool held a moonlight movie at the pool. Moonlight swims are a favorite feature of the summer at the pools. Find more information on pool and other events at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov – click Parks in the links on the left.

Tourism videos

The Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau recently completed a series of short tourism videos in conjunction with WPEC-12 from West Palm Beach. Each week, "Road Trippin'," hosted by chief meteorologist John Matthews, features five key aspects of a destination, "Stay, Eat, Fun, Secret and For Kids." Punta Gorda was featured on August 2 and Englewood was featured on August 16. Vacation giveaways provided by area businesses, one each to Punta Gorda and Englewood, were held in conjunction with the on-air series and received more than 900 entries. The archived segments can be viewed at <http://www.cbs12.com/shared/news/features/trippin/englewood/> and http://www.cbs12.com/shared/news/features/trippin/punta_gorda/.