

Administrator's Update for 12/17/14
By Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

The community development department is now allowing some resubmittals to plans review corrections to be emailed rather than brought into the department. This has been an extremely popular change with the first email submission coming less than 30 minutes after the announcement. For more information, please visit our website at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov and click Building Construction in the Departments list or email PermitResubmittal@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Accessibility at the courthouse

In anticipation of work to be done at the historical courthouse on Taylor Street in Punta Gorda, a temporary ramp is being installed. The ramp will be ready for use when the demolition and construction of the accessible route and the new permanent ramp begins. The accessible route and ramp will be installed at the rear of the building, replacing the small wheelchair lift that is currently in place. Parking on the Herald Court side of the building will be closed off except for handicap accessible parking, route, and ramp during construction project period.

Charlotte County featured in a webinar

Charlotte County was featured alongside the City and County of San Francisco in a webinar hosted by the Center for Digital Government and Public CIO, a nationwide publication supporting the use of technology in all levels of government. The webinar covered collaboration, cooperation and managing the change involved in maintaining and updating IT systems and software. Charlotte County and San Francisco shared their experiences to help other jurisdictions with the processes and challenges involved in replacing and updating technology and introducing new ideas and tools to employees and citizens alike. Claire Jubb from the Charlotte County community development department was a featured presenter.

Pool Update

Repairs and renovations on the Port Charlotte Beach Pool are completed and the pool is now open again, more than a month ahead of schedule. South County Regional Pool remains closed as work continues and is scheduled to reopen Jan. 15, 2015.

Tringali closing temporarily

As of today, the Tringali Recreation Center in Englewood will be closed for the completion of the gymnasium's new wood floor. The facility is expected to be open in a few weeks. Parking passes and other services remain available at nearby Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park, 6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood. For more information please call 941.681.3743.

Egyptian Dancer

World renowned Egyptian Dancer Layla Taj performed at the Mid-County Regional Library on Dec. 4 to a packed house. Ms. Taj demonstrated five historical and signature dances and was met with a standing ovation.

Civil Citation program

Our family services manager and Neighborhood Accountability Board coordinator met with all of the captains and lieutenants from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office to educate them on the Civil Citation program and address any barriers and concerns they may have. As a result, the Department is working with the State Department of Juvenile Justice to address some concerns with victim agreement to civil citation including concerns of some of the larger retailers. For more information on the Civil Citation program, call the Neighborhood Accountability Board Office at 941.833.6519.