

## **Administrator's Update for 1/7/15**

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

As we work through the early stages of the two-year budget process for fiscal years 2015/16 and 2016/17, we are seeking citizen's input on our services via our annual budget survey. The survey offers a way to provide input on increasing, maintaining, or reducing a variety of county services. The survey is available both online and on paper. Visit the county website [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov) and click the "Give Us Your Input" banner or click the County Budget Survey link in the Hot Topics list. Paper copies are available in county libraries, human services counters, and other county buildings. The survey is available through Jan. 30.

More opportunities for citizen input related to the budget are coming up this month. There will be two Board of County Commissioners citizen budget input meetings in two locations, and the public is encouraged to attend and provide input on the fiscal year budget for 2015/16 and 2016/17. The first meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, in Room 119, Commission Chambers, of the Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, and the second meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015, at the Tringali Recreation Center, 3460 North Access Road, Englewood.

### **GoEP2.com**

The Edgewater Drive Phase 2 Improvements project will affect Edgewater Drive between Harbor and Midway Boulevards, including three bridges. A website has been set up to keep residents up to date on the project as it progresses. Visit [GoEP2.com](http://GoEP2.com) to view maps and other information, and to sign up for project newsletters and receive traffic updates via text. There will also be a public open house on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte. Staff and the project's construction team will be available to answer questions about the project, including the anticipated construction schedule, affected areas, and more.

### **More live meetings**

Next week CC-TV, our government access television station, will begin broadcasting live the meetings of two boards: Planning and Zoning Board meetings and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. The Planning and Zoning Board meets at 1:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month and focuses on matters relating to zoning, planning and future development. The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meets at 9:00 a.m. every second Wednesday of the month and includes public hearings for special exceptions, variances, and appeals from a zoning official determination.

CC-TV also broadcasts Board of County Commissioners meetings and Code Enforcement Special Magistrate meetings live, and other recorded meetings such as City of Punta Gorda Council meetings, Construction Industry Licensing Board, and more. Most meetings are broadcast multiple times through the week at various hours for viewer's convenience.

CC-TV is located on Comcast channel 20 (in some areas south of Punta Gorda the broadcast can be found on Comcast channel 97), CenturyLink® Prism™ TV channel 96, and on our website. A program schedule is posted weekly, too, on the CC-TV web pages at [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov). Call CC-TV at 941.623.1090 for more information.