

## Monthly report documents county accomplishments

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All county departments generate a monthly report that documents their activities, use of facilities and services and milestones reached. It's a treasure trove that delivers information from a bird's eye perspective all the way down to the nitty gritty details like visitor counts at libraries and recreation centers to riders of Charlotte County Transit.

Here's some highlights from the October 2025 Monthly Report released this week.

Charlotte County has been recognized as one of Florida's 2025 Healthiest Employers, a national award honoring organizations that prioritize employee well-being through innovative health and benefits programs. The county's Wellness at Work worksite program promotes the overall health of employees and their dependents by offering diverse resources, programs, and activities that strengthen all eight dimensions of wellness, including physical, mental, social, and financial well-being. Honorees were selected based on the annual Healthiest Employers assessment, which evaluates organizations across six key categories — such as strategy, culture, and outcomes — to determine rankings within their size group.

After reading this announcement, I saw a stat from the Communications Department report showing the second-most visited page on the county website was Employment Opportunities. The fact the county has been recognized for how well it treats its employees is a key selling point as a great place to work. That led me to the newly renamed People Operations Department (formerly Human Resources), which recorded 187,739 hits on its job postings and took in more than 3,000 job applications for open positions across county departments.

As hurricane season winds down, the Office of Emergency Management reported on an accomplishment far different than in recent years that were marked by hurricane recovery efforts. Emergency Management participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Be A Hero program, visiting almost every fourth grade classroom in Charlotte County and reaching nearly 1,000 students. The program teaches kids how to "Be a Hero" in their own homes and communities by learning about weather preparedness, fire safety, and how to care for animals responsibly. Through interactive lessons and hands-on demonstrations, students discovered that being a hero starts with being prepared, staying safe, and helping others.

Speaking of hurricane recovery, the Public Works Department reported its Sunrise Waterway dredging project began on Oct. 9. The goal is to put 2,000 cubic yards of sand dredged out of the waterway onto the beach at Port Charlotte Beach Park to recover what has been lost during hurricanes Helene and Milton. Dredging and the placement of sand at the beach is still ongoing, but it moves us ever closer to reopening the beach.

You can look at the October Monthly Report (and more going back to 2022) by visiting [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov). Click on Departments in the home page menu, then click on Administration, then scroll down and click Publications & Organization Charts.

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