

County seeks input on Cultural Center

By Hector Flores

Charlotte County has scheduled three meetings to solicit public input regarding the former Cultural Center of Charlotte County facility.

The meetings are scheduled for:

4:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda

10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Family Services Center, 21500 Gibraltar Drive, Port Charlotte

4:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Tringali Community Center, 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood

Last month, more than 2,200 respondents participated in a survey seeking input on the types of programs and services they liked when the center was operated by a non-profit organization and what they would like to see in a new facility.

Our Facilities Department is working with a consultant to determine how to proceed with the facility, which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ian. The consultant will report its findings to the County Commission at a future board meeting. In January, staff will present the results of the survey and consultant's report at the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce's Third Wednesday Coffee at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center.

Operation Green Light

This week, Charlotte County has been participating in Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort uniting counties in support of military veterans. The county has installed green accent lighting at three county facilities, the Human Services Department office at 1050 Loveland Blvd., the Charlotte County Administration Center at 18500 Murdock Circle and the Mac V. Horton West County Annex at 6868 San Casa Drive.

In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday today, the County Commission on Oct. 24 passed a proclamation honoring our veterans and designating Nov. 6-12, 2023 as Operation Green Light for Veterans Week.

The county is partnering with the Charlotte County Veterans Council to organize today's Veterans Day Parade. The parade begins at 9 a.m. at Port Charlotte Beach Park. Participants will parade along Harbor Boulevard to Edgewater Drive to the William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park.

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