



The Week in Perspective

City Manager's Report

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Administrative Issues

A-1. 2015 Citizens' Academy of Largo

The 2015 Citizens' Academy kicked off on September 21 with orientation and a presentation on community building by Community Development Director Stricklin and Recreation, Parks and Arts Director Byrne. Mayor Brown began the evening by welcoming the class and talking briefly about Largo's form of government and encouraged participants to stay involved with the City. Vice Mayor Robinson and Commissioner Fenger were also in attendance and thanked the class for their participation. Ms. Stricklin and Ms. Byrne broke the class into groups to talk about cities that they loved and why. Many of the characteristics identified were similar to the issues raised during the Community Conversations. This session is a great way to begin the academy and Ms. Byrne and Ms. Stricklin did an excellent job of engaging the participants and encouraging interaction. Next week's session will be hosted by the Fire Rescue Department at Fire Station 41. A complete schedule appears below. All sessions begin at 6:00 pm.

September 21	Orientation, Community Building - Community Room, City Hall
September 28	Fire Rescue Department - Fire Station 41 - 180 4th Street SW
October 5	Public Works Department - 1000 2nd Street SE
October 12	Environmental Services Department - 5000 150th Avenue North
October 19	Library, Information Technology - 120 Central Park Drive
October 26	No Class
November 2	Police Department - City Hall Complex, Building 2
November 9	Community Development Department - Community Room, City Hall
November 16	Recreation, Parks and Arts - Location To Be Determined
November 23	No Class
November 30	Finance/Office of Management & Budget - Commission Chamber, City Hall
December 1	Graduation at Regular City Commission Meeting

A-2. Largo Recreation, Parks and Arts Wins State Awards

At the recent Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) State Conference, the City of Largo garnered the most awards of any agency in the State. The Department's **Play!** magazine was awarded the print media award. The Largo Flying Club was awarded the FRPA Voluntary Service award. Village Inn Largo (owner Daniel Lehan) was given the Corporate Support Award. Aquatics Supervisor, Mark Abdo, received the Association's Distinguished Service Award, and last, but most importantly, the Department received the State's Agency of Excellence Award in the "Super Category" meaning the Department excelled in all four of the strategic award areas. Our agency was the first to receive this prestigious award.

A-3. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Conference 2015

Recreation, Parks and Arts Director Byrne and Park Superintendent Brown attended the NRPA Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada with over 7,000 professionals in attendance. The keynote speakers included: Gil Penalosa, Founder of 8-80 Cities (a non-profit organization based on a simple philosophy: If you create a great city for an 8 year old and an 80 year old, you will create a successful city for all people) and the U.S. Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy. In addition to more than 200 educational sessions, there were more than 300 exhibitors show casing the latest products and services.

A-4. CRA Property - 158 Ridge Road – Sold

Economic Development Manager Brydon reports that on September 17, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) owned property located at 158 Ridge Road was sold to the developer, Indrid Ajai of 158 Ridge LLC. It is anticipated that construction of the 29-unit apartment complex will begin before the end of this year and be completed by August 2016. More to come on this exciting project for Downtown Largo.

A-5. New Largo Businesses – Week ending September 19, 2015

Name of Business	Address	Type of Business
Eyeglass World #8328	13002 Seminole Blvd #10	Retail optical
WI Medical	1890 West Bay Dr	Provider of durable medical equipment and supplies

Other Items of Interest

- M-1.** Circulation Supervisor Mayes reports the library participated in an outreach event in celebration of the American Library Association's (ALA) library card sign up month. This year the honorary chair is the Peanuts character Snoopy and all patrons who register this month are eligible to enter into a prize drawing for the Snoopy themed prizes in the 'prize display' at the Circulation Desk. The outreach was held on September 19, at Publix on West Bay Drive and resulted in 16 new library cards created in one hour.
- M-2.** Special Events Coordinator Newsome reports that the annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night event was held on September 19, with 167 total participants. The event was held at the Largo Community Center, and the night was filled with dinner, dancing, dessert, and crafts.
- M-3.** Recreation Program Manager Pincince reports the 4th Annual Mom/Son Messy Night was held at the Highland Recreation Complex on September 19, with 97 individuals participating in the event. Participants enjoyed a hot dog dinner and ice cream prior to rotating through five different messy obstacles. Public Works also assisted by providing equipment for the obstacles. The Largo Fire Department supported the event by having a fire truck on site to hose off the participants after they completed the obstacles. The event was sponsored by Toppers Creamery, McGill Plumbing and Bimbos Bakery.
- M-4.** McGough Nature Park staff are pleased to report:
 - This week, McGough Nature Park received over \$350 in gift shop sales, classroom rentals, shelter rentals, turtle food sales and donations to the park.
 - The Birds of Prey volunteers donated 30 hours caring for the birds, an addition 93 hours were donated by other volunteers.
 - On September 17, the Avian Veteran Alliance program had seven participants who were able to relax in the park with the resident animals.
 - On September 17, the Raptor Team attended the Quaker Steak and Lube Car Show and received \$150 in donations.

- On September 19, the Raptor Team attended the Wagon Wheel Flea Market and set up a booth with the Raptors and received over \$250 in donations!
- On September 19, a Wild Birthday Party Program was held at McGough Nature Park, and the attendees were allowed to touch a snake and make animal print mosaics.
- This past week 320 visitors came through McGough Nature Center.

M-5. Community Center Manager Giessler is pleased to report:

- The City's Advisory Board Appreciation Dinner was held at the Community Center on September 16.
- The "Hurray for Hollywood" themed luncheon was held on September 17, with 175 guests and volunteers in attendance.
- Twelve participants enjoyed the Friday Flicks showing of "Big Hero 6" on September 18. The Friday Flicks movies are free and open to the public. The movies are shown in the Community Center Ballroom on the big screen and are great for families. The next showing is Friday, October 16 and is a double creature feature with both the original "Frankenstein" and "Dracula." Come in costume and receive a prize.
- The tables for the November 14, Senior Advisory Board Fall Garage Sale went on sale on September 15 and sold out within the first 5 hours. The event is open to the public from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Community Center Ballroom, and it is free to shop.

M-6. Cultural Center Artistic Supervisor Mondora is pleased to report:

- During the last week, the Box Office sold 555 tickets to 66 upcoming productions. Ticket revenue was \$10,550.
- On September 13, Theatre Exceptional presented a performance of "The Boys Next Door" in the Tonne Playhouse with 84 patrons in attendance.
- On September 14, the Largo Historical Society held their monthly dinner in the Feed Store with 80 in attendance.
- On September 17, Herbalife held their weekly meeting in the Parkview Room with 20 in attendance.
- On September 19, New Zion Church presented a play in the Tonne Playhouse with 240 attending. Revenue from concessions sold at the event was \$350.

M-7. Aquatics Supervisor Abdo reports:

- The 2015 season is coming to a close at the Highland Family Aquatic Center on September 27. This is the final day for public swimming and party rentals.
- The Beat the Heat water exercise class will have its last day on September 30, at 10:00 am for the 2015 season.

M-8. Assistant Parks Superintendent Christman reports the following projects have been completed by the Parks Administration and Technical Services Crews:

Trades Workers:

- Repaired the rope walk at Largo Central Park playground.
- Painted benches at Donegan Park.
- Cleaned graffiti at Bayhead Action Park.
- Repaired the railing at Bonner Park.

Tree Crew:

- Removed two large shrubs that were blocking visibility of a stop sign on Temple Lane.
- Trimmed Washingtonian Palms at the Police Station.

- Trimmed trees in the 600 block of Clearwater Largo Road.
- Began trimming of Medjool Palms in medians citywide.
- Completed removal of Brazilian Peppers along the fenceline at McGough Nature Park.

M-9. Park Supervisor Wright reports the following projects were completed by the Largo Central Park Crew:

- Serviced 18 shelter rentals on Saturday and Sunday.
- Sprayed three gallons of Round-Up and 12 gallons of Image on turf weeds at the Library.
- Trimmed six Oaks and ground cover at the Library.
- Sprayed nine gallons of Round-Up at Largo Central Park.
- Replaced three irrigation heads in Largo Central Park.
- Trimmed the landscape area in Largo Central Park.
- Trimmed several low hanging trees along Seminole Boulevard.
- Spread four yards of crimson stone.
- Lowered the water in the Court of Honor pond in order to clean out the rocks that have been thrown in by children in the park.
- Trimmed Ligustrum Trees at the Library.

M-10. Parks Contract Supervisor Hinrichs reports the following projects have been completed by the Community Support Crew and the City Spray Technician:

Inmate Crew:

- Cleaned and serviced the outside restrooms at Highland Recreation Center, Southwest Recreation Center and Northeast Park.
- Installed three pieces of exercise equipment for the new fitness zone at Southwest Recreation Center.
- Delivered and installed green sports fencing at Southwest Recreation Center.
- Removed failing and dead Plumbago plants located on West Bay Drive.
- Removed graffiti and repainted the inside of the restrooms at Largo Central Park Nature Preserve.
- Delivered and retrieved chairs, tables and a tree light to Highland Recreation Center for the "Mom/Son Messy Madness" event.
- Trimmed all the over hanging trees and vegetation growing into the walking paths at McGough and Bonner Parks.
- Removed graffiti on the playground equipment at Lake Villa Park.

Spray Technician:

- Cut the vines growing into the trees and property perimeter fencing at Northeast Park, Datsko Park, Bonner Park, McGough Park and Whitesell Complex.
- Sprayed herbicide to kill unwanted vegetation growing into the chain link fence line located at Bonner Park.
- Sprayed herbicide on the torpedo grass growing in the water canal at Highland Recreation Center.

M-11. Parks Athletics Supervisor Gow reports the following items:

- Set up and maintained Whitesell, Little League and Southwest fields for league games.
- Currently building three new holiday donation boxes.

- M-12.** Streets and Stormwater Supervisor Anderson advises that the open conveyance crew removed sediment and debris from the south side of the ditch on 20th Avenue SW by Kingdom Hall, from Trotter Road to Whispering Pines Street; and re-established the ditch bank.
- M-13.** Streets and Stormwater Supervisor Leiser advises that the construction crew worked on the following projects:
- Replaced five foot section of sidewalk at 1120 5th Avenue NE.
 - Filled in depressions at 318 3th Avenue SW and 695 34th Street SE.
 - Built a new catch basin lid with a grate for easy access at 1730 Robin Hood Lane.
 - Repaired catch basin lids at 2629 12th Avenue SW and 1250 Leona Drive SW.
 - Dropped off two ADS pipe for the Mom and Son Messy Madness Event at the Highland Recreational Complex.
 - Began the replacement of the underdrain system project at Granada Court in the El De Oro Subdivision.
- M-14.** Streets and Stormwater Foreman Weaver advises that the MS4 crew worked on the following jobs:
- Video inspected a drainage pipe at 137th Street N.
 - Inspected drainage issues on Robin Hood Lane.
 - Vactored a grated drain on Sunnybrook Lane.
 - Replaced a water meter on the Vactor truck.
 - Inspected a 54" drain pipe on 14th Street NW for possible extension.
 - Video inspected a drainage pipe at 230 Patlin Circle.
 - Street sweepers continued their regularly scheduled routes.
- M-15.** Streets and Stormwater Technician II Eldredge worked on the following sign shop activities:
- Trimmed around signs for better visibility at Fulton Drive and Meadow View Avenue, Ridge Road and 13th Court SW, 127th Place and 102nd Street, Larboard Lane and 148th Street N, 145th Street N, Robin Lane, Cardinal Lane, and at 136th Lane and 126th Avenue N.
 - Installed reflective bright sticks at Ridge Road and 128th Avenue N, Ridge Road and 130th Avenue N, Ridge Road and 133rd Avenue N, Ridge Road and 126th Terrace N, Ridge Road and 126th Avenue N, 4th Street NE and 5th Avenue NE, 4th Street NE and 2nd Avenue NE, Highland Avenue and 8th Avenue NE, and at Highland Avenue and 2nd Avenue NE.
 - Replaced Stop signs at Cardinal Lane and Lark Drive, and at Indian Rocks Road and Valentine Trail.
 - Replaced a No Parking sign at 34th Street SE and 6th Avenue SE.
 - Replaced a Dead End sign at Lark Drive.
 - Repaired signs at 10th Avenue SW and 1st Street SW, 128th Avenue N and 109th Street N, and at Howard Place and 15th Street NW.
- M-16.** Spray Technician Doolittle performed inspections at the following locations:
- Channel One
 - Lot 14
 - Sunnybrook Ponds East and West

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Master Calendar

<p>Sep 24 Thursday</p> <p>1:30pm Code Enforcement Board lg_rooms_comm_chamber@largo.com</p> <p>2:00pm IAFF Collective Bargaining Meeting Police Department Training Room</p>	<p>Sep 25 Friday</p> <p>11:30am Suncoast League of Cities Temple Terrace</p>	<p>Sep 28 Monday</p> <p>6:00pm CDAB Meeting lg_rooms_community@largo.com</p> <p>6:30pm RPA Advisory Board Meeting Nature Park</p>	<p>Sep 30 Wednesday</p> <p>6:00pm PSTA - Board of Directors Meeting 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg PSTA Board of Directors Meeting PSTA Headquarters</p>
<p>Oct 01 Thursday</p> <p>6:00pm Planning Board lg_rooms_comm_chamber@largo.com</p>	<p>Oct 13 Tuesday</p> <p>9:00am Biannual Supervisory Training Community Room</p> <p>1:30pm Biannual Supervisory Training Community Room</p>	<p>Oct 14 Wednesday</p> <p>9:00am Biannual Supervisory Training Community Room</p> <p>1:00pm PPCMPO Meeting County Courthouse</p>	<p>Oct 15 Thursday</p> <p>5:00pm Library Advisory Board Jenkins Room A - Largo Library</p>
<p>Oct 16 Friday</p> <p>11:30am Suncoast League of Cities Seminole</p>	<p>Oct 20 Tuesday</p> <p>5:00pm Audit Committee lg_rooms_a_conference@largo.com</p>	<p>Oct 22 Thursday</p> <p>1:30pm Biannual Supervisory Training Community Room</p>	<p>Oct 26 Monday</p> <p>6:00pm Joint CDAB & CRAAB Meeting lg_rooms_community@largo.com</p> <p>6:30pm RPA Advisory Board Meeting City Hall - RPA Conference Room</p>

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Commission Action Items
Update for Week Ending September 24, 2015

No City Commission Action Items this week.

PROPOSED WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

Work Session

<p>Oct 13 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 Fire Assessment Phase I Report (AD/OMB) 02 Citywide Monument Sign Marketing Plan (CD) 03 Pavement Management Program (CD)</p>	<p>Nov 10 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 Alternative Forms of Local Government (AD) 02 Facilities Needs Assessment (OMB/PW) 03 Comp Plan Evaluation Report (CD) 04 Traffic Calming Review (CD) 05 Medical Arts District Plan (CD)</p>	<p>Dec 08 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 Fund Balance Goals (OMB) 02 Pavement Management Plan - Part 2 (CD)</p>	<p>Jan 12 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 Economic Development Plan Update (CD) 02 Public Safety Report (FR,PD,CD)</p>
<p>Feb 09 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p>Mar 08 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p>Apr 12 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 CAFR Presentation (FI)</p>	<p>May 10 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>01 CIP Review (OMB)</p>
<p>Jun 14 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p>Jul 12 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p>Aug 09 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>	<p>Sep 13 Tuesday</p> <p>4:00pm</p> <p>City Commission Work Session</p>