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Dear PRP Members

I hope you are all having a great summer whether you are in steamy Florida or in cooler parts of the country. Foremost on everyone's mind and especially my mind is when the work is going to begin at South County. What I have been told today, July 12, is that all of the necessary permits to begin the work are supposed to be completed within ten days. I have continually been asking for a timeline as the project involves more than just pickleball courts. Of course we want the pickleball courts to be completed first. I have expressed our concerns to the project manager and she knows it is an urgent matter for PRP. I have been assured that we will be supplied with a timeline of construction from the county once the contractor has all of the permits. Here is what the county prepared for our publication today:

Dedicated Pickleball courts are officially coming to Charlotte County Community Services public parks! Plans have been underway for over a year to bring dedicated Pickleball courts

to South County Regional Park. South County Regional Park is located at 670 Cooper St. in Punta Gorda and currently provides only blended Tennis/Pickleball courts. South County Regional Park is filled each morning with competitive pickleball players from Charlotte County. The park improvements that are in permitting at this time include some much needed upgrades such as; converting the existing Tennis courts to dedicated Pickleball courts. The newly dedicated courts will have 8 lighted Pickleball courts with divider fencing and added shaded seating. The plan also includes the construction of new (LED?) lighted Tennis courts with blended Pickleball lines adjacent to the

existing Basketball court. The R/C track will be getting a face lift as well. This project is currently in permitting review with Charlotte County. The County is excited about park improvements and looks forward to providing these amenities to the citizens of Charlotte County.

As soon as I am able to obtain more information I will pass it along, most likely through our Facebook Page.

Keep on Pickling

Tom