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Boardwalk construction at county parks in Venice to begin next week

Two beach boardwalk construction projects in Venice – at Brohard Park and Chauncy Howard Park – are scheduled to get under way next week.

Two Florida-based contractors will begin mobilizing at the project sites on Monday, Jan. 4. Shoreline Foundation Inc. of Pembroke Park is the contractor for the Brohard Park project, and Schippers Marine Construction Inc. of Crystal River will manage the Chauncy Howard Park project.

Two boardwalk structures will be replaced at Brohard Park, 1600 Harbor Drive S. At least one boardwalk will remain open during construction. The south structure will be closed for replacement first. After the south boardwalk is completed and open for use again, the north structure will be closed and replaced. Both of the new structures will be accessible under the terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The \$250,000 project is expected to take approximately 90 days to complete.

At Chauncy Howard Park, in the 800 block of The Esplanade North, the single boardwalk will be closed during construction of the replacement structure. Residents and visitors will have to use alternate access points to the beach while the project is under way. One nearby access point is Venice Beach, which is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of the park beach access. Construction of this \$125,000 project is expected to take about 45 days.

Both projects are part of the Sarasota Economic Stimulus Program of fast-track, capital-improvement projects. Funding is provided by the penny surtax (1-cent sales tax).

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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