

*For Your Information*  
*Weekly*  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
January 10, 2014

**Dates to Remember:**

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| January 16, 2014 | Golf Course Advisory Board – noon                             |
| January 20, 2014 | MLK Holiday – City offices closed - no residential garbage PU |
| January 23, 2014 | City Commission Workshop                                      |
| January 27, 2014 | City Commission Meeting                                       |

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- Code Enforcement opened nine (9) cases: 2 for overgrowth; 4 illegally parked vehicles; 1 junk; 1 dilapidated fence; and 1 construction with no permit.
- DollarTree is preparing for their grand opening, which is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2014.
- There were over thirty (30) signs removed from rights-of-way all over town.
- The Community Redevelopment Agency Committee held their reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and two (2) members, Barbara Edmonds and Scott Jones both agreed to another three (3) year term. There was also continued discussion on parking solutions for a downtown area.

**Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:**

- Staff is grinding reels and bed knives for three mowing units this week, two units for the golf course and one for the ball fields. Staff also replaced bed knives on the unit for the ball fields.
- Picked up all recovered stolen golf carts from public works and started the repair process. Out of the seven recovered, we are hoping to take parts off the two totaled carts to repair the damaged ones.
- Greens were sprayed with a blend of fertilizer, fungicide, and wetting agent.
- Saturday's ladies clinic was cancelled due to rain. It is rescheduled for this Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Cold, windy weather has slowed play this week with only 6 players on Tuesday. The Golf course had a low temperature of 45 degrees Tuesday morning.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The new policies have taken effect in the library as of January 2, 2014. Please check at the library for more information.
- Library classes and tutoring resumed on 1/6/2014.

- Book clubs for children and teens resumed on 1/8/14. Call the library for more information.
- The A to Z database is live on your library's web site at hendrylibrarie.org. Check it out for free help with job searches and resume templates, free mailing lists and sales leads,

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Officers responding to a report of a burglary on West Trinidad Street were able to get a track/trail with one of the K-9's. Two suspects were caught and arrested several blocks away and the stolen property was recovered. During the course of the track, officers located and arrested a third person for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- The fishing tournament went smoothly. We did have a report of some suspicious activity in the area, but nothing of consequence was noted.
- All hands responded to a report of a live hand grenade in Wal-Mart Monday morning. The device turned out to be a plastic toy which is sold in the store. No injuries reported.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 992** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 519** Complaints Investigated
  - 13** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 17** Arrests Made
  - 58** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 13** Alarms Responded To
  - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated
  - 25** Red Light Camera Infractions

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control Activity: Contract has been signed and other required documentation of permit, permission and declaration is in the works. Sean is in contact with the local radio station working out the agreement for public notification. The newspaper will get an ad and it will be posted on the City web site. Staff continued to spray at requested locations throughout the holiday season.
- Paving projects: (1) Weekley Asphalt started paving on Thursday, January 9.
- Street Maintenance: (1) A second section of ditch was filled in last week on Pasadena at Arcade. (2) Staff started pulling Christmas decorations and should be finished by end of week.
- Drainage Project on Haiti: The contract has been signed and a Notice to Proceed has been issued. Shop drawings for structures have been approved and inlets ordered.
- Golf Course Sign: Sean hand delivered the application packet for the golf course sign to FDOT in LaBelle on Wednesday.
- The 2014 mowing contract: All signatures are in place on the mowing contract. LANDWORX started on Monday, January 6. Superintendent Mike Young did a ride through with them and a meeting was held in the director's office to cover all details and make sure we were all on the same page.
- Recycle: Four loads of scrap metal were delivered to a recycling facility on Friday.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Electric crew completed all services to the Goodwill housing project on W. Ventura. This project is nearing completion.
- The Electric crew also helped to repair a pump at the Golf Course last month and have been straightening poles and replacing bad ones.
- Traffic light timing on US 27 will be checked by the Electric crew this week.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired a bad water break at Everglades Federal Credit Union during the holidays. Parts have been ordered to repair a leak on one of the water lines for the Water Treatment Plant pumps.
- Utilities Director Williams will be contacting Florida DOT to see if the traffic monitoring boxes on US 27 can be updated and replaced. These are the mechanisms that control the traffic lights and timing.
- We have a contractor that will be coming to repair the turn lane signal at W C Owen and US 27.