

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
January 24, 2014

Dates to Remember:

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| January 27, 2014 | City Commission Meeting |
| February 13, 2014 | City Commission Workshop |
| February 17, 2014 | City Commission Meeting |
| February 20, 2014 | Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting – 12 noon |

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Code Enforcement opened one (1) case for an abandoned vehicle.
- Those of you who have been in Clewiston since the 60's may remember the PDQ store located at the corner of WC Owen and West Ventura. Well, it's returning, and will be opening up at 215 West Ventura Avenue on Monday, January 27th.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Glo ball golf was held Friday, January 17th. The cooler temperatures did not have much effect on the event with 32 players attending.
- Staff is in the process of removing an old culvert pipe behind 11th green.
- Sunday morning's low at the golf course was 32 degrees with a heavy frost. Greens were watered to remove frost from them which delayed play until 8:45 a.m.
- The MLK holiday was busy with 113 plays.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Implementation of the new policies is really having a significant impact on transactions in the Library. We have had to do several renewals of memberships because customers who had simply been using our computers without producing a card are now found to be delinquent members. Several of them owed money to the Library or simply had not returned our property. Now, they must clear up their indebtedness and /or bring back the items. Also, non-residents have been gladly paying to receive membership in our library.
- The Hendry County Libraries will receive a check of several thousand dollars from the Hendry County Education Task Force in a ceremony to be held at the Clewiston Library next Thursday, January 30, 2014.
- The Library has successfully helped 10 Clewiston residents to enroll in the Clewiston Adult Education program for the Hendry County School District. The school and the Library will work together to help students prepare for the GED and the Library will utilize the I HELP grant funds to pay the exam fees for the students. The grant offers the opportunity to pay exam fees for 30 residents from anywhere in the county.

- The A to Z database is live on your Library's web site at hendrylibraries.org. Check it out for free help with job searches and resume templates, free mailing lists and sales leads, finding a business, or finding a person.
- World Book Encyclopedia is now offered online at the Library as well. The Palm Beach Post newspaper will soon be available electronically at the Library's website. In the meantime, the Sunday paper and the whole past week's issues are available in print at your library.
- New computers are coming to your Library. Also, customers will soon be able to help themselves with their copying, printing and other such needs. A new copier is coming to the Library enabling customers to pay into the copier's coin box and get change for these needs. All this coming to your Library soon.

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: Trap counts Tuesday night (Jan. 14) ranged from low to very high. The new contractor sprayed Wednesday night, Jan 15. The public notice for mosquito spraying has been recorded and will run on the local radio station for six months starting in June. The notice is also posted on the City's web site, www.clewiston-fl.gov.
- Paving projects: Weekley Asphalt finished up the paving project on Wednesday and their paint contractor will be back in 60 days to stripe the parking lots on S. San Pedro.
- Street Maintenance: (1) A punch list of maintenance items at the boat basin are being taken care before the FLW Tournament, (2) Unpaved roads were scraped and leveled, (3) Tall grass along the railroad tracks was mowed, and (4) Broken wheel stops on Central Avenue were replaced. When the weather permits, the boat basin and Ventura Ave. will be restriped.
- Facility Maintenance: Requests for quotes for the Library remodel were sent out this week, (2) Material to build a new sign at the boat basin was ordered, and (3) A/C filters were replaced in all City buildings
- Drainage Project on Haiti: The contractor is scheduled to start January 21. Property owners have been notified.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Clewiston was well represented in the AYSO State games over the MLK weekend. Clewiston's U-12 Boys' team placed third in their tournament and the Clewiston U-10 Boys' team was crowned State Champions in their division. Congratulations to the Clewiston AYSO.
- CHS Boys' Soccer team has made it to the 2nd round of District play after an 8-0 win over Oasis Charter at Cane Field. The Tigers travel to cross county rival LaBelle for the next round of the tournament.
- CHS Softball and Baseball began practice at Sugarland Sports Complex last week.
- CHS Lady Tigers will host their Annual Pre-Season Classic Jan. 30th on Field #8, and play their "Home Opener" on Feb. 4th against King's Academy.
- CHS Baseball will play their "Home Opener" on Feb. 13th against Glades Day.
- Work continues on the batting cages on field #8 at Sugarland Sports Complex. We hope to begin the bullpen mounds at field #1 (Stalls Field) and the batting cage repairs next week.

- Electricity, lights and scoreboards will be checked this week on all game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex. Infields have been aerated and fertilized and clay has been spread on all baseball/softball game fields and brought to level.
- Soccer goals will be moved and stored from the playing fields and aeration will begin next week.
- Clewiston Recreation baseball & softball registration continues this week. Coach's meeting, umpire training, skills demonstrations and drafts will take place in the next couple of weeks.
- Terrance McIntyre and Gladstone Coke Jr. have begun working as Facility Supervisors at the Harlem Gym. We are averaging 40 individuals per night participating in our block schedule of activities. We will be expanding the programs offered and extending operating hours soon.
- Please contact the Youth Center at (863) 983-1492, "LIKE" us on Facebook or visit www.clewistonrecreation.com for all your recreational needs and information.

Utilities Department Director Williams reports:

- A fence contractor performing work in Harlem Gardens hit a 4" water main Friday, January 10th. The repair took 4 hours to complete. The Water/Sewer crew also helped South Shore Water Association to repair a 6" water line break. They repaired several smaller breaks last week and made two repairs to services/valves.
- The Electric crew repaired the service line to a pump on the Industrial Canal and a bad underground service in Harlem Gardens.
- The contractor for Dunkin Donuts has been provided quotes to upgrade the service at 100 S Berner Road to 3 phase.
- The flow meter was repaired at the Wastewater Plant.
- The Water/Sewer crew will be helping to replace Pump 4 and make a repair on the water line for the Water Plant.
- Compliance Officer Lynne Mila has been working on NERC/FERC and DEP compliance and our Safety Program.
- The software conversion to Tyler Technologies is moving forward and is on track for a conversion date in mid-March.
- Congratulations to Mayra Bautista (Utilities Department) and her husband on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Mya, on January 9th. Mya weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. Both mother and baby are doing well.