

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
February 28, 2014

Dates to Remember:

March 11, 2014	Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board – 10:00 a.m.
March 13, 2014	Commission Workshop - 5:00 p.m.
March 17, 2014	City Commission Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
March 20, 2014	Golf Course Advisory Board - noon
March 29, 2014	Annual Spring Cleaning – 9:00 a.m. to noon

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Four (4) code violation cases were found to be in compliance and closed.
- The home located at 711 Bond Street has been demolished. A site visit was performed and this property had been without power, as well as having unpaid taxes and code violation fees and was unfit for human habitation. The structure had become a public nuisance to the community.

Golf Course Operations Director reports:

- The Susan G Komen Rally for the Cure event was held at the Golf Course last Saturday. Congratulations to the first place winners pictured below, (L – R) Amos Mazzant, Charlie Cypress, Gilbert King, and Salaw Hummingbird. Thanks to everyone that participated and helped raise over \$10,000 for this worthy cause.



- Check out the Events Calendar on the City’s web site, www.clewiston-fl.gov to see what’s going on at the Golf Course. Furnish the Golf Course staff with your e-mail address, and we can send you notices of events.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The Clewiston Library volunteers who were awarded at our appreciation luncheon will be recognized by our Commissioners at their meeting on 3/17/2014. We are so proud of them.
- Keep looking out for the annual One-Book-One Community Reads announcements. The focus this year is on disabilities.
- Remodeling of the Library is well underway. Dry walls are up to a large extent and we are in the process of ordering the furniture. Please excuse any inconvenience while we make things better for you.
- The Hendry County Library Cooperative presented its proposal for improved and expanded library services to the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners in a workshop Tuesday, February 25. The presentation went very well. The item will be on the Commissioners’ agenda for March 11, 2014.
- Computers in all three Hendry County Libraries will be replaced soon. The first shipment is expected the week of March 10, 2014.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers responded to a shooting victim report at HRMC Monday afternoon. The victim originally reported that he had been shot walking down the sidewalk on WC Owen. However, he didn’t see or hear anything. Officers scoured the sidewalk and neighborhood but were unable to find any blood, evidence or witnesses in the heavily populated area. Following an interview and close examination of the injury, investigators concluded that it was likely a self-inflicted wound.
- There were four bicycles stolen during the week. Four people were arrested for the crimes and all four bicycles were recovered. Two bicycles were stolen the previous week. One of those was recovered but no arrests were made.
- One man on West Trinidad was arrested Tuesday after he beat his wife because she was “walking in tight pants”.....sigh.
- Following a shooting incident (no injuries reported) in the county, Clewiston Police Officers located a vehicle containing the two suspects as it was travelling through town. The pair was successfully apprehended and turned over to sheriff’s office officials.
- Patrol is prepared for a large fishing tournament scheduled for this weekend. Check out the boat basin this Saturday, it will be as full as you’ve ever seen it.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
 - 1331 Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 516 Complaints Investigated
 - 27 Arrests Made
 - 8 Traffic Citations issued
 - 68 Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 21 Red Light Violations
 - 14 Alarms Responded To
 - 5 Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- The City will again sponsor the Annual Spring Cleaning on March 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. You've got plenty of time to get a team together, bring the kids, or come solo, everyone will be welcome. Help us make America's Sweetest Town, America's Cleanest Town! Call Public Works Director Sean Scheffler at 983-1471 for more information.
- Mosquito Control Activity - Public Works has recorded several complaints and requested a total City trap count, as well as special attention to the Sports Complex and marinas.
- Paving projects - Staff is working on the 2015 paving project to present to the Commission for approval.
- Street Maintenance - Alley repairs are scheduled to be paved on Monday as reported by the contractor.
- Facility Maintenance: - Library remodel project is on schedule. Staff met with the contractor Wednesday morning to discuss the project and ascertain data drop locations.
- Drainage Project on Haiti - This project has been completed. Public Works Director Scheffler did an inspection and has asked for the engineer to do his final inspection in order to process the final paperwork to close this project out. The business owners in the area have expressed their approval of this project.
- Golf Course Sign - The tournament sign board was installed on Wednesday. Clean up and touch up will be finished this week.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The kids will begin practicing baseball and softball all around town. Please watch out for them as they go to and from practices. The 1st game of the 2014 season is tentatively scheduled for March 17th.
- CHS Softball will play their next home game on March 7th on Field #8 against the LaBelle Cowgirls at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- CHS Baseball will play their next home game on March 7th against the LaBelle Cowboys at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Stalls Field (Field #1).
- Work on Stalls Field "bullpen mounds" has begun.
- Trimming, edging, rolling, aerating and cleaning has begun on the other game fields and concession stands at Sugarland Park in preparation for the upcoming season.
- All soccer fields have been aerated, fertilized and treated for emergent vegetation.
- Jarvis Jones has been hired as a Recreation Facility Supervisor at the Harlem Gym and began work this week.
- 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:

- The Electric crew set a new transformer and ran new service to the Dunkin Donuts building at 100 S Berner Road this week. They will be replacing the overhead line to the traffic light at the intersection of US 27 and Berner Road with an underground service. A transformer and feed was replaced in Ridgeview this week. Tree trimming is also being done this week by the Electric Crew.

- The Water/Sewer crew jetted the sewer line at Clewiston Middle School this week in addition to making several water taps. They also cleaned and painted several sewer lift stations this week and replaced a pump at the El Paso lift station.
- Utility office personnel trained on the new Tyler billing software last week and the conversion of data to the new software has begun. The new utility bills will have a new, cleaner look and the first bills will be mailed out the first week of March. The new system will give us ways to better serve our customers. Please bear with us during the conversion and training period which should be completed by the second week of March.
- Napoleon Key, IT Administrator, is gathering bids and information to make changes that will allow the City to perform our own backup of information and servers.