

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
March 14, 2014

Dates to Remember:

March 17, 2014	City Commission Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
March 20, 2014	Golf Course Advisory Board - noon
April 5, 2014	Annual Spring Cleaning – 9:00 a.m. to noon (note change of date)

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Two (2) violation cases for property maintenance & overgrowth were opened and two (2) cases were found to be in compliance and closed.
- The City received preliminary copies from FEMA of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study report for Hendry County. The preliminary FIRM and FIS report include proposed flood hazard information for certain locations in the City of Clewiston. There will be a public notification concerning the appeal process in the March 13th and March 20th issues of the Clewiston News. During this 90-day appeal process, owners of real property may appeal to FEMA regarding the proposed flood hazard determinations.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- The dive team is in training for certification and re-certification this week. Due to the recent staff turnover, we needed to place an additional three members on the team. Two original members were recertified.
- Last Friday afternoon, the Sheriff’s Office requested our assistance locating suspects from an armed burglary in Montura. Officer Jackie Garrett and his K-9 partner “Javier” tracked and apprehended one of the suspects. Hendry and Palm Beach County Officials captured the other. No one was injured.
- Chief Gutshall was invited to Big Cypress last week to attend a planning workshop for their upcoming protest march. The event is planned to take four days with the group passing through Clewiston on the afternoon of Good Friday, April 18. They intend on spending the night at the KOA Campground just west of the City limits. The intent is for the protest marchers to end up in Labelle in time for the FPL hearing on Monday, April 21st. The Clewiston Police Department is involved only to the extent of insuring safe passage for the group as they trek through our community.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
 - 966** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 582** Complaints Investigated
 - 23** Arrests Made
 - 20** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 19** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 65** Merchant Escorts
 - 25** Alarms Responded To
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: Weather conditions were perfect for the aerial application for mosquitoes Saturday, March 8th. Reports from residents have been positive; we will trap Tuesday to see what the populations are after the aerial spray. Please clean out gutters, bird baths and flower pots as these are places where mosquitoes breed.
- Street Maintenance: (1) We have rescheduled the striping of parking lots in the Government Complex for Saturday, March 15th because of a supplier delivery problem. (2) Five Chinese Fan Palms were planted on Central Avenue this week, replacing the Queens. (3) One old Oak in the Commerce Park had to be removed after the wind storm last Thursday damaged it. (4) Wheel stops were installed at the Sweetest Town Playground parking lot.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) The dumpster enclosure at the Golf Course was power washed and a new dumpster put in place of the old one. (2) Two floating dock collars were installed at the boat basin with the help of the Police dive team.
- Sidewalk Projects: (1) North Lopez sidewalk is moving steadily forward and looks good.
- Library Remodel project: The project is going smoothly. Wall color is selected and ordered. Mr. Marvin was on site on Monday checking the conduits in the floor and pulling sixteen “data” drops.
- **Spring Cleaning Date Change:** Annual cleaning will be on **April 5**. We will meet at the Youth Center under the Chickee. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12 noon. A light lunch will be available.
- Reminder: Tippers offered for collection are to be placed at the edge of the pavement no earlier than the night before collection day and returned to a location unseen from the street. Never place trash on or near a storm drain or on a canal bank. **Recycle, reuse and reduce.**

Utilities Department Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew finished moving 6 transformers and running new services on Sugarland Circle.
- The Water/Sewer crew replaced 200’ of a 2” water line and made 3 new services in Royal Palm Trailer Park. Work has begun replacing a 2” main on Bond Street.
- The Electric crew will be trimming trees in preparation for hurricane season.
- Steve Hayes completed advanced lineman training last week. Two of our linemen will be attending Phase II of Traffic Light Maintenance School.
- The Tyler billing software training is continuing this week. Two billing cycles have been completed on the new software with our new billing format. We have a few issues to be corrected, but we are moving forward.