

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

Dates to Remember:

April 5, 2014	Annual Spring Cleaning – 9:00 a.m. to noon (note change of date)
April 17, 2014	City Commission Workshop
April 21, 2014	City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Westco Builder of Florida, Inc. received their final inspection and Certificate of Occupancy for the seven (7) building, fourteen (14) unit project for Southwest Florida Goodwill Industries XVI, Inc. located at 1014 – 1042 West Ventura Avenue.
- Clyde Johnson Contracting, Roofing and Welding also received their final inspection for Aaron’s Furniture located at 949 West Sugarland Hwy.
- Director Reese is in Stuart attending the annual conference for the Florida Floodplain Managers Association.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Campbell Nall Scholarship tournament was held this past Saturday with 105 players. Pictured below is tournament chair, Andrew Couse, with winners Mateo Jiminez and Amos Mazzant. Mondo Tiger was not available for the photo.
- Play is slowing with the departure of our winter visitors. We look forward to seeing them next year.
- In maintenance, edging of bunkers has been completed. Staff has been busy edging of yardage markers, spot spraying for weeds, cleaning and painting of the bridge that leads to the island on # 10.



Library Director Barrett reports:

- Remodeling of the Library is now done. We will plan an event to show off the remodeling in conjunction with a Chamber Social. A few new Library initiatives to benefit the community will be rolled out at the event. You don't want to miss it!
- We were recently approached by Microsoft (yes, I said Microsoft!) to open an IT Academy here. We believe this would be a wonderful opportunity for many in our community who want to get any type of Microsoft certification. Look for more on this as we seek to find sponsorship to open the academy.
- Story time and the children's book club continues at the Library. We have been doing the Book Club for over a year now and the same youngsters are still attending, and I don't think it's because of the food. We are running low on funds so for the last two sessions we had just a drink for them. But still they come back excited to talk about what they are reading. Please help us keep this great program alive. Just think, for \$20.00 a month you can keep at least 13 children (the regular attendees) off the street and treat them with a snack of pizza and a drink. However, any contribution will be highly appreciated.
- Summer time is here and we need help to provide summer programming for our children. This summer, we will also be offering programs in Montura so the need for assistance is even greater. Thanks for considering your library as we face another summer of fun with our children.
- Regrettably, the Library Advisory Board has voted to cancel our One-Book-One Community Reads program for this year because of a lack of funds to support it. In the past, the event was sponsored by Walmart, but this year we did not receive the usual grant in response to our application. Next year, we will use the same book and pursue the same theme on "disability awareness". We regret any disappointments this may cause you.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- The Seminole Indian's protest march has been postponed. A new date has not been set at this time.
- CID is working a case involving a kidnap and domestic violence. The suspect and victim are both from the Belle Glade area, but the abduction happened in Clewiston. The battery occurred in Palm Beach County, so we are working in conjunction with PBSO. The victim was treated and released from the hospital in Belle Glade. We do have a suspect identified, but he has not yet been apprehended.
- After attending classes this week, Lt. Pelham and Animal Control Officer Griffin are both now certified to fire the dart gun for Animal Services. Including Animal Control Officer Radcliff, there are now three people certified to use the device.
- We are researching dates and locations for our initial Code Enforcement Training. The operation will be set up under the supervision of Lt. Pelham. We expect a smooth transition.

- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1222** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 489** Complaints Investigated
 - 19** Traffic Citations
 - 14** Arrests Made
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation
 - 26** Red Light Violations
 - 71** Merchant Escorts
 - 20** Alarms Responded To
 - 6** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control - Cool weather and wind have prevented any trapping or need for treatment of mosquitoes.
- Street Maintenance - Staff trimmed the trees on Berner Road and ran pot holes and shouldered roads.
- Facility Maintenance - Staff finished pulling data wire in the Library this week and started the installation of new outside security lights at the Golf Course. (3) Staff power washed the Pro Shop and Club House this week,
- Sidewalk Projects - The work at the Caribbean-Lopez intersection has not started yet, almost all of the concrete has been poured and the contractor has started setting the final grades.
- Spring Cleaning - The event date is April 5th. Public Works Director Scheffler was on the local radio this week promoting the event. Come out and help us clean up our town!

Recreation Department Director Ramer reports:

- Applications for Summer Camp Counselors and Lifeguards can be picked up at City Hall. The closing date for applications is April 15. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age to be considered. Lifeguards must be Red Cross Certified. We will be hiring staff for summer programs in the Clewiston and Harlem communities.
- The U-12 Soccer Field will be set up next week for AYSO travel soccer for the month of April.
- The supports for the hitting mats have been installed on field #8 and the mats will be installed this week.
- The “bullpen” mounds at Stalls Field are nearing completion as the backstops have been rebuilt and clay has been placed and packed.
- The Pavilion Park, Trinidad, Candy Cane and Hidden Park received a face lift this week as TKA “Rush” week saw 40 kids volunteer their time to spread mulch, pressure wash and clean these facilities.
- The re-painting of the “Splash Pad” deck has been rescheduled till next week because of the weather earlier in the week.
- Clewiston Recreation “Picture Day” begins at 10:00 a.m. on field #2 on Saturday, March 29th on the small quad.
- “Relay for Life” will take place on Saturday March 29 – 30 at Cane Field.

- Miss Sugar Pageant will take place at John Boy Auditorium on Saturday, March 29th beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- 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 removed the old service to Dunkin Donuts this week.
- Tree trimming is continuing this week preparing for hurricane season.
- The Water/Sewer crew completed the 2” main replacement and new services on Bond Street.
- The Electric crew participated with the City of Moore Haven in Bucket Rescue Training.
- The Utility office staff is working with Tyler Technologies on billing issues. We have contacted them to see if we can replace the graphs on our new bills with 12 months of usage for electric and water.
- We bid our friend and fellow employee, Terry Throop, a fond farewell this week. Terry retired after nearly 14 years of employment in the Water/Sewer Department. We will miss Terry and wish him all the best life has to offer.