

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
April 17, 2014

Congratulations to the Sugar Festival Committee for another great event. A lot of time and hard work goes into planning such an event and we certainly appreciate their efforts.

**Dates to Remember:**

April 18, 2014	Good Friday – City offices closed
April 21, 2014	City Commission Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- The owners of the Hess station are replacing the old style sign with a new LED sign located at 433 East Sugarland Hwy.
- Dunkin' Donuts has applied for their signage and plan to be open before the end of the month.

**Golf Course Operations Director reports:**

- The Moore Haven Booster Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> with 112 players signed up.
- Play continues to slow down with the departure of our winter visitors.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> application of pre-emergent weed control has been applied to fairways, tees, and slopes. This will be followed with a 2<sup>nd</sup> application in 30 days.
- On the afternoon of Friday, April 11, we had 34 players in a “Last Man Standing” type of event.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- May 1, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. is the date planned for opening the new, library computer lab and classroom. The opening will be in conjunction with a Chamber Social.
- Still waiting to hear of your interest in the Microsoft IT Academy with certification classes.
- SW Florida Community Foundation conducted their first unofficial audit of our accomplishments under the I HELP program Wednesday. It was a very helpful session and we plan to make this evaluation a way to help us prepare for the upcoming grant season. In other words, we plan to apply again so we can continue and add to the programs we currently offer.
- Story time and the children's book club are still at the Library. Please help us keep these great programs alive. Any contribution will be highly appreciated. Thanks in advance.

- We are in need of your help for our summer reading program. We are hoping to give prizes to the top readers similar to last year. Your help is being solicited in raising the funds for the prizes. Any donation will help.
- We are definitely planning to do the summer school for students from grades 3 – 5 this year. The classes will start on June 9, 2014 until July 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.. We will provide the students breakfast and lunch each day. A signup sheet will soon be available.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- From a law enforcement perspective, the Sugar Festival was very smooth. With the exception of a couple of dog complaints and open container issues, we were pleased with everyone’s behavior.
- However, **after** the Sugar Festival, we had several disturbances erupt at the various social establishments throughout town, but nothing serious.
- Lt. Pelham and Sgt. Beatty completed the Code Enforcement Training Class. We should know in a month or so how they scored.
- Officers assisted Miami Dade over the weekend by recovering a vehicle stolen out of Miami.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
  - 1174** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 524** Complaints Investigated
  - 27** Arrests Made
  - 25** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 23** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 38** Traffic Warnings Issued
  - 1** City Ordinance Violation
  - 72** Merchant Escorts provided
  - 16** Alarms Responded To
  - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control Activity: The strong winds kept us from getting the scheduled aerial spray last week. If the wind persists, we will not see the airplane this week either. This will be the second attempt for an aerial spray this month. We have continued to try to run ground spraying, but the wind has also hampered that effort.
- Street Maintenance: (1) All staff has been working this week picking up trash from the streets.
- Facility Maintenance: Installed a new water heater at Waste Water Plant, (2) made plumbing repairs at the Youth Center, (3) changed A/C filters in all buildings, and (4) replaced broken window at Sikes Park.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Electric crew is replacing utility poles on East Avenida Del Rio and trimming trees this week.
- Les Garrett obtained his Wastewater Collection System Operator Certification.
- The Electric crew has begun preparations for the Brown Sugar Festival to be held May 3, 2014.
- The Water crew is continuing the quarterly hydrant flushing program and painting hydrants. They have also been busy with lift stations repairs this week.
- Training was done this week with Meter Treater for our Surge Protection program and inserts are being mailed with the utility billings. Meter based surge protection is available for \$9.95 (+ sales tax) per month added to your monthly utility bill. Contact our office for details.
- Our electric theft investigations netted one customer stealing power and water this past week.