

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
April 25, 2014

Dates to Remember:

April 29, 2014	Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Workshop – 4:00 p.m.
May 15, 2014	City Commission workshop
May 19, 2014	City Commission meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We have three (3) contractors who have applied to replace cabinets and antennas at the existing tower located at 113 East Ventura Avenue. These upgrades will affect AT&T, MetroPCS and Embarq users.
- Ace Homecare LLC is relocating to 112 East Sugarland Hwy. (formally Gelisa's) from 120 Central Avenue.
- Gelisa's has moved to 834 East Sugarland Hwy., next to Sunrise Restaurant.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- The Moore Haven Boosters Tournament scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled due to heavy rain and wet conditions. It has been rescheduled for May 31st.
- The Elks District Tournament is scheduled for this coming Saturday. Sign ups started off slow, but is picking up.
- Fairways, tees, and slopes have been sprayed for weed control.
- Greens have been sprayed with an application of fertilizer, fungicide and wetting agent.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Please join the Library on May 1, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for the opening of the new Library computer lab and classroom. The opening will be in conjunction with a Chamber Social.
- Please help us make our summer reading program a success. Donate or donate towards an item as a prize for our top performing readers. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
- Summer school for students from grades 3 – 5 is on at the Clewiston Library this year. The classes will start on June 9, 2014 thru July 3, 2014 in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and a snack will be provided. A signup sheet is available at the library.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- IRS enforcement officials were in town this week seeking two suspects wanted for Fraud/Tax Evasion. CPD Officers assisted them in locating two suspects who were transported to the Ft. Myers Federal Complex.

- FDLE and our Clewiston CID continued to follow up on the arrest and investigation of a young woman two weeks ago for fraud and identity theft. The investigators set up a buy bust and arrested a South Florida man for possession of several fraudulent drivers' licenses and identity theft. The latest arrestee was involved in organizing the ring throughout Florida. Our part in this investigation is now complete with the two arrests; FDLE will continue the probe into other areas of the State.
- Patrol Officers recovered three stolen vehicles this week. Two were reported stolen out of Miami and a third was stolen with force on Gratton Road in Hendry County. With the assistance of our K-9, Javiar, Officer Garrett was able to track and apprehend the driver of the Hendry County vehicle who had fled on foot. Suspect was treated and released from HRMC for puncture wounds. He is being held at the Hendry County Jail.
- Two boats were stolen over the weekend. Hendry County Sheriff's Deputies were a great help in these two thefts. Both boats have been recovered.
- The Chinook helicopter you may have noticed flying over town Wednesday was part of a training exercise involving the Corps of Engineers.
- Lt. Pelham and Sgt. Beatty are physically riding with and reviewing code enforcement issues with Building Official Reese as we gradually transfer those duties to the PD.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1229** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 502** Complaints Investigated
 - 13** Arrests Made
 - 5** Traffic Citations
 - 25** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 26** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 71** Merchant Escorts
 - 26** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: The second attempt for an aerial application was unsuccessful again this weekend. Steady winds and rain prevented the aircraft from flying at low altitudes over a populated area.
- Public Works Director Sean Scheffler would like the opportunity to meet with any local civic club or organization to talk about what the City is doing to control mosquitoes and help make residents aware of what they should be doing to help control mosquito populations in their own back yard. For information call 983-1471.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Four Queen Palms donated to the City by Greg Westberry were planted in the Commerce Park on Monday. (2) An inventory of wooden barricades at canals was completed and material ordered to repair and repaint them. (3) The Vac/Sweeper truck will start excavating the soil from around the Olive Tree stumps on Bond Street this week.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) The broken tile in the foyer at the City Hall was repaired, (2) A new instant hot water heater was installed in the Utility building this week. We are looking at a reduction in energy use by not heating so much water and holding it until it is needed.

- Sidewalk Projects: This project has been completed. The sod, sidewalk markings and street markings were finished on Friday.
- Library Remodel Project: A walk through was done with the contractor and a punch list was put together and is expected to be addressed this week.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Clewiston Recreation 2014 Baseball/Softball season has begun the second half of our season. The competition is fierce and play-offs are just around the corner. Please check www.clewistonrecreation.com for game schedules and daily team updates.
- The Battle of the Glades Baseball & Softball Tournament date has been set for May 31st at Sugarland Sports Complex. Invitations to Belle Glade, Okeechobee, Moore Haven and Labelle have been extended. More information will be shared as tournament details develop.
- Clewiston AYSO U-12 Travel Soccer will be playing matches on Sunday April 27th at Sugarland Sports Complex between West Palm Beach and Orlando. Matches begin at 11:00 a.m.
- Clewiston Recreation Baseball & Softball teams will be heading to Miami to watch the Marlins play the Dodgers on May 4th. Charter buses provided by the H.E. Hill Foundation will depart the South parking lot at the John Boy Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Andy Alston at Alston78@gmail.com or Bill Murphy at Willmrph2@embarqmail.com for additional information.
- C.S. Mott Pool is getting ready for the summer. A preliminary inspection by the HCHD found NO deficiencies and/or recommendations at this point. The pool will be emptied, acid washed, pressure washed, cleaned and re-filled in the next week, also filter replacement and minor plumbing leaks in the pump house will be addressed. We expect to be ready for and pass inspection on May 1st or 2nd.
- Curriculum planning, activities and block scheduling for Summer Camp(s) will begin next week. Applications were accepted until April 15th and supervisory staff will begin going through the applications next week to fill position as Counselors and Lifeguards in the Clewiston and the Harlem community.
- 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 Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew continued replacing utility poles between East Avenida Del Rio and East Del Monte and relocated buried services this week.
- Congratulations to Les Garrett on his promotion to Water/Sewer Foreman.
- Servers are being installed this week to accommodate the City performing our own back up of information.
- The Water/Sewer crew continued the quarterly hydrant flushing program and replaced pumps in several lift stations this week.
- New AT&T cell phones have arrived and have been distributed to key personnel. This change was due to problems with Sprint cell service.
- Our electric theft investigations netted one customer stealing power and one meter tampering this week.

- A new water tap was made this week for Dunkin Donuts to provide more water pressure.
- The bid was awarded at Monday night's Commission meeting for the Lift Station rebuild in Block 385 to Foster Marine Contractors Inc. We look for work to begin sometime in June.