

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
May 2, 2014

We were made aware of a utility scam being carried out in Clewiston this week. A man has called five (5) local businesses claiming to be with Clewiston Utilities and informing the customer that they will be disconnected for nonpayment. The customer is then instructed to purchase multiple money cards; then call an 800 number and give them an authorization number to withdraw the funds from the card. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT CLEWISTON UTILITIES DOES NOT USE AN OUTSIDE COLLECTOR AND WE DO NOT USE AN 800 NUMBER.** If you feel you have been a victim of this scam please contact the Clewiston Police Department (863-983-1474) or Clewiston Utilities (863-983-1454).

Dates to Remember:

May 8, 2014	City Commission Workshop - East Hendry Recreation – 3:30 p.m.
May 15, 2014	City Commission workshop
May 19, 2014	City Commission meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- If all goes according to plan, Dunkin' Donuts will open this Sunday, May 4th at 6:00 a.m. In a letter to the City, Marty McClain, President of Metropole Construction, states “thank you for the professionalism, assistance and hospitality that you and your staff demonstrated during the construction process of the new Dunkin Donuts Store. Of all the municipalities that we work in, I consider yours to be one of the best and most accommodating”.
- Art by Josh has opened a business at 509 East Sugarland Hwy., offering arts and crafts supplies. They may also offer art lessons in the future.
- Southern Divas of LaBelle is opening a store in Clewiston at 210 East Sugarland Hwy., selling, but not limited to, belts, purses and jewelry.
- We are assisting the Police Department in the transition of Code Enforcement, all progressing smoothly.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- There are a few more team spots available for the J. Nelson Fairbanks golf tournament Saturday, May 3. The golf tournament will start at 9:00 a.m. and the cost is \$75.00 a player or \$225.00 per team (3-person teams). The tournament benefits the Clewiston Golf Course and East Hendry County Recreation. If you want to sign-up a team, please call the Clewiston Golf Course at 863-983-1448. Many thanks to U.S. Sugar for helping the City organize this tournament.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- We still have not heard of your interest in the Microsoft IT Academy with certification classes. If you want to be proficient in Word, Excel, Power Point, or other Microsoft products just let us know at 983-1493.
- Please donate an item as a prize for our top performing readers or donate any amount towards it and help us make our summer reading program a success. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.
- Summer school for students from grades 3 – 5 will be available at the Clewiston Library this year. The classes will start on June 9, 2014 and run through July 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunches and snacks will be provided. Signup is on a first come-first-served basis so don't let your child miss out on this great opportunity.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Patrol recovered three stolen lawn mowers during the week.
- Officer Pilon reported to the scene of a reported burglary in progress. The suspect who was armed with a machete and a knife refused to come out of the outdoor shed where he had holed up. After several warnings to exit the building, K-9 Dax was released into the building. Dax dragged the suspect out of the building and into the open area where he was subdued by officers. The suspect was treated and released from the ER. He is currently in the County Jail.
- Our training with Judge Sloan and the Hendry County SAO is going well. By the end of the week, every sworn officer will have had an opportunity to sharpen their testifying skills under the tutelage of a Judge, Prosecutor, and Defense Attorney in a controlled setting.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1065** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 522** Complaints Investigated
 - 15** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 34** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 58** Red Light Violations
 - 10** Arrests Made
 - 10** Code Enforcement Cases Opened
 - 70** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 22** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: Ground trucks are running on a consistent basis and are keeping mosquito populations in an acceptable range. My office has not received any complaints and our traps do not indicate a problem.
- Street Maintenance: (1) The old golf course sign at the corner of San Luiz and US27 was removed because of damage and age. The new sign arrived this week and will be installed shortly. (2) All hands have been on the street again this week to remove trash from the road shoulder.

- Facility Maintenance: (1) The Animal Control Building was power washed on Monday. (2) Plaques and awards were installed in the Library, as well as some other maintenance objectives this week, as we get ready for the Grand opening of the new Computer lab.
- Library Remodel Project: A walk through was done with the contractor this week and a punch list was put together and is expected to be addressed this week.
- Golf Course: A park bench built by the Public Works Department was delivered and installed in the breezeway next to the Pro Shop on Monday. A similar bench can be purchased as a memorial or gift to the golf course for \$250. Inquire at the Pro Shop for details.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Napoleon Key, IT Administrator, completed the in-house computer back-up system.
- The Electric Crew hung the banner for the Brown Sugar Festival to be held May 3, 2014. They also checked outlets and repaired street lights in preparation.
- The Water/Sewer crew replaced several pumps in lift stations this week and checked water outlets for the Brown Sugar Festival.
- Trees were trimmed in the Harlem, Southside and Northside areas of town this week.
- Our electric theft investigations netted one customer stealing power on the North side of town.
- Harassment prevention training was completed by all Utility personnel.
- Materials have been ordered to repair the red light loops at the intersections of US 27 & Bond St, US 27 & San Pedro and US 27 & Francisco.