

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
May 9, 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 13, 2014	City/County Joint Workshop – 3:00 p.m.
May 15, 2014	City Commission workshop
May 19, 2014	City Commission meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:**

- The first Annual J. Nelson Fairbanks Golf Tournament was held this past Saturday. We had a great turnout and a lot of great sponsors for the tournament. Our thanks go to each player, sponsor, volunteer, and golf course staff for a great tournament. We also want to thank U.S. Sugar for their invaluable help and input that helped make the tournament a great success!
- The Golf Course will continue to be open on Monday thru Memorial Day. Beginning June 2, the Golf Course will be closed on Monday.

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The new library computer lab and classroom were officially opened last week. The event was very well attended. The Clewiston News has a very good account of the event. Below are four pictures related to the event:



Mayor Roland and the Library Director Barrett



Color Guards and other attendees



Entering in officially for the first time



Napoleon Key at work in our new computer lab.

- One person has indicated an 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.
- We are still looking for donations for our top performing readers in our summer reading program. You can donate any amount towards it and help us make our program a success. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.
- We are looking forward to the first Summer School for students from grades 3 – 5 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. Your children will enjoy lunches and snacks provided courtesy of the Hendry County School District. Signup is on a first come-first-served basis so don't let you child miss out on this great opportunity to be ready for the new school year.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- From our perspective, Brown Sugar Festival was an “uneventful” celebration. We had no trouble related to the festival other than a couple of minor traffic infractions.
- All of our sworn officers were able to finish the training last week offered by our SAO and Judge Jim Sloan. The instruction was excellent. The six attorneys and Judge Sloan each volunteered eight hours of their time to strengthen our abilities in courtroom demeanor and testifying. Many thanks to them all.
- Our CID received a match from the statewide AFIS system last week for a palm print which was lifted from a burglary scene here in Clewiston years ago. A suspect arrest warrant has been applied for.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
  - 1023** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 544** Complaints Investigated
  - 15** Arrests Made
  - 8** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 26** Traffic Warnings Issued
  - 53** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 63** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 14** Alarms Responded To
  - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Street Maintenance: (1) Road shoulder repairs were done on Berner Road and the east end of Alverde was graded to fill in pot holes. (2) Two small landscape projects have been accomplished in the last couple of weeks with plantings in front of the Library, at the clock on Central Avenue, and the “bull nose” ends on Central Avenue between US27 and Ventura. (3) Staff removed the first Olive Tree stump on Bond Street on Tuesday morning.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) The overhead projection system and door stops were installed in the Computer Lab at the Library on Friday. (2) The A/C was checked and found to be low on freon. It was filled and checked for leaks. (3) Air exchange registers were ordered and will be installed between the class room and computer lab upon arrival. (4) We are seeking quotes to gutter the Restroom/Pavilion in the Sports Complex this week. Rain runoff is causing an erosion problem.

**Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- The diatom filters at C.S. Mott Pool have been replaced and some minor plumbing issues have been resolved in-house. The pool has been pressure washed and acid washed last weekend and refilled, in preparations for our summer activities. Additional cleaning of decks, bathrooms, offices and storage areas began this week.
- Registrations for Summer Camp(s) and other activities are now available on-line at [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com).
- Curriculum planning, activities and block scheduling for summer camp (Clewiston and Harlem) began this week.
- CIT babysitting classes were completed last week with 15 participants and lifeguard training began on Tuesday afternoon with 16 participants.
- The Sr. Citizens Bldg. and sidewalks were pressure washed this week and plans to remodel the interior are progressing as MCM Paint and Flooring are putting together quotes to refurbish the inside of the building.
- With 2 weeks remaining in the 2014 Clewiston Recreation Baseball and Softball seasons, plans are being made to aerate, fertilize, and top dress ALL of the playing surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex before the “rainy” season. We anticipate starting these projects the first week of June.
- Clewiston Recreation Baseball & Softball Closing Ceremonies will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the John Boy Auditorium. More information as this event develops.
- The Battle of the Glades Baseball & Softball Tournament date has been set for May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Please contact the Youth Center at (863) 983-1492, “LIKE” us on Facebook or visit [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for all your recreational needs and information.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Water/Sewer crew replaced 2 pumps in the Arkansas lift station this week.
- We caught one customer tampering with their water meter on the south side of town this week.
- Mike Cox and Jason Crawford obtained their Field Tech Level II Certifications for red light maintenance.
- Our tree trimming program continues this week and we have been replacing damaged poles. The electric crew will be straightening poles on two of the main electric lines running east and west.
- We sold and installed our first meter based surge protector last week. Way to go Mayra and Juanita!
- Utilities Director Danny Williams, met with a vendor for decorative lighting and is also looking into purchasing new LED street lights.