

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
May 16, 2014

**Dates to Remember:**

May 19, 2014	City Commission meeting
May 26, 2014	Memorial Day – City offices closed
June 12, 2014	City Commission Workshop
June 16, 2014	City Commission meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- A new bail bond company has submitted paperwork for a Local Business Tax Receipt at 120 Central Avenue.
- After several years of being vacant, Santa Fe Bakery is opening at 720 East Sugarland Hwy.

**Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:**

- 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:**

- Microsoft IT Academy with certification classes are still on. 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. Thanks to the wonderful employee from the Utilities Department who already gave a donation. You can give any amount towards this project and help us make our program a success. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.
- The first summer school for students grades 3 – 5 is coming up at the Clewiston Library. The classes will run from 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 courtesy of the Hendry County School District. Signup is on a first come, first served basis, so don't let your child miss out on this great opportunity to be ready for the new school year.
- There will be a graduation program for the members of our Basic ESL classes in June. Stay tuned for the date.
- Help for taking the GED exam is offered at your Library, including assistance with paying the \$132.00 fee for the exam. Contact your City Library for more information.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Patrol arrested two juveniles and charged them with two separate burglaries during the week. The first burglary was to a boat on Bowden Road, the second to the Shamrock convenience store.

- We all enjoyed the annual Elks Public Service Awards Ceremony last Thursday night. Tito Nieves was awarded the Police Officer of the Year for 2013, and Commissioner Mali Gardner was awarded Support Person of the Year. Both received a nice plaque; and the Elks Club treated all attendees to an excellent Boston Butt bar-b-que dinner.
- The dive team is planning a training here on Friday, and a mutual aid exercise training in the St. Lucie River next week.
- The Code Enforcement process is picking up momentum. We inherited 31 “stale” cases and have now opened up 17 new cases. Most of our new cases have been rectified through compliance. The officers tend to have more “face to face” contact, and less “mail” contact. This seems to greatly reduce turnaround time.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the weekly activity:
  - 1010** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 542** Complaints Investigated
  - 24** Arrests
  - 8** Code Enforcement Cases
  - 25** Traffic Citations
  - 58** Traffic Warnings
  - 63** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 63** Merchant Escorts
  - 15** Alarms Responded To
  - 5** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control Activity: All trap numbers support spraying at this time. Wind conditions are preventing evening spray missions. We will be looking again at spraying in the morning hours. **Be advised:** One trap on the north side of town caught two *Aedes aegypti* female mosquitoes. These are disease carrying mosquitoes that lay their eggs in containers and gutters holding organic water. Please check your property and empty any standing water you may find.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff completed the removal of the three Olive Tree stumps on Bond Street. We are looking for some black muck to backfill the holes and will replant with a tree that requires less maintenance that will not outgrow its area. Thanks to U.S. Sugar for donating 60 yards of black muck to the City to back fill the holes. (2) Staff is assisting the solid waste division picking up debris on rights-of-way. (3) We ran pot hole repair Wednesday afternoon.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Rebuilt toilets in the PD. (2) Repaired outside light and cleaned gutters at the Country Club. (3) Rebuilt all the doors in the animal pens at Animal Control.

**Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- The C.S. Mott Pool has passed its Health Dept. inspection and a temporary Operating Permit has been issued. The Pool is scheduled to open Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- Returning lifeguards have begun the HR process and are expected to report for work a couple days before the pool opens to do some light cleaning and set-up. New lifeguard training and testing will be completed Friday and Monday.

- 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(s) have been completed and offer letters to those Counselors and CIT's selected to help facilitate Summer Camp(s) will be mailed this week.
- Closing ceremonies for the 2014 Clewiston Recreation Baseball/Softball Season took place last Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the John Boy Auditorium. Team players, coaches and sponsors were honored with trophies and recognition plaques for this year.
- Plans are being made to aerate, fertilize, and top dress ALL of the playing surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex before the "rainy" season. We are planning on starting these projects the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.
- 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 risers and had several water leaks this week. We will begin our valve exercising program next week. The crew also made a tap on a 4" water line for the county at Ridgelawn Cemetery.
- The Electric crew will be changing an overhead single phase line to underground on the 300 block of E Avenida Del Rio next week due to trees. The crew will also be replacing the red light loops at the intersections of US 27 and Bond St, San Pedro and Francisco.
- We sold our second meter based surge protection unit this week. If you are interested in purchasing a surge protection unit, please call the Utilities Department at 983-1454.
- We are obtaining quotes to replace the water line on E Del Rio and San Juan.