

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 27, 2014

The City of Clewiston is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2014. If you know of someone you feel is deserving of this honor, please pick up a nomination form at City Hall and return it by August 6, 2014. The award will be presented at the annual Clewiston Chamber of Commerce dinner in September.

Dates to Remember:

July 4, 2014	Fireworks at dusk at the Sports Complex – City offices closed
July 14, 2014	City Commission Workshop
July 21, 2014	City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Microsoft IT Academy is now scheduled to begin in August. Signup now to ensure your spot in a class as space is limited.
- Summer reading program is going very well. So far, a total of 496 children have been exposed to our reading program. Many of them have joined the FizzBoom Read Contest and have received McDonald's coupons for each set of ten books read.
- The Summer School continues with a full house. We are still serving them breakfast and lunch.
- GED classes will begin July 7. Contact your City library at 983-1493 for more information.
- Training for starting a home based business is coming July 16 – 18. You may qualify to receive seed money to help start up your own business. Call us for more information.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- During a traffic stop Saturday, the driver of the vehicle fled the scene on foot. K-9 Officer Pilon and his partner "Dax" trailed the driver to a storage shed he had broken into about five blocks away. The suspect refused orders to exit the building. Dax was deployed and brought the suspect under control. He was charged with resisting arrest, driving with suspended license, and habitual traffic offender.
- Patrol responded to requests for assistance by the Sheriff's Office for several shooting incidents in Twin Lakes and Harlem over the weekend.
- Following an investigation of a burglary which occurred last week, officers arrested Kevin Poulard this week for the offense.

- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1169** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 588** Complaints Investigated
 - 14** Arrests Made
 - 7** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 29** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 58** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 64** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 26** Alarms Responded To
 - 8** City Ordinance Violations
 - 4** Code Violations Brought Into Compliance
 - 6** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: There was an aerial application for mosquito control on Tuesday evening this week and another scheduled before the Fourth of July holiday.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff successfully removed the three Olive trees on Bond Street at US27 Sunday morning. Staff was back on Bond Street Monday removing more trees. Stumps take a little more time, so we will systematically go through and remove and replant. (2) The alley between Central Ave. and Comercio was leveled and sealed this week. This completes this project.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) Material for repair and upgrade on the electric boxes on Bond Street have come in. As the stumps are removed, electric lines will be checked and boxes will be replaced. (2) More air conditioners required work this week; two at the JBA and one at the substation.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Registrations for the 2nd session of Summer Camp (July 7th – 25th) and other activities are now available on-line at www.clewistonrecreation.com. Staff will be located at the Clewiston Youth Center, the Harlem Library and at the Harlem Gym if you need assistance in registering your child on-line beginning June 23rd and continuing through June 30th. Deadline for registering for the 2nd session of Summer Camp is June 30th.
- C.S. Mott Pool will be open for “Community Swim” from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. M-F and 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. The James Mason Pool will be open for “Community Swim” from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Mondays thru Saturdays and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. Pool Parties are also accepted for both pools. Please call the Youth Center at (863) 982-1492 to make a reservation.
- The 2nd round of spraying for emergent invasive vegetation will begin next Monday June 30th at Sugarland Sports Complex. Please be mindful of the warning signs posted on areas that have been treated.
- Adult Men’s Basketball will be at the CHS Gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are still taking team registrations. If you are interested in forming a team and participating this season, you can register your team at www.clewistonrecreation.com or call Andre at (863) 228-4171.
- Co-Ed Adult Softball plays on field #9 at the Big Quad at Sugarland Sports Complex on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Game times are 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m.

- 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 changed cross-arms, guy wires and straightened or changed utility poles around town this week. They also installed 3 lightning arrestors, repaired the red light loop at Royal Palm Avenue and replaced a pole on North Berner that had been hit by a truck.
- The water/sewer crew replaced a section of sewer line on East Sugarland Circle and relocated a 4” main for the Cuban Market lift station job. They also repaired the Alabama lift station and continue to work on the replacement of the 2” water line on Cortez, Cadiz and San Juan.
- ONLINE UTILTIY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders. You can register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to:
<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>.
- CodeRed will be performing an “All Call” test on our system on June 26, 2014 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. We encourage all residents to register with CodeRed. This system allows us to contact you in the event of an emergency. You can register by going to the City website and click on the CodeRed link or by calling our office 863-983-1454.
- Lightning season is here. Don’t forget to come by our office and sign up for meter-based surge protection.