

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
July 11, 2014

The City of Clewiston is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2014. If you know 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 14, 2014	City Commission Workshop/Budget Workshop
July 21, 2014	City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Rain, rain, and more rain. The golf course is extremely wet. The course has received 4 1/2 inches of rain since Monday.
- Staff has started spraying for intrusive weeds. We have been fortunate that the rains have been later in the day so that we are still getting the effect of the spray solution applied.
- Play was slow on the 4th of July holiday with only 28 players.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Ava had an opportunity to address the Rotary Club on Monday. As a result, we have had several more signups for the Microsoft IT Academy. There are approximately 42 persons already signed up and ready to go. Of course, the lab can seat only 16 at a time so we are going to have to do some juggling to get everyone now signed up a seat.
- Summer reading program is still going on. All is going very, very, well. Number of children attending so far is 706 in a total of 13 programs. Many are still participating in the ***Fizz Boom Read*** contest and have received McDonald's coupons for each set of 10 books read.
- The summer school closed out last week. 24 students graduated and received book bags with school supplies. Six (6) of them received special prizes for their accomplishments during the school.
- GED classes began this past Monday, July 7th, 2014. Every available seat in the lab is full and more people are still coming asking to get into the class.
- Training for starting a Home Based Business is coming July 16 – 18. Seed money to help interested attendees start up their own business is part of the program. Call us for more information.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Independence Day public events and fireworks show were uneventful from a law enforcement perspective. The fireworks show itself appeared sparsely attended.
- Unfortunately, as normal during holiday weekends, we did experience an inordinate number of domestic disturbances. Alcohol is usually a factor in such incidents.
- We have had a couple of complaints of trash being dumped around town. Officers do have a couple of leads and are looking into the problem.
- Patrol arrested a suspect in a case from a couple weeks ago involving vehicle burglaries.
- We provided an officer to work a traffic safety zone on WC Owen Wednesday as the street was milled and prepared for re-paving.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 939** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 482** Complaints Investigated
 - 15** Traffic Citations
 - 36** Traffic Warnings
 - 15** Arrests Made
 - 8** City Ordinance Violations
 - 71** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 22** Alarms Responded To
 - 44** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: No complaints were logged over the Fourth of July weekend. If you have a mosquito problem, please call the Public Works Department at 983-1471.
- Street Maintenance: (1) A stump grinder was brought in to grind the stumps on Bond Street and the operator was able to remove most of the root system and stumps. Staff made minor repairs to the irrigation and electric system. Staff back-filled after each hole was inspected and all repairs were completed.
- **Community safety reminder:** Please be aware that the solid waste collection equipment running the streets of our community start, stop and sometimes have to back up. Please stay back from the trucks at least 50 feet to avoid an unpleasant meeting. The driver cannot see you or your vehicle if you are too close behind the truck. Remember, if you can't see the mirrors the driver cannot see you.
- **Special pick-up requests:** As a reminder, the City picks up one customary size pile of yard waste placed at the edge of the street once a week. A customary amount of trash would fit into the back of a pickup truck. Anything more than the customary amount will require a special pick up and residents could be charged for the additional debris collected. For more information on this topic, please call the Public Works office Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at (863) 983-1471.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The 2nd session of Camp Crayon and Fun-A-Rama began on July 7th. There are over 100 kids registered for camp and extended camp. We have 43 registered in swimming lessons at the C.S. Mott Pool and almost 20 that are participating in swimming lessons at the James Mason Pool.

- Co-ed softball on field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex and Adult Men's Basketball at the CHS Gym continue to play on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Games begin at 7:00 p.m.
- All playing surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex were double aerated over the holiday weekend and will be fertilized this week. Top dressing and leveling will begin next week.
- Work has begun on the installation of six (6) new backstops at the 10 acre field.
- British Soccer Camp registrations are available at the Youth Center. Dates have been set for July 28th thru Aug.1st. at Sugarland Sports Complex.
- "Beginning" Fish Camp will be in session July 28th thru Aug.1st. More information and schedules to come.
- "Advanced" Fish Camp will begin on August 9th and will continue every weekend until Aug. 30th. More information and schedules to come.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew has started removing off-line transformers from several locations. Several poles have been removed on the north and south sides of town. Poles were straightened behind Plattner's lot.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired several lift stations this week. They also changed a pump at the Cuban Market and Fairgrounds. Several water leaks were also repaired.
- **ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE!** Our on-line 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>
- Lightning season is here. Don't forget to come by our office and sign up for meter-based surge protection.