

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
July 25, 2014

Only two more weeks for you to nominate someone 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:

August 11, 2014	Budget Workshop
August 14, 2014	City Commission Workshop
August 18, 2014	City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Elite Healthcare Center has relocated from 876 West Sugarland Hwy. (Sugarland Plaza) to 316 South Bond Street and changed the name to Trinity Point Medical Clinic.
- Brian Sullivan Contractor, Inc. has broken ground on the five (5) new Orchard Park single family homes and the underground plumbing has been inspected at three of the five.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers on night shift patrol found an adult man in the women's restroom behind the Youth Center at 12:40 a.m. He was found to have an active warrant for his arrest. Following his arrest, he was searched and found to possess illegal narcotics. He was charged with both offenses and transported to the Hendry County Jail.
- Over the weekend, a concrete saw was stolen from the bed of a pickup truck in the Best Western parking lot. The saw had been left unsecured in the open bed of the truck.
- Officers responded to reports of loud music from a West Saginaw residence. The music was turned down.
- Otherwise, most of the arrests made were for shoplifting and various traffic violations.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1114** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 553** Complaints Investigated
 - 16** Arrests Made
 - 37** Traffic Citations issued
 - 42** Warning Citations Issued
 - 31** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 60** Merchant Escorts provided
 - 44** Alarms Responded To
 - 7** City Ordinance Violations
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: The ground is at a totally saturated level due to consistent and heavy rains as of late. Stormwater will now stand a little longer than we like. Trap counts have been consistent but expected to go up. Sean is watching and ready to call in an air mission when the requirements are met. If mosquito activity is causing problems at your address, please call 983-1471 and register a complaint. Be sure to leave your name, address and number where you can be reached.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff cleared the ROW in the alley between Bond Street and Deane Duff. (2) Staff had to make a repair of an 18" storm drain on South San Pedro this week. Water crews assisted in this repair. (3) Staff is scheduled to start moving palms from the High School and Golf Course holding lot this week. These trees will be planted at the Commerce Park entrance. (4) New school zone signs were ordered this week and will be installed as soon as they arrive.
- Golf Course Landscape: Sean laid out the plant material on the "pond bank" behind the Pro Shop/Club House on Monday and contractor crews started the installation. Golf Course staff will kill grass and the area will be mulched.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) The electric repairs on Bond Street have been completed.
- Sidewalk on US27: Sean met with DOT staff on Thursday to discuss the sidewalks the City requested. While walking the site, it was decided to expand the project and add some more walk. The project will now include sidewalk on the south side of US27 from Wendy's Restaurant to San Luiz in front of Sonny's Restaurant. It will turn and head south along the east side of San Luiz and cross the Alverde Canal. Sidewalk will also be installed on the north side of US27 from the McDonald's Restaurant to Berner Road.
- Welcome Sign Info request: Suzanne Lex, the FDOT liaison to our area, has requested information on the kind of Welcome Sign we requested. Sean has a set of plans and cost to build the same signs or similar to the signs Hendry County built at the Hendry County line. Commission input and decision is still needed. This is merely a starting point.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- The 2nd session of Camp Crayon and Fun-A-Rama's field trip to the Palm Beach Zoo on Wednesday July 23 was rained out when they got there and their lunches got soaked. Thank you to McDonald's of Clewiston and Nesbit Enterprises for coming to our rescue and providing 100 Happy Meals, drinks and toys to our kids and staff when they returned to Clewiston!
- Remodeling of the Sr. Citizens Center will begin on Wednesday, July 30th. Recreation crews, with the assistance of Public Works crews, will begin on Monday July 28th removing the furniture, pool tables and such from the Sr. Center and setting up a temporary Sr. Citizen Center in the Beardsley Room that they will be able to use for meals and socialization for the next couple of weeks while we remodel.
- The Harlem Gym will also benefit from a remodeling project on July 28th as the court floors and stage area will be refinished with new lines, paint and poly coating. Also the foyer area will be retiled and the front doors and walls replaced and painted.
- 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 held at Roland Martin’s Condo Clubhouse from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. beginning July 28th thru Aug.1st. THIS CAMP IS CURRENTLY FULL.
- “Advanced” Fish Camp will begin on Aug. 9th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Youth Center and will continue every weekend until Aug. 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Youth Center. THIS CAMP IS CURRENTLY FULL.
- Kids “Basketball Skills Camp” and season is tentatively scheduled to begin on August 4th. Please check our Fb page “City of Clewiston Parks and Recreation” for more information about how to get registered and involved.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Electric crew is continuing work on our pole removal/straightening program, as well as the resizing of transformers and tree trimming.
- The Water/Sewer crew has completed the 2” water main replacement on Cadiz & Cortez streets and are now connecting houses. They also repaired several lift stations this week and assisted Public Works with a storm drain repair. The crew is also providing a water supply for landscaping at Commerce Park.
- The meter readers caught one customer stealing power in Harlem this week. Good job guys!
- ONLINE UTILITY 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>.
- Lightning season is here. Don’t forget to come by our office and sign up for meter-based surge protection.