

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
September 5, 2014

Dates to Remember:

September 11, 2014	Commission Workshop
September 15, 2014	Commission meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- The roofs are on all five (5) of the new single family homes in Orchard Park and the interior work has begun. There are three (3) models with 3 bedrooms/2 baths, 1,098 square feet and two (2) models with 4 bedrooms/3 baths, 1,453 square feet.
- Annual billing for Contractor Certificates have been processed and will be mailed this week.
- There were three (3) new business tax receipts issued in the month of August:
 - Taslim Mohamed Pallet Recycling & Repair at 521 East Haiti
 - Radio Shack at 402 East Sugarland Hwy.
 - Caroline's Perfumes & Cosmetics at 935 West Sugarland Hwy. (in the Clewiston Town Center)

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Your Library is now providing service to the people of Montura on what we hope will be a regular basis. Starting this Wednesday September 3, Maria Antunez took a sampling of items from the Library to offer the Montura residents. Thanks to Napoleon Key, she was able to offer check out and in services, in addition to placing holds. Tell your Montura friends about this service which will be offered every Wednesday at the Montura Club House from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- We still need volunteer assistance at the library. Call the library at 983-1493 and ask for Ava for information.
- Computer Basics class started in the Library on Thursday August 28, 2014 and went very well. Hours are 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. There is still space in the early class.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- The Police Department has received 18 brand new laptop computers and mounting stands purchased with a grant for the patrol vehicles. Once these are installed, it will be a tremendous asset to the officers from report writing to traffic stops.

- The patrol officers have been doing a great job with traffic enforcement. As a result, we have made several narcotic related arrests. One of the arrests was for possession of methamphetamine and another was for possession of cocaine which included a stolen vehicle recovery.
- A summary of activity is listed below:
 - 1086** Commercial Security Checks/ Residential Security Checks
 - 543** Complaints Investigated
 - 36** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 37 Red Light Camera Violations
 - 23** Arrests Made
 - 7 Code Enforcement Violations opened
 - 59** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 10** Alarms Responded To
 - 6 Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Ground trucks ran on Friday and we had an aerial application on Saturday. We are scheduled for a ground treatment on Friday.
- Street Maintenance: All of the palms on Bond Street have been planted and sprinklers repaired. We are scheduled to mulch under the palms on Friday.
- Facility Maintenance: (1) The floor covering has been installed in the Senior Citizens Building. The chair rail is being installed and the cabinets for the coffee/beverage station will be installed by week's end. Staff is looking into replacing the ceiling tiles and adding insulation as the final step in the remodel of the main room.
- Paving project: The bids for the 2015 project were opened on August 28. Of the six packets picked up, five contractors submitted a bid. A recommendation will be offered to the Commission at the September meeting.
- FDOT (SCOP) projects: Conceptual drawings of both projects are expected this week and the project request will be ready for signatures and mailing to DOT for consideration.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Six (6) new backstops are completed at the 10 acre field.
- The outfield fence on field #8 at Sugarland Sports Complex will be moved from 300' to 200' beginning next week. This move will allow the addition of soccer fields and give access to athletic fields that were previously underutilized.
- The remodeling of the Sr. Citizen Center is nearing completion as well. The new carpet and cabinets went in this week. A "Grand Opening" is in the works!
- Sugar Dolls will begin their 2014-15 season at the Youth Center beginning Sept. 9th at 3:30 p.m.
- Guitar lessons will be offered at the Youth Center beginning Sept. 9th on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. The cost of the lessons is \$20.00 per class. Contact the Youth Center at 983-1492 if you are interested.
- AYSO Soccer will begin their practices next week.
- CPAC (Clewiston Performing Arts Center) will begin their classes next week.
- Both the C.S. Mott Pool and the James Mason Pool have been cleaned, pressure washed, safety equipment inventoried and stored until next summer.

- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew is continuing work on our tree trimming program and ran several new services in Orchard Park.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- The Water crew repaired several water breaks and lift station pumps. They also assisted Public Works with the planting of trees on Bond Street.
- **ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE!** Our Online Utility Website is up and running. 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>. Payments can be made by debit or credit card.