

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
November 21, 2014

Happy Thanksgiving

If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call the Utilities office at 983-1454.

Because of the high volume of residential garbage expected, even though it is a City holiday, garbage will be picked up on **Friday, November 28, the day after Thanksgiving.**

Dates to Remember:

November 27 & 28, 2014 City Thanksgiving holidays

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We have issued three (3) more C/O's (certificate of occupancy) in the Orchard Park S/D. Two are 4 bedroom/2 bath with 1,453 square feet and one is a 3 bedroom/2 bath with 1,098 square feet. This completes the five houses permitted in June and fills the subdivision half way. There have been 39 homes constructed so far with 40 more to go until full.
- Stanton Mobile Home Sales, Inc. will be removing an older mobile home at 601 Sabal Avenue and replacing it with a 2015 Fleetwood doublewide with 1,232 square feet.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- A granular application of fertilizer was applied to greens.
- Greens were sprayed with insecticide and fungicide.
- The Brian Hass Memorial Tournament held on November 8th was very well attended with 86 players enjoying the day. The next event we will host is the Stan Wegscheid Memorial Golf Tournament on December 6th with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start.
- Spraying for intrusive weeds continue around course.
- Sod projects are ongoing at various locations around course.
- Welcome back to all our winter visitors.
- Inventory is being received in to the pro shop for our winter season. Come out and see the new lines of golf equipment and fashion for the golf season. We have many items

that would make great gifts and would look great under a Christmas tree or as a stocking stuffer.

Libray Director Barrett reports:

- The Microsoft Academy is going very well. Currently, we have a total of 7 students each in the classes in Clewiston and Harlem, and about 6 for LaBelle. Two residents from Montura are in the Clewiston class. The next open session will be in January when Excel will be offered.
- The ESL class is packed. We now have about 13 persons in regular attendance.
- Leap Pad3 for Leapfrog is now available for loan at your library.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Following interviews and extensive background investigations, job offers have been made to one police officer applicant and one communications officer applicant. Both offers are dependent upon health physical and drug screen results. An animal control officer started work Monday morning.
- Sergeant Beatty attended a tabletop exercise for Ebola exposure with various other public safety officials at the hospital last Friday.
- Three groups of elementary students toured the police department building late last week.
- The yard sale next to First Bank was shut down over the weekend. We will be on the lookout for it in the future.
- Domestic disturbance continue to rank high among our calls for service.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1139** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 560** Complaints Investigated
 - 22** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 16** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 15** Arrests Made
 - 62** Merchant Escorts
 - 11** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** City Ordinance / Code Violations
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Ground ULV treatments were performed on last Thursday night and Friday morning. Next air treatment is scheduled for November 25th.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Street and electric crews trimmed all of the trees in Civic Park.
- Christmas Decorating: Take a ride around town and enjoy the Christmas decorations that our Public Works and Utilities Departments have worked hard to put up, in particular, US27 and W.C. Owen, the Civic Park and Bond Street.
- DEP Inspection: The Operations yard was visited on Thursday for the annual inspection of our fuel tank and containment systems. No violations were noted. Inspector was happy with the condition of the facility.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- AYSO Soccer regular season is winding down this week and the season-ending Jamboree will take place at Sugarland Sports Complex on Saturday Dec. 6th. More details to follow.
- CHS Boys and Girls Soccer are right in the “Heart” of their season and play at Sugarland Sports Complex for all their home games. Visit our FB page and our website at www.clewistonrecreation.com for game schedules.
- Sikes Park building was pressure washed a couple of weeks ago and we will be painting the building and playground equipment beginning on Nov. 24th during the “Little Disciples” Thanksgiving break.
- Triangle Park equipment was cleaned and painted last week. We will be working on Candy Cane, Hidden and Ridgewood Park in the coming weeks.
- All the base paths, mounds, base areas and home plates were scuff hoed, treated for weeds and edged the last couple weeks at Sugarland Sports Complex. New clay will be ordered in the next week or so in preparations for the upcoming Clewiston Recreation and CHS baseball & softball seasons.
- The John Boy Auditorium is available for new rentals. Please contact the Youth Center at 983-1492 to reserve your next event at the John Boy Auditorium.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577 for more information or contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The Electric Crew has been hanging Christmas lights and decorations in the City Park and at the City buildings. They are continuing their program to replace old utility poles. The crew also changed out a 3 phase transformer at Wendy’s last week.
- The Water/Sewer Crew will be replacing the fire hydrants at Roland Martin’s Marina and W.C. Owen Avenue and repaired several water breaks this week.
- All Utility Departments assisted with the removal and rebuilding of the chlorine tank shed at the Wastewater Plant.
- Les Garrett and Manny Gomez attended two classes on lift station pump maintenance and repair.
- Congratulations to Meter Reader Miguel Sanchez who will be moving to the Warehouse to replace Tammy Parrish who is relocating. We wish Tammy the best on this new chapter in her life.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City’s website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at anytime through the same link.
- **DON’T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.

- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! 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 credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders.