

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
December 12, 2014

Dates to Remember:

December 15, 2014	City Commission Meeting
December 18, 2014	Santa at the Library – 6:30 p.m.
December 25 & 26, 2014	City Christmas Holidays

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We have plans for the renovation of the space previously occupied by the Department of Revenue, Child Services at 953 West Sugarland Hwy. in the Clewiston Town Center. Once the renovation is complete, it will be the New Life Church which has been conducting services in The King's Academy auditorium.
- Ridgdill & Son has been selected to demolish the house damaged by fire at 709 Ponce de Leon. Permit has been issued and demolition should begin shortly.
- Glades Dry Cleaners and Laundry hopes to open this Saturday, December 13th at 514 East Sugarland Hwy., previously occupied by Davidson Dry Cleaners.

Golf Course Operations Director reports:

- The His Vision Our Hands Golf Tournament was held this past Saturday with 56 players. All money raised from the event goes to families in need of help.
- The Gators vs The World Tournament is this weekend with 36 players in the field. GO GATORS!!!
- Play continues to pick up as our winter visitors return.
- Greens have been sprayed with a fertilizer blend.
- Number 14 fairway has been spiked and fertilizer applied.
- Staff has started applying Round Up to tree ring and waste areas.
- Spot spraying for intrusive weeds continues.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Due to the weather up North, we are seeing a rising number of homeless / street people. Feel free to contact us if anyone of concern, but temper expectations with the knowledge that people are afforded great freedom of movement into and around public places. Homelessness is not illegal.
- We lost a longtime resident Tuesday night. Joy Gaylor passed away. An autopsy is set for Wednesday, but we do not suspect foul play at this point.
- CPD Officers continue to respond to calls for assistance quelling disturbances from the SO out in the Harlem area 2-3 times a week.

- Organizers of an estate sale on Cortez Street reported a theft of jewelry. CID is handling the case.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1287** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 630** Complaints Investigated
 - 25** Traffic Citations
 - 16** Traffic Warnings
 - 10** Arrests
 - 71** Merchant Escorts
 - 18** Alarms Responded To
 - 13** Code Violations
 - 6** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- This year's dumpster / tipper cart order will be delivered this month. More of the old style metal bins will be removed and the new plastic bins put into service. The plastic bins do not rust, are lighter, quieter to handle and never require paint. The new front loader solid waste truck is scheduled for delivery first of the year. Our mechanic will make a trip to inspect the truck before it leaves the factory. A new step we added for better quality control.
- Staff has installed guard rail along the C-21 canal on the north side of the Boat basin parking lot. Three new poles were set and guyed to display banners at fishing events. Concrete will be poured under the rail to control erosion and eliminate maintenance. All the "cable fence" is scheduled to be replaced with guard rail. Mounting brackets for the City's new feather flags will also be installed so we can display them during special events at the lake. Staff will set up Santa and his reindeer and a Christmas tree in the festival grounds on Wednesday. They will also deliver picnic tables, tipper carts and the stage. This for the ACFC's Winter Wonderland event on Saturday the 13th.
- We were awarded a \$295,000 grant for drainage improvements and paving (with driveway aprons) on West Pasadena between W.C. Owen and Circle Drive.
- The "Safe Routes to School" grant we applied for was awarded and the project on Basilian Crescent will start by the end of December. This sidewalk will go between W.C. Owen and Central Elementary School.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Active Citizens for Children will be hosting their annual "Winter Wonderland" at the Sugar Festival Field in the City Commons on Saturday Dec. 13th beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Clewiston Recreation and East Hendry County Recreations "Inaugural" K-6 Basketball League has been practicing and their season begins this weekend. Team pictures will be taken before the games begin on Saturday Dec. 13th and the games will take place between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Harlem Gym. 75 kids are participating in this year's season and are divided into 8 teams by age group. Check our Fb page and website for team game times and team information.

- AYSO State Game teams have been formed and are practicing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on the U-12 soccer field (Soccer Center) at Sugarland Sports Complex in preparation the 2015 AYSO State Games in Wellington over the Martin Luther King weekend in January.
- The soccer goals have been pulled from the baseball fields this week and have been cleaned, repaired and stored.
- The ball field crew will begin aerating all the baseball/softball game fields next week.
- Infield clay will be ordered this week and spread/placed in all the baseball/softball fields as soon as the aeration is complete.
- Benches and picnic tables at several of the parks were repaired this week and will be painted as soon as possible once the wood has cured and dried out.
- The Clewiston Recreation Department will be hosting a Sr. Citizen “Field Trip” to the Dolly Hands Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade to attend the American Big Band – “Home for the Holidays” Spectacular on Dec. 18th at 7:30 p.m. A sign-up list is available at the John B. Boy Senior Citizen Community Center, if you would like to join us. Transportation will be provided. We will leave the Sr. Citizen Center parking lot at 6:00 p.m. on the 18th.
- Registrations are open for the upcoming 2015 Clewiston Recreation baseball & softball seasons. Uniforms are also available to try-on at the Youth Center. You can register on-line at www.clewistonrecreation.com or call 983-1492 for assistance.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Mon., Wed., and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30pm! 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:

- The Electric crew set a pole at USSC Mill for a fiber relocation, relocated and rewired the scoreboard at the Girls Softball Field, repaired the tennis court light timer, repaired the traffic control boxes at US27/Olympia and US27/San Pedro, repaired a pole for a Middle School light and finished the Christmas lights at the Sugar Festival field in preparation for the Winter Wonderland this weekend.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired hydrants located at Avenida Del Rio, Berner/Aztec and Lopez/El Paso and replaced pumps at the lift stations at Commerce Park, High School Baseball Field, and Margaret Street.
- 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 or the City’s website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at anytime through the same link.
- 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.