

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
January 16, 2015

Congratulations to Mrs. Shari Howell, Finance Manager and Deputy Clerk, for attaining the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk designation. Mrs. Howell has attended classes for over three years to meet the education requirements for the certification.

**Dates to Remember:**

January 19, 2015 – City Offices Closed – MLK Holiday – no residential garbage pickup

January 22, 2015 – City Commission Workshop

January 26, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- Planning & Zoning Board met on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss a variance request from the Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle and Hendry County. They are planning a development of 50 units to be located at 1016 West Ventura Avenue, previously owned by Laurel Gardens, Ltd. The variance is for a reduction of the required parking spaces from 2 per unit to 1½ per unit due to smaller than average household size.
- The City of Clewiston's proposed comprehensive plan amendment has been received by the State of Florida Department of Economic Development pursuant to Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes. We should receive the State Land Planning Agency's comment letter no later than January 30, 2015.

**Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:**

- Greens have been top dressed and sprayed with a foliar application of fertilizer.
- The crossover culvert from 6 fairway to 7 fairway has been replaced.
- Repairs are underway to replace a cracked head on our larger rough unit. Hopefully this will be completed by week's end.
- Repairs of golf carts continue with batteries being the main problem. The repairs are being completed by the golf course maintenance staff.
- The course hosted the S.E. District Elks Golf Tournament this past Saturday with 78 players.
- Glow ball golf is scheduled for this Friday with the field already full.
- The Sugar Fest Golf Tournament is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please call the pro shop if interested in playing at 983-1448

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- A special thank you to Officer Nick Williams for installing the computer mounts in the patrol vehicles and for a good job on the installation of lights and radios inside the unmarked vehicles.

- We are in the process of hiring three officers to fill our vacancies following successful interviews; the investigators are concluding their background checks this week which should advance them to the final hiring stage.
- We will be ramping up our street patrol with additional officers at the beginning of next week to concentrate on our guests arriving for the FLW tournament. There will be an officer assigned to strictly patrol the hotels/motels and boat basin areas during this time.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1191** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 603** Complaints Investigated
  - 20** Arrests
  - 17** Traffic Citations
  - 7** Warnings issued
  - 69** Merchant Escorts
  - 4** Code Enforcement Cases Opened
  - 16** Alarm Responses
  - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Monday, January 19 is a City observed holiday and there will be no residential garbage pickup. Garbage pickup will be on Tuesday.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Electric crew will be starting on the 3-phase line build for the Corp of Engineers' contractors at the Lake and changing out the transformer at Praxair. They have also been working on street light repairs.
- The Water/Sewer Crew repaired several lift stations this week and changed out several water meters.
- Our contractor, John Stein, came in to test several of our electric demand meters this past week. We should have his report in a couple of weeks.
- 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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.