

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
March 13, 2015

Public Works staff will be making a sweep through town Friday to tag tipplers that have not been removed from the street after garbage collection on Thursday. Residents are required to remove their tippler and place it at a location not seen from the street by dark on collection days.

Remember, tipplers should be placed at the edge of the street, wheels facing toward your house, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Do not depend on the truck schedule to determine when you can offer your tippler. The speed of the route varies and your pick-up time will not always be the same. Staff will not be required to make a return visit if your tippler is not offered at the proper time and is missed.

Dates to Remember:

March 16, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

March 23, 2015 – City Commission Workshop

Spring Cleaning – March 28 – “No Butts About It”

Sugar Festival – April 10 and 11 – Visit www.clewistonsugarfestival.net for more information

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Staff is working diligently on the US27 corridor redevelopment issues raised by the City Commission at workshops.
- Required annual fire/safety inspections are being requested for area daycare centers.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The Library will be starting a regular column in the Clewiston News. The title is planned to be *“On Your Shelf at the Clewiston Public Library”*.
- The Clewiston Library has been invited to be a member of the Future Makers Coalition. This is a national program offered by the Lumina Community Partnership for Attainment, through regional agencies. Our region has been selected to be one of only 78 national cohorts. The SW Florida Community Foundation invited the Hendry County Library to sit at the table as a “Future Maker”. This will give us the opportunity to collaborate with other entities throughout the region to expand access and success in education beyond high school.
- We should have e-books in our collection hopefully by next month this time. Look out for it!!

Did You Know?



When Florida taxpayers invest in public libraries what do they get in return?

The 2013 Taxpayer Return on Investment Study evaluates:

- The value that users place on public libraries.
- Taxpayers' return on investment.
- The economic impact of libraries in their communities

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY QUICK FACTS

Return on Investment	\$10.18 per \$1 investment
Jobs Supported	192,900
Cost Per Job Created	\$2,574
Total Statewide Impact	\$6.57 bil
Income Increase Per Dollar Spent	\$28.42

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- We would like to recognize two members of the Police Department who received the Elks Public Safety Award. The first recipient is Officer Nicholas Williams who received Police Officer of the Year for 2014 and Telecommunications Officer, Christy Munoz, who received the Support Person Award of the Year for 2014. Great job to those employees and we would also like to give a big “Thank You” to the Elks Lodge for honoring the Public Service members.
- Officers observed a motorcycle at a high rate of speed and having trouble staying in a single lane coming into town this week. As they attempted to stop the motorcycle, it fled from them. After a pursuit on the outskirts of town, the suspect was apprehended with use of the K9 and taken into custody. The driver was charged with felony crimes and DUI.
- Officers are closing out this Click it or Ticket campaign at the end of the week with great results. Officers already have issued more than 120 traffic citations that relate to the campaign and expect many more throughout the week.
 - 1098** Commercial/Residential Security Checks
 - 643** Complaints Investigated
 - 94** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 40** Arrests Made
 - 42** Red Light Violations
 - 5** Code/Ordinance Violations
 - 60** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 6** Alarms Responded To
 - 6** Traffic Accidents

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: The contractor & staff have started trapping this month to determine the amount of activity. Traps caught around 300 mosquitoes in the two North side traps. Less than 20 mosquitoes were caught in the two South side traps. Staff is scheduled for a special service at the “Glow Ball Golf” event on the 13th.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff replaced 100 feet of sidewalk on East Arcade and has another 50 feet to form. (2) Five loads of “red mulch” have been delivered to the operations yard which will be used at the Sugar Festival field and commons area next week.
- Building Maintenance: (1) Staff finished rebuilding the light fixtures in the Library. They will be replaced with LED’s. The results will be much better light, longer life to the lamp, and little heat creation. (2) Staff started power washing the Library.
- Spring Cleaning: It’s getting closer. Contest starts on March 23rd. Don’t forget that only pre-registered volunteers are sure to get a free tee shirt March 28th. ***Call the Public Works Department at 983-1471 for registration information. Helpful hint, wear latex gloves when picking up the butts. Use small zip lock bags to put the butts in, and print your name clearly on it with a permanent marker.***

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- BASEBALL & SOFTBALL has begun! Games began March 9th and are scheduled to continue through the middle of May. Please be aware of our kids running around town to and from practice as well as around Sugarland Sports Complex.
- CHS Tennis has begun their season and they are playing and practicing on the West/East Tennis Courts in the City Commons. Check our FB page and www.clewistonrecreation.com for their season schedule and make plans to come out, watch, cheer and support the CHS Tigers!
- Aeration and fertilization of all game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex have been delayed. We hope to begin this project in March/April.
- The Clewiston Recreation Dept. has partnered with Hendry Regional Medical Center’s Corporate Health to provide “Diabetes Awareness and Prevention” programs every Thursday from 11:00 a.m.- 12 noon at the John B. Boy Senior Citizen Community Center.
- The Clewiston Recreation Department has partnered with TKA – Clewiston and ACFC to pressure wash, mulch and “Spring Clean” all the parks in town on March 24th and 25th. 53 kid volunteers will be participating this year.
- Plans are being made regarding staffing patterns, curriculum, daily time goals, staff/CIT training days (babysitting, CPR and 1st Aid, City orientation, physicals and drug screens), Lifeguard certification classes (Basic and WSI) and field trip activities for Summer Camp 2015 in both the City of Clewiston and the Harlem Communities. We will begin accepting applications for Counselors, Lifeguards, CIT’s and LIT’s the first of April.
- Plans are being made for cleaning the James Mason Pool and the C.S. Mott Pool and getting ready for DOH inspection tentatively scheduled for April 30th. Our time-goal to open both pools is Memorial Day weekend, May 23rd.

- Plans are being made and dates are being set for Fish Camp 2015 for Beginner, Advanced and new this year, Family Weekend Fishing Seminars.
- Plans are being made to host a Softball Boot Camp and Showcase at Sugarland Sports Complex the end of May.
- Negotiations have begun with Challenge Sports to host a 2-3 day national qualifying 3V3 Soccer Tournament in Clewiston at Sugarland Sports Complex during the summer.
- If you are interested in participating in an adult mens and co-ed softball league this spring, an adult co-ed volleyball league in the early summer or youth flag football and AAU Track and Field during the late summer, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- 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
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Water/Sewer crew repaired the lift stations at Esperanza Avenue and Alabama Avenue and repaired several water breaks this week.
- The Electric crew set a new street light at the lift station at First Bank. Tree trimming is in full swing throughout our service area.
- The contractor for the sand and grit removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has given us a start date of April 9, 2015.
- 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 any time 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 our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- 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.