

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
June 5, 2015

**Dates to Remember:**

June 11, 2014 – Commission Workshop  
June 15, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- There was a technical review meeting regarding the development order for the Greentree West project to be located on the 1000 block of West Ventura, just west of the Sweetwater Apartments.
- Fire Chief Hunton and Fire Marshal Reese attended a Pipeline Emergency Response Training Information class. This included training on emergency response, signs of a pipeline release, what to do if a leak occurs and pipeline damage reporting law.
- This week, we have the 6<sup>th</sup> common term used by FEMA to aid understanding flood insurance and flood map changes in our city:
  - *A Letter of Map Amendment* (LOMA) is an official amendment, by letter, to an effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. A LOMA establishes a property's location in relation to the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). LOMAs are usually issued because a property has been inadvertently mapped as being in the floodplain, but is actually on natural high ground above the base flood elevation.
  - Because a LOMA officially amends the effective NFIP map, it is a public record that the community must maintain. Any LOMA should be noted on the community's master flood map and filed by panel number in an accessible location.

**Golf Course Director Rush reports:**

- The LaBelle Football Cowboy Open is Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Clewiston Golf Course with a 9:00 a.m. shot gun start. To register, call 863-674-4120. The golf course will be closed till 2:00 p.m.
- Registration is open for the Elks Lodge Golf Tournament, Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Call the pro shop to register 863-983-1448.
- The first Junior Golf Camp starts June 15 - 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon at the Clewiston Golf Course. To register, call 863-983-1448 (**registration a must**).
- The first Ladies Summer Series Golf Clinics, start June 13<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be at the country club at 8:30 a.m. followed by full swing clinic at 9:30 a.m. at the driving range. For more info call Pro Shop 863-983-1448 (**registration a must**).

- 9-hole Scramble Series starts June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. shot gun start and will run throughout the summer. Dinner will be followed by golf at the Country Club. For more info call Pro Shop 863-983-1448.
- Tees were aerified and greens were top-dressed this week.
- A sprinkler system was installed for the new flowers this week.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Following an investigation into the burglary of a local business last week, Detectives arrested Patrick Spicci, 22 years old. He lives in Cape Coral.
- The last week of May was the final week of the statewide annual” Click It Or Ticket” operation. The increase of contacts through this operation led to many additional arrests for various crimes including DUI, suspended Driver’s License, and illegal drug possession.
- Detectives also made an arrest for a residential burglary this week. Chandler Ellison, a 19 year old from Clewiston, was charged with armed burglary.
- Tito Nieves is retiring. His last day of work is scheduled for 23 June. We are planning a nice dinner and party for him.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week’s activity:
  - 1005** Commercial / Residential Checks
  - 658** Complaints Investigated
  - 44** Arrests Made
  - 115** Traffic Citations
  - 27** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 23** City Ordinance Violations
  - 11** Code Enforcement Violations
  - 6** Rental Inspections
  - 63** Merchant Escorts
  - 17** Alarms Responded to
  - 7** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: Our community is very dry right now. Trap counts and inspections indicate a potential site in the extreme North West corner of the corporate limits. We have received permission and keys to enter the properties to look for these areas. These areas will be treated if active larva are discovered. **If mosquitoes are a problem at your home, call 983-1471 and leave us a message with name, address, and a phone number.**
- Street Maintenance: Staff has been repairing radius in intersections this week.
- Facility Maintenance: Staff had to replace two door knobs and reinstall a window air conditioner early this week in one of the concession stands in the Sports Complex.
- Landscaping: (1) The electric conduit in the park entrance has been installed and staff has started forming for the concrete pour of the new sidewalk. (2) The water line under the monument area for the bird bath/ flower irrigation has been installed.

- US27 Rebuild: Scheduled start on June 14, 2015. The project is scheduled to last 155 days and all work will be done between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Local residents are urged to use side streets during this project to reduce the amount of traffic being funneled through one lane at work sites.
- Tree Trimming Amnesty Month: The City is offering to cover the cost of hauling your eligible tree trimmings this month if you call **983 -1471** and set up an appointment for Public Works to approve the work meets the criteria, such as trees that pose a threat to your “living quarters”, your neighbor’s “living quarters” or City utilities are eligible for this program. Your name and address will be put on the approved list to be hauled away for free. If your tree is not approved or your location is not on the list, the resident will be charged the customary fee for disposal of the debris. This program only covers tree trimming, not tree removal. For more information call 983-1471.

**Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- We are currently accepting registration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> sessions. Registration must be completed by June 19<sup>th</sup> and final/full payment must be made by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) for registration information and how to take advantage of the 50% discount for Summer Camp! Please call the Youth Center at 983-1492 if you have any questions.
- AQUA ZUMBA IS BACK! Aqua Zumba classes, led by certified instructor Deborah Barrios, returns to C.S. Mott Pool on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Cost for the class is \$5.00 per session. See you at the pool and Water Wings are “optional”.
- The C.S. Mott Pool and the James Mason Pool will be open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Monday - Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for community swim.
- Renovations to field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex began this week. Thanks to the Fire Dept. for helping to “wash” the lips out from around the infield.
- Thanks goes out to the Utilities Dept. for re-wiring the lights at the basketball courts in time for summer break and repairing a bank of lights at Sugarland Sports Complex in time for the baseball tournament this week.
- Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation:
  - Staging and placement of Summer Camp materials and equipment June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at Youth Center and Sikes Park at 10:00 a.m.
  - 9 -10 & 11-12 Boys Baseball Tournament at small quad June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m.
  - City of Clewiston HR Orientation followed by CPR, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid & AED training at Youth Center for Summer Camp Counselors on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
  - Hendry County Schools “Food Manager” training at Youth Center on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
  - Clewiston Recreation’s “End of School Teen Dance Party” at John Boy Auditorium June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 p.m. – Midnight. \$3.00 admission. Security will be provided.
  - Swimming Lesson “Swim” assessments at C.S. Mott Pool on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
  - Counselors and CIT’s report to Youth Center for Director’s Orientation and camp set-up on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> day of Summer Camp begins at 7:30: a.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Hendry County/Clewiston Recreation Board meeting at Clewiston City Hall on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- If you are interested in participating in 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.
- Go to [www.clewistonrecreation.com](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Electric crew will be reworking Feeder 1 along South Francisco in the coming weeks. We will be installing more poles to shorten the distance between spans and replacing cross arms and insulators. The span crossing the railroad tracks will eventually be placed underground.
- Mike Cox, Electric Distribution Superintendent, attended a meeting with DOT concerning the upcoming traffic light replacement and paving project on US 27. Meetings will be held every 2 weeks throughout the project.
- The Electric crew also repaired and rewired the lights on the East tennis courts and made repairs to lights at the Little League, softball and soccer fields.
- Florida DOT will be in town again this weekend testing the timing of traffic lights with weekend traffic.
- We will begin a breaker repair at the Clewiston Substation this coming weekend.
- The Water/Sewer crew changed out a water meter for the High School cooling tower and did a bore job and new water line in the Civic Park for Public Works. They also repaired several water breaks.
- 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](http://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](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!**  
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