

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
June 12, 2015

Dates to Remember:

June 15, 2015 – City Commission Meeting/Budget Workshop

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Director Reese attended an Elevation Certificate class in Jensen Beach. This training is required for surveyors to correctly complete elevation certificates required by NFIP & CRS programs.
- This week, we have the 7th common term used by FEMA to aid understanding flood insurance and flood map changes in our city:
 - **Substantial improvement/substantial damage (SI/SD):**
To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), communities must adopt and enforce regulations and codes that apply to new development in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). Local floodplain management regulations and codes contain minimum NFIP requirements that apply not only to new structures, but also to existing structures which are “substantially improved (SI)” or “substantially damaged (SD).” (also known as the 50% rule when a structure is damaged or proposed improvements exceed 50% of the market value of the building the improvements must include elevating the building to the minimum flood elevation.)

Golf Course Director Rush reports:

- LaBelle High School Cowboy Open was Saturday, June 6th at the Clewiston Golf Course. They had 80 players and have already re-scheduled for next year.
- Youth Empowerment Camp started Tuesday, June 9, 2015 and had 12 children in camp. Camp is a five week program on Tuesday and Thursday ending in July.
- On Thursday, golf instruction and games got introduced into the Clewiston Recreation Youth Camps and will continue every Thursday throughout the summer in both youth camps.
- Registration is open for the Elks Lodge Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 20th. Call Pro Shop to register 863-983-1448.
- First Junior Golf Camp starts June 15 – 19 from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Clewiston Golf Course. To register call 863-983-1448. **(Registration a Must)**
- Junior Golf Camp Dates: June 15 - 19, June 22 - 26, July 6 - 10, July 20 - 24, 2015
Registration is open for all camps. Call Golf Pro Shop at 863-983-1448.

- First Ladies Summer Series Golf Clinics, start June 13th. Breakfast at the country club followed by full swing clinic. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m., golf lesson 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 12th at 5:30 p.m. with a shot gun start and will go throughout the summer. Dinner will be followed by golf at the Country Club. (All will have dinner after except July 12th) For more info call Pro Shop 863-983-1448
- Greens were top-dressed on Monday, June 8, 2015.
- Plans are being put in place to aerify and fertilize the fairways.
- Maintenance staff continues to spray herbicide for weeds.
- Ant bait is being put out this week all over the golf course.
- Thanks to Joe Hilliard for the big rocks (boulders) to put out on the golf course for aesthetics.
- Prep work begins next week to re-do #15 ladies tee.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- We continue to get many calls and emails regarding the dog being dragged down the street. The offense occurred in Montura, is criminal in nature and therefore incumbent upon the HCSO to investigate and prosecute the case. Inasmuch as they are capable and permitted, our Animal Control Officers are assisting with the investigation.
- Officers responded to two separate fights at different retail establishments this week. One at Wal-Mart and the other at Dollar Tree. Both involved customer vs. employee.
- Detectives have obtained an arrest warrant for a suspect in the robbery of the check cashing store on West Sugarland which occurred last week.
- Patrol Officers responding to a report of fraud at a local bank ended up arresting two people and charging them with Forgery, Fraud and illegal drug possession.
- A disturbance on West Del Rio late Monday afternoon resulted in the arrest of a man for two counts of battery on an elderly person, and Felony Criminal Mischief and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer. The suspect is being held in the Hendry County Jail.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1227** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 606** Complaints Investigated
 - 19** Traffic Citations
 - 26** Criminal Arrests
 - 4** City Ordinance Violations
 - 60** Merchant Escorts
 - 14** Alarms Responded To
 - 26** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 8** Traffic Accidents Investigated
 - 41 Code Enforcement Cases Opened
 - 7 Rental Inspections Conducted

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: City trap counts were high this week on the north side of town. The contractor will trap this week and we will compare counts and set up a treatment based on results.

- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff poured 9 yards of concrete at the Civic Park entrance. Special thanks to David Atkinson, David's Concrete & Carpentry, for volunteering his expertise in finishing the surface for this project. David also donated two pallets of block and 300 feet of rebar. (2) Donnie Hughes has volunteered to lay the block for the bollards. Work was scheduled to start on Wednesday. (3) Street crews have assisted solid waste crews with trash collection this week because of equipment failures.
- Facility maintenance: A low voltage problem in the Cougar Building was determined to be caused by a loose wire nut in the attic. Staff tightened and taped the connection and restored full power to the building. (2) The lights in the storage room in the Library were upgraded this week for better visibility for the staff.
- Tipper Cart Maintenance: In the event of a storm, your tipper cart could become a flying object. A clean cart can be filled with water to hold it in place and the water can be used to flush toilets in the event we have a major water outage caused by a storm.
- 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. Watch for heavy equipment being moved into town.
- Tree Trimming Amnesty Month: Call **983-1471** and set up an appointment for Public Works administration to review your request. This program only covers tree trimming, not tree removal. Unapproved tree trimming debris will be charged to the owner at a rate of \$75 per load.
- Boat Basin Project: The sealing and striping of the main parking lot is ready to go out to bid. Minor changes in the design slowed the process but corrections have been made and we are back on track.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- We are currently accepting registration for the 2nd session. Registration must be completed by June 19th and final/full payment must be made by July 1st. Please check 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 13th from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Cost for the class is \$5.00 per session. See you at the pool.
- We began this week going through Sweetest Town Playground checking for safety issues and checking the tightness and security of nuts/bolts on equipment.
- Renovations to field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex are well under way. The field has been edged and clay has been added to low spots, the field has been levelled and rolled, a soil conditioner and drying agent has been incorporated into the clay to improve drainage and consistent playability. Adult Co-Ed Softball League is scheduled to begin play Tuesday night, June 16th.
- Sugarland Sports Complex game fields are scheduled to receive another round of chemical applications for invasive weeds this weekend. We will begin to aerate and fertilize as soon as possible.
- Goalie boxes at Sugarland Sports Complex will be repaired beginning next week.

- 2015 Baseball & Softball seasons are complete. Staff will begin to close down the quads, remove bases, clean concession stands and restrooms, repair, replace, clean and store equipment for next season beginning next week.
- Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - Summer Camp and Swim Lessons began June 9th
 - Sweet 15 Party at John Boy Auditorium on Saturday, June 13th
 - Baby Shower at Youth center on Saturday, June 13th
 - Graduation party at Youth Center on June 14th
 - Summer Camp Excursions on Lake Okeechobee begin Monday, June 15 - 19
 - Adult Swim Lessons begin at James Mason Pool on Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m.
 - Summer Camp Field Trips on June 17th & 18th
 - Summer Camp Golf Academy Clinics at Sugar Festival Field 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. on June 18.
- 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 to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew set several poles on Feeder 1 along South Francisco to shorten the distance between spans and strengthen this main line. Trees are being trimmed at the Golf Course along the power line. Poles are being removed and a new pole set to move an electrical line at the Golf Course.
- Our tree trimming program is continuing throughout the service area and poles are being straightened.
- The traffic light replacement and paving project on US 27 has begun. Meetings will be held every 2 weeks throughout the project.
- The Water/Sewer crew repaired leaks on Deane Duff, E Osceola (Library) and several other smaller leaks. They also repaired a 10" main line to the Water Treatment Plant and replaced a lift station pump.
- 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.