

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
July 10, 2015

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2015. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form. We will accept nominations until August 7, 2015.

Dates to Remember:

July 16, 2015 – City Commission Workshop/ Budget Workshop

July 20, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- On Thursday, July 2, Community Development Director Reese traveled to LaBelle to meet with City of LaBelle and Hendry County staff. They discussed long range planning, comprehensive plan, and US27 and SR80 corridor, in an effort to better coordinate consistent future planning throughout Hendry County.
- The new FEMA flood maps went into effect on Monday, July 6, 2015. Although the effective date has arrived, we are still having a few calls daily with questions about individual addresses being in or out of the flood zone. We encourage all residents to go to <https://msc.fema.gov> to check their individual address, to determine if their property is in the SFHA(Special Flood Hazard Area).
- The 5th Edition Building Code for the State of Florida went in effect on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Any new construction will now have to be compliant with this code. This will not, however, affect any current projects under construction.

Golf Course Director Rush reports:

- Seminole In Recovery Tournament was Saturday, June 27, 2015 with 38 players.
- The next Junior Golf Camp begins July 20, 2015 – July 24, 2015 (For registration call Clewiston Golf Course Golf Pro Shop 863-983-1448).
- Clewiston Golf Course is offering summer memberships for \$220.00 from April 15, 2015 to September 30, 2015.
- The Golf Course will be closed until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015 for the Moore Haven Cheerleader Fundraiser Golf Tournament. For sign-up, contact Amy Palladino at 561-261-0375.
- Thanks to Wedgeworths Fertilizer for donating 10 tons of fertilizer to do the fairways.
- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news by signing up on Constant Contact. Go to the City of Clewiston website, click on the golf link and sign up on Constant Contact. You will be automatically put on the golf course e-mail.
- Youth Center Golf Academy resumed this week for about 25 children.

- Thanks to Miller Couse for cutting the high rough for the second time this season.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- *Free e-books coming to Hendry County!* By the end of this month, we hope to have the site up. An unveiling program is being planned.
- Summer School ended on a really high note. We had 41 children registered and 36 in regular attendance. This year we incorporated fun but educational activities at the end of each day as well as two field trips. One was to the Athathatiki Museum and the other was to the City's splash park. We provided a pre-test and administered the same test at the end and every child showed improvement in both Math and Language Arts. The whole program was sponsored by the H.E. Hill Foundation, U.S. Sugar Corporation, YoGusto of Hato Potrero Farm Inc, Compusec Solutions, and the Friends of the Clewiston Public Library.
- IT Academy is now at an end. We had 27 students go through the training in Clewiston. We are hoping to get things up and going again between September and October of this year. In the meantime, basic computing classes will be offered at the Harlem Library, date to be announced.
- The Library is set to get a new telephone system soon. This will help avert many of the telephone challenges we now experience.
- The SW Florida Library Network, an umbrella group overseeing library serves in SW Florida on behalf of the State Library, will hold their Annual Summer Board and General Meeting in Clewiston on Tuesday, July 28. The meeting will be in the John Boy Auditorium. A tour of U. S. Sugar, the Harlem Library, and the Clewiston Library will be incorporated as part of the meeting.
- The Library will be having a fund raiser, compliments of Bello's Jewelry, who donated the Library some jewelry for this purpose.
- The Library has decided to support the local economy by purchasing Clewiston Water from our local vendor.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Shoplifting arrests continue to rise. Most of our arrests currently relate to retail theft. The majority of the offenders are NOT City of Clewiston residents.
- The fireworks show was well received. There were two minor issues. One of the contractor's employees suffered a minor injury when a firework detonated prematurely, and one citizen made a noise complaint.
- Animal Control is benefitting from numerous contributions from the community. We are able to currently provide a free spay and neuter program for our adoptions, as well as offer the new owners a nice supply of pet food and medication.
- A home invasion robbery was reported late Sunday night on East Osceola. Officers spotted suspects as they fled the scene. As officers gave chase on foot, one of the patrol vehicles was stolen. Officers followed the patrol vehicle to Harlem where the thief bailed out of the car and fled. By the time officers were able to get inside the rolling car and stop it, the suspect was gone. A phone reported stolen from the home has been recovered, as well as two bicycles the suspects were seen riding. The gossip floating around that guns or equipment were stolen from the patrol vehicle or that it was damaged in any way, are false. The investigation into the case is continuing.

- Following is a brief synopsis of the weekly activity:
 - 1118** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 605** Complaints Investigated
 - 18** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 18** Arrests made
 - 9** City Ordinance Violations Issued
 - 4** Code Enforcement Cases Opened
 - 13** Rental Inspections Conducted
 - 69** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 20** Alarms Responded To
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigations

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: The week before the fireworks show, we had two ground truck applications and an air application. Trap counts remain high and treatments will be more frequent.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff made a sidewalk repair on Hoover Dike Road. (2) Additional help for the street crew was needed to clean up our town for the Fourth of July weekend. (3) Staff has been cleaning out storm drain inlets. Just short of two tons of silt has been removed in each of the last three scheduled days of service. (4) A car crash sent a very large Date Palm into the canal on Circle Drive. Staff spent several hours getting the tree out of the water.
- US27 Rebuild: We are eighteen days into the project and progress is easy to see. Crews are still working at night and the daily rains have been wonderful in keeping the area clean and the dust gone.
- Fireworks Event: Special thanks to Mike Young and Public Works staff for accommodating the needs for this event.
- Boat Basin Project: Bid opening for the seal and striping of the boat basin parking lot is scheduled for July 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall.
- West Pasadena Project: Bids for the drainage and paving are due at 2:00 p.m. in City hall on August 13.
- Storm drains: Resident are reminded NOT to place debris offered for collection on top of or in the flow line to the inlet. With all the heavy wind and rain a lot of tree debris is hitting the ground. When debris is placed on top of or in the flow line, it prevents storm water from entering the system.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- 2nd session of Summer Camp began on Tuesday, July 7th. Please watch out for the kids as they move back and forth from home to camp and back again for the next few weeks. We have a FULL schedule of activities. Check the weekly highlights.
- The repairs made to the pool pump at the James mason Pool seem to working. Hendry County is currently taking bids to replace the pump and motor and replace/repair the plumbing at the James Mason Pool in the Harlem Community.
- Sugarland Sports Complex game fields will be aerated and fertilized next week when we receive delivery of the aerator on Friday.

- The John Boy Auditorium marquee on WC Owen is getting painted and cleaned up with new ballasts, lights and plexiglas panels.
- Two kids from our area that participated in the showcase and work out last week on Stalls Field at Sugarland Sports Complex with Head Coach George Sykes from SW Tennessee State College, were offered and have accepted baseball scholarships to attend college!
- Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - 1st day of 2nd session Summer Camp – Tuesday July 7th
 - Co-ed Adult Softball League on field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex on Tuesday, July 7th and Thursday July 9th at 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m.
 - Adult Men’s Basketball Leagues at Harlem Gym on Tuesday, July 7th and Thursday, July 9th at 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m.
 - Adult Swim Lessons at James Mason Pool Monday - Friday from 6:30-7:30 pm.
 - Summer Camp Golf Academy Clinics at Sugar Festival Field 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9th
 - Baby Shower at the Youth Center on July 10th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed volleyball league this 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 Water crew replaced a 2 inch water main on E El Paso Ave.
- The Water crew is installing a 2 inch water main between 10th and 11th Ave in the Harlem area, Della Tobias block.
- The Water crew helped Hendry County School Board bore under driveways and sidewalks for water system.
- We’re sealing and painting the Waste Water Plant.
- The Electric crew is working at the substation replacing 3 more feeder breakers.
- The Electric crew continues taking transformers offline and straightening poles and tightening down guides.
- The Electric crew will be completing the work at the Gulf Course this week where they were relocating pole and buried and aerial services.
- 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.