

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
July 17, 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 20, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- The Planning & Zoning board met on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss and make recommendation to the City Commission on the final development order for Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc. (Area Housing Commission of LaBelle, Clewiston and Hendry County) to construct a 14 building, 50 unit subdivision at 1044 West Ventura Avenue (next to the Sweetwater Apartments). They voted unanimously to recommend approval and forward to the City Commission for final determination at their July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- On Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Hero Day was held for the Youth Center summer camp kids. Approximately 130 kids were introduced to a variety of City agencies. The Fire Marshal/EMS, along with Clewiston PD and Utilities all visited with the children to educate on fire/safety and other topics. Importance was stressed on escape routes at their homes and smoke alarms.

**Golf Course Director Rush reports:**

- The last Junior Golf Camp of the summer 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.
- Golf Course will be closed until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015. The Clewiston Golf Course will be hosting the Moore Haven Cheerleader Fundraiser Golf Tournament. For sign-up contact Amy Palladino at 561-261-0375.
- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news by signing up on Constant Contact. Go to the City of Clewiston website, the golf link and sign up on Constant Contact. You will be automatically put on the golf course e-mail.
- United States Sugar Corporation Employee Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2015.
- Stop by the Pro Shop and welcome Miguel Carmona, our new Pro Shop employee.

**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.
- 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.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- A local woman was arrested this week following an investigation into identity theft. The case involved the use of a deceased person’s Social Security information. Suspect was charged with fraud and forgery and is being held in the Hendry County Jail.
- Patrol continues its push in assisting Code Enforcement with a number of open container / public drunk arrests this week.
- School is out and burglaries have begun. A number of homes on the South side were hit this week. Be leery of gangs of teen boys on bicycles after dark. We suspect at least one group of riders being complicit with the break-ins.
- Another investigation led to the arrest of a local man for burglary. During his arrest he was also found to be in possession of cocaine. The drug charges were added.
- Following is a brief synopsis of activity:
  - 1045** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 656** Complaints Investigated
  - 64** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 24** Arrests made
  - 72** Merchant Escorts
  - 7** New Code Enforcement Violations
  - 10** Rental Inspections
  - 4** City Ordinance Violations Issued
  - 22** Alarms Responded To

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: We are still dealing with one of four traps producing high counts. Trap four in the northwest area of town is consistently producing over a thousand mosquitoes each cycle. The other four traps are producing a high of 500 and a low of less than 100. A meeting is scheduled with the contractor to set twice a week ground ULV treatments and schedule an air ULV application.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff had to stabilize the canal bank on Circle Drive again this week. Recent rain run off eroded the bank. Rock and sand bags will be used to control the issue until grass grows back on the damaged area. (2) One of our grab loaders is down for some repairs, so street crews have been hauling debris off of streets again this week. (3) Staff has called for locates on Francisco at Avenida de Rio as we make plans

to install guard rail at that canal crossing. (4) Staff will be installing “Yield to Pedestrians in Cross Walk” signage on Royal Palm and Ponce de Leon this week.

- US27 Rebuild: Thirty one days into the project and everything is going well. We have not had any complaints from local merchants or residents indicating that the after hours operations seems to be working out very well.
- Boat basin Project: Bid for the seal and stripe of the boat basin parking will be opened this week and a recommendation made to the Commission. This project could take a couple of days to be completed and staff will try to schedule this with the least amount of boating conflict as possible. Afternoon rain may force work to be done in the morning after the sun has warmed and dried the asphalt surface.
- West Pasadena Project: Bids for the drainage and paving are due at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall on August 13.
- Civic Park Rebuild: (1) Staff worked on removing the old monument this week in preparation for the install of the new columns planned for the area. A new, more appealing monument will be utilized to display the dedication plaques to Riddle Field Airmen. (2) Staff has been in contact with the people working on the new aluminum hand rail and arch scheduled to be installed between and on the new bollards on Royal Palm Ave. (3) Staff has completed form construction for two of the four columns and we will be pouring one to get a feel of how best to create the desired results.

#### **Recreation Director Ramer reports:**

- Thank You! Thank You! Goes out to the Clewiston Fire Dept., EMS, Clewiston Police Department and Clewiston Utilities for providing equipment and staff to the Summer Camp during “Community Hero Day” and spending time with the kids discussing their jobs, positive impact to the community, showing off some of their equipment and answering about a “gazillion” questions about the same thing 5 times in a row.
- Sugarland Sports Complex game fields will be aerated and fertilized as soon as everything is staged this week. Thank you to Joey Miller at Wedgworth Fertilizer for donating a ton of fertilizer again this year for our game fields.
- The Fire Dept. assisted “washing” in 6 goalie boxes at Sugarland Sports Complex Soccer Fields. Staff will begin to level and re-sod those areas next week.
- Ballfield staff began pressure washing the playground equipment, pavilion and picnic “turtle shells” last week and this week in preparation for painting next week.
- Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
  - Summer Camp Field Trip to “Zoomers” in Ft. Myers – Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Co-ed Adult Softball League on field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m.
  - Adult Men’s Basketball Leagues at Harlem Gym on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, 8:00, & 9:00 p.m.
  - Adult Swim Lessons at James Mason Pool Monday - Friday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
  - Summer Camp Golf Academy Clinics at Sugar Festival Field 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Summer Camp “Color Olympics” and “Egg Drop” – July 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m.
  - Birthday Party at the Youth Center on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 8:00 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](http://www.clewistonrecreation.com) to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Water crew will be cutting in a 6 inch valve for Grace Health Care, made a new tap for Stanton Mobile Home on E Alverdez Ave, and replaced pumps at the Arkansas Lift Station.
- The Water crew also had several water breaks to repair throughout the community.
- The Electric crew changed out the breaker and several heads at the tennis courts, had to raise service and trim trees on E Crescent and E Osceola Ave, relocated poles at USSC, and replaced arrestors in the Harlem area.
- The Electric crew worked Wednesday night to replace underground service on Sawgrass.
- Electric crew finished cleaning up Clewiston Sub Station from the breaker job; job is complete.
- The State will be monitoring and working on the Red Lights during the road construction for at least 150 days or more.
- The Waste Water Plant took a lightning hit and blew out electric service for field pump. The Electric Crew will be replacing service.
- 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](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!** Visit our office today.