

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
October 23, 2015

Let's get ready for fall....Clewiston Recreation Department will host a Kids Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Sugar Festival Field at Osceola and Royal Palm Ave.

There's still time to be a part of this special event...Putts Fore Pets Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the Clewiston Golf Course. Sign-up is in the golf shop. If you don't golf and would still like to participate, activities include a breakfast fundraiser at the Country Club and a pet supply drive. Proceeds to benefit Clewiston Animal Shelter. Please call the Golf Course at (863) 983-1448 for further information.

Dates to Remember

November 02, 2015 – City Commission Workshop Regarding Recreation
November 10, 2015 – Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board Meeting
November 12, 2015 – City Commission Workshop
November 16, 2015 – City Commission Meeting
November 19, 2015 – Golf Course Advisory Meeting

Staff Reports

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org Your library truly has a lot to offer.

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Stay up to date with all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit the City website at www.clewiston-fl.gov, follow the golf link and sign up on Constant Contact. You will automatically be added to the golf course e-mail blast.
- Golf lessons available - contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Get your grips re-done – contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course is now Junior/Kids friendly. We have set up a new short course for the kids. The new tee color is green and measures 1854 yards in distance. Front nine only.
- The fairways, greens and tees were fertilized and the green banks were sprayed with herbicide this week.
- Rates changed October 1st 2015. You can call the shop for prices. 863-983-1448

- Parent-Child Championship was Sunday, October 11, 2015. Congratulations to Clyde Carter and Richard Carter, winners of the gross division, and Joe Whitehead and Josh Whitehead, winners of the net division. 12 teams participated.
- Congratulations Whitney Thompson. Whitney qualified for the Regional Girls High School Golf Tournament.
- Seminoles in Recovery Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The golf course will be open for regular play.
- Putts Fore Pets Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 31, 2015. Sign-up is in the golf shop. Call 863-983-1448.
- Saturday, November 7, 2015 the 5th Annual Brian Haas Golf Tournament will take place. The golf course will open for regular play at 2:00 p.m. The tournament starts at 9:00 a.m. and you can register to play by calling (863) 674-5622 or sign-up in the golf shop.

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- **New business** - a new gaming room opened on October 15th - Triple '7', located at 935 West Sugarland Hwy., in the Clewiston Town Center near Aaron's and Pizza Hut.
- Hendry-Glades Area Housing Commission held a ground breaking at GreenTree West, located at 1044 West Ventura Avenue, on October 13th. This will be a 50 unit senior housing complex. Many members of the community turned out to support this much needed housing development.



Recreation Director Lance Ramer Reports:

- Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Radar calibrations are underway. All of our mobile speed radar and laser detection units must undergo calibration and testing every six months. The calibration lab spent all day Wednesday here.
- Patrol responded to a report of an in-home robbery Monday afternoon on East Ventura. The suspect battered his grandmother and stole her vehicle. The suspect (Brian Smith) was picked up in Fort Myers later that evening. He is in jail charged with Battery upon an Elderly Person, Robbery and Grand Theft.
- Over the weekend a person staying at West Express Inn reported that their vehicle was broken into while they were in the room. Victim stated that a Jensen radio was taken.
- Monday morning two separate callers reported a brawl between 5-6 females in the 300 block of East Del Monte. The dustup participants fled the scene prior to officer's arrival.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1013** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 646** Complaints Investigated
 - 35** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 26** Arrests made
 - 5** City Ordinance Violations
 - 14** Code Enforcement Cases Opened
 - 58** Merchant Escorts
 - 14** Alarms Responded To
 - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers, posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware of the following.

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.**
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.**
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.**

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.

- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired lift stations on Arkansas and at Corbin's.

- Electric Activities
 - Trimmed trees on E. Trinidad Ave. & W. Ventura Ave.
 - Set a pole for contractors for Greentree Housing on W. Ventura Ave.
 - Mike Cox and Steve Hayes attended substation training.
 - We will be going throughout the city checking security lights for inventory.
 - Repairing street light repairs throughout the community.
- Effective October 1, 2015 Clewiston Utilities will no longer mail the yellow reminder/late notice.
- 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. 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 these 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 BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts are still under 300 at three locations in town. This is still in the "low" range, meaning mosquito activity is moderate. Ground trucks are running twice a week and air applications are scheduled for the 24th and 31st of this month. Lately, ground trucks seem to be getting finished later than normal. This is due in part to it not getting dark and cool enough until almost 8:00 p.m. The contractor starts later so they finish up later.
- Street Maintenance:
 - Staff has been trimming the Olive trees on Central Ave.
 - Staff cleared the road shoulder just east of the bridge.
- Civic Park Rebuild: Material for the "Arbor" in the Monument area is in the Carpenter Shop. We are putting together this year's sidewalk project and it will address the sidewalk in the park. Diaz Asphalt did the asphalt repair at the entrance off of Royal Palm and it looks great.
- Thank You: Good job to staff for the effort everyone put into the Homecoming Parade this month. The City was well represented with a "very good looking" float – thanks to Lance for driving. Lee did a marvelous job (as always) with the latest addition to "The Ducks". Thank you to Miguel for escorting them along the route. The judge's platform went in without a hitch and looked, well, like a judges' platform.